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**Description** Provides bindings to Frank Warmerdam’s Geospatial Data Abstraction Library (GDAL) (>= 1.6.3) and access to projection/transformation operations from the PROJ.4 library. The GDAL and PROJ.4 libraries are external to the package, and, when installing the package from source, must be correctly installed first. Both GDAL raster and OGR vector map data can be imported into R, and GDAL raster data and OGR vector data exported. Use is made of classes defined in the sp package. Windows and Mac Intel OS X binaries (including GDAL, PROJ.4 and Expat) are provided on CRAN.

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closeDataset-methods	<i>closeDataset methods</i>
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**Description**

Methods for closing GDAL datasets, used internally

**Usage**

```
closeDataset(dataset)
closeDataset.default(dataset)
```

**Arguments**

dataset                    GDAL dataset

**Methods**

- dataset = "ANY"** default method, returns error
- dataset = "GDALReadOnlyDataset"** closes the "GDALReadOnlyDataset"
- dataset = "GDALTransientDataset"** closes the "GDALTransientDataset"

CRS-class

*Class "CRS" of coordinate reference system arguments***Description**

Interface class to the PROJ.4 projection system. The class is defined as an empty stub accepting value NA in the sp package. If the rgdal package is available, then the class will permit spatial data to be associated with coordinate reference systems

**Usage**

```
checkCRSArgs(uprojargs)
```

**Arguments**

uprojargs          character string PROJ.4 projection arguments

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form CRS("projargs"), where "projargs" is a valid string of PROJ.4 arguments; the arguments must be entered exactly as in the PROJ.4 documentation, in particular there cannot be any white space in +<arg>=<value> strings, and successive such strings can only be separated by blanks. The initiation function calls the PROJ.4 library to verify the argument set against those known in the library, returning error messages where necessary. The complete argument set may be retrieved by examining the second list element returned by validObject("CRS object") to see which additional arguments the library will use (which assumptions it is making over and above submitted arguments). The function CRSargs() can be used to show the expanded argument list used by the PROJ.4 library.

**Slots**

projargs: Object of class "character": projection arguments; the arguments must be entered exactly as in the PROJ.4 documentation, in particular there cannot be any white space in +<arg>=<value> strings, and successive such strings can only be separated by blanks.

**Methods**

**show** signature(object = "CRS"): print projection arguments in object

**Note**

Lists of projections may be seen by using the programs installed with the PROJ.4 library, in particular proj and cs2cs; with the latter, -lp lists projections, -le ellipsoids, -lu units, and -ld datum(s) known to the installed software (available in **rgdal** using projInfo). These are added to in successive releases, so tracking the website or compiling and installing the most recent revisions will give the greatest choice. Finding the very important datum transformation parameters to be given with the +towgs84 tag is a further challenge, and is essential when the datums used in data to be used together differ. Tracing projection arguments is easier now than before the mass ownership of

GPS receivers raised the issue of matching coordinates from different argument sets (GPS output and paper map, for example).

### Author(s)

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### References

<http://proj.maptools.org/>

### Examples

```
CRSargs(CRS("+proj=longlat +datum=NAD27"))
CRSargs(CRS("+init=epsg:4267"))
CRSargs(CRS("+init=epsg:26978"))
CRSargs(CRS(paste("+proj=stere +lat_0=52.15616055555555",
"+lon_0=5.38763888888889 +k=0.999908 +x_0=155000 +y_0=463000 +ellps=bessel",
"+towgs84=565.237,50.0087,465.658,-0.406857,0.350733,-1.87035,4.0812",
"+units=m")))
# see http://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/ticket/1987
CRSargs(CRS("+init=epsg:28992"))
```

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displayDataset

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Display a GDAL dataset

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### Description

Display a GDAL dataset allowing for subscenes and decimation, allowing very large images to be browsed

### Usage

```
displayDataset(x, offset=c(0, 0), region.dim=dim(x), reduction = 1,
band = 1, col = NULL, reset.par = TRUE, max.dim = 500, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	a three-band GDALReadOnlyDataset object
offset	Number of rows and columns from the origin (usually the upper left corner) to begin reading from; presently ordered (y,x) - this may change
region.dim	The number of rows and columns to read from the dataset; presently ordered (y,x) - this may change
reduction	a vector of length 1 or 2 recycled to 2 for decimating the input data, 1 retains full resolution, higher values decimate
band	The band number (1-based) to read from

<code>col</code>	default NULL, attempt to use band colour table and default to grey scale if not available
<code>reset.par</code>	default TRUE - reset <code>par()</code> settings on completion
<code>max.dim</code>	default 500, forcing the image to a maximum dimension of the value
<code>...</code>	arguments passed to <code>image.default()</code>

**Value**

a list of the image data, the colour table, and the `par()` values on entry.

**Author(s)**

Tim Keitt

**References**

<http://www.gdal.org/>

**Examples**

```
logo <- system.file("pictures/Rlogo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x <- GDAL.open(logo)
opar <- par(no.readonly=TRUE)
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
displayDataset(x, band=1, reset.par=FALSE)
displayDataset(x, band=2, reset.par=FALSE)
displayDataset(x, band=3, reset.par=TRUE)
par(opar)
dx <- RGB2PCT(x, band=1:3)
displayDataset(dx)
GDAL.close(x)
GDAL.close(dx)
```

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GDALDataset-class	<i>Class "GDALDataset"</i>
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**Description**

GDALDataset extends [GDALReadOnlyDataset-class](#) with data update commands.

**Usage**

```
putRasterData(dataset, rasterData, band = 1, offset = c(0, 0))
saveDataset(dataset, filename, options=NULL, returnNewObj=FALSE)
copyDataset(dataset, driver, strict = FALSE, options = NULL, fname=NULL)
deleteDataset(dataset)
saveDatasetAs(dataset, filename, driver = NULL, options=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

dataset	An object inheriting from class 'GDALDataset'
rasterData	A data array with <code>length(dim(rasterData)) = 2</code>
band	The band number (1-based) to read from
offset	Number of rows and columns from the origin (usually the upper left corner) to begin reading from
filename	name of file to contain raster data object; will be normalized with <a href="#">normalizePath</a>
returnNewObj	until and including 0.5-27, <code>saveDataset</code> returned an invisible copy of the new file handle, which was then only finalized when the garbage collector ran. The old behaviour can be retained by setting to FALSE, the default behaviour is to close the handle and not return it.
driver	GDAL driver name to use for saving raster data object
strict	TRUE if the copy must be strictly equivalent, or more normally FALSE indicating that the copy may adapt as needed for the output format
options	Driver specific options (currently passed to GDAL)
fname	default NULL, used internally to pass through a file name with a required extension (RST driver has this problem)

**Details**

**putRasterData:** writes data contained in `rasterData` to the dataset, beginning at `offset` rows and columns from the origin (usually the upper left corner). Data type conversion is automatic.

**saveDataset:** saves a raster data object in a file using the driver of the object

**saveDatasetAs:** saves a raster data object in a file using the specified driver

**copyDataset:** make a copy of raster data object in a file using the specified driver

**deleteDataset:** delete the file from which the raster data object was read (should only delete files opened as GDALDataset objects)

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("GDALDataset", filename, handle)`, where `name`: a string giving the name of a GDAL driver, `handle`: used internally; not for public consumption (default = NULL).

**Slots**

**handle:** Object of class "externalptr", from class "GDALReadOnlyDataset", used internally; not for public consumption

**Extends**

Class "GDALReadOnlyDataset", directly. Class "GDALMajorObject", by class "GDALReadOnlyDataset".

**Methods**

**initialize** signature(.Object = "GDALDataset"): ...

**Author(s)**

Timothy H. Keitt, modified by Roger Bivand

**See Also**

[GDALDriver-class](#), [GDALReadOnlyDataset-class](#), [GDALTransientDataset-class](#)

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GDALDriver-class	<i>Class "GDALDriver": GDAL Driver Object</i>
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**Description**

GDALDriver objects encapsulate GDAL file format drivers. GDALDriver inherits from [GDALMajorObject-class](#).

**Usage**

```
getGDALDriverNames()
gdalDrivers()
getDriverName(driver)
getDriverLongName(driver)
getGDALVersionInfo(str = "--version")
getGDALCheckVersion()
getCPLConfigOption(ConfigOption)
setCPLConfigOption(ConfigOption, value)
```

**Arguments**

driver	An object inheriting from class 'GDALDriver'
str	A string, may be one of "--version", "VERSION_NUM", "RELEASE_DATE", "RELEASE_NAME"
ConfigOption	CPL configure option documented in <a href="http://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/wiki/ConfigOptions">http://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/wiki/ConfigOptions</a> and elsewhere in GDAL source code
value	a string value to set a CPL option; NULL is used to unset the CPL option

**Details**

getGDALDriverNames, gdalDrivers: returns all driver names currently installed in GDAL, with their declared create and copy status (some drivers can create datasets, others can only copy from a prototype with a different driver.

getDriverName: returns the GDAL driver name associated with the driver object.

getDriverLongName: returns a longer driver name.

getGDALVersionInfo: returns the version of the GDAL runtime shared object.

**getGDALCheckVersion:** checks the version of the GDAL headers used when building the package (GDAL\_VERSION\_MAJOR, GDAL\_VERSION\_MINOR) - if the two versions differ, problems may arise (the C++ API/ABI may have changed), and rgdal should be re-installed

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("GDALDriver", name, handle)`, where `name`: a string giving the name of a GDAL driver, `handle`: used internally; not for public consumption (default = NULL).

### Slots

**handle:** Object of class "externalptr", from class "GDALMajorObject", used internally; not for public consumption

### Extends

Class "GDALMajorObject", directly.

### Methods

**initialize** signature(.Object = "GDALDriver"): `drivername`: a string giving the name of a GDAL driver, `handle`: used internally; not for public consumption (default = NULL)

### Note

Loading the `rgdal` package changes the `GDAL_DATA` environmental variable to the GDAL support files bundled with the package.

### Author(s)

Timothy H. Keitt, modified by Roger Bivand

### See Also

[GDALMajorObject-class](#)

### Examples

```
gdalDrivers()
logo <- system.file("pictures/logo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x <- new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", logo)
getDriver(x)
getDriverLongName(getDriver(x))
GDAL.close(x)
```



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GDALMajorObject-class    *Class "GDALMajorObject"*

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### Description

"GDALMajorObject" is a virtual base class for all GDAL objects.

### Usage

getDescription(object)

### Arguments

object                    an object inheriting from "GDALMajorObject"

### Details

getDescription: returns a description string associated with the object. No setter method is defined because GDAL dataset objects use the description to hold the filename attached to the dataset. It would not be good to change that mid-stream.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("GDALMajorObject", ...)`, but are only created for classes that extend this class.

### Slots

handle: Object of class "externalptr", used internally; not for public consumption

### Methods

No methods defined with class "GDALMajorObject" in the signature.

### Author(s)

Timothy H. Keitt, modified by Roger Bivand

### References

<http://www.keittlab.org/>, <http://www.gdal.org/>

### See Also

[GDALDriver-class](#), [GDALReadOnlyDataset-class](#), [GDALDataset-class](#) and [GDALTransientDataset-class](#)

**Examples**

```

driver <- new('GDALDriver', as.character(getGDALDriverNames()[1,1]))
driver
rm(driver)
logo <- system.file("pictures/logo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x <- new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", logo)
x
getDescription(x)
dim(x)
GDAL.close(x)

```

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GDALRasterBand-class    *Class "GDALRasterBand"*

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**Description**

Returns a two-dimensional array with data from a raster band, used internally within functions

**Usage**

```

getRasterData(dataset, band = NULL, offset = c(0, 0),
               region.dim = dim(dataset), output.dim = region.dim,
               interleave = c(0, 0), as.is = FALSE, list_out=FALSE)

getRasterTable(dataset, band = NULL, offset = c(0, 0),
               region.dim = dim(dataset))

getProjectionRef(dataset, OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84 = NULL)

getRasterBand(dataset, band = 1)

getRasterBlockSize(raster)

toSigned(x, base)

toUnsigned(x, base)

get_OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84()
set_OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84(value)

```

**Arguments**

dataset	An object inheriting from class 'GDALReadOnlyDataset'
band	The band number (1-based) to read from

offset	Number of rows and columns from the origin (usually the upper left corner) to begin reading from; presently ordered (y,x) - this may change
region.dim	The number of rows and columns to read from the dataset; presently ordered (y,x) - this may change
output.dim	Number of rows and columns in the output data; if smaller than region.dim the data will be subsampled
interleave	Element and row stride while reading data; rarely needed
as.is	If false, scale the data to its natural units; if the case of thematic data, return the data as factors
list_out	default FALSE, return array, if TRUE, return a list of vector bands
raster	An object of class GDALRasterBand
x	integer variable for conversion
base	If Byte input, 8, if Int16 or UInt16, 16
OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84	logical value, default NULL, which case the cached option set by set_OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84 is used. Ignored if the GDAL version is less than "1.8.0" or if the CPLConfigOption variable is already set
value	logical value to set OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84

## Details

**getRasterData:** retrieves data from the dataset as an array or list of bands; will try to convert relevant bands to factor if category names are available in the GDAL driver when returning a list.

**getRasterTable:** retrieves data from the dataset as data frame.

**getProjectionRef:** returns the geodetic projection in Well Known Text format.

**getRasterBand:** returns a raster band

**getRasterBlockSize:** returns the natural block size of the raster band. Use this for efficient tiled IO.

**toSigned:** used to convert a band read as unsigned integer to signed integer

**toUnsigned:** used to convert a band read as signed integer to unsigned integer

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("GDALRasterBand", dataset, band)`.

## Slots

**handle:** Object of class "externalptr", from class "GDALMajorObject", used internally; not for public consumption

## Extends

Class "GDALMajorObject", directly.

**Methods**

```
dim signature(x = "GDALRasterBand"): ...
initialize signature(.Object = "GDALRasterBand"): ...
```

**Note**

The `OVERWRITE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84` argument is used to revert GDAL behaviour to pre-1.8.0 status; from 1.8.0, any input datum may be discarded if the input also includes a `towgs84` tag in conversion to the PROJ.4 representation, see <http://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/ticket/4880> and <http://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/gdal-dev/2012-November/034550.html>. The cached value of `OVERWRITE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84` will also be used in `open.SpatialGDAL`, `sub.GDROD`, and `asGDALROD_SGDF`, which do not have a suitable argument

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

See also [GDALDriver-class](#), [GDALDataset-class](#), [GDALTransientDataset-class](#)

**Examples**

```
logo <- system.file("pictures/logo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x <- new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", logo)
plot(density(getRasterTable(x)$band1))
GDAL.close(x)
```

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GDALReadOnlyDataset-class

*Class "GDALReadOnlyDataset"*

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**Description**

GDALReadOnlyDataset is the base class for a GDAL Dataset classes. Only read operations are supported. Both GDALDataset and GDALTransientDataset inherit these read operations while providing additional write operations (see [GDALDataset-class](#)). GDALReadOnlyDataset-class inherits from [GDALMajorObject-class](#).

**Usage**

```
GDAL.close(dataset)
GDAL.open(filename, read.only = TRUE, silent=FALSE)
getDriver(dataset)
```

```
getColorTable(dataset, band = 1)
getGeoTransFunc(dataset)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dataset</code>	An object inheriting from class 'GDALReadOnlyDataset'
<code>filename</code>	A string giving the file to read from
<code>band</code>	The band number (1-based) to read from
<code>read.only</code>	A logical flag indicating whether to open the file as a GDALReadOnlyDataset or as a writable GDALDataset
<code>silent</code>	logical; if TRUE, comment and non-fatal CPL driver errors suppressed

**Details**

`GDAL.open` and `GDAL.close` are shorter versions of `new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", ...)` and `closeDataset()`. Because `GDAL.close` through `closeDataset()` uses the finalization mechanism to destroy the handles to the dataset and its driver, messages such as:

"Closing GDAL dataset handle 0x8ff7900... destroyed ... done."

may appear when `GDAL.close` is run, or at some later stage. `getDriver` returns an object inheriting from class 'GDALDriver'.

`getColorTable` returns the dataset colour table (currently does not support RGB imaging). `getGeoTransFunc` returns a warping function.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", filename, handle)`.  
 ~~ describe objects here ~~

**Slots**

`handle`: Object of class "externalptr", from class "GDALMajorObject" ~~

**Extends**

Class "GDALMajorObject", directly.

**Methods**

**closeDataset** signature(`dataset` = "GDALReadOnlyDataset"): ...

**dim** signature(`x` = "GDALReadOnlyDataset"): ...

**initialize** signature(.Object = "GDALReadOnlyDataset"): ...

**Author(s)**

Timothy H. Keitt, modified by Roger Bivand

**References**

<http://www.keittlab.org/>, <http://www.gdal.org/>

**See Also**

See also [GDALDriver-class](#), [GDALDataset-class](#), [GDALTransientDataset-class](#).

**Examples**

```
logo <- system.file("pictures/logo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x <- new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", logo)
dim(x)
plot(density(getRasterTable(x)$band1))
#displayDataset(x)
#displayDataset(x, col=function(x){rev(cm.colors(x))})
#im <- displayDataset(x, col=function(x){rev(cm.colors(x))}, reset.par=FALSE)
#contour(1:attr(im, "size")[2], 1:attr(im, "size")[1],
# t(attr(im, "index"))[,attr(im, "size")[1]:1], nlevels = 1,
# levels = 100, col = 'black', add = TRUE)
GDAL.close(x)
logo <- system.file("pictures/Rlogo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x <- new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", logo)
dim(x)
#displayDataset(x)
GDAL.close(x)
```

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GDALReadOnlyDataset-methods

*subset methods for "GDALReadOnlyDataset"*

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**Description**

subsets GDAL objects, returning a SpatialGridDataFrame object

**Details**

The `[]` method subsets a GDAL data set, returning a SpatialGridDataFrame object. Reading is done on the GDAL side, and only the subset requested is ever read into memory.

Further named arguments to `[]` are to either `getRasterTable` or `getRasterData`:

**as.is** see [getRasterData](#)

**interleave** see [getRasterData](#)

**output.dim** see [getRasterData](#)

the other arguments, `offset` and `region.dim` are derived from row/column selection values.

An GDALReadOnlyDataset object can be coerced directly to a SpatialGridDataFrame

**Methods**

`"[]"` signature(`.Object` = "GDALReadOnlyDataset"): requires package `sp`; selects rows and columns, and returns an object of class `SpatialGridDataFrame` if the grid is not rotated, or else of class `SpatialPointsDataFrame`. Any arguments passed to `getRasterData` (or in case of rotation `getRasterTable`) may be passed as named arguments; the first three unnamed arguments are `row`, `col`, `band`

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

See also [readGDAL](#) [GDALDriver-class](#), [GDALDataset-class](#), [GDALTransientDataset-class](#), [SpatialGridDataFrame-class](#).

**Examples**

```
library(grid)
logo <- system.file("pictures/logo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x <- new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", logo)
dim(x)
x.sp = x[20:50, 20:50]
class(x.sp)
summary(x.sp)
spplot(x.sp)
GDAL.close(x)

logo <- system.file("pictures/Rlogo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x.gdal <- new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", logo)
x = x.gdal[, , 3]
dim(x)
summary(x)
spplot(x)
spplot(x.gdal[])
GDAL.close(x.gdal)

logo <- system.file("pictures/Rlogo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x.gdal <- new("GDALReadOnlyDataset", logo)
x.as <- as(x.gdal, "SpatialGridDataFrame")
GDAL.close(x.gdal)
summary(x.as)
```

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GDALTransientDataset-class

*Class "GDALTransientDataset"*

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**Description**

GDALTransientDataset is identical to [GDALDataset-class](#) except that transient datasets are not associated with any user-visible file. Transient datasets delete their associated file data when closed. See [saveDataset](#) and [saveDatasetAs](#).

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("GDALTransientDataset", driver, rows, cols, bands, type, options, fname, handle)`

**driver** A "GDALDriver" object that determines the storage format

**rows** Number of rows in the newly created dataset

**cols** Number of columns in the newly created dataset

**bands** Number of bands to create

**type** A GDAL type name as listed in `.GDALDataTypes`

**options** Driver specific options

**fname** default NULL, used internally to pass through a file name with a required extension (RST driver has this problem)

**handle** Used internally; not for public consumption

### Slots

**handle:** Object of class "externalptr", from class "GDALDataset", used internally; not for public consumption

### Extends

Class "GDALDataset", directly. Class "GDALReadOnlyDataset", by class "GDALDataset". Class "GDALMajorObject", by class "GDALDataset".

### Methods

**closeDataset** signature(`dataset = "GDALTransientDataset"`): ...

**initialize** signature(`.Object = "GDALTransientDataset"`): ...

### Author(s)

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### See Also

See also [GDALDriver-class](#), [GDALReadOnlyDataset-class](#)

### Examples

```
list.files(tempdir())
x <- new('GDALTransientDataset', driver=new('GDALDriver', "GTiff"), rows=100,
  cols=100, bands=3, type='Byte')
dim(x)
list.files(tempdir())
GDAL.close(x)
list.files(tempdir())
```



llgridlines

*Plot long-lat grid over projected data***Description**

Plot long-lat grid over projected data

**Usage**

```
llgridlines(obj, easts, norths, ndiscr = 20, lty = 2, offset=0.5, side="WS",
  llcrs = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84", plotLines = TRUE, plotLabels =
  TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

obj	object, deriving from <a href="#">Spatial</a> having projection specified
easts	numeric; see <a href="#">gridlines</a>
norths	numeric; see <a href="#">gridlines</a>
ndiscr	numeric; see <a href="#">gridlines</a>
offset	numeric; see <a href="#">gridat</a>
side	character, default "WS"; see <a href="#">gridat</a> ; available from <b>sp</b> 0.9-84
lty	line type to be used for grid lines
llcrs	proj4string of longitude - latitude
plotLines	logical; plot lines?
plotLabels	logical; plot labels?
...	graphics arguments passed to plot function for lines and text function for labels

**Value**

none; side effect is that grid lines and lables are plotted

**See Also**

[is.projected](#), [CRS-class](#)

**Examples**

```
data(meuse)
coordinates(meuse) = ~x+y
proj4string(meuse) <- CRS("+init=epsg:28992")
plot(meuse)
llgridlines(meuse, lty=3)
plot(meuse)
llgridlines(meuse, lty=3, side = "EN", offset = 0.2)
```

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`make_EPSG`*Make a data frame of EPSG projection codes*

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**Description**

Make a data frame of the now-defunct European Petroleum Survey Group (EPSG) geodetic parameter dataset as distributed with PROJ.4 software and included in this package. Because finding the correct projection specification is not easy, lists still known as EPSG lists are maintained, and more generally retrieved from Access databases. The data collated here are as distributed with PROJ.4.

**Usage**

```
make_EPSG(file)
```

**Arguments**

<code>file</code>	file name of the file matching EPSG codes and PROJ.4 arguments, should usually be autodetected
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**Value**

returns a data frame with columns:

<code>code</code>	integer column of EPSG code numbers
<code>note</code>	character column of notes as included in the file
<code>prj4</code>	character column of PROJ.4 arguments for the equivalent projection definitions
<code>...</code>	

**Note**

See also Clifford J. Mugnier's Grids \& Datums columns in Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing, <http://www.asprs.org/resources/GRIDS/>

**Author(s)**

Roger Bivand

**References**

<http://www.epsg.org/>

## Examples

```
EPSG <- make_EPSG()
EPSG[grep("Oslo", EPSG$note), 1:2]
EPSG[1925:1927, 3]
EPSG[grep("Poland", EPSG$note), 1:2]
EPSG[grep("Amersfoort", EPSG$note), 1:2]
EPSG[grep("North Carolina", EPSG$note), 1:2]
EPSG[2202, 3]
```

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nor2k

*Norwegian peaks over 2000m*


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## Description

Norwegian peaks over 2000m, 3D SpatialPoints data.

## Usage

```
data(nor2k)
```

## Format

The format is: Formal class 'SpatialPointsDataFrame' [package "sp"] with 5 slots ..@ data : 'data.frame':  
 300 obs. of 3 variables: .. ..\$ Nr. : int [1:300] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... .. ..\$ Navn : chr [1:300]  
 "Galdhøpiggen" "Glittertinden" "Skagastølstinden, Store (Storen)" "Styggedalstinden, Store, ?st-  
 toppen" ... .. ..\$ Kommune: chr [1:300] "Lom" "Lom" "Luster / Ardal" "Luster" ... ..@ coords.nrs  
 : num(0) ..@ coords : num [1:300, 1:3] 463550 476550 439850 441450 441100 ... .. ..- attr(\*,  
 "dimnames")=List of 2 .. .. ..\$ : NULL .. .. ..\$ : chr [1:3] "East" "North" "Height" ..@ bbox : num  
 [1:3, 1:2] 404700 6804200 2001 547250 6910050 ... .. ..- attr(\*, "dimnames")=List of 2 .. .. ..\$  
 : chr [1:3] "East" "North" "Height" .. .. ..\$ : chr [1:2] "min" "max" ..@ proj4string:Formal class  
 'CRS' [package "sp"] with 1 slots .. .. ..@ projargs: chr "+proj=utm +zone=32 +datum=WGS84  
 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0"

## Details

Norwegian peaks over 2000m, coordinates in EUREF89/WGS84 UTM32N, names not fully up-  
 dated, here converted to ASCII.

## Source

<http://www.nfo2000m.no/>; [http://www.nfo2000m.no/Excel/2000m\\_data.xls](http://www.nfo2000m.no/Excel/2000m_data.xls)

## Examples

```
data(nor2k)
summary(nor2k)
## maybe str(nor2k) ; plot(nor2k) ...
```

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project	<i>Projection of coordinate matrices</i>
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**Description**

Interface to the PROJ.4 library of projection functions for geographical position data, no datum transformation possible. Use `spTransform()` for extended support.

**Usage**

```
project(xy, proj, inv = FALSE, use_ob_tran=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

xy	2-column matrix of coordinates
proj	character string of projection arguments; the arguments must be entered exactly as in the PROJ.4 documentation, in particular there cannot be any white space in +<arg>=<value> strings, and successive such strings can only be separated by blanks.
inv	default FALSE, if TRUE inverse projection to geographical coordinates
use_ob_tran	default FALSE, if TRUE and “+proj=ob_tran”, use General Oblique Transformation with internalised from/to projection reversal; the user oblique transforms forward rather than inverse.

**Details**

Full details of projection arguments available from website below, and examples in file "epsg" in the data directory installed with PROJ.4.

**Value**

A two column matrix with projected coordinates.

**Note**

The locations of Hawaii and Alaska in the data source are (putting it mildly) arbitrary, please avoid airlines using these positions.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

<http://proj.maptools.org/>

**See Also**

[CRS-class](#), [spTransform-methods](#)

**Examples**

```
data(state)
res <- project(cbind(state.center$x, state.center$y),
  "+proj=lcc +lat_1=48 +lat_2=33 +lon_0=-100")
res1 <- project(res, "+proj=lcc +lat_1=48 +lat_2=33 +lon_0=-100", inv=TRUE)
summary(res1 - cbind(state.center$x, state.center$y))
plot(cbind(state.center$x, state.center$y), asp=1, type="n")
text(cbind(state.center$x, state.center$y), state.abb)
plot(res, asp=1, type="n")
text(res, state.abb)
crds <- matrix(data=c(9.05, 48.52), ncol=2)
a <- project(crds, paste("+proj=ob_tran +o_proj=longlat",
  "+o_lon_p=-162 +o_lat_p=39.25 +lon_0=180 +ellps=sphere +no_defs"),
  use_ob_tran=TRUE)
a
#should be (-5.917698, -1.87195)
project(a, paste("+proj=ob_tran +o_proj=longlat",
  "+o_lon_p=-162 +o_lat_p=39.25 +lon_0=180 +ellps=sphere +no_defs"),
  inv=TRUE, use_ob_tran=TRUE)

#added after posting by Martin Ivanov
```

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projInfo

*List PROJ.4 tag information*

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**Description**

The projInfo function lists known values and descriptions for PROJ.4 tags for tag in c("proj", "ellps", "datum", "units"). getPROJ4VersionInfo returns the version of the underlying PROJ.4 release, getPROJ4libPath returns the value of the PROJ\_LIB environment variable, projNAD detects the presence of NAD datum conversion tables (looking for conus).

**Usage**

```
projInfo(type = "proj")
getPROJ4VersionInfo()
getPROJ4libPath()
projNAD()
```

**Arguments**

type                      One of these tags: c("proj", "ellps", "datum", "units")

**Details**

The output data frame lists the information given by the proj application with flags -lp, -le, -ld or -lu.

**Value**

A data frame with a name and description column, and two extra columns for the "ellps" and "datum" tags.

**Note**

Loading the rgdal package changes the PROJ\_LIB environmental variable to the PROJ.4 support files bundles with the package.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

<http://proj.maptools.org/>

**Examples**

```
getPROJ4VersionInfo()
projInfo()
```

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readGDAL

*Read/write between GDAL grid maps and Spatial objects*


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**Description**

The functions read or write GDAL grid maps. They will set the spatial reference system if available. GDALinfo reports the size and other parameters of the dataset. create2GDAL creates a GDAL data set from a SpatialGridDataFrame object, in particular to be able to save to GDAL driver formats that only permit copying rather than creation.

**Usage**

```
readGDAL(fname, offset, region.dim, output.dim, band, p4s=NULL, ...,
  half.cell=c(0.5, 0.5), silent = FALSE, OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84=NULL)
asSGDF_GROD(x, offset, region.dim, output.dim, p4s=NULL, ...,
  half.cell=c(0.5,0.5), OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84=NULL)
writeGDAL(dataset, fname, drivename = "GTiff", type = "Float32",
  mvFlag = NA, options=NULL, copy_drivename = "GTiff", setStatistics=FALSE,
  colorTables = NULL, catNames=NULL)
create2GDAL(dataset, drivename = "GTiff", type = "Float32", mvFlag = NA,
```

```

options=NULL, fname = NULL, setStatistics=FALSE, colorTables = NULL,
catNames=NULL)
GDALinfo(fname, silent=FALSE, returnRAT=FALSE, returnCategoryNames=FALSE,
returnStats=TRUE, returnColorTable=FALSE,
OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84=NULL, returnScaleOffset=TRUE)
GDALSpatialRef(fname, silent=FALSE, OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84=NULL)

```

## Arguments

fname	file name of grid map; in create2GDAL provides a way to pass through a file name with driver-required extension for sensitive drivers
x	A GDALReadOnlyDataset object
offset	Number of rows and columns from the origin (usually the upper left corner) to begin reading from; presently ordered (y,x) - this may change
region.dim	The number of rows and columns to read from the dataset; presently ordered (y,x) - this may change
output.dim	The number of rows and columns to return in the created object using GDAL's method to take care of image decimation / replication; presently ordered (y,x) - this may change
band	if missing, all bands are read
p4s	PROJ4 string defining CRS, if default (NULL), the value is read from the GDAL data set
half.cell	Used to adjust the intra-cell offset from corner to centre, usually as default, but may be set to c=(0,0) if needed; presently ordered (y,x) - this may change
silent	logical; if TRUE, comment and non-fatal CPL driver errors suppressed
OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84	logical value, default NULL, which case the cached option set by set_OVERRIDE_PROJ_DATUM_WITH_TOWGS84 is used. Ignored if the GDAL version is less than "1.8.0" or if the CPLConfigOption variable is already set; see <a href="#">getProjectionRef</a> for further details
...	arguments passed to either getRasterData, or getRasterTable, depending on rotation angles (see below); see the rgdal documentation for the available options (subsetting etc.)
dataset	object of class <a href="#">SpatialGridDataFrame-class</a> or <a href="#">SpatialPixelsDataFrame-class</a>
drivername, copy_drivername	GDAL driver name; if the chosen driver does not support dataset creation, an attempt is made to use the copy_drivername driver to create a dataset, and copyDataset to copy to the target driver
type	GDAL write data type, one of: 'Byte', 'Int16', 'Int32', 'Float32', 'Float64'; 'UInt16', 'UInt32' are available but have not been tests
mvFlag	default NA, missing value flag for output file; the default value works for 'Int32', 'Float32', 'Float64', but suitable in-range value that fits the data type should be used for other data types, for example 255 for 'Byte', -32768 for 'Int16', and so on; see Details below.
options	driver-specific options to be passed to the GDAL driver; see Details below

setStatistics	default FALSE, if TRUE, attempt to set per-band statistics in the output file (driver-dependent)
colorTables	default NULL, if not NULL, a list of length equal to the number of bands, with NULL components for bands with no color table, or either an integer matrix of red, green, blue and alpha values (0-255), or a character vector of colours. The number of colours permitted may vary with driver.
catNames	default NULL, if not NULL, a list of length equal to the number of bands, with NULL components for bands with no category names, or a string vector of category names
returnRAT	default FALSE, if TRUE, return a list with a Raster Attribute Table or NULL for each band
returnCategoryNames	default FALSE, if TRUE, return a list with a character vector of CategoryNames or NULL for each band
returnStats	default TRUE, return band-wise statistics if available (from 0.7-20 set to NA if not available)
returnColorTable	default FALSE; if TRUE return band-wise colour tables in a list attribute "ColorTables"
returnScaleOffset	default TRUE, return a matrix of bandwise scales and offsets

## Details

In writeGDAL, if types other than 'Int32', 'Float32', 'Float64' are used, the "mvFlag" argument should be used to set a no data value other than the default NA. Note that the flag only replaces NA values in the data being exported with the value of the argument - it does not mark data values equal to "mvFlag" as missing. The value is stored in the file being written in driver-specific ways, and may be used when the file is read. When the default "mvFlag=NA" is used, no NoDataValue is written to the file, and the input data is written as is.

Also in writeGDAL, the "options" argument may be used to pass a character vector of one or more options to the driver, for example 'options="INTERLEAVE=PIXEL"', or 'options=c("INTERLEAVE=PIXEL", "COMPRESS=DEFLATE")'. Typical cases are given in the examples below; it may also be necessary in some cases to escape quotation marks if included in the string passed to the driver.

## Value

read.GDAL returns the data in the file as a Spatial object.

Usually, GDAL maps will be north-south oriented, in which case the rgdal function getRasterData is used to read the data, and an object of class [SpatialGridDataFrame-class](#) is returned.

Some map formats supported by GDAL are not north-south oriented grids. If this is the case, readGDAL returns the data as a set of point data, being of class [SpatialPointsDataFrame-class](#). If the points are on a 45 or 90 degree rotated grid, you can try to enforce gridding later on by e.g. using [gridded-methods\(x\)=TRUE](#).



**Warning**

Some raster files may have an erroneous positive y-axis resolution step, leading to the data being flipped on the y-axis. readGDAL will issue a warning: Y axis resolution positive, examine data for flipping, when the step is positive, but this need not mean that the data are flipped. Examine a display of the data compared with your knowledge of the file to determine whether this is the case (one known case is interpolation files created under Qgis up to February 2010 at least). To retrieve the correct orientation, use [flipVertical](#).

**Note**

Non-fatal CPL errors may be displayed for some drivers, currently for the AIG ArcInfo 9.3 binary raster driver using GDAL >= 1.6.2; the data has been read correctly, but the contents of the info directory did not meet the specifications used to reverse engineer the driver used in GDAL (see <http://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/ticket/3031>)

**Author(s)**

Edzer Pebesma, Roger Bivand

**See Also**

[image](#), [asciigrid](#)

**Examples**

```
library(grid)
GDALinfo(system.file("external/test.ag", package="sp")[1])
x <- readGDAL(system.file("external/test.ag", package="sp")[1])
class(x)
image(x)
summary(x)
x@data[[1]][x@data[[1]] > 10000] <- NA
summary(x)
image(x)

x <- readGDAL(system.file("external/simple.ag", package="sp")[1])
class(x)
image(x)
summary(x)
x <- readGDAL(system.file("pictures/big_int_arc_file.asc", package="rgdal")[1])
summary(x)
cat("if the range is not 10000, 77590, your GDAL does not detect big\n")
cat("integers for this driver\n")
y = readGDAL(system.file("pictures/Rlogo.jpg", package = "rgdal")[1], band=1)
summary(y)
y = readGDAL(system.file("pictures/Rlogo.jpg", package = "rgdal")[1])
summary(y)
spplot(y, names.attr=c("red","green","blue"),
col.regions=grey(0:100/100),
main="example of three-layer (RGB) raster image", as.table=TRUE)
data(meuse.grid)
```

```

gridded(meuse.grid) = ~x+y
proj4string(meuse.grid) = CRS("+init=epsg:28992")
fn <- tempfile()
writeGDAL(meuse.grid["dist"], fn)
GDALinfo(fn)
writeGDAL(meuse.grid["dist"], fn, setStatistics=TRUE)
GDALinfo(fn)
mg2 <- readGDAL(fn)
proj4string(mg2)
SP27GTIF <- readGDAL(system.file("pictures/SP27GTIF.TIF",
package = "rgdal")[1], output.dim=c(100,100))
summary(SP27GTIF)
image(SP27GTIF, col=grey(1:99/100))

GDALinfo(system.file("pictures/cea.tif", package = "rgdal")[1])
GDALSpatialRef(system.file("pictures/cea.tif", package = "rgdal")[1])
cea <- readGDAL(system.file("pictures/cea.tif", package = "rgdal")[1],
output.dim=c(100,100))
summary(cea)
image(cea, col=grey(1:99/100))
fn <- system.file("pictures/erdas_sfnad83.tif", package = "rgdal")[1]
erdas_sfnad83 <- readGDAL(fn, offset=c(50, 100), region.dim=c(400, 400),
output.dim=c(100,100))
summary(erdas_sfnad83)
image(erdas_sfnad83, col=grey(1:99/100))
erdas_sfnad83a <- readGDAL(fn, offset=c(50, 100), region.dim=c(400, 400))
bbox(erdas_sfnad83)
bbox(erdas_sfnad83a)
gridparameters(erdas_sfnad83)
gridparameters(erdas_sfnad83a)
tf <- tempfile()
writeGDAL(erdas_sfnad83, tf, drivername="GTiff", type="Byte", options=NULL)
all.equal(erdas_sfnad83, readGDAL(tf))
writeGDAL(erdas_sfnad83, tf, drivername="GTiff", type="Byte",
options="INTERLEAVE=PIXEL")
all.equal(erdas_sfnad83, readGDAL(tf))
writeGDAL(erdas_sfnad83, tf, drivername="GTiff", type="Byte",
options=c("INTERLEAVE=PIXEL", "COMPRESS=DEFLATE"))
all.equal(erdas_sfnad83, readGDAL(tf))

x <- GDAL.open(system.file("pictures/erdas_sfnad83.tif", package = "rgdal")[1])
erdas_sfnad83 <- asSGDF_GROD(x, output.dim=c(100,100))
GDAL.close(x)
summary(erdas_sfnad83)
image(erdas_sfnad83, col=grey(1:99/100))

tf <- tempfile()
xx <- create2GDAL(erdas_sfnad83, type="Byte")
xxx <- copyDataset(xx, driver="PNG")
saveDataset(xxx, tf)
GDAL.close(xx)
GDAL.close(xxx)
GDALinfo(tf)

```

```

tf2 <- tempfile()
writeGDAL(erdas_spnad83, tf2, drivename="PNG", type="Byte")
GDALInfo(tf2)

GT <- GridTopology(c(0.5, 0.5), c(1, 1), c(10, 10))
set.seed(1)
SGDF <- SpatialGridDataFrame(GT, data=data.frame(z=runif(100)))
opar <- par(mfrow=c(2,2), mar=c(1,1,4,1))
image(SGDF, "z", col=colorRampPalette(c("blue", "yellow"))(20))
title(main="input values")
pfunc <- colorRamp(c("blue", "yellow"))
RGB <- pfunc(SGDF$z)
SGDF$red <- RGB[,1]
SGDF$green <- RGB[,2]
SGDF$blue <- RGB[,3]
image(SGDF, red="red", green="green", blue="blue")
title(main="input RGB")
tf <- tempfile()
writeGDAL(SGDF[c("red", "green", "blue")], tf, type="Byte", drivename="PNG")
t1 <- readGDAL(tf)
image(t1, red=1, green=2, blue=3)
title(main="output PNG RGB")
par(opar)

t0 <- meuse.grid["ffreq"]
fullgrid(t0) <- TRUE
t0$ffreq <- as.integer(t0$ffreq)-1
# convert factor to zero-base integer
CT <- c("red", "orange", "green", "transparent")
CT
cN <- c("annual", "2-5 years", "infrequent")
tf <- tempfile()
writeGDAL(t0, tf, type="Byte", colorTable=list(CT), catNames=list(cN),
  mvFlag=3L)
attr(GDALInfo(tf, returnStats=FALSE, returnCategoryNames=TRUE),
  "CATlist")[[1]]
ds <- GDAL.open(tf)
displayDataset(ds)
t(col2rgb(getColorTable(ds)[1:4]))
GDAL.close(ds)

fn <- system.file("pictures/test_envi_class.envi", package = "rgdal")[1]
Gi <- GDALInfo(fn, returnColorTable=TRUE, returnCategoryNames=TRUE)
CT <- attr(Gi, "ColorTable")[[1]]
CT
attr(Gi, "CATlist")[[1]]
with <- readGDAL(fn)
with <- readGDAL(fn, silent=TRUE)
table(with$band1)
table(as.numeric(with$band1))
with1 <- readGDAL(fn, as.is=TRUE)
table(with1$band1)

```

```

spplot(with, col.regions=CT)
tf <- tempfile()
cN <- levels(with$band1)
with$band1 <- as.integer(with$band1)-1
writeGDAL(with, tf, drivename="ENVI", type="Int16", colorTable=list(CT),
  catNames=list(cN), mvFlag=11L)
cat(paste(readLines(paste(tf, "hdr", sep=".")), "\n", sep=""), "\n")
wGi <- GDALinfo(tf, returnColorTable=TRUE, returnCategoryNames=TRUE)
CTN <- attr(wGi, "ColorTable")[[1]]
CTN
attr(wGi, "CATlist")[[1]]
withN <- readGDAL(tf)
table(withN$band1)
withN1 <- readGDAL(tf, as.is=TRUE)
table(withN1$band1)
spplot(withN, col.regions=CTN)

# a file with scale and offset
fn <- system.file("pictures/scaleoffset.vrt", package = "rgdal")[1]
g <- GDALinfo(fn)
attr(g, 'ScaleOffset')
g

```

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readOGR

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*Read OGR vector maps into Spatial objects*


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## Description

The function reads an OGR data source and layer into a suitable Spatial vector object. It can only handle layers with conformable geometry features (not mixtures of points, lines, or polygons in a single layer). It will set the spatial reference system if the layer has such metadata.

If reading a shapefile, the data source name (dsn= argument) is the folder (directory) where the shapefile is, and the layer is the name of the shapefile (without the .shp extension). For example to read bounds.shp from C:/Maps, do `map <- readOGR(dsn="C:/Maps", layer="bounds")`. The logic behind this is that typically one keeps all the shapefiles for a project in one folder (directory).

As noted below, for other file type drivers, the dsn= argument is interpreted differently, and may be the file name itself, as for example with the GPX driver for reading GPS data as `layer="tracks"` lines or `layer="track_points"` points.

## Usage

```

readOGR(dsn, layer, verbose = TRUE, p4s=NULL,
  stringsAsFactors=default.stringsAsFactors(),
  drop_unsupported_fields=FALSE, input_field_name_encoding=NULL,
  pointDropZ=FALSE, dropNULLGeometries=TRUE,
  useC=TRUE, disambiguateFIDs=FALSE, addCommentsToPolygons=TRUE,

```

```

    encoding=NULL, use_iconv=NULL)
ogrInfo(dsn, layer, encoding=NULL, input_field_name_encoding=NULL,
    use_iconv=NULL)
ogrFIDs(dsn, layer)
ogrDrivers()
OGRSpatialRef(dsn, layer)
ogrListLayers(dsn)
## S3 method for class 'ogrinfo'
print(x, ...)

```

## Arguments

dsn	data source name (interpretation varies by driver — for some drivers, dsn is a file name, but may also be a folder)
layer	layer name (varies by driver, may be a file name without extension)
verbose	report progress
p4s	PROJ4 string defining CRS, if default NULL, the value is read from the OGR data set
stringsAsFactors	logical: should character vectors be converted to factors? The ‘factory-fresh’ default is TRUE, but this can be changed by setting <code>options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE)</code> (see <code>link[base]{data.frame}</code> ).
drop\_unsupported\_fields	default FALSE, if TRUE skip fields other than String, Integer, and Real; Date, Time and DateTime are converted to String
input\_field\_name\_encoding	default NULL; if not NULL, should be a valid encoding name for the source platform of the data source and layer, see <code>iconv</code>
pointDropZ	default FALSE, if TRUE, discard third coordinates for point geometries; third coordinates are always discarded for line and polygon geometries
dropNULLGeometries	default TRUE, drop both declared NULL geometries, and empty geometries with no coordinates; if FALSE, return a data frame with the attribute values of the NULL and empty geometries
useC	default TRUE, if FALSE use original interpreted code in a loop
disambiguateFIDs	default FALSE, if TRUE, and FID values are not unique, they will be set to unique values 1:N for N features; problem observed in GML files
addCommentsToPolygons	default TRUE, may be set FALSE for legacy behaviour; used to indicate which interior rings are holes in which exterior rings in conformance with OGC SFS specifications
encoding	default NULL, if set to a character string, and the driver is “ESRI Shapefile”, it is passed to the CPL Option “SHAPE_ENCODING” immediately before reading the DBF of a shapefile. The empty character string “” turns off OGR’s encoding functionality, and may be used when GDAL is not built with iconv support.

<code>use_iconv</code>	default NULL, in which case the use of iconv is controlled by the GDAL version (TRUE < 1.9). If set to a logical value, this test will be overridden.
<code>x</code>	ogrinfo object
<code>...</code>	other arguments to print method

## Details

The drivers available will depend on the installation of GDAL/OGR, and can vary; the `ogrDrivers()` function shows which are available, and which may be written (but all are assumed to be readable). Note that stray files in data source directories (such as \*.dbf) may lead to suprious errors that accompanying \*.shp are missing.

## Value

A Spatial object is returned suiting the vector data source, either a `SpatialPointsDataFrame` (using an `AttributeList` for its data slot directly), a `SpatialLinesDataFrame`, or a `SpatialPolygonsDataFrame`.

## Note

The bases for this implementation are taken from functions in Barry Rowlingson's draft Rmap package, and from Radim Blazek's `v.in.ogr` program in GRASS.

Please note that the OGR drivers used may not handle missing data gracefully, and be prepared to have to correct for this manually. From `rgdal` 0.5-27, missing value handling has been improved, and OGR unset field values are set to NA in R, but drivers and external files may vary in their representations of missing values.

In addition, from 0.6-9 date and time fields are read as strings rather than being treated as unsupported; NULL geometries are identified and dropped. There are differences in the reporting of NULL geometries between `ogrInfo` and `readOGR` - in `ogrInfo`, only declared NULL geometries are reported, but in `readOGR`, any line or polygon geometries with no coordinates are assigned NULL geometry status as well. An attempt is made to close unclosed rings in polygon geometries.

For reading GPX files, refer to the OGR GPX format documentation for the use of layer tags: "waypoints", "tracks", "routes", "track\_points" and "route\_points" - reading GPX files requires a build of GDAL/OGR with the expat XML library.

From 0.6-10, attempts are made to detect deleted features still present in the layer, but not read. Apparently features deleted in Qgis are only marked as deleted, but are still in the layer. These are not NULL geometries, but still need to be handled. An attempt is made to check the FID values, and `ogrFIDs` now returns attributes permitting this oddity to be detected. Such deleted features were seen as NULL in 0.6-9, but are not such.

From 0.7-24, if the layer has no fields, a single field containing the FID values is placed in the data slot of the returned object.

From 0.7-24, attempts are begun to provide users with arguments to control reading from OGR/shapefile driver when the encoding is inappropriate (especially the setting of `LDID` in shapefile DBFs, and the `SHAPE_ENCODING` environment variable).

Because of the representation of `DateTime` data in OGR, decimal seconds in input data are rounded to integer seconds, see: <http://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/ticket/2680>.

**Author(s)**

Roger Bivand

**References**

<http://www.gdal.org/ogr/>, [http://www.gdal.org/ogr/ogr\\_formats.html](http://www.gdal.org/ogr/ogr_formats.html), <http://examples.oreilly.com/webmapping/>

**See Also**

[SpatialPointsDataFrame-class](#), [SpatialLinesDataFrame-class](#), [SpatialPolygonsDataFrame-class](#), [readShapePoly](#), [iconv](#)

**Examples**

```
ogrDrivers()
dsn <- system.file("vectors", package = "rgdal")[1]
ogrListLayers(dsn)
ogrInfo(dsn=dsn, layer="cities")
owd <- getwd()
setwd(dsn)
ogrInfo(dsn="cities.shp", layer="cities")
setwd(owd)
cities <- readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="cities")
summary(cities)
ogrInfo(dsn=dsn, layer="kiritimati_primary_roads")
OGRSpatialRef(dsn=dsn, layer="kiritimati_primary_roads")
kiritimati_primary_roads <- readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="kiritimati_primary_roads")
summary(kiritimati_primary_roads)
ogrInfo(dsn=dsn, layer="scot_BNG")
OGRSpatialRef(dsn=dsn, layer="scot_BNG")
scot_BNG <- readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="scot_BNG")
summary(scot_BNG)
if ("GML" %in% ogrDrivers()$name) {
  dsn <- system.file("vectors/airports.gml", package = "rgdal")[1]
  airports <- try(readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="airports"))
  if (class(airports) != "try-error") summary(airports)
}
dsn <- system.file("vectors/ps_cant_31.MIF", package = "rgdal")[1]
ogrInfo(dsn=dsn, layer="ps_cant_31")
ps_cant_31 <- readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="ps_cant_31")
summary(ps_cant_31)
sapply(as(ps_cant_31, "data.frame"), class)
ps_cant_31 <- readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="ps_cant_31", stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
summary(ps_cant_31)
sapply(as(ps_cant_31, "data.frame"), class)
dsn <- system.file("vectors/Up.tab", package = "rgdal")[1]
ogrInfo(dsn=dsn, layer="Up")
Up <- readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="Up")
summary(Up)
dsn <- system.file("vectors/test_trk2.gpx", package = "rgdal")[1]
test_trk2 <- try(readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="tracks"))
```

```

if (class(test_trk2) != "try-error") summary(test_trk2)
test_trk2pts <- try(readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="track_points"))
if (class(test_trk2pts) != "try-error") summary(test_trk2pts)
dsn <- system.file("vectors", package = "rgdal")[1]
ogrInfo(dsn=dsn, layer="trin_inca_pl03")
birds <- readOGR(dsn=dsn, layer="trin_inca_pl03")
summary(birds)

```

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RGB2PCT

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*Convert RGB three band to single band colour table*


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## Description

This function converts a three-band GDALReadOnlyDataset into a single band of colour indices as a GDALTransientDataset.

## Usage

```
RGB2PCT(x, band, driver.name = 'MEM', ncolors = 256, set.ctab = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	a three-band GDALReadOnlyDataset object
<code>band</code>	a vector of numbers, recycled up to 3 in length
<code>driver.name</code>	default MEM
<code>ncolors</code>	a number of colours between 2 and 256
<code>set.ctab</code>	default TRUE, when the dithered dataset handle is returned, otherwise a list of the dataset and the PCT colour table

## Value

The value returned is a either GDALTransientDataset or a list of a GDALTransientDataset and a colour table.

## Author(s)

Tim Keitt

## References

<http://www.gdal.org/>



**Examples**

```
logo <- system.file("pictures/Rlogo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
x <- GDAL.open(logo)
dim(x)
dx <- RGB2PCT(x, band=1:3)
displayDataset(dx)
dim(dx)
GDAL.close(x)
GDAL.close(dx)
```

SGDF2PCT

*Convert RGB three band to single band colour table***Description**

This function converts a three-band `SpatialGridDataFrame` into a single band of colour indices and a colour look-up table using `RGB2PCT`. `vec2RGB` uses given breaks and colours (like `image`) to make a three column matrix of red, green, and blue values for a numeric vector.

**Usage**

```
SGDF2PCT(x, ncolors = 256, adjust.bands=TRUE)
vec2RGB(vec, breaks, col)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a three-band <code>SpatialGridDataFrame</code> object
<code>ncolors</code>	a number of colours between 2 and 256
<code>adjust.bands</code>	default TRUE; if FALSE the three bands must lie each between 0 and 255, but will not be stretched within those bounds
<code>vec</code>	a numeric vector
<code>breaks</code>	a set of breakpoints for the colours: must give one more breakpoint than colour
<code>col</code>	a list of colors

**Value**

The value returned is a list:

<code>idx</code>	a vector of colour indices in the same spatial order as the input object
<code>ct</code>	a vector of RGB colours

**Author(s)**

Roger Bivand

## References

<http://www.gdal.org/>

## Examples

```
logo <- system.file("pictures/Rlogo.jpg", package="rgdal")[1]
SGlogo <- readGDAL(logo)
cols <- SGDF2PCT(SGlogo)
SGlogo$idx <- cols$idx
image(SGlogo, "idx", col=cols$ct)
SGlogo <- readGDAL(logo)
cols <- SGDF2PCT(SGlogo, ncolors=64)
SGlogo$idx <- cols$idx
image(SGlogo, "idx", col=cols$ct)
SGlogo <- readGDAL(logo)
cols <- SGDF2PCT(SGlogo, ncolors=8)
SGlogo$idx <- cols$idx
image(SGlogo, "idx", col=cols$ct)
data(meuse.grid)
coordinates(meuse.grid) <- c("x", "y")
gridded(meuse.grid) <- TRUE
fullgrid(meuse.grid) <- TRUE
summary(meuse.grid$dist)
opar <- par(no.readonly=TRUE)
par(mfrow=c(1,2), mar=c(1,1,1,1)+0.1)
image(meuse.grid, "dist", breaks=seq(0,1,1/10), col=bpy.colors(10))
RGB <- vec2RGB(meuse.grid$dist, breaks=seq(0,1,1/10), col=bpy.colors(10))
summary(RGB)
meuse.grid$red <- RGB[,1]
meuse.grid$green <- RGB[,2]
meuse.grid$blue <- RGB[,3]
cols <- SGDF2PCT(meuse.grid[c("red", "green", "blue")], ncolors=10,
  adjust.bands=FALSE)
is.na(cols$idx) <- is.na(meuse.grid$dist)
meuse.grid$idx <- cols$idx
image(meuse.grid, "idx", col=cols$ct)
par(opar)
# Note: only one wrongly classified pixel after NA handling/dropping
# The functions are not written to be reversible
sort(table(findInterval(meuse.grid$dist, seq(0,1,1/10), all.inside=TRUE)))
sort(table(cols$idx))
```

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showWKT

*Show Well-Known Text spatial reference system metadata*

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## Description

Use GDAL/OGR spatial reference objects to convert a PROJ.4 representation to a Well-Known Text representation.

**Usage**

```
showWKT(p4s, file = NULL, morphToESRI = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

p4s	A valid PROJ.4 string representing a spatial reference system
file	if not NULL, a file name to which the output Well-Known Text representation should be written
morphToESRI	default TRUE, morph the WKT string to the representation used by ESRI

**Value**

A character string containing the WKT representation of the PROJ.4 string.

**Author(s)**

Roger Bivand

**References**

[http://www.gdal.org/ogr/osr\\_tutorial.html](http://www.gdal.org/ogr/osr_tutorial.html)

**See Also**

[is.projected](#), [CRS-class](#)

**Examples**

```
cities <- readOGR(system.file("vectors", package = "rgdal")[1], "cities")
readLines(system.file("vectors/cities.prj", package = "rgdal")[1])
showWKT(proj4string(cities))
showWKT("+init=epsg:28992")
```

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SpatialGDAL-class	<i>Class "SpatialGDAL"</i>
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**Description**

Class for spatial attributes that have spatial locations on a (full) regular grid on file, not (yet) actually read.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialGDAL'
open(con, ..., silent = FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'SpatialGDAL'
close(con, ...)
copy.SpatialGDAL(dataset, fname, driver = getDriver(dataset@grd),
  strict = FALSE, options = NULL, silent = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

con	file name of grid map for opening, SpatialGDAL object for closing
...	other arguments (currently ignored)
silent	logical; if TRUE, comment and non-fatal CPL driver errors suppressed
dataset	object of class SpatialGDAL
fname	file name of grid map
driver	GDAL driver name
strict	TRUE if the copy must be strictly equivalent, or more normally FALSE indicating that the copy may adapt as needed for the output format
options	driver-specific options to be passed to the GDAL driver

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `open. SpatialGDAL(name)`, where `name` is the name of the GDAL file.

**Slots**

`points`: see [SpatialPoints](#); points slot which is not actually filled with all coordinates (only with min/max)

`grid`: see [GridTopology-class](#); grid parameters

`grid.index`: see [SpatialPixels-class](#); this slot is of zero length for this class, as the grid is full

`bbox`: Object of class "matrix"; bounding box

`proj4string`: Object of class "CRS"; projection

`data`: Object of class `data.frame`, containing attribute data

**Extends**

Class [Spatial-class](#), directly.

**Methods**

[ `signature(x = "SpatialGDAL", i, j, ...)`: selects rows (`i`), columns (`j`), and bands (third argument); returns an object of class [SpatialGridDataFrame-class](#). Only the selection is actually read.

[[ `signature(i)`: reads band `i` and returns the values as a numeric vector

**Note**

Non-fatal CPL errors may be displayed for some drivers, currently for the AIG ArcInfo 9.3 binary raster driver using GDAL  $\geq 1.6.2$ ; the data has been read correctly, but the contents of the info directory did not meet the specifications used to reverse engineer the driver used in GDAL (see <http://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/ticket/3031>)

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[SpatialGridDataFrame-class](#), which is actually sub-classed.

**Examples**

```
x <- open.SpatialGDAL(system.file("external/test.ag", package="sp")[1])
image(x[])
image(as(x, "SpatialGridDataFrame"))
summary(as(x, "SpatialGridDataFrame"))
spplot(as(x, "SpatialGridDataFrame"))
# select first 50 rows:
summary(x[1:50])
# select first 50 columns:
summary(x[,1:50])
# select band 1:
summary(x[,1])
# select first 50 rows, first 50 columns, band 1:
summary(x[1:50,1:50,1])
# get values of first band:
summary(x[[1]])
close(x)
```

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spTransform-methods	<i>Methods for Function spTransform for map projection and datum transformation in package "rgdal"</i>
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**Description**

The spTransform methods provide transformation between datum(s) and conversion between projections (also known as projection and/or re-projection), from one unambiguously specified coordinate reference system to another, using PROJ.4 projection arguments. For simple projection, when no +datum tags are used, datum projection does not occur. When datum transformation is required, the +datum tag should be present with a valid value both in the CRS of the object to be transformed, and in the target CRS. In general +datum= is to be preferred to +ellps=, because the datum always fixes the ellipsoid, but the ellipsoid never fixes the datum.

In addition, the +towgs84 tag should be used where needed to make sure that datum transformation does take place. Parameters for +towgs84 will be taken from the bundled EPSG database if they are known unequivocally, but may be entered manually from known authorities. Not providing the appropriate +datum and +towgs84 tags may lead to coordinates being out by hundreds of metres. Unfortunately, there is no easy way to provide this information: the user has to know the correct metadata for the data being used, even if this can be hard to discover.

## Methods

**"ANY"** default void method

**"SpatialPoints", CRSobj = CRS** returns transformed coordinates of an "SpatialPoints" object using the projection arguments in "CRSobj", of class CRS

**"SpatialPointsDataFrame", CRSobj = CRS** returns transformed coordinates of an "SpatialPointsDataFrame" object using the projection arguments in "CRSobj", of class CRS

**"SpatialLines", CRSobj = CRS** returns transformed coordinates of an "SpatialLines" object using the projection arguments in "CRSobj", of class CRS

**"SpatialLinesDataFrame", CRSobj = CRS** returns transformed coordinates of an "SpatialLinesDataFrame" object using the projection arguments in "CRSobj", of class CRS

**"SpatialPolygons", CRSobj = CRS** returns transformed coordinates of an "SpatialPolygons" object using the projection arguments in "CRSobj", of class CRS

**"SpatialPolygonsDataFrame", CRSobj = CRS** returns transformed coordinates of an "SpatialPolygonsDataFrame" object using the projection arguments in "CRSobj", of class CRS

**"SpatialPixelsDataFrame", CRSobj = CRS** Because regular grids will usually not be regular after projection/datum transformation, the input object is coerced to a SpatialPointsDataFrame, and the transformation carried out on that object. A warning: "Grid warping not available, coercing to points" is given.

**"SpatialGridDataFrame", CRSobj = CRS** Because regular grids will usually not be regular after projection/datum transformation, the input object is coerced to a SpatialPointsDataFrame, and the transformation carried out on that object. A warning: "Grid warping not available, coercing to points" is given.

## Note

The projection arguments must be entered exactly as in the PROJ.4 documentation, in particular there cannot be any white space in +<arg>=<value> strings, and successive such strings can only be separated by blanks. Note that warnings about different projections may be issued when the PROJ.4 library extends projection arguments; examine the warning to see if the differences are real.

Also note that re-projection and/or datum transformation will usually not work for regular grids. The term used for similar operations for regular grids is warping, which involved resampling to a regular grid in the target coordinate reference system.

The methods may take an optional argument "use\_ob\_tran", default FALSE, if TRUE and "+proj=ob\_tran", use General Oblique Transformation with internalised from/to projection reversal (the user oblique transforms from longlat to oblique forward rather than inverse as suggested in PROJ.4 mailing list postings); these changes are intended to meet a need pointed out by Martin Ivanov (2012-08-15).

If a SpatialPoints object has three dimensions, the third will also be transformed, with the metric of the third dimension assumed to be meters if the vertical units metric is not given in the projection description with +vunits= or +vto\_meter= (which is 1.0 by default) <http://trac.osgeo.org/proj/wiki/GenParms#VerticalUnits>.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```

data(state)
states <- data.frame(state.x77, state.center)
states <- states[states$x > -121,]
coordinates(states) <- c("x", "y")
proj4string(states) <- CRS("+proj=longlat +ellps=clrk66")
summary(states)
state.ll83 <- spTransform(states, CRS("+proj=longlat +ellps=GRS80"))
summary(state.ll83)
state.merc <- spTransform(states, CRS=CRS("+proj=merc +ellps=GRS80"))
summary(state.merc)
state.merc <- spTransform(states,
  CRS=CRS("+proj=merc +ellps=GRS80 +units=us-mi"))
summary(state.merc)
if (projNAD()) {
  states <- data.frame(state.x77, state.center)
  states <- states[states$x > -121,]
  coordinates(states) <- c("x", "y")
  proj4string(states) <- CRS("+init=epsg:4267")
  print(summary(states))
  state.ll83 <- spTransform(states, CRS("+init=epsg:4269"))
  print(summary(state.ll83))
  state.kansasSlcc <- spTransform(states, CRS=CRS("+init=epsg:26978"))
  print(summary(state.kansasSlcc))
  SFpoint_NAD83 <- SpatialPoints(matrix(c(-103.869667, 44.461676), nrow=1),
    proj4string=CRS("+init=epsg:4269"))
  SFpoint_NAD27 <- spTransform(SFpoint_NAD83, CRS("+init=epsg:4267"))
  print(all.equal(coordinates(SFpoint_NAD83), coordinates(SFpoint_NAD27)))
  print(coordinates(SFpoint_NAD27), digits=12)
  print(coordinates(SFpoint_NAD83), digits=12)
}
data(meuse)
coordinates(meuse) <- c("x", "y")
proj4string(meuse) <- CRS(paste("+init=epsg:28992",
  "+towgs84=565.237,50.0087,465.658,-0.406857,0.350733,-1.87035,4.0812"))
# see http://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/ticket/1987
summary(meuse)
meuse.utm <- spTransform(meuse, CRS("+proj=utm +zone=32 +datum=WGS84"))
summary(meuse.utm)
cbind(coordinates(meuse), coordinates(meuse.utm))
kiritimati_primary_roads <- readOGR(system.file("vectors",
  package = "rgdal")[1], "kiritimati_primary_roads")
kiritimati_primary_roads_ll <- spTransform(kiritimati_primary_roads,
  CRS("+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84"))
opar <- par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(kiritimati_primary_roads, axes=TRUE)
plot(kiritimati_primary_roads_ll, axes=TRUE, las=1)
par(opar)
opar <- par(mfrow=c(1,2))
scot_BNG <- readOGR(system.file("vectors", package = "rgdal")[1],
  "scot_BNG")
scot_LL <- spTransform(scot_BNG, CRS("+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84"))

```

```

plot(scot_LL, axes=TRUE)
grd_LL <- gridlines(scot_LL, ndiscr=100)
summary(grd_LL)
grd_BNG <- spTransform(grd_LL, CRS(proj4string(scot_BNG)))
grdtxt_LL <- gridat(scot_LL)
grdtxt_BNG <- spTransform(grdtxt_LL, CRS(proj4string(scot_BNG)))
plot(scot_BNG, axes=TRUE, las=1)
plot(grd_BNG, add=TRUE, lty=2)
text(coordinates(grdtxt_BNG),
      labels=parse(text=as.character(grdtxt_BNG$labels)))
par(opar)
crds <- matrix(data=c(9.05, 48.52), ncol=2)
spPoint <- SpatialPoints(coords=crds,
  proj4string=CRS("+proj=longlat +ellps=sphere +no_defs"))
a <- spTransform(spPoint, CRS(paste("+proj=ob_tran +o_proj=longlat",
  "+o_lon_p=-162 +o_lat_p=39.25 +lon_0=180 +ellps=sphere +no_defs")),
  use_ob_tran=TRUE)
a
#should be (-5.917698, -1.87195)
spTransform(a, CRS("+proj=longlat +ellps=sphere +no_defs"),
  use_ob_tran=TRUE)
crds1 <- matrix(data=c(7, 51, 8, 52, 9, 52, 10, 51, 7, 51), ncol=2,
  byrow=TRUE, dimnames=list(NULL, c("lon", "lat")));
crds2 <- matrix(data=c(8, 48, 9, 49, 11, 49, 9, 48, 8, 48), ncol=2,
  byrow=TRUE, dimnames=list(NULL, c("lon", "lat")));
crds3 <- matrix(data=c(6, 47, 6, 55, 15, 55, 15, 47, 6, 47), ncol=2,
  byrow=TRUE, dimnames=list(NULL, c("lon", "lat")));
spLines <- SpatialLines(list(Lines(list(Line(crds1), Line(crds2),
  Line(crds3)), ID="a")));
spLines@proj4string <- CRS("+proj=longlat +ellps=sphere +no_defs");
bbox(spLines);
spLines_tr <- spTransform(spLines, CRS("+proj=ob_tran +o_proj=longlat
+o_lon_p=-162 +o_lat_p=39.25 +lon_0=180 +ellps=sphere +no_defs"),
  use_ob_tran=TRUE);
bbox(spLines_tr)
bbox(spTransform(spLines_tr, CRS("+proj=longlat"), use_ob_tran=TRUE))
spPolygons <- SpatialPolygons(list(Polygons(list(Polygon(crds1),
  Polygon(crds2), Polygon(crds3)), ID="a")));
spPolygons@proj4string <- CRS("+proj=longlat +ellps=sphere +no_defs");
bbox(spPolygons);
spPolygons_tr <- spTransform(spPolygons, CRS("+proj=ob_tran +o_proj=longlat
+o_lon_p=-162 +o_lat_p=39.25 +lon_0=180 +ellps=sphere +no_defs"),
  use_ob_tran=TRUE);
bbox(spPolygons_tr)
bbox(spTransform(spPolygons_tr, CRS("+proj=longlat"), use_ob_tran=TRUE))
#added after posting by Martin Ivanov
data(nor2k)
summary(nor2k)
nor2kNGO <- spTransform(nor2k, CRS("+init=epsg:4273"))
summary(nor2kNGO)
all.equal(coordinates(nor2k)[,3], coordinates(nor2kNGO)[,3])

```



writeOGR

*Write spatial vector data using OGR***Description**

The function is an interface with the OGR abstraction library for spatial vector data, allowing data to be written out using supported drivers. The drivers supported will depend on the local installation, and the capabilities of those drivers (many are read-only). The objects exported are SpatialPointsDataFrame, SpatialLinesDataFrame, or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame objects as defined in the sp package.

**Usage**

```
writeOGR(obj, dsn, layer, driver, dataset_options = NULL,
         layer_options=NULL, verbose = FALSE, check_exists=NULL,
         overwrite_layer=FALSE, delete_dsn=FALSE, morphToESRI=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

obj	a SpatialPointsDataFrame, SpatialLinesDataFrame, or a SpatialPolygonsDataFrame object.
dsn	data source name (interpretation varies by driver — for some drivers, dsn is a file name, but may also be a folder)
layer	layer name (varies by driver, may be a file name without extension)
driver	a character string equal to one of the driver names returned by <a href="#">ogrDrivers</a>
dataset_options	a character vector of options, which vary by driver, and should be treated as experimental
layer_options	a character vector of options, which vary by driver, and should be treated as experimental
verbose	if TRUE, returns a list of information about the attempted write operation
check_exists	default NULL, which tests for the GDAL version, and sets FALSE if < 1.8.0, or TRUE for >= 1.8.0
overwrite_layer	default FALSE, if TRUE and check_exists=TRUE, delete the existing layer of the same name from the data source before writing the new layer; this will delete data and must be used with extreme caution, its behaviour varies between drivers, and accommodates changes that may appear in GDAL 1.8
delete_dsn	default FALSE, may be set to TRUE if overwrite_layer reports that the data source cannot be updated; this will delete data and must be used with extreme caution, its behaviour varies between drivers, and accommodates changes that may appear in GDAL 1.8
morphToESRI	default NULL, in which case set TRUE if driver is “ESRI Shapefile” or FALSE otherwise; may be used to override this default

## Details

Working out which combination of dsn, layer, and driver (and option) values give the desired output takes time and care, and is constrained by the ability of drivers to write output; many are read-only. Use of the references given is highly advisable, with searches in the archives of other software using GDAL/OGR. Note that for the “ESRI Shapefile” driver and GDAL  $\geq 1.9$ , the layer\_options value of ‘ENCODING=“LDID/CP1252”’ or other values found on <http://www.autopark.ru/ASBProgrammerGuide/DBFSTRUC.HTM> to set the encoding byte of the output DBF file (link referred to in ogr/ogrsf\_frmts/shape/ogrshapelayer.cpp. The effect of setting the LDID may vary depending on whether GDAL is built with iconv or not, and on the setting of the CPL Option “SHAPE\_ENCODING”.

## Value

if verbose=TRUE, a list of information about the attempted write operation

## Warning

The overwrite\_layer and delete\_dsn arguments are provided only for experienced script writers who need to be able to destroy data, for example during repetitive simulation runs. They should never be used by anyone who is not confident about deleting files.

## Note

Only a subset of possible data slot column classes may be written out; if the function returns an error that the data type of stated columns is unknown, examine the classes and check that they are one of c("numeric", "character", "factor", "POSIXt", "integer", "logical"), and if not convert to such classes. Classes c("factor", "POSIXt") are converted to character strings, and c("logical") to integer internally.

For writing with the KML and GPX drivers, note that the geometries should be in geographical coordinates with datum WGS84.

## Author(s)

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## References

<http://www.gdal.org/ogr/>, [http://www.gdal.org/ogr/ogr\\_formats.html](http://www.gdal.org/ogr/ogr_formats.html), <http://examples.oreilly.com/webmapping/>

## See Also

[readOGR](#)

## Examples

```
cities <- readOGR(system.file("vectors", package = "rgdal")[1], "cities")
is.na(cities$POPULATION) <- cities$POPULATION == -99
summary(cities$POPULATION)
```

```

td <- tempdir()
if(nchar(Sys.getenv("OSGE04W_ROOT") > 0)) {
  OLDPWD <- getwd()
  setwd(td)
  td <- "."
}
writeOGR(cities, td, "cities", driver="ESRI Shapefile")
cities2 <- readOGR(td, "cities")
summary(cities2$POPULATION)
all.equal(cities, cities2)
## Not run: if ("GML" %in% ogrDrivers()$name) {
  airports <- try(readOGR(system.file("vectors/airports.gml",
    package = "rgdal")[1], "airports"))
  if (class(airports) != "try-error") {
    writeOGR(cities, paste(td, "cities.gml", sep="/"), "cities", driver="GML")
    cities3 <- readOGR(paste(td, "cities.gml", sep="/"), "cities")
    all.equal(cities, cities3)
  }
}
## End(Not run)
# The GML driver does not support coordinate reference systems
if ("KML" %in% ogrDrivers()$name) {
  data(meuse)
  coordinates(meuse) <- c("x", "y")
  proj4string(meuse) <- CRS("+init=epsg:28992")
  meuse_ll <- spTransform(meuse, CRS("+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84"))
  writeOGR(meuse_ll["zinc"], paste(td, "meuse.kml", sep="/"), "zinc", "KML")
}
list.files(td)
roads <- readOGR(system.file("vectors", package = "rgdal")[1],
  "kiritimati_primary_roads")
summary(roads)
writeOGR(roads, td, "roads", driver="MapInfo File")
roads2 <- readOGR(paste(td, "roads.tab", sep="/"), "roads")
summary(roads2)
scot_BNG <- readOGR(system.file("vectors", package = "rgdal")[1], "scot_BNG")
summary(scot_BNG)
writeOGR(scot_BNG, td, "scot_BNG", driver="MapInfo File")
list.files(td)
scot_BNG2 <- readOGR(paste(td, "scot_BNG.tab", sep="/"), "scot_BNG", addCommentsToPolygons=FALSE)
summary(scot_BNG2)
writeOGR(scot_BNG, td, "scot_BNG", driver="MapInfo File",
  dataset_options="FORMAT=MIF")
list.files(td)
scot_BNG3 <- readOGR(paste(td, "scot_BNG.mif", sep="/"), "scot_BNG")
summary(scot_BNG3)
if(nchar(Sys.getenv("OSGE04W_ROOT") > 0)) {
  setwd(OLDPWD)
}

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