

# Package ‘QRSdetect’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Detect QRS Complexes From The Electrocardiogram

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**Description** A set of functions for detecting QRS complexes from the ECG. It includes functions to work with Physionet files, and functions to test the accuracy of the implemented algorithms. A Shiny app is provided that allows correcting any errors in QRS detection.

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**Imports** signal (>= 0.7-6)

**Depends** R (>= 3.2.0)

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afonso*Afonso et al. QRS detection*

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**Description**

Detect R peaks of the QRS complex in a raw ECG record, based on the filter-bank algorithm proposed by Afonso et al. (1999)

**Usage**

```
afonso(ecg, fs)
```

**Arguments**

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| ecg | The input single-channel input vector (raw ECG)    |
| fs  | The frequency in Hz with which the ecg was sampled |

**Details**

The Afonso et al. algorithm uses filter banks (polyphase implementation) and determines candidate R-peaks on downsampled signals in different frequency bands. Initially, a large number of false positives are generated. Then, logic is added to decrease the number of false positives while maintaining a low number of false negatives. This method is currently one of the most accurate available (> 99.5 (because the logic is applied on downsampled signals)).

The present R implementation is based on the Matlab/Octave version named `nqrsdetect.m`, Copyright (C) 2006 by Rupert Ortner, retrieved from the internet pages maintained by Alois Schloegl (<http://pub.ist.ac.at/~schloegl/>). A few improvements and minor bug fixes were made, as well as comments added.

**Value**

Numeric array containing the indices (sample numbers) at which the fiducial R-peaks were found

**Author(s)**

Geert van Boxtel

**References**

Afonso, V.X., Tompkins, W.J., Nguyen, T.Q., & Luo, S. (1999). ECG beat detection using filter banks. *IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering*, 46(2), 192-202. DOI: [10.1109/10.740882](https://doi.org/10.1109/10.740882)

**Examples**

```

data(rec100)
fs <- 360
pks <- afonso(rec100$MLII, fs)

## Not run:
# plot first 5 seconds of data
N <- 5 * fs
plot (rec100$time[1:N], rec100$MLII[1:N], type = "l", main = "MIT-BIH database, record 100",
      xlab = "Time (s)", ylab = "Amplitude (mV)")
points (pks[which(pks<=N)]/fs, ecg$MLII[pks[which(pks<=N)]], col="red")

## End(Not run)

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bahoura

*Bahoura et al. QRS detection*


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**Description**

Detect R peaks of the QRS complex in a raw ECG record, based on the algorithm proposed by Bahoura, Hassani & Hubin (1997)

**Usage**

```
bahoura(ecg, fs)
```

**Arguments**

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| ecg | The input single-channel input vector (raw ECG)    |
| fs  | The frequency in Hz with which the ecg was sampled |

**Details**

This function attempts to detect ECG fiducial points in a single-channel electrocardiogram signal using the algorithm proposed by Bahoura, Hassani & Hubin (1997), which is a simplified version of the method proposed by Li, Zheng & Tai (1995).

**Value**

Numeric array containing the indices (sample numbers) at which the fiducial R-peaks were found

**Author(s)**

Geert van Boxtel

## References

- Bahoura, M., Hassani, M., & Hubin, M. (1997). DSP implementation of wavelet transform for real time ECG wave forms detection and heart rate analysis. *Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine*, 52, 35-44. DOI: [10.1016/S0169-2607\(97\)01780-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0169-2607(97)01780-X).
- Li, C., Zheng, C., & Tai, C. (1995). Detection of ECG Characteristic Points Using Wavelet Transforms. *IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering*, 42(1), 21-28. DOI: [10.1109/10.362922](https://doi.org/10.1109/10.362922).

## Examples

```
data(rec100)
fs <- 360
pks <- bahoura(rec100$MLII, fs)

## Not run:
# plot first 5 seconds of data
N <- 5 * fs
plot (rec100$time[1:N], rec100$MLII[1:N], type = "l", main = "MIT-BIH database, record 100",
      xlab = "Time (s)", ylab = "Amplitude (mV)")
points (pks[which(pks<=N)]/fs, rec100$MLII[pks[which(pks<=N)]], col="red")

## End(Not run)
```

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findpeaks

*Find local maxima*

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## Description

Find local maxima (peaks) in an input signal vector.

## Usage

```
findpeaks(data, minh = .Machine$double.eps, mind = 1, minw = 1,
          maxw = Inf, ds = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|      |  |
|------|--|
| data | The input signal vector.   |
| minh | Minimum peak height (non-negative scalar). Only peaks that exceed this value will be returned. For data taking positive and negative values use the option ds. Default: machine precision (.Machine\$double.eps).  |
| mind | Minimum separation between peaks (positive integer). Peaks separated by less than this distance are considered a single peak. This distance is also used to fit a second order polynomial to the peaks to estimate their width, (see details, therefore it acts as a smoothing parameter. Default value 1. |
| minw | Minimum width of peaks (positive integer). Default value 1.  |
| maxw | Maximum width of peaks (positive integer). Default value Inf.  |

**ds** Double-sided. Tells the function that data takes positive and negative values. The base-line for the peaks is taken as the mean value of the function. This is equivalent as passing the absolute value of the data after removing the mean.

## Details

This function searches for peaks in a signal vector. Peaks of a positive array of data are defined as local maxima. For double-sided data, they are maxima of the positive part and minima of the negative part. The function provides various options to search for peaks in noisy data, such specifying a minimum peak height (`minh`), a minimum distance between peaks (`mind`), and a minimum or maximum width of the peaks (`minw` and `maxw`).

The width of the peaks is estimated using a parabola fitted to the neighborhood of each peak. The width is calculated with the formula  $a * (width - x_0)^2 = 1$ , where  $a$  is the concavity of the parabola and  $x_0$  its vertex. The neighborhood size is equal to the value of `mind`.

## Value

When called with `minw = 0` and `maxw = Inf`, this function returns a **list** containing two values:

**\$pks:** array containing the value of data at the peaks

**\$idx:** array containing the peak indices

When called with either `minw > 0` or `maxw < Inf`, then the returned **list** contains these additional variables:

**\$parabol:** a **list** containing additional information about the parabol fitted to the peak. The **list** `$pp` contains the coefficients of the 2nd degree polynomial ( $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $b_2$ ), and `$x` the extrema of the interval where it was fitted (`$from`, `to`).

**\$height:** The estimated height of the returned peaks (in units of data).

**\$baseline:** The height at which the roots of the returned peaks were calculated (in units of data).

**\$roots:** The abscissa values (in index units) at which the parabola fitted to each of the returned peaks realizes its width.

## Author(s)

Geert van Boxtel

## References

Octave Signal package

## Examples

```
# Example 1: Finding the peaks of smooth data is not a big deal

t <- 2*pi*seq(0,1,length=1024)
y <- sin(3.14*t) + 0.5*cos(6.09*t) + 0.1*sin(10.11*t+1/6) + 0.1*sin(15.3*t+1/3)

data1 <- abs(y) # Positive values
```

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peaks1 <- findpeaks(data1)

data2 <- y # Double-sided
peaks2 <- findpeaks(data2, ds=TRUE)
peaks3 <- findpeaks (data2, ds=TRUE, minh=0.5)

## Not run:
op <- par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(t,data1,type="l", xlab="", ylab="")
points (t[peaks1$idx],peaks1$pks,col="red", pch=1)
plot(t,data2,type="l", xlab="", ylab="")
points (t[peaks2$idx],peaks2$pks,col="red", pch=1)
points (t[peaks3$idx],peaks3$pks,col="red", pch=4)
legend ("topleft", '0: >2*sd, x: >0.5', bty="n", text.col="red")
par (op)
## End(Not run)

# Example 2: Noisy data may need tuning of the parameters. In this example,
# "mind" is used as a smoother of the peaks.

t <- 2*pi*seq(0,1,length=1024)
y <- sin(3.14*t) + 0.5*cos(6.09*t) + 0.1*sin(10.11*t+1/6) + 0.1*sin(15.3*t+1/3)
data <- abs(y + 0.1*rnorm(length(y),1)); # Positive values + noise
peaks1 <- findpeaks(data, minh=1)
dt <- t[2]-t[1]
peaks2 <- findpeaks(data, minh=1, mind=round(0.5/dt))

## Not run:
op <- par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(t, data, type="l", xlab="", ylab="")
points (t[peaks1$idx],peaks1$pks,col="red", pch=1)
plot(t, data, type="l", xlab="", ylab="")
points (t[peaks2$idx],peaks2$pks,col="red", pch=1)
par (op)
## End(Not run)

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pantompkins

*Pan & Tompkins QRS detection*


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## Description

Detect R peaks of the QRS complex in a raw ECG record, based on the algorithm proposed by Pan & Tompkins (1985)

## Usage

```
pantompkins(ecg, fs)
```

## Arguments

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| ecg | The input single-channel input vector (raw ECG)    |
| fs  | The frequency in Hz with which the ecg was sampled |

## Details

This function attempts to detect ECG fiducial points in a single-channel electrocardiogram signal using the algorithm proposed by Pan & Tompkins (1985). The algorithm was originally developed to be implemented in hardware. Here a software implementation with digital filters, and some improvements:

1. Filter the signal 5-15 Hz (Butterworth); pre- and postpad the signal with 1 s of reversed data to ramp up and down the filter
2. Compute the derivative
3. Square the derivative
4. Apply a moving average (0.15 s filter length)
5. Search for the peak using findpeaks (mind = 200, minh = 2\*sd of moving average), lookup local maximum in signal

## Value

Numeric array containing the indices (sample numbers) at which the fiducial R-peaks were found

## Author(s)

Geert van Boxtel

## References

Pan, J., & Tompkins, W.J. (1985). A real-time QRS detection algorithm. IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering, Vol. BME-32, Issue 3, 230-236, DOI: [10.1109/TBME.1985.325532](https://doi.org/10.1109/TBME.1985.325532)

## Examples

```
data(rec100)
fs <- 360
pks <- pantompkins(rec100$MLII, fs)

## Not run:
# plot first 5 seconds of data
N <- 5 * fs
plot (rec100$time[1:N], rec100$MLII[1:N], type = "l", main = "MIT-BIH database, record 100",
      xlab = "Time (s)", ylab = "Amplitude (mV)")
points (pks[which(pks<=N)]/fs, ecg$MLII[pks[which(pks<=N)]], col="red")

## End(Not run)
```

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QRSdetect

*QRSdetect*


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### Description

QRSdetect

### Details

Here is the general help for the QRSdetect package (to be filled in)

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QRSdetect-internal

*QRSdetect-internal*


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### Description

Internal or barely commented functions not exported from the namespace.

### Usage

`is.scalar(x)`

`is.posscale(x)`

`is.wholenumber(x, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5)`

`RMS(x)`

### Arguments

`x`                      object

`tol`                     tolerance

### Author(s)

Geert van Boxtel



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| rec100 | <i>Electrocardiogram data</i> |
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**Description**

A data set containing the raw electrocardiogram data from MIT-BIH database record 100, The data were collected with a sampling rate of 360 Hz and digitized with 11 bit resolution over a  $\pm 5$  mV range.

**Usage**

rec100

**Format**

A dataset with 3 variables and 108000 observations (the first 5 minutes out of the recording of about 30 minutes):

**time** the time base in seconds (0 - 299.997)

**MLII** ECG from a Modified Leg lead, in millivolts

**V5** ECG from a V5 lead, in millivolts

**Source**

<https://physionet.org/physiobank/database/mitdb/>, (doi:10.13026/C2F305).

**References**

Moody GB, Mark RG. The impact of the MIT-BIH Arrhythmia Database. IEEE Eng in Med and Biol 20(3):45-50 (May-June 2001). (PMID: 11446209)  
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