

# Package ‘broadcast’

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**Title** Simple Broadcasted Binary Operations for Atomic and Recursive Arrays with Minimal Dependencies

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**Description** Implements simple broadcasted binary operations, for atomic and recursive arrays.

All operations are element-wise binary operations (i.e. involving only 2 arrays at a time).

Besides linking to 'Rcpp',

'broadcast' does not depend on, vendor, link to, or otherwise use any external libraries;

'broadcast' was essentially made from scratch and can be installed out-of-the-box.

The broadcasted implementations include, but are not limited to, the following.

- 1) Relational operators (like ``==``, ``!=``, ``<``, ``>``, ``<=``, ``>=``);
- 2) Boolean combiner operators (like ``&``, ``|``, ``xor()``, ``not-and``);
- 3) Arithmetic operators (like ``+``, ``-``, ``*``, ``/``, ``^``, ``pmin()``, ``pmax()``);
- 4) String concatenation operators;
- 5) Some broadcasted versions of operators from the 'tinycodet' package.
- 6) Broadcasted S4 implementations of ``ifelse()`` and ``vapply()``.

The broadcasted implementations strive to minimize computation time and memory usage (which is not just good for computer efficiency, but also for the environment).

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aaa00_broadcast_help	<i>broadcast: Subset Methods as Alternatives to the Square Brackets Operators for Programming</i>
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**Description**

broadcast:  
Simple broadcasted binary operations for atomic and recursive arrays in 'R'.

**Details**

The 'broadcast' package provides a set of type-specific functions for broadcasted operations. The functions use an API similar to the [outer](#) and [sweep](#) functions.

The following functions are available:

- [bc.num](#): Broadcasted operations for numeric (types int and dbl) arrays.
- bc.bool: Broadcasted operations for logical/Boolean arrays.
- bc.cplx: Broadcasted operations for complex arrays.
- bc.str: Broadcasted operations for character arrays.
- bc.list: Broadcasted operations for recursive arrays.

Each of these functions support 2 types of operations:

- regular operations, which return an array of the same type.  
For example: +, -, \*, /, etc.
- relational operations, which return a logical array.  
For example: ==, !=, etc.

The 'broadcast' package supports relational operators (==, !=, <, > <=, >=), logical combiners (&, |, xor, nand), arithmetic (+, -, \*, /, ^)

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**References**

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array_recycle	<i>Recycle Array Dimensions</i>
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**Description**

The `array_recycle()` function recycles array dimensions until the specified dimension sizes are reached, and returns the array.

The various broadcasting functions "recycle" an array virtually, meaning little to no additional memory is needed.

The `array_recycle()` function, however, physically recycles an array (and thus actually occupies memory space).

**Usage**

```
array_recycle(x, tdim)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	an atomic or recursive array or matrix.
<code>tdim</code>	an integer vector, giving the target dimension to reach.

**Value**

Returns the recycled array.

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(1:9, 3,3)
colnames(x) <- LETTERS[1:3]
rownames(x) <- letters[1:3]
names(x) <- month.abb[1:9]
print(x)

array_recycle(x, c(3,3,2)) # recycle to larger size
```

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atomic_typecast	<i>Atomic Type Casting With Names and Dimensions Preserved</i>
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**Description**

Atomic type casting in R is generally performed using the functions [as.logical](#), [as.integer](#), [as.double](#), [as.character](#), [as.complex](#), and [as.raw](#).

Converting an object between atomic types using these functions strips the object of its attributes, including (dim)names and dimensions.

The functions provided here by the 'tinycodet' package preserve the dimensions, dimnames, and

names.

The functions are as follows:

- `as_bool()`: converts object to atomic type logical (TRUE, FALSE, NA).
- `as_int()`: converts object to atomic type integer.
- `as_dbl()`: converts object to atomic type double (AKA decimal numbers).
- `as_chr()`: converts object to atomic type character.
- `as_cplx()`: converts object to atomic type complex.
- `as_raw()`: converts object to atomic type raw.

### Usage

```
as_bool(x, ...)
```

```
as_int(x, ...)
```

```
as_dbl(x, ...)
```

```
as_chr(x, ...)
```

```
as_cplx(x, ...)
```

```
as_raw(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	vector, matrix, array (or a similar object where all elements share the same type).
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

### Value

The converted object.

### Examples

```
# matrix example ====
x <- matrix(sample(-1:28), ncol = 5)
colnames(x) <- month.name[1:5]
rownames(x) <- month.abb[1:6]
names(x) <- c(letters[1:20], LETTERS[1:10])
print(x)

as_bool(x)
as_int(x)
as_dbl(x)
as_chr(x)
as_cplx(x)
as_raw(x)
```

```
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# factor example ====
x <- factor(month.abb, levels = month.abb)
names(x) <- month.name
print(x)

as_bool(as_int(x) > 6)
as_int(x)
as_dbl(x)
as_chr(x)
as_cplx(x)
as_raw(x)
```

bc.b

*Broadcasted Operations for Logical Arrays***Description**

The `bc.b()` function performs broadcasted operations on 2 logical arrays.

**Usage**

```
bc.b(x, y, op)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x, y</code>	conformable atomic arrays of types logical, integer, or double.
<code>op</code>	a single string, giving the operator. Supported Boolean combiner operators: <code>&amp;</code> , <code> </code> , <code>xor</code> , <code>nand</code> . Supported relational operators: <code>==</code> , <code>!=</code> , <code>&lt;</code> , <code>&gt;</code> , <code>&lt;=</code> , <code>&gt;=</code> .

**Value**

For the boolean combiner operators:

A logical array as a result of the broadcasted arithmetic operation.

For relational operators:

A logical array as a result of the broadcasted relational comparison.

**Examples**

```
x.dim <- c(10:8)
x.len <- prod(x.dim)
x.data <- sample(c(TRUE, FALSE, NA), x.len, TRUE)
x <- array(x.data, x.dim)
y <- array(1:50, c(10,1,1))
```

```
bc.b(x, y, "&")
bc.b(x, y, "|")
bc.b(x, y, "xor")
bc.b(x, y, "nand")
```

```
bc.b(x, y, "==")
bc.b(x, y, "!=")
bc.b(x, y, "<")
bc.b(x, y, ">")
bc.b(x, y, "<=")
bc.b(x, y, ">=")
```

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bc.cplx

*Broadcasted Operations for Character/String Arrays*


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## Description

The `bc.cplx()` function performs broadcasted operations on 2 complex arrays.

Note that `bc.cplx()` uses more strict NA checks than base 'R':

If for an element of either `x` or `y`, either the real or imaginary part is NA or NaN, then the result of the operation for that element is necessarily NA.

## Usage

```
bc.cplx(x, y, op)
```

## Arguments

<code>x, y</code>	conformable atomic arrays of type <code>complex</code> .
<code>op</code>	a single string, giving the operator. Supported concatenation operators: <code>+</code> , <code>-</code> , <code>*</code> , <code>/</code> . Supported relational operators: <code>==</code> , <code>!=</code> .

## Value

For concatenation operators:

A complex array as a result of the broadcasted concatenation operation.

For relational operators:

A logical array as a result of the broadcasted relational comparison.

**Examples**

```

x.dim <- c(10:8)
x.len <- prod(x.dim)
gen <- function() sample(c(rnorm(10), NA, NA, NaN, NaN, Inf, Inf, -Inf, -Inf))
x <- array(gen() + gen() * -1i, x.dim)
y <- array(gen() + gen() * -1i, c(10,1,1))

bc.cplx(x, y, "==")
bc.cplx(x, y, "!=")

bc.cplx(x, y, "+")

bc.cplx(array(gen() + gen() * -1i), array(gen() + gen() * -1i), "==")
bc.cplx(array(gen() + gen() * -1i), array(gen() + gen() * -1i), "!=")

x <- gen() + gen() * -1i
y <- gen() + gen() * -1i
out <- bc.cplx(array(x), array(y), "*")
cbind(x, y, x*y, out)

```

bc.list

*Broadcasted Operations for Recursive Arrays***Description**

The `bc.list()` function performs broadcasted operations on 2 Recursive arrays.

**Usage**

```
bc.list(x, y, f)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x, y</code>	conformable Recursive arrays (i.e. arrays of type <code>list</code> ).
<code>f</code>	a function that takes in exactly <b>2</b> arguments, and <b>returns</b> a result that can be stored in a single element of a list.

**Value**

A recursive array.

**Examples**

```

x.dim <- c(c(10, 2,2))
x.len <- prod(x.dim)

gen <- function(n) sample(list(letters, month.abb, 1:10), n, TRUE)

x <- array(gen(10), x.dim)
y <- array(gen(10), c(10,1,1))

```

```
bc.list(
  x, y,
  \(x, y)c(length(x) == length(y), typeof(x) == typeof(y))
)
```

bc.num

*Broadcasted Operations for Numeric Arrays***Description**

The `bc.num()` function performs broadcasted operations on 2 numeric arrays.

**Usage**

```
bc.num(x, y, op, prec = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps))
```

**Arguments**

<code>x, y</code>	conformable atomic arrays of types <code>logical</code> , <code>integer</code> , or <code>double</code> .
<code>op</code>	a single string, giving the operator. Supported arithmetic operators: <code>+</code> , <code>-</code> , <code>*</code> , <code>/</code> , <code>^</code> , <code>intmod</code> , <code>pmin</code> , <code>pmax</code> . Supported relational operators: <code>==</code> , <code>!=</code> , <code>&lt;</code> , <code>&gt;</code> , <code>&lt;=</code> , <code>&gt;=</code> , <code>d==</code> , <code>d!=</code> , <code>d&lt;</code> , <code>d&gt;</code> , <code>d&lt;=</code> , <code>d&gt;=</code> .
<code>prec</code>	a single number between 0 and 0.1, giving the machine precision to use. Only relevant for the following operators: <code>d==</code> , <code>d!=</code> , <code>d&lt;</code> , <code>d&gt;</code> , <code>d&lt;=</code> , <code>d&gt;=</code> See the <code>d==</code> , <code>d!=</code> , <code>d&lt;</code> , <code>d&gt;</code> , <code>d&lt;=</code> , <code>d&gt;=</code> operators from the 'tinycodet' package for details.

**Value**

For arithmetic operators:

A numeric array as a result of the broadcasted arithmetic operation.

For relational operators:

A logical array as a result of the broadcasted relational comparison.

**Examples**

```
x.dim <- c(10:8)
x.len <- prod(x.dim)
x.data <- sample(c(NA, 1.1:1000.1), x.len, TRUE)
x <- array(x.data, x.dim)
y <- array(1:50, c(10,1,1))

bc.num(x, y, "+")
bc.num(x, y, "-")
```



```

bc.num(x, y, "*")
bc.num(x, y, "/" )
bc.num(x, y, "^")

bc.num(x, y, "==")
bc.num(x, y, "!=")
bc.num(x, y, "<")
bc.num(x, y, ">")
bc.num(x, y, "<=")
bc.num(x, y, ">=")

```

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bc.str

*Broadcasted Operations for Character/String Arrays*


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## Description

The `bc.str()` function performs broadcasted operations on 2 character/string arrays.

## Usage

```
bc.str(x, y, op)
```

## Arguments

<code>x, y</code>	conformable atomic arrays of typee character.
<code>op</code>	a single string, giving the operator. Supported concatenation operators: +. Supported relational operators: ==, !=. Supported distance operators: levenshtein.

## Value

For concatenation operation:

A character array as a result of the broadcasted concatenation operation.

For relational operation:

A logical array as a result of the broadcasted relational comparison.

For distance operation:

An integer array as a result of the broadcasted relational comparison.

## Examples

```

x.dim <- c(10:8)
x.len <- prod(x.dim)
x <- array(letters, x.dim)
y <- array(letters, c(10,1,1))

```

```

bc.str(x, y, "==")
bc.str(x, y, "!=")

bc.str(x, y, "+")

bc.str(array(letters), array(letters), "==")
bc.str(array(letters), array(letters), "!=")

```

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bc\_dim

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*Predict Broadcasted dimensions*


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## Description

bc\_dim(x, y) gives the dimensions an array would have, as the result of an broadcasted binary element-wise operation between 2 arrays x and y.

## Usage

```
bc_dim(x, y)
```

## Arguments

x, y                      an atomic array or matrix.

## Value

Returns the recycled array.

## Examples

```

x.dim <- c(10:8)
x.len <- prod(x.dim)
x.data <- sample(c(TRUE, FALSE, NA), x.len, TRUE)
x <- array(x.data, x.dim)
y <- array(1:50, c(10,1,1))

dim(bc.b(x, y, "&")) == bc_dim(x, y)
dim(bc.b(x, y, "|")) == bc_dim(x, y)

```

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