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quantities-package **quantities**: *Quantity Calculus for R Vectors*

Description

Support for painless automatic units and uncertainty propagation in numerical operations. Both **units** and **errors** are integrated into a complete quantity calculus system within the R language. R vectors, matrices and arrays automatically propagate those attributes when you operate with **quantities** objects.

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as.data.frame.quantities
Coerce to a Data Frame

Description

S3 method for quantities objects (see [as.data.frame](#)).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'
as.data.frame(x, row.names = NULL, optional = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	any R object.
<code>row.names</code>	NULL or a character vector giving the row names for the data frame. Missing values are not allowed.
<code>optional</code>	logical. If TRUE, setting row names and converting column names (to syntactic names: see make.names) is optional. Note that all of R's base package <code>as.data.frame()</code> methods use <code>optional</code> only for column names treatment, basically with the meaning of <code>data.frame(*, check.names = !optional)</code> . See also the <code>make.names</code> argument of the <code>matrix</code> method.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to be passed to or from methods.

Examples

```
x <- set_quantities(1:3, m/s, 0.1)
y <- set_quantities(4:6, m/s, 0.2)
(z <- cbind(x, y))
as.data.frame(z)
```

as.list.quantities *Coerce to a List*

Description

S3 method for quantities objects (see [as.list](#)).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'
as.list(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x object to be coerced or tested.
- ... objects, possibly named.

Examples

```
x <- set_quantities(1:3, m/s, 0.1)
as.list(x)
```

as.matrix.quantities *Coerce to a Matrix*

Description

S3 method for `quantities` objects (see [as.matrix](#)).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'
as.matrix(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- x an R object.
- ... additional arguments to be passed to or from methods.

Examples

```
as.matrix(set_quantities(1:3, m/s, 0.1))
```

c.quantities *Combine Values into a Vector or List*

Description

S3 method for `quantities` objects (see [c](#)).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'
c(...)
```

Arguments

... objects to be concatenated.

Examples

```
c(set_quantities(1, m/s, 0.2), set_quantities(30, km/h, 0.1))
```

cbind.quantities *Combine R Objects by Rows or Columns*

Description

S3 methods for `quantities` objects (see [cbind](#)).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'  
cbind(..., deparse.level = 1)  
  
## S3 method for class 'quantities'  
rbind(..., deparse.level = 1)
```

Arguments

... (generalized) vectors or matrices. These can be given as named arguments. Other R objects may be coerced as appropriate, or S4 methods may be used: see sections ‘Details’ and ‘Value’. (For the “`data.frame`” method of `cbind` these can be further arguments to [data.frame](#) such as `stringsAsFactors`.)

`deparse.level` integer controlling the construction of labels in the case of non-matrix-like arguments (for the default method):
`deparse.level = 0` constructs no labels; the default,
`deparse.level = 1` or `2` constructs labels from the argument names, see the ‘Value’ section below.

See Also

[c.quantities](#)

Examples

```
x <- set_quantities(1, m/s, 0.1)  
y <- set_quantities(1:3, m/s, 0.2)  
z <- set_quantities(8:10, m/s, 0.1)  
(m <- cbind(x, y)) # the '1' (= shorter vector) is recycled  
(m <- cbind(m, z)[, c(1, 3, 2)]) # insert a column  
(m <- rbind(m, z)) # insert a row
```

diff.quantities *Lagged Differences*

Description

S3 method for `quantities` objects (see [diff](#)).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'
diff(x, lag = 1L, differences = 1L, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	a numeric vector or matrix containing the values to be differenced.
<code>lag</code>	an integer indicating which lag to use.
<code>differences</code>	an integer indicating the order of the difference.
<code>...</code>	further arguments to be passed to or from methods.

Examples

```
diff(set_quantities(1:10, m/s, 0.1), 2)
diff(set_quantities(1:10, m/s, 0.1), 2, 2)
x <- cumsum(cumsum(set_quantities(1:10, m/s, 0.1)))
diff(x, lag = 2)
diff(x, differences = 2)
```

drop_quantities *Drop Units and Errors*

Description

Drop Units and Errors

Usage

```
drop_quantities(x)

## S3 method for class 'quantities'
drop_units(x)

## S3 method for class 'quantities'
drop_errors(x)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
drop_quantities(x)
```

Arguments

x a quantities object.

Details

`drop_quantities` is equivalent to `quantities(x) <-NULL` or `set_quantities(x, NULL, NULL)`.
`drop_units` is equivalent to `units(x) <-NULL` or `set_units(x, NULL)`. `drop_errors` is equivalent to `errors(x) <-NULL` or `set_errors(x, NULL)`.

Value

the numeric without any `units` or `errors` attributes, while preserving other attributes like dimensions or other classes.

errors

Handle Measurement Uncertainty on a Numeric Vector

Description

Set or retrieve measurement uncertainty to/from numeric vectors (extensions to the `errors` package for `quantities` and `units` objects).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'  
errors(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'units'  
errors(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'mixed_units'  
errors(x)  
  
## S3 replacement method for class 'quantities'  
errors(x) <- value  
  
## S3 replacement method for class 'units'  
errors(x) <- value  
  
## S3 replacement method for class 'mixed_units'  
errors(x) <- value  
  
## S3 method for class 'quantities'  
set_errors(x, value = 0)  
  
## S3 method for class 'units'  
set_errors(x, value = 0)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'mixed_units'
set_errors(x, value = 0)

## S3 method for class 'quantities'
errors_max(x)

## S3 method for class 'quantities'
errors_min(x)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------|--|
| x | a numeric object, or object of class <code>errors</code> . |
| value | a numeric vector of length 1 or the same length as x. |

See Also

[errors](#).

`Extract.quantities` *Extract or Replace Parts of an Object*

Description

S3 operators to extract or replace parts of `quantities` objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'
x[...]

## S3 method for class 'quantities'
x[[...]]

## S3 replacement method for class 'quantities'
x[...] <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'quantities'
x[[...]] <- value
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------|---|
| x | object from which to extract element(s) or in which to replace element(s). |
| ... | additional arguments to be passed to base methods (see Extract). |
| value | typically an array-like R object of a similar class as x. |

Examples

```
x <- set_quantities(1:3, m/s, 0.1)
y <- set_quantities(4:6, m/s, 0.2)
(z <- rbind(x, y))
z[2, 2]
z[2, 2] <- -1
errors(z[[1, 2]]) <- 0.8
z[, 2]
```

groupGeneric.quantities

S3 Group Generic Functions

Description

Math, Ops and Summary group generic methods for quantities objects (see [groupGeneric](#) for a comprehensive list of available methods).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'
Math(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'quantities'
Ops(e1, e2)

## S3 method for class 'quantities'
Summary(..., na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	objects.
...	further arguments passed to methods.
e1	objects.
e2	objects.
na.rm	logical: should missing values be removed?

Details

See [groupGeneric.errors](#), [Ops.units](#), [Math.units](#), for further details.

Examples

```
x <- set_quantities(1:3, m/s, 0.1)
log(x)
cumsum(x)
cumprod(x)

a <- set_quantities(1:3, m/s, 0.1)
b <- set_quantities(1:3, m/s, 0.1)
a + b
a * b
a / b
a = set_quantities(1:5, m, 0.1)
a %/% a
a %/% set_quantities(2)
set_quantities(1:5, m^2, 0.1) %/% set_quantities(2, m, 0.1)
a %% a
a %% set_quantities(2)
c(min(x), max(x))
range(x)
sum(x)
```

parse_quantities *Parse Units and Errors*

Description

Functions to parse character vectors into quantities.

Usage

```
parse_quantities(x, decimal_mark)

parse_units(x, decimal_mark)

parse_errors(x, decimal_mark)
```

Arguments

x	a character vector to parse.
decimal_mark	the dot (.) if not provided.

Details

Each `parse_*`() function returns an object of the corresponding type, no matter what it is found. This means that, for `parse_units`, if errors are found, they are dropped with a warning. Similarly for `parse_errors`, if units are found, they are dropped with a warning. On the other hand, `parse_quantities` always returns a valid `quantities` object, even if no errors or units are found (then, zero error and dimensionless units are applied).

Value

A quantities, units or errors object respectively.

Examples

```
parse_quantities("(1.6021766208 +/- .0000000098) e-19 C")
parse_quantities("1.6021766208(98) e-19 C")
parse_units("1.6021766208 e-19 C")
parse_errors("1.6021766208(98) e-19")

# quantities are converted to the first unit
parse_quantities(c("12.34(2) m/s", "36.5(1) km/h"))

# or kept as a list of mixed units
parse_quantities(c("1.02(5) g", "2.51(0.01) V", "(3.23 +/- 0.12) m"))
```

quantities

Handle Measurement Units and Uncertainty on a Numeric Vector

Description

Set or retrieve measurement units and uncertainty to/from numeric vectors.

Usage

```
quantities(x)

quantities(x) <- value

set_quantities(x, unit, errors = 0, ...,
               mode = units_options("set_units_mode"))
```

Arguments

x	a numeric object, or object of class quantities, units or errors.
value	a list of two components: an object of class units or symbolic_units (see units), and a numeric vector of length 1 or the same length as x (see errors).
unit	a units object, or something coercible to one with as_units (see set_units).
errors	a numeric vector of length 1 or the same length as x (see set_errors).
...	passed on to other methods.
mode	if "symbols" (the default), then unit is constructed from the expression supplied. Otherwise, if mode = "standard", standard evaluation is used for the supplied value This argument can be set via a global option units_options (set_units_mode = "standard")

Details

`quantities` returns a named list with the `units` and `errors` attributes.

``quantities<-`` sets the units and error values (and converts `x` into an object of class `quantities`). `set_quantities` is a pipe-friendly version of ``quantities<-`` and returns an object of class `quantities`.

See Also

`errors`, `units`, `groupGeneric`.`quantities`, `Extract.quantities`, `c.quantities`, `rep.quantities`, `cbind.quantities`, `as.data.frame.quantities`, `as.matrix.quantities`, `t.quantities`.

Examples

```
x = 1:3
class(x)
x
quantities(x) <- list("m/s", 0.1)
class(x)
x

(x <- set_quantities(x, m/s, seq(0.1, 0.3, 0.1)))
```

Description

S3 method for `quantities` objects (see `rep`).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'
rep(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` a vector (of any mode including a `list`) or a factor or (for `rep` only) a `POSIXct` or `POSIXlt` or `Date` object; or an S4 object containing such an object.
- `...` further arguments to be passed to or from other methods. For the internal default method these can include:
- `times` an integer-valued vector giving the (non-negative) number of times to repeat each element if of length `length(x)`, or to repeat the whole vector if of length 1. Negative or NA values are an error. A double vector is accepted, other inputs being coerced to an integer or double vector.

`length.out` non-negative integer. The desired length of the output vector.
 Other inputs will be coerced to a double vector and the first element taken.
 Ignored if NA or invalid.

`each` non-negative integer. Each element of `x` is repeated each times. Other inputs will be coerced to an integer or double vector and the first element taken. Treated as 1 if NA or invalid.

Examples

```
rep(set_quantities(1, "m/s", 0.1), 4)
```

`t.quantities`

Matrix Transpose

Description

S3 method for `quantities` objects (see [t](#)).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'quantities'  
t(x)
```

Arguments

x	a matrix or data frame, typically.
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Examples

```
a <- matrix(1:30, 5, 6)  
quantities(a) <- list("m/s", 1:30)  
t(a)
```

`units`

Handle Measurement Units on a Numeric Vector

Description

Set or retrieve measurement units to/from numeric vectors and convert units (extensions to the `units` package for `quantities` and `errors` objects).

Usage

```
## S3 replacement method for class 'quantities'
units(x) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'errors'
units(x) <- value

## S3 method for class 'quantities'
set_units(x, value, ..., mode = units_options("set_units_mode"))

## S3 method for class 'errors'
set_units(x, value, ..., mode = units_options("set_units_mode"))

## S3 method for class 'quantities'
mixed_units(x, values, ...)

## S3 method for class 'errors'
mixed_units(x, values, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	numeric vector, or object of class <code>units</code> .
<code>value</code>	object of class <code>units</code> or <code>symbolic_units</code> , or in the case of <code>set_units</code> expression with symbols (see examples).
<code>...</code>	passed on to other methods.
<code>mode</code>	if "symbols" (the default), then unit is constructed from the expression supplied. Otherwise, if <code>mode = "standard"</code> , standard evaluation is used for the supplied value This argument can be set via a global option <code>units_options(set_units_mode = "standard")</code>
<code>values</code>	character vector with units encodings, or list with symbolic units of class <code>mixed_symbolic_units</code>

See Also

[units](#), [set_units](#).

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