

# Package ‘scatterplot3d’

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### Description

Plots a three dimensional (3D) point cloud.

**Usage**

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scatterplot3d(x, y=NULL, z=NULL, color=par("col"), pch=par("pch"),
  main=NULL, sub=NULL, xlim=NULL, ylim=NULL, zlim=NULL,
  xlab=NULL, ylab=NULL, zlab=NULL, scale.y=1, angle=40,
  axis=TRUE, tick.marks=TRUE, label.tick.marks=TRUE,
  x.ticklabs=NULL, y.ticklabs=NULL, z.ticklabs=NULL,
  y.margin.add=0, y.axis.offset=1, grid=TRUE, box=TRUE,
  lab=par("lab"), lab.z=mean(lab[1:2]), type="p",
  highlight.3d=FALSE, mar=c(5,3,4,3)+0.1, bg=par("bg"),
  col.axis=par("col.axis"), col.grid="grey", col.lab=par("col.lab"),
  cex.symbols=par("cex"), cex.axis=0.8 * par("cex.axis"),
  cex.lab=par("cex.lab"), font.axis=par("font.axis"),
  font.lab=par("font.lab"), lty.axis=par("lty"),
  lty.grid=par("lty"), lty.hide=NULL, lty.hplot=par("lty"),
  log="", asp=NA, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	the coordinates of points in the plot.
y	the y coordinates of points in the plot, optional if x is an appropriate structure.
z	the z coordinates of points in the plot, optional if x is an appropriate structure.
color	colors of points in the plot, optional if x is an appropriate structure. Will be ignored if <code>highlight.3d = TRUE</code> .
pch	plotting "character", i.e. symbol to use.
main	an overall title for the plot.
sub	sub-title.
xlim, ylim, zlim	the x, y and z limits (min, max) of the plot. Note that setting enlarged limits may not work as exactly as expected (a known but unfixed bug).
xlab, ylab, zlab	titles for the x, y and z axis.
scale.y	scale of y axis related to x- and z axis.
angle	angle between x and y axis (Attention: result depends on scaling).
axis	a logical value indicating whether axes should be drawn on the plot.
tick.marks	a logical value indicating whether tick marks should be drawn on the plot (only if <code>axis = TRUE</code> ).
label.tick.marks	a logical value indicating whether tick marks should be labeled on the plot (only if <code>axis = TRUE</code> and <code>tick.marks = TRUE</code> ).
x.ticklabs, y.ticklabs, z.ticklabs	vector of tick mark labels.
y.margin.add	add additional space between tick mark labels and axis label of the y axis
y.axis.offset	a numeric (default 1) specifying the offset of y axis tick mark labels from the axis, see <code>offset</code> argument of <code>text</code> .

<code>grid</code>	a logical value indicating whether a grid should be drawn on the plot.
<code>box</code>	a logical value indicating whether a box should be drawn around the plot.
<code>lab</code>	a numerical vector of the form <code>c(x, y, len)</code> . The values of <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> give the (approximate) number of tickmarks on the <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> axes.
<code>lab.z</code>	the same as <code>lab</code> , but for <code>z</code> axis.
<code>type</code>	character indicating the type of plot: "p" for points, "l" for lines, "h" for vertical lines to <code>x-y</code> -plane, etc.
<code>highlight.3d</code>	points will be drawn in different colors related to <code>y</code> coordinates (only if <code>type = "p"</code> or <code>type = "h"</code> , else color will be used). On some devices not all colors can be displayed. In this case try the postscript device or use <code>highlight.3d = FALSE</code> .
<code>mar</code>	A numerical vector of the form <code>c(bottom, left, top, right)</code> which gives the lines of margin to be specified on the four sides of the plot. See section Values on how to change the setting back to the default / previous setting.
<code>bg</code>	background (fill) color for the open plot symbols given by <code>pch = 21:25</code> .
<code>col.axis, col.grid, col.lab</code>	the color to be used for axis / grid / axis labels.
<code>cex.symbols</code>	the magnification to be used for point symbols.
<code>cex.axis, cex.lab</code>	the magnification to be used for axis annotation and labels relative to the current.
<code>font.axis, font.lab</code>	the font to be used for axis annotation / labels.
<code>lty.axis, lty.grid</code>	the line type to be used for axis / grid.
<code>lty.hide</code>	line style used to plot 'non-visible' edges (defaults of the <code>lty.axis</code> style)
<code>lty.hplot</code>	the line type to be used for vertical segments with <code>type = "h"</code> .
<code>log</code>	Not yet implemented! A character string which contains "x" (if the <code>x</code> axis is to be logarithmic), "y", "z", "xy", "xz", "yz", "xyz".
<code>asp</code>	numeric, giving the <b>aspect</b> ratio <code>z/x</code> or <code>z/y</code> , see 'Note'.
<code>...</code>	more graphical parameters can be given as arguments, <code>pch = 16</code> or <code>pch = 20</code> may be nice.

### Value

<code>xyz.convert</code>	function which converts coordinates from 3D ( <code>x, y, z</code> ) to 2D-projection ( <code>x, y</code> ) of <code>scatterplot3d</code> . Useful to plot objects into existing plot.
<code>points3d</code>	function which draws points or lines into the existing plot.
<code>plane3d</code>	function which draws a plane into the existing plot: <code>plane3d(Intercept, x.coef = NULL, y.coef = NULL, lty = "dashed", lty.box = NULL, draw_lines = TRUE, draw_polygon = FALSE, polygon_args = list(border = NA, col = rgb(0,0,0,0.2)), ...)</code> . Instead of <code>Intercept</code> a vector containing 3 elements or an (g)lm object can be specified. The argument <code>lty.box</code> allows to set a different line style for the intersecting lines in the box's walls. The arguments <code>draw_lines</code> and

	draw_polygon allow for choosing whether to represent the plane via line segments or as a solid surface, respectively. The list in polygon_args collects arguments to be passed to the underlying polygon call that draws a solid (or transparent) plane if draw_polygon=TRUE.
box3d	function which “refreshes” the box surrounding the plot.
contour3d	function which draws contour lines into the existing plot: contour3d(f, x.count = 10, y.count = 10, type = "l", lty = "24", x.resolution = 50, y.resolution = 50, ...). The first argument can be an lm object of two dimensions or a function of two arguments. In both cases the dimensions have to be given in the order x, y of the scatterplot3d call. The arguments x.count and y.count specify how many segments should be drawn for each dimension. The arguments x.resolution and y.resolution control the number of locations where the segments have to be evaluated.
par.mar	As the function modifies the par("mar") settings of the current device and needs to keep these in case you add elements to the plot later on, you can change these back via par(object\$par.mar) in case you want to add more plots with default margins to the current device.

### Note

Some graphical parameters should only be set as arguments in scatterplot3d but not in a previous par() call. One of these is mar, which is also non-standard in another way: Users who want to extend an existing scatterplot3d graphic with another function than points3d, plane3d or box3d, should consider to set par(mar = c(b, l, t, r)) to the value of mar used in scatterplot3d, which defaults to c(5, 3, 4, 3) + 0.1.

Other par arguments may be split into several arguments in scatterplot3d, e.g., for specifying the line type. And finally some of par arguments do not apply here, e.g., many of those for axis calculation. So we recommend to try the specification of graphical parameters at first as arguments in scatterplot3d and only if needed as arguments in previous par() call.

If asp is a finite positive value then the window is set up so that one data unit in the x or y direction (the one that is plotted horizontally - depends on angle -) is equal in length to  $asp \times$  one data unit in the z direction. The variation of asp is only reasonable if the default values x.ticklabs=NULL, y.ticklabs=NULL, z.ticklabs=NULL are not changed.

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### References

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### See Also

[persp](#), [plot](#), [par](#).

**Examples**

```

## On some devices not all colors can be displayed.
## Try the postscript device or use highlight.3d = FALSE.

## example 1
z <- seq(-10, 10, 0.01)
x <- cos(z)
y <- sin(z)
scatterplot3d(x, y, z, highlight.3d=TRUE, col.axis="blue",
  col.grid="lightblue", main="scatterplot3d - 1", pch=20, mar=c(0,0,0,0))

## example 2
temp <- seq(-pi, 0, length = 50)
x <- c(rep(1, 50) %*% t(cos(temp)))
y <- c(cos(temp) %*% t(sin(temp)))
z <- c(sin(temp) %*% t(sin(temp)))
scatterplot3d(x, y, z, highlight.3d=TRUE,
  col.axis="blue", col.grid="lightblue",
  main="scatterplot3d - 2", pch=20)

## example 3
temp <- seq(-pi, 0, length = 50)
x <- c(rep(1, 50) %*% t(cos(temp)))
y <- c(cos(temp) %*% t(sin(temp)))
z <- 10 * c(sin(temp) %*% t(sin(temp)))
color <- rep("green", length(x))
temp <- seq(-10, 10, 0.01)
x <- c(x, cos(temp))
y <- c(y, sin(temp))
z <- c(z, temp)
color <- c(color, rep("red", length(temp)))
scatterplot3d(x, y, z, color, pch=20, zlim=c(-2, 10),
  main="scatterplot3d - 3")

## example 4
my.mat <- matrix(runif(25), nrow=5)
dimnames(my.mat) <- list(LETTERS[1:5], letters[11:15])
my.mat # the matrix we want to plot ...

s3d.dat <- data.frame(cols=as.vector(col(my.mat)),
  rows=as.vector(row(my.mat)),
  value=as.vector(my.mat))
scatterplot3d(s3d.dat, type="h", lwd=5, pch=" ",
  x.ticklabs=colnames(my.mat), y.ticklabs=rownames(my.mat),
  color=grey(25:1/40), main="scatterplot3d - 4")

## example 5
data(trees)
s3d <- scatterplot3d(trees, type="h", highlight.3d=TRUE,
  angle=55, scale.y=0.7, pch=16, main="scatterplot3d - 5")
# Now adding some points to the "scatterplot3d"
s3d$points3d(seq(10,20,2), seq(85,60,-5), seq(60,10,-10),

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    col="blue", type="h", pch=16)
# Now adding a regression plane to the "scatterplot3d"
attach(trees)
my.lm <- lm(Volume ~ Girth + Height)
s3d$plane3d(my.lm, lty.box = "solid")

## example 6; by Martin Maechler
cubedraw <- function(res3d, min = 0, max = 255, cex = 2, text. = FALSE)
{
  ## Purpose: Draw nice cube with corners
  cube01 <- rbind(c(0,0,1), 0, c(1,0,0), c(1,1,0), 1, c(0,1,1), # < 6 outer
                 c(1,0,1), c(0,1,0)) # <- "inner": fore- & back-ground
  cub <- min + (max-min)* cube01
  ## visibile corners + lines:
  res3d$points3d(cub[c(1:6,1,7,3,7,5) ],, cex = cex, type = 'b', lty = 1)
  ## hidden corner + lines
  res3d$points3d(cub[c(2,8,4,8,6), ],, cex = cex, type = 'b', lty = 3)
  if(text.)## debug
    text(res3d$xyz.convert(cub), labels=1:nrow(cub), col='tomato', cex=2)
}
## 6 a) The named colors in R, i.e. colors()
cc <- colors()
crgb <- t(col2rgb(cc))
par(xpd = TRUE)
rr <- scatterplot3d(crgb, color = cc, box = FALSE, angle = 24,
  xlim = c(-50, 300), ylim = c(-50, 300), zlim = c(-50, 300))
cubedraw(rr)
## 6 b) The rainbow colors from rainbow(201)
rbc <- rainbow(201)
Rrb <- t(col2rgb(rbc))
rR <- scatterplot3d(Rrb, color = rbc, box = FALSE, angle = 24,
  xlim = c(-50, 300), ylim = c(-50, 300), zlim = c(-50, 300))
cubedraw(rR)
rR$points3d(Rrb, col = rbc, pch = 16)

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