

Package ‘ggquiver’

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Title Quiver Plots for 'ggplot2'

Description An extension of 'ggplot2' to provide quiver plots to visualise vector fields.
This functionality is implemented using a geom to produce a new graphical layer, which allows aesthetic options. This layer can be overlaid on a map to improve visualisation of mapped data.

Depends R (>= 3.2.0)

Imports ggplot2

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geom_quiver*Quiver plots for ggplot2*

Description

Displays the direction and length of vectors on a graph.

Usage

```
geom_quiver(  
  mapping = NULL,  
  data = NULL,  
  stat = "quiver",  
  position = "identity",  
  center = FALSE,  
  rescale = FALSE,  
  vecsize = NULL,  
  na.rm = FALSE,  
  show.legend = NA,  
  inherit.aes = TRUE,  
  ...  
)
```

GeomQuiver

```
stat_quiver(  
  mapping = NULL,  
  data = NULL,  
  geom = "quiver",  
  position = "identity",  
  center = FALSE,  
  rescale = FALSE,  
  vecsize = NULL,  
  na.rm = FALSE,  
  show.legend = NA,  
  inherit.aes = TRUE,  
  ...  
)
```

StatQuiver

Arguments

mapping	Set of aesthetic mappings created by <code>aes()</code> . If specified and <code>inherit.aes = TRUE</code> (the default), it is combined with the default mapping at the top level of the plot. You must supply mapping if there is no plot mapping.
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data	<p>The data to be displayed in this layer. There are three options:</p> <p>If <code>NULL</code>, the default, the data is inherited from the plot data as specified in the call to <code>ggplot()</code>.</p> <p>A <code>data.frame</code>, or other object, will override the plot data. All objects will be fortified to produce a data frame. See <code>fortify()</code> for which variables will be created.</p> <p>A function will be called with a single argument, the plot data. The return value must be a <code>data.frame</code>, and will be used as the layer data. A function can be created from a formula (e.g. <code>~ head(.x, 10)</code>).</p>
stat	The statistical transformation to use on the data for this layer, either as a ggproto Geom subclass or as a string naming the stat stripped of the <code>stat_</code> prefix (e.g. "count" rather than "stat_count")
position	Position adjustment, either as a string naming the adjustment (e.g. "jitter" to use <code>position_jitter</code>), or the result of a call to a position adjustment function. Use the latter if you need to change the settings of the adjustment.
center	If <code>FALSE</code> (the default), the vector lines will start at the specified x and y. If <code>TRUE</code> , the arrows will be centered about x and y.
rescale	If <code>FALSE</code> (the default), the vectors will not be rescaled. If <code>TRUE</code> , the vectors given by (u, v) will be rescaled using the scale function.
vecsize	By default (<code>NULL</code>), vectors sizing is automatically determined. If a grid can be identified, they will be scaled to the grid, if not, the vectors will not be scaled. By specifying a numeric input here, the length of all arrows can be adjusted. Setting <code>vecsize</code> to zero will prevent scaling the arrows.
na.rm	If <code>FALSE</code> (the default), removes missing values with a warning. If <code>TRUE</code> silently removes missing values.
show.legend	logical. Should this layer be included in the legends? <code>NA</code> , the default, includes if any aesthetics are mapped. <code>FALSE</code> never includes, and <code>TRUE</code> always includes. It can also be a named logical vector to finely select the aesthetics to display.
inherit.aes	If <code>FALSE</code> , overrides the default aesthetics, rather than combining with them. This is most useful for helper functions that define both data and aesthetics and shouldn't inherit behaviour from the default plot specification, e.g. <code>borders()</code> .
...	Other arguments passed on to <code>layer()</code> . These are often aesthetics, used to set an aesthetic to a fixed value, like <code>colour = "red"</code> or <code>size = 3</code> . They may also be parameters to the paired geom/stat.
geom	The geometric object to use to display the data, either as a ggproto Geom subclass or as a string naming the geom stripped of the <code>geom_</code> prefix (e.g. "point" rather than "geom_point")

Format

An object of class `GeomQuiver` (inherits from `GeomSegment`, `Geom`, `ggproto`, `gg`) of length 2.

An object of class `StatQuiver` (inherits from `Stat`, `ggproto`, `gg`) of length 3.

Computed variables

x centered x start position for velocity arrow
y centered y start position for velocity arrow
xend centered x end position for velocity arrow
yend centered y end position for velocity arrow

Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
# Quiver plots of mathematical functions
field <- expand.grid(x=seq(0,pi,pi/12), y=seq(0,pi,pi/12))
ggplot(field, aes(x=x,y=y,u=cos(x),v=sin(y))) +
  geom_quiver()

# Removing automatic scaling
ggplot(seals, aes(x=long, y=lat, u=delta_long, v=delta_lat)) +
  geom_quiver(vecsize=NULL) +
  borders("state")
```

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