

# Package ‘quadmesh’

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**Description** Create surface forms from matrix or 'raster' data for flexible plotting and conversion to other mesh types. The functions 'quadmesh' or 'triangmesh' produce a continuous surface as a 'mesh3d' object as used by the 'rgl' package. This is used for plotting raster data in 3D (optionally with texture), and allows the application of a map projection without data loss and many processing applications that are restricted by inflexible regular grid rasters. There are discrete forms of these continuous surfaces available with 'dquadmesh' and 'dtriangmesh' functions.

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bary_index	<i>Barycentric triangle index for interpolation</i>
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### Description

This function returns the barycentric weight for a grid of coordinates from a geographic raster.

### Usage

```
bary_index(x, coords = NULL, grid = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	a 'RasterLayer' source
coords	optional input coordinates
grid	target 'RasterLayer', a target regular grid
...	ignored

### Details

It's not as fast as `raster::projectRaster()` (e.g. `projectRaster(x, grid)`) but it also accepts a `coords` argument and so can be used for non-regular raster reprojection.

'coords' may be 'NULL' or longitude, latitude in a 2-layer raster brick or stack as with `mesh_plot`.

### Value

RasterLayer

**Examples**

```

library(raster)
p_srs <- "+proj=stere +lat_0=-90 +lat_ts=-71 +datum=WGS84"
polar <- raster(extent(-5e6, 5e6, -5e6, 5e6), crs = p_srs, res = 25000)
etopo <- aggregate(etopo, fact = 4)
index <- bary_index(etopo, grid = polar)
ok <- !is.na(index$idx)
r <- setValues(polar, NA_integer_)
r[ok] <- colSums(matrix(values(etopo)[index$stri[, index$idx[ok]]], nrow = 3) * t(index$p)[, ok])
plot(r)

```

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etopo	<i>World topography map</i>
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**Description**

A simplified version of 'Etopo2'. The Etopo2 data set was reduced 20X to create this raster layer of global relief. See code in 'data-raw/topo.R'.

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1lh2xyz	<i>Angular coordinates to X, Y, Z.</i>
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**Description**

Angular coordinates to X, Y, Z.

**Usage**

```
1lh2xyz(lonlatheight, rad = 6378137, exag = 1)
```

**Arguments**

lonlatheight	matrix or data.frame of lon,lat,height values
rad	radius of sphere
exag	exaggeration to apply to height values (added to radius)

**Value**

matrix

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 mesh\_plot

*Plot as a mesh*


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### Description

Convert to a quadmesh and plot in efficient vectorized form using 'grid'.

### Usage

```
mesh_plot(x, crs = NULL, colfun = NULL, add = FALSE, zlim = NULL,
          ..., coords = NULL)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'BasicRaster'
mesh_plot(x, crs = NULL, colfun = NULL,
          add = FALSE, zlim = NULL, ..., coords = NULL)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'RasterLayer'
mesh_plot(x, crs = NULL, colfun = NULL,
          add = FALSE, zlim = NULL, ..., coords = NULL)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'TRI'
mesh_plot(x, crs = NULL, colfun = NULL, add = FALSE,
          zlim = NULL, ..., coords = NULL)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'quadmesh'
mesh_plot(x, crs = NULL, colfun = NULL,
          add = FALSE, zlim = NULL, ..., coords = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x	object to convert to mesh and plot
crs	target map projection
colfun	colour function to use, viridis is the default
add	add to existing plot or start a new one
zlim	absolute range of data to use for colour scaling (if NULL the data range is used)
...	passed through to base::plot
coords	optional input raster of coordinates of each cell, see details

### Details

The mesh may be reprojected prior to plotting using the 'crs' argument to define the target map projection in 'PROJ string' format. (There is no "reproject" function for quadmesh, this is performed directly on the x-y coordinates of the 'quadmesh' output). The 'colfun' argument is used to generate colours which are mapped to the input object data as in 'image'.

If `coords` is supplied, it is currently assumed to be a 2-layer RasterBrick with longitude and latitude as the *cell values*. These are used to geographically locate the resulting mesh, and will be transformed to the `crs` if that is supplied. This is modelled on the approach to curvilinear grid data used in the `angstroms` package. There the function `angstroms::romsmap()` and `'angstroms::romscoords()'` are used to separate the complicated grid geometry from the grid data itself. A small fudge is applied to extend the coordinates by 1 cell to avoid losing any data due to the half cell outer margin (get in touch if this causes problems!).

### Value

nothing, used for the side-effect of creating or adding to a plot

### Examples

```
##mesh_plot(world11)
## crop otherwise out of bounds from PROJ
rr <- raster::crop(world11, raster::extent(-179, 179, -89, 89))
mesh_plot(rr, crs = "+proj=laea +datum=WGS84")
mesh_plot(world11, crs = "+proj=moll +datum=WGS84")
prj <- "+proj=lcc +datum=WGS84 +lon_0=147 +lat_0=-40 +lat_1=-55 +lat_2=-20"
mesh_plot(etopo, crs = prj, add = FALSE, colfun = function(n = 20) grey(seq(0, 1, length = n)))
mesh_plot(world11, crs = prj, add = TRUE)
```

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qm\_as\_raster

*Quadmesh to raster*

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### Description

Approximate re-creation of a raster from a quadmesh.

### Usage

```
qm_as_raster(x, index = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	'mesh3d' object
<code>index</code>	optional index to specify which z coordinate to use as raster values

### Details

The raster is populated with the mean of the values at each corner, which is closest to the interpretation use to create `mesh3d` from rasters. This can be over ridden by setting `'index'` to 1, 2, 3, or 4.

### Value

RasterLayer

**Examples**

```
qm_as_raster(quadmesh(etopo))
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 qsc
 

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*Quadrilateralized Spherical Cube (QSC)*


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**Description**

The QSC is a set of six equal area projections for each side of the cube. Here a raw rendition of the cube is returned as six quad primitives in a mesh3d object.

**Usage**

```
qsc()
```

**Details**

It's not clear if this is useful.

**Value**

```
mesh3d
```

**References**

<https://github.com/OSGeo/proj.4/wiki/Qsc>

**Examples**

```
library(rgl); #rgl.clear()
wire3d(qsc())
if ( rgl::rgl.useNULL() ) rglwidget()
```

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 quadmesh
 

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*Create a quad-type mesh for use in rgl.*


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**Description**

Convert an object to a mesh3d ([rgl::qmesh3d\(\)](#)) quadrangle mesh, with methods for [raster::raster\(\)](#) and [matrix](#).

**Usage**

```
dquadmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ..., texture = NULL,
          texture_filename = NULL)

## Default S3 method:
dquadmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ...,
          texture = NULL, texture_filename = NULL)

quadmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ..., texture = NULL,
         texture_filename = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'BasicRaster'
quadmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ...,
         texture = NULL, texture_filename = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
quadmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ...,
         texture = NULL, texture_filename = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	raster object for mesh structure
z	raster object for height values
na.rm	remove quads where missing values?
...	ignored
texture	optional input RGB raster, 3-layers
texture_filename	optional input file path for PNG texture

**Details**

quadmesh() generates the cell-based interpretation of a raster (AREA) but applies a continuous interpretation of the values of the cells to each quad corner. dquadmesh splits the mesh and applies a discrete interpretation directly. Loosely, the quadmesh is a continuous surface and the dquadmesh is free-floating cells, but it's a little more complicated and depends on the options applied. (The interpolation) applied in the quadmesh case is not entirely consistent.

The output is described as a mesh because it is a dense representation of a continuous shape, in this case plane-filling quadrilaterals defined by index of four of the available vertices.

The z argument defaults to the input x argument, though may be set to NULL, a constant numeric value, or another raster. If the coordinate system of z and x don't match the z values are queried by reprojection.

Any raster RGB object (3-layers, ranging in 0-255) may be used as a *texture* on the resulting mesh3d object. It is not possible to provide rgl with an object of data for texture, it must be a PNG file and so the in-memory texture argument is written out to PNG file (with a message). The location of the file may be set explicitly with texture\_filename. Currently it's not possible to not use the texture object in-memory.

**Value**

mesh3d

**Examples**

```
library(raster)
data(volcano)
r <- setExtent(raster(volcano), extent(0, 100, 0, 200))
qm <- quadmesh(r)
```

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reproj	<i>Reprojection methods</i>
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**Description**

A quadmesh method for [reproj::reproj\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'quadmesh'
reproj(x, target, ..., source = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	coordinates
target	target specification (PROJ.4 string or epsg code)
...	arguments passed to <a href="#">proj4::ptransform()</a>
source	source specification (PROJ.4 string or epsg code)

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triangmesh	<i>Create a triangle-type mesh for use in rgl.</i>
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**Description**

Convert an object to a mesh3d ([rgl::tmesh3d\(\)](#)) triangle mesh, with methods for [raster::raster\(\)](#) and [matrix](#).



**Usage**

```

triangmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ..., texture = NULL,
           texture_filename = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
triangmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ...,
           texture = NULL, texture_filename = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'BasicRaster'
triangmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ...,
           texture = NULL, texture_filename = NULL)

dtriangmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ..., texture = NULL,
            texture_filename = NULL)

## Default S3 method:
dtriangmesh(x, z = x, na.rm = FALSE, ...,
            texture = NULL, texture_filename = NULL)

```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	raster object for mesh structure
<code>z</code>	raster object for height values
<code>na.rm</code>	remove quads where missing values?
<code>...</code>	ignored
<code>texture</code>	optional input RGB raster, 3-layers
<code>texture_filename</code>	optional input file path for PNG texture

**Details**

`triangmesh()` generates the point-based interpretation of a raster (**POINT**) with the obvious continuous interpretation. `dtriangmesh` splits the mesh so that each primitive is independent. This is more coherent than the analogous distinction for `quadmesh`, though both will appear the same on creation.

The output is described as a mesh because it is a dense representation of a continuous shape, in this case plane-filling triangles defined by index of three of the available vertices.

The `z` argument defaults to the input `x` argument, though may be set to `NULL`, a constant numeric value, or another raster. If the coordinate system of `z` and `x` don't match the `z` values are queried by reprojection.

Any raster RGB object (3-layers, ranging in 0-255) may be used as a *texture* on the resulting `mesh3d` object. It is not possible to provide `rgl` with an object of data for texture, it must be a PNG file and so the in-memory texture argument is written out to PNG file (with a message). The location of the file may be set explicitly with `texture_filename`. Currently it's not possible to not use the texture object in-memory.

**Value**

mesh3d (primitivetype triangle)

**Examples**

```
library(raster)
r <- setExtent(raster(volcano), extent(0, nrow(volcano), 0, ncol(volcano)))
tm <- triangmesh(r)
#rgl::shade3d(tm)

## jitter the mesh just enough to show that they are distinct in the discrete case
a <- dtriangmesh(r)
a$vb[3L, ] <- jitter(a$vb[3L, ], factor = 10)
##rgl.clear(); rgl::shade3d(a, col = "grey"); aspect3d(1, 1, 0.2); rglwidget()
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triangulate_quads	<i>Triangles from quads</i>
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**Description**

Convert quad index to triangles, this converts the 'rgl mesh3d (ib)' quad index to the complementary triangle index '(it)'.

**Usage**

```
triangulate_quads(quad_index, clockwise = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

quad_index	the 'ib' index of quads from 'quadmesh'
clockwise	if true triangles are wound clockwise, if false anticlockwise. This affects which faces rendering engines consider to be the 'front' and 'back' of the triangle. If your mesh appears 'inside out', try the alternative setting.

**Details**

Triangle pairs from each quad are interleaved in the result, so that neighbour triangles from a single quad are together.

**Value**

matrix of triangle indices

**Examples**

```

triangulate_quads(cbind(c(1, 2, 4, 3), c(3, 4, 6, 5)))

qm <- quadmesh(raster::crop(etopo, raster::extent(140, 160, -50, -30)))
tri <- triangulate_quads(qm$ib)
plot(t(qm$vb))
tri_avg <- colMeans(matrix(qm$vb[3, tri], nrow = 3), na.rm = TRUE)
scl <- function(x) (x - min(x))/diff(range(x))
tri_col <- grey(seq(0, 1, length = 100))[scl(tri_avg) * 99 + 1]
## tri is qm$ib converted to triangles for the same vertex set
polygon(t(qm$vb)[rbind(tri, NA), ])
polygon(t(qm$vb)[rbind(tri, NA), ], col = tri_col)

```

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worldll	<i>World raster map</i>
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**Description**

A rasterized version of `wrld_simpl`, created by burning the country polygon ID number into a one-degree world raster. (This is a very out of date polygon data set used for example only). See code in `'data-raw/worldll.R'`.

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xymap	<i>World map</i>
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**Description**

The world coastline coordinates. A simple matrix of lon, lat, separated by NA.

**Details**

From the `maps` package, see `'data-raw/xymap.R'`.

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