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

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**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*

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### 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

x	any R object.
row.names	NULL or a character vector giving the row names for the data frame. Missing values are not allowed.
optional	logical. If TRUE, setting row names and converting column names (to syntactic names: see <a href="#">make.names</a> ) is optional. Note that all of R's <b>base</b> 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.
...	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)
```

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as.list.quantities      *Coerce to a List*

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### 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)
```

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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))
```

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

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**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))
```

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

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**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
```

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diff\_quantities      *Lagged Differences*

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### Description

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

### Usage

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

### Arguments

x                    a numeric vector or matrix containing the values to be differenced.  
lag                    an integer indicating which lag to use.  
differences          an integer indicating the order of the difference.  
...                    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)
```

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drop\_quantities      *Drop Units and Errors*

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### 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)
```

## 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.

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errors

*Handle Measurement Uncertainty on a Numeric Vector*

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## 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 errors.  
value                a numeric vector of length 1 or the same length as x.

### See Also

[errors](#).

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

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### 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]
```

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groupGeneric.quantities

*S3 Group Generic Functions*

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## 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)
exp(x)
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)
```

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parse\_quantities

*Parse Units and Errors*

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## 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"))

```

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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 <a href="#">units</a> ), and a numeric vector of length 1 or the same length as x (see <a href="#">errors</a> ).
unit	a units object, or something coercible to one with as_units (see <a href="#">set_units</a> ).
errors	a numeric vector of length 1 or the same length as x (see <a href="#">set_errors</a> ).
...	passed on to as_units
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)))
```

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 rep.quantities

*Replicate Elements of Vectors and Lists*


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**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 <a href="#">list</a> ) 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)
```

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t.quantities	<i>Matrix Transpose</i>
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### Description

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

### Usage

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

### Arguments

x a matrix or data frame, typically.

### Examples

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

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tibble	<i>Methods for Tidy tibble Printing</i>
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### Description

S3 methods for quantities objects.

### Usage

```
type_sum.quantities(x)

pillar_shaft.quantities(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object of class quantities.  
 ...                    see [pillar\\_shaft](#).

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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**

x                    numeric vector, or object of class units  
 value                object of class units or symbolic\_units, or in the case of set\_units expression with symbols that can be resolved in [ud\\_units](#) (see examples).  
 ...                    passed on to as\_units  
 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")  
 values                character vector with units encodings, or list with symbolic units of class mixed\_symbolic\_units

**See Also**

[units](#), [set\\_units](#).

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