

# Package ‘diceplot’

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`calculate_dot_size`     *Calculate Dynamic Dot Size*

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**Description**

Calculates the dot size based on the number of variables.

**Usage**

```
calculate_dot_size(num_vars, max_size, min_size)
```

**Arguments**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>num_vars</code> | Number of variables.                                  |
| <code>max_size</code> | Maximal dot size for the plot to scale the dot sizes. |
| <code>min_size</code> | Minimal dot size for the plot to scale the dot sizes. |

**Value**

A numeric value representing the dot size.

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`create_custom_legends`     *Create Custom Legends*

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**Description**

Creates custom legend plots for `cat_c` and `group`.

**Usage**

```
create_custom_legends(  
  data,  
  cat_c,  
  group,  
  cat_c_colors,  
  group_colors,  
  var_positions,  
  num_vars,  
  dot_size  
)
```

**Arguments**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <code>data</code>          | The original data frame.                          |
| <code>cat_c</code>         | The name of the <code>cat_c</code> variable.      |
| <code>group</code>         | The name of the group variable.                   |
| <code>cat_c_colors</code>  | A named vector of colors for <code>cat_c</code> . |
| <code>group_colors</code>  | A named vector of colors for the group variable.  |
| <code>var_positions</code> | Data frame with variable positions.               |
| <code>num_vars</code>      | Number of variables in <code>cat_c</code> .       |
| <code>dot_size</code>      | The size of the dots used in the plot.            |

**Value**

A combined ggplot object of the custom legends.

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`create_var_positions` *Create Variable Positions*

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**Description**

Generates a data frame containing variable names from `cat_c_colors` and corresponding x and y offsets based on the number of variables.

**Usage**

```
create_var_positions(cat_c_colors, num_vars)
```

**Arguments**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>cat_c_colors</code> | A named vector of colors for variables in category C. The names correspond to variable names. |
| <code>num_vars</code>     | The number of variables. Supported values are "3", "4", "5", or "6".                          |

**Value**

A data frame with columns:

**var** Factor of variable names from `cat_c_colors`.

**x\_offset** Numeric x-axis offset for plotting.

**y\_offset** Numeric y-axis offset for plotting.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
cat_c_colors <- c("Var1" = "red", "Var2" = "blue", "Var3" = "green")
create_var_positions(cat_c_colors, 3)
```

dice\_plot

*Dice Plot Visualization***Description**

This function generates a custom plot based on three categorical variables and a group variable. It adapts to the number of unique categories in `cat_c` and allows customization of various plot aesthetics.

**Usage**

```

dice_plot(
  data,
  cat_a,
  cat_b,
  cat_c,
  group = NULL,
  group_alpha = 0.5,
  title = NULL,
  cat_c_colors = NULL,
  group_colors = NULL,
  custom_theme = theme_minimal(),
  max_dot_size = 5,
  min_dot_size = 2,
  legend_width = 0.25,
  legend_height = 0.5,
  base_width_per_cat_a = 0.5,
  base_height_per_cat_b = 0.3,
  reverse_ordering = FALSE,
  cat_b_order = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>data</code>         | A data frame containing the categorical and group variables for plotting.   |
| <code>cat_a</code>        | A string representing the column name in <code>data</code> for the first categorical variable.  |
| <code>cat_b</code>        | A string representing the column name in <code>data</code> for the second categorical variable.   |
| <code>cat_c</code>        | A string representing the column name in <code>data</code> for the third categorical variable.  |
| <code>group</code>        | A string representing the column name in <code>data</code> for the grouping variable.   |
| <code>group_alpha</code>  | A numeric value for the transparency level of the group rectangles. Default is 0.5.   |
| <code>title</code>        | An optional string for the plot title. Defaults to NULL.  |
| <code>cat_c_colors</code> | A named vector of colors for <code>cat_c</code> categories or a string to choose a colorbrewer palette. Defaults to NULL using the first suitable colorbrewer palette to use. |

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|-----------------------|--|
| group_colors          | A named vector of colors for the group variable or a string to choose a colorbrewer palette. Defaults to NULL using the first suitable colorbrewer palette to use. |
| custom_theme          | A ggplot2 theme for customizing the plot's appearance. Defaults to <code>theme_minimal()</code> .  |
| max_dot_size          | Maximal dot size for the plot to scale the dot sizes.  |
| min_dot_size          | Minimal dot size for the plot to scale the dot sizes.  |
| legend_width          | Relative width of your legend. Default is 0.25.  |
| legend_height         | Relative width of your legend. Default is 0.5.   |
| base_width_per_cat_a  | Used for dynamically scaling the width. Default is 0.5.  |
| base_height_per_cat_b | Used for dynamically scaling the height. Default is 0.3.   |
| reverse_ordering      | Should the cluster ordering be reversed?. Default is FALSE.  |
| cat_b_order           | Do you want to pass an explicit order?. Default is NULL.   |

**Value**

A ggplot object representing the dice plot.

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domino\_plot

*Domino Plot Visualization*


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**Description**

This function generates a plot to visualize gene expression levels for a given list of genes. The size of the dots can be customized, and the plot can be saved to an output file if specified.

**Usage**

```
domino_plot(
  data,
  gene_list,
  switch_axis = FALSE,
  min_dot_size = 1,
  max_dot_size = 5,
  spacing_factor = 3,
  var_id = "var",
  feature_col = "gene",
  celltype_col = "Celltype",
  contrast_col = "Contrast",
  contrast_levels = c("Clinical", "Pathological"),
  contrast_labels = c("Clinical", "Pathological"),
  logfc_col = "avg_log2FC",
  pval_col = "p_val_adj",
  logfc_limits = c(-1.5, 1.5),
```

```

logfc_colors = c(low = "blue", mid = "white", high = "red"),
color_scale_name = "Log2 Fold Change",
size_scale_name = "-log10(adj. p-value)",
axis_text_size = 8,
aspect_ratio = NULL,
base_width = 5,
base_height = 4,
output_file = NULL
)

```

### Arguments

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <code>data</code>             | A data frame containing gene expression data.   |
| <code>gene_list</code>        | A character vector of gene names to include in the plot.  |
| <code>switch_axis</code>      | A logical value indicating whether to switch the x and y axes. Default is FALSE.  |
| <code>min_dot_size</code>     | A numeric value indicating the minimum dot size in the plot. Default is 1.  |
| <code>max_dot_size</code>     | A numeric value indicating the maximum dot size in the plot. Default is 5.  |
| <code>spacing_factor</code>   | A numeric value indicating the spacing between gene pairs. Default is 3.  |
| <code>var_id</code>           | A string representing the column name in data for the variable identifier. Default is "var".  |
| <code>feature_col</code>      | A string representing the column name in data for the feature variable (e.g., genes). Default is "gene".  |
| <code>celltype_col</code>     | A string representing the column name in data for the cell type variable. Default is "Celltype".  |
| <code>contrast_col</code>     | A string representing the column name in data for the contrast variable. Default is "Contrast".   |
| <code>contrast_levels</code>  | A character vector specifying the levels of the contrast variable. Default is c("Clinical", "Pathological").  |
| <code>contrast_labels</code>  | A character vector specifying the labels for the contrasts in the plot. Default is c("Clinical", "Pathological").                                   |
| <code>logfc_col</code>        | A string representing the column name in data for the log fold change values. Default is "avg_log2FC".  |
| <code>pval_col</code>         | A string representing the column name in data for the adjusted p-values. Default is "p_val_adj".  |
| <code>logfc_limits</code>     | A numeric vector of length 2 specifying the limits for the log fold change color scale. Default is c(-1.5, 1.5).                                    |
| <code>logfc_colors</code>     | A named vector specifying the colors for the low, mid, and high values in the color scale. Default is c(low = "blue", mid = "white", high = "red"). |
| <code>color_scale_name</code> | A string specifying the name of the color scale in the legend. Default is "Log2 Fold Change".   |

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|-----------------|---|
| size_scale_name | A string specifying the name of the size scale in the legend. Default is <code>"-log10(adj. p-value)"</code> .    |
| axis_text_size  | A numeric value specifying the size of the axis text. Default is 8.   |
| aspect_ratio    | A numeric value specifying the aspect ratio of the plot. If NULL, it's calculated automatically. Default is NULL. |
| base_width      | A numeric value specifying the base width for saving the plot. Default is 5.                                      |
| base_height     | A numeric value specifying the base height for saving the plot. Default is 4.                                     |
| output_file     | An optional string specifying the path to save the plot. If NULL, the plot is not saved. Default is NULL.         |

**Value**

A ggplot object representing the domino plot.

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| order_cat_b | <i>Order Category B</i> |
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**Description**

Determines the ordering of category B based on the counts within each group, ordered by group and count.

**Usage**

```
order_cat_b(data, group, cat_b, group_colors, reverse_order = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| data          | A data frame containing the variables.  |
| group         | The name of the column representing the grouping variable.                    |
| cat_b         | The name of the column representing category B.                               |
| group_colors  | A named vector of colors for each group. The names correspond to group names. |
| reverse_order | Reverse the ordering? Default is FALSE.                                       |

**Value**

A vector of category B labels ordered according to group and count.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
data <- data.frame(
  group = rep(c("G1", "G2"), each = 5),
  cat_b = sample(LETTERS[1:3], 10, replace = TRUE)
)
group_colors <- c("G1" = "red", "G2" = "blue")
order_cat_b(data, "group", "cat_b", group_colors)
```

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perform\_clustering      *Perform Hierarchical Clustering on Category A*

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**Description**

Performs hierarchical clustering on category A based on the binary presence of combinations of categories B and C.

**Usage**

```
perform_clustering(data, cat_a, cat_b, cat_c)
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| data  | A data frame containing the variables.          |
| cat_a | The name of the column representing category A. |
| cat_b | The name of the column representing category B. |
| cat_c | The name of the column representing category C. |

**Value**

A vector of category A labels ordered according to the hierarchical clustering.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
library(tibble)
data <- data.frame(
  cat_a = rep(letters[1:5], each = 4),
  cat_b = rep(LETTERS[1:2], times = 10),
  cat_c = sample(c("Var1", "Var2", "Var3"), 20, replace = TRUE)
)
perform_clustering(data, "cat_a", "cat_b", "cat_c")
```

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prepare\_box\_data      *Prepare Box Data*

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**Description**

Prepares data for plotting boxes by calculating box boundaries based on category positions.

**Usage**

```
prepare_box_data(data, cat_a, cat_b, group, cat_a_order, cat_b_order)
```



**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| data        | A data frame containing the variables.                     |
| cat_a       | The name of the column representing category A.            |
| cat_b       | The name of the column representing category B.            |
| group       | The name of the column representing the grouping variable. |
| cat_a_order | A vector specifying the order of category A.               |
| cat_b_order | A vector specifying the order of category B.               |

**Value**

A data frame with box boundaries for plotting.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
data <- data.frame(
  cat_a = rep(letters[1:3], each = 2),
  cat_b = rep(LETTERS[1:2], times = 3),
  group = rep(c("G1", "G2"), times = 3)
)
cat_a_order <- c("a", "b", "c")
cat_b_order <- c("A", "B")
prepare_box_data(data, "cat_a", "cat_b", "group", cat_a_order, cat_b_order)
```

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prepare\_plot\_data      *Prepare Plot Data*

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**Description**

Prepares data for plotting by calculating positions based on provided variable positions and orders.

**Usage**

```
prepare_plot_data(
  data,
  cat_a,
  cat_b,
  cat_c,
  group,
  var_positions,
  cat_a_order,
  cat_b_order
)
```

**Arguments**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <code>data</code>          | A data frame containing the variables.  |
| <code>cat_a</code>         | The name of the column representing category A.   |
| <code>cat_b</code>         | The name of the column representing category B.   |
| <code>cat_c</code>         | The name of the column representing category C.   |
| <code>group</code>         | The name of the column representing the grouping variable.                                      |
| <code>var_positions</code> | A data frame with variable positions, typically output from <code>create_var_positions</code> . |
| <code>cat_a_order</code>   | A vector specifying the order of category A.  |
| <code>cat_b_order</code>   | A vector specifying the order of category B.  |

**Value**

A data frame ready for plotting with added `x_pos` and `y_pos` columns.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
data <- data.frame(
  cat_a = rep(letters[1:3], each = 4),
  cat_b = rep(LETTERS[1:2], times = 6),
  cat_c = rep(c("Var1", "Var2"), times = 6),
  group = rep(c("G1", "G2"), times = 6)
)
var_positions <- data.frame(
  var = c("Var1", "Var2"),
  x_offset = c(0.1, -0.1),
  y_offset = c(0.1, -0.1)
)
cat_a_order <- c("a", "b", "c")
cat_b_order <- c("A", "B")
prepare_plot_data(data, "cat_a", "cat_b", "cat_c", "group", var_positions, cat_a_order, cat_b_order)
```

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