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.CallOctave

Calling an Octave Function

Description

.CallOctave calls an Octave function and returns its value.

Usage

.CallOctave(\texttt{.NAME}, \ldots, \texttt{argout} = -1, \texttt{unlist} = !is.character(\texttt{argout}),
\texttt{buffer.std} = -1L, \texttt{verbose} = \texttt{NULL})

Arguments

\texttt{.NAME} \hspace{1cm} an Octave function name. The function must be a valid function name in the current Octave session.
\texttt{\ldots} \hspace{1cm} arguments passed to the Octave function
\texttt{argout} \hspace{1cm} the number of output values, or a vector of names to use as output variable names. The names are directly used and applied to the result list in their original order.

The default value \texttt{argout}=-1 returns:
- all output values when their number can be determined. This would typically be the case for functions defined in \texttt{.m} files. Please do read section \texttt{Details} for considerations about the functions that use varargout.
- only the first one otherwise.

\texttt{unlist} \hspace{1cm} a logical that specifies if an output list of length one should be simplified and returned as a single value or kept as a list. The default is to unlist unless output names were passed in \texttt{argout}.
\texttt{buffer.std} \hspace{1cm} logical that indicates if Octave stdout and/or stderr should be buffered. If \texttt{TRUE} output/errors/warnings are all displayed at the end of the computation. If \texttt{FALSE} they are directly displayed as they come. It is also possible to selectively buffer either one of stdout or stderr, via the following integer codes:
- 0: no buffering;
- 1 or -2: only stdout is buffered;
- 2 or -1: only stderr is buffered;
- 4 or -3: only warnings are buffered;
- 7: all messages are buffered.

Note that warnings are handle slightly differently than other messages, as they are never output directly, except when \texttt{buffer.std} = 0.
\texttt{verbose} \hspace{1cm} logical that toggles verbosity (i.e. debug) messages. If \texttt{NULL}, then the current verbosity level is used (see \texttt{octave.verbose}).

Value

the value returned by the Octave function – converted into standard R objects.
Examples

```r
# data matrix
x <- matrix(1:9, 3)

# call Octave function 'svd': equivalent to [S] = svd(x). See o_help(svd)
.CallOctave('svd', x)

# call Octave function 'svd' asking for 3 output values: [U, S, V] = svd(x)
.CallOctave('svd', x, argout=3)

# call Octave function 'svd' asking for 3 named output values: [U, S, V] = svd(x)
.CallOctave('svd', x, argout=c('U', 'S', 'V'))
```

Description

Checks if the current platform supports RcppOctave.

Usage

```r
.isPlatformCompatible(details = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- `details`: logical that indicates if the checks’ details should be returned as well, in which case, the result is a list.

Details

The following checks are performed:

- platform must be either non-Windows or Windows-i386;
- The Octave version to be loaded is the same one as the one against which RcppOctave libraries and modules were compiled.
Description

RcppOctave provides a simple interface to Octave via the object .O, an instance of class Octave, that allows for direct access to Octave functions and variables using calls such as: .O$svd(matrix(1:9,3)).

The method $ provides a direct way of calling Octave functions or retrieving variables from Octave base context, via e.g. .O$svd(x) or .O$a. It is equivalent to o_get(name).

The method $<~ allow to directly assign/set Octave variables via e.g. .O$a <- 10.

The method [[ provides an alternative way of retrieving Octave objects, and is equivalent to o_get(name).

Usage

.O

## S4 method for signature 'Octave'
x$name

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Octave'
x$name <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Octave'
x[[i, exact = TRUE]]

Arguments

x an OctaveInterface object. Essentially used with x = .O.
name name of the Octave object to retrieve or assign.
value value to assign to the Octave object.
i name of the Octave object to retrieve.
exact logical not used.

Format

.O is an object of class Octave.

See Also

o_get o_get
Examples

```octave
.0
# assign/get Octave variables
.0$a <- 10
.0$a

# call Octave functions
.0$help()
.0$svd(matrix(runif(9), 3))
```

---

**Description**

`as.mfile` converts source code or `.m` filenames into real paths to `.m` files that can be sourced with `o_source.

**Usage**

`as.mfile(..., pattern = "mfile_-", dir = tempdir())`

**Arguments**

- `...`: specification of a `.m` files as character arguments. The elements of the vector can be either file paths or plain Octave/Matlab code, which are then written to disk in – temporary – `.m` files. Note that the paths do not need to correspond to existing files.
- `pattern`: a non-empty character vector giving the initial part of the name.
- `dir`: existing directory where to write the `.m` files generated from the plain code elements of `x`.

**Examples**

```octave
f <- as.mfile('test.m')
f

# detected code elements are written into temporary files
f <- as.mfile('test.m', "function [y] = myfun()
 y = 1;
end 
")

## Not run:
```
check.equal

file.show(f[2])

## End(Not run)

# remove all files
unlink(f)

---

### Description

This function compares two lists or environments. It is useful for comparing results obtained in R and Octave.

### Usage

```r
check.equal(x, y, msg)
```

### Arguments

- `x`: a list or an environment
- `y`: a list or an environment
- `msg`: a character string used (if not missing) in a message that is printed before the comparison. It is useful for separating multiple sequential comparisons.

### Value

No value is returned, but prints out:

- the element/variable names of each input list or environment,
- the result of the comparison of the elements in `x` and the corresponding element in `y` – if present.

### Examples

```r
X <- matrix(1:64, 8)
ref <- svd(X)
res <- .0$svd(X, argout=3)

check.equal(ref, res, "R and Octave function 'svd'")
```
Description

The functions documented here enable retrieving information about the Octave installation used at installation or runtime – which should normally be the same.

Octave.info is a function that retrieves information about the version of Octave that is used by the current session of RcppOctave.

Usage

Octave.config

Octave.version

Octave.info(name)

Arguments

name name of the variable to retrieve

Format

List of 15
$ bindir : chr "/usr/bin"
$ platform : chr "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu"
$ version : chr "3.8.1"
$ api_version : chr "api-v49+"
$ cc : chr "gcc"
$ f77 : chr "gfortran"
$ modules : chr "/home/renaud/Documents/projects/RcppOctave/libtest/RcppOctave/modules"
$ lflags : chr "-L/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/octave/3.8.1 -L/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu"
$ .oct_ldflags : chr " -L/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/octave/3.8.1 -L/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu -loctint -loctinterp"
$ libs : chr [1:2] "liboctinterp" "liboctave"
$ libdir : chr [1:2] "/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/octave/3.8.1" "/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu"
$ customed : logi FALSE
$ version.string: chr "Octave version 3.8.1 (api-v49+)
$ home : chr "/usr"
- attr(*, "class")= chr "simple.list"

Details

Octave.config is a list that extends Octave.version with extra information about compilers and compilation flags.

Octave.version is list that contains version information as determined by the configure script at installation time.
Octave.home

See Also

Other Octave.info: Octave.home: o_config_info: octave_config

Examples

octave.config
octave.version
Octave.info()
ocreate('modules')

---

Octave.home  Octave Home Directory

Description

Returns the path to Octave home directory, i.e. the directory that contains the bin/ sub-directory where Octave binaries can be found, e.g., typically /usr/ on Linux machines.

Usage

Octave.home(..., configure = Octave.config[["customed"]], use.system = TRUE)

Arguments

... character strings that are appended to Octave path via file.path.
configure logical that indicates if one should directly return the path that was used when configuring (i.e. installing) ReppOctave
use.system logical that indicates if one should try using octave-config to retrieve Octave home directory. This would be done as a last resort, if the path could not be determined in any other ways (see Details).

Details

The path to Octave home directory is determined in the following order:

- value of global option 'octave.home';
- value of the environment variable 'OCTAVE_HOME';
- path used during configuration/installation of ReppOctave.
- path returned by octave-config, which is itself looked up in the system PATH.

If set, the global option or environment variable should contain the absolute path to Octave root directory.
OctaveFunction-class

Value

a character string, or NULL if the path was not found.

See Also

Other Octave.info: Octave.config, Octave.info, Octave.version; o_config_info; octave_config

Examples

Octave.home()

Description

Wrapping and Defining Octave Functions from R

OctaveFunction objects can be created from existing Octave function using their name, or directly from their Octave implementation. In this case, the Octave code is parsed to extract and use the name of the first function defined therein.

Usage

OctaveFunction(fun, check = TRUE)

Arguments

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<td>the name of an existing Octave function or, Octave code that defines a function.</td>
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<td>check</td>
<td>logical that indicates if the existence of the Octave function should be checked. If function does not exist then, an error or a warning is thrown if check=TRUE or check=FALSE respectively. The existence check can be completely disabled with check=NA.</td>
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Slots

name  name of the wrapped Octave function

Examples

osvd <- OctaveFunction('svd')

osvd

osvd(matrix(1:9,3))

orand <- OctaveFunction('rand')
octave_config

orand()
orand(2)
orand(2, 3)

# From source code
myfun <- OctaveFunction('function [Y] = somefun(x)
Y = x * x;
end'
)
myfun
myfun(10)

Description
Retrieves Octave configuration variables using octave-config.

Usage
octave_config(varname, verbose = FALSE, warn = TRUE, mustWork = TRUE,
exec = c("octave-config", "mkoctfile"), bindir = Octave.home("bin"))

Arguments
varname Name (as a character string) of the Octave configuration variable to retrieve. It is
used in following system call 'octave-config -p <varname>'. This function
is vectorised and returns a character vector of the same length as its argument.
verbose logical that toggles verbose messages.
warn logical that indicates if a warning should be thrown when a variable is returned
empty, which generally means that x is not a valid config variable name.
mustWork logical that indicates if an error should be thrown if failing to load Octave con-
figuration.
exec name of the executable to query
bindir path to Octave bin/ sub-directory where to look for octave-config. If NULL or
NA, then the system PATH is looked up.

Details
octave_config uses the octave-config utility binary shipped with Octave to query details about
the local Octave installation. Failure to retrieve such information is generally due to the binary
not being found. By default, it is looked up in the bin/ sub-directory of the path returned by
Octave.home().

See Also
Other Octave.info: Octave.config, Octave.info, Octave.version; Octave.home; o_config_info
Examples

```r
octave_config('VERSION')
octave_config('BINDIR')
```

Description

`octave_start` Initialize an Octave session.
`octave_end` clears and terminates the current Octave session.
`octave_verbose` toggles the verbosity of RcppOctave calls: messages tracks any function call, or conversion of objects between R and Octave (e.g. arguments and results).
`octave_modules` add the Octave modules that ship with RcppOctave to Octave loading path.

Usage

```r
octave_start(verbos = FALSE, warnings = FALSE, force = FALSE)
octave_end(verbos =getOption("verbos"))
octave_verbose(verbos)
octave_modules(verbos =getOption("verbos"))
```

Arguments

- `verbose` logical that toggle verbosity. In `octave_start`, it is the value used as the initial global verbosity state. If TRUE all calls and conversions between R and Octave produce diagnostic messages.
- `warnings` logical that indicates if Octave startup warnings
- `force` logical that indicates if Octave session should be reinitialised, even if one was previously started (not meant to be used by end-users). should be shown.
- `value` logical value to toggle verbosity
**Manipulating Octave Search Path**

**Description**

Adds a directory at the beginning of Octave search path.

**Usage**

```octave
o_addpath(DIR1, ..., OPTION = "-begin")
o_inpath(...)
```

**Arguments**

- `DIR1`: path specification to add to Octave search path. See section Octave Documentation.
- `...`: other path specifications
- `OPTION`: option that specifies how the path should be added. Possible values are: '-begin', 0, '-end', 1. See section Octave Documentation.

**Details**

The .oct files present in directories from the search path are looked up when an object or function is requested but not loaded in the current session. The files are watched and automatically reloaded in case modification.

**Value**

returns invisibly the old value of search path.

**Octave Documentation for addpath**

```
-- Built-in Function: addpath (DIR1, ...)
-- Built-in Function: addpath (DIR1, ..., OPTION)
Add named directories to the function search path. If OPTION is "-begin" or 0 (the default), prepend the directory name to the current path. If OPTION is "-end" or 1, append the directory name to the current path. Directories added to the path must exist.

In addition to accepting individual directory arguments, lists of directory names separated by 'pathsep' are also accepted. For example:

    addpath ('dir1:/dir2:/dir3')
```
See also: path, rmpath, genpath, pathdef, savepath, pathsep.

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See Also

Other Octave_files: o_source

Examples

# call an undefined function
try(.CallOctave('fun1'))

# add to the path a directory with a .oct file that contains a definition for 'fun1'
o_addpath(system.file('scripts', package='RcppOctave'))

# re-call the function
#.CallOctave('fun1')

# change the .oct file
o_addpath(tempdir())
o_inpath(tempdir())
o_inpath(tempfile())
Arguments

... variables to assign in Octave global context for \texttt{o\_assign}, or object names to retrieve from Octave for \texttt{o\_get}.

\texttt{unlist} a logical that specifies if single variables should be returned as a single value (default), or as a list.

\texttt{rm\_ans} a logical that indicates if the automatic Octave variable \texttt{ans} should be included in the result. Default is not to include it unless otherwise explicitly specified with this argument, or if it is part of the requested variables in \ldots. When present, argument \texttt{rm\_ans} is always honoured.

\texttt{pattern} regular expression used to filter the requested variable names. Only names matching the pattern are returned.

Details

\texttt{o\_assign} assigns the variables using the arguments’ names if present. Variables can also be specified as a single named list or environment. Single variable assignments can also be specified as \texttt{o\_assign(}’a’, 10)\texttt{). See Examples for more details.

Value

\texttt{o\_assign} returns invisibly the names of the assigned variables.

\texttt{o\_get} returns a list of the retrieved variable/object. If \texttt{unlist=}TRUE and a single – not re-named – variable/object is requested then only its value is returned.

Octave Documentation for \texttt{assignin}

\texttt{-- Built-in Function: assignin (CONTEXT, VARNAME, VALUE)}

\texttt{Assign VALUE to VARNAME in context CONTEXT, which may be either “base” or “caller”}.

See also: evalin.

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Note

The function \texttt{o\_get} is the equivalent of R \texttt{get} function and is not related to the Octave function \texttt{get} which returns graphics’ properties.

Examples

```octave
## directly assign variables
o_assign(a=1, b=2, c=matrix(1:9, 3))
# retrieve their values
```
o_get()

## assign a variable for each element in a list
x <- list(a=10, b=20, c=matrix(101:109, 3))
o_assign(x)
o_get()

## assign the content of an environment
e <- list2env(setNames(x, paste('env', names(x), sep='_')))
o_assign(e)
o_get(pattern="^env_")

# get all currently defined variables
o_get()

# by default, the automatic variable `ans` is not returned but might be there
# from unstored previous computation
o_eval('svd(rand(3,3))')
o_get()
o_get(rm.ans=FALSE)

# load some variables
x <- list(b=1, c=3, d=matrix(1:9, 3))
o_assign(x)

# re-fetch all variables
o_get()

# only fetch specific variables
o_get('b')
o_get('b', 'c')
# one can rename variables on the fly
o_get(a='b', 'c')
o_get(c(othername='b'))
o_get(c(othername='b', 'c'))

# fetching using a regular expression
o_assign( setNames(1:3, paste("test", 1:3, sep='_')))
o_get()
o_get(pattern="^test")

# works with functions
f <- o_get('svd')
f
f(matrix(1:9.3))
f(matrix(1:9.3), argout=3)

# an error is thrown in the case of multiple matches (the alternatives are shown)
o_clear

```
o_clear()
o_assign(aaa=1, ab=2)
try(o_get('a'))
```

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### Deleting Octave Variables

**Description**

Deletes variables from Octave global context.

The function `o_rm` is an alias to `o_clear`.

**Usage**

```
o_clear(..., all = FALSE, options)
o_rm(..., all = FALSE, options)
```

**Arguments**

- `...` names or pattern of the variables to delete, as character strings.
- `all` a logical indicating whether all user-defined objects should be deleted. See section *Octave Documentation* for details.
- `options` options passed to Octave function `clear`. See section *Octave Documentation*.

**Value**

None

**Octave Documentation for clear**

```
-- Command: clear [options] pattern ...
  Delete the names matching the given patterns from the symbol table. The pattern may contain the following special characters:

  '?'
  Match any single character.

  '*'
  Match zero or more characters.

  '[ LIST ]'
  Match the list of characters specified by LIST. If the first character is '!' or '^', match all characters except those specified by LIST. For example, the pattern '[a-zA-Z]' will match all lowercase and uppercase alphabetic characters.
```
For example, the command

    clear foo b*r

clears the name 'foo' and all names that begin with the letter 'b' and end with the letter 'r'.

If 'clear' is called without any arguments, all user-defined variables (local and global) are cleared from the symbol table. If 'clear' is called with at least one argument, only the visible names matching the arguments are cleared. For example, suppose you have defined a function 'foo', and then hidden it by performing the assignment 'foo = 2'. Executing the command 'clear foo' once will clear the variable definition and restore the definition of 'foo' as a function. Executing 'clear foo' a second time will clear the function definition.

The following options are available in both long and short form

'--all, -a'
    Clears all local and global user-defined variables and all functions from the symbol table.

'--exclusive, -x'
    Clears the variables that don't match the following pattern.

'--functions, -f'
    Clears the function names and the built-in symbols names.

'--global, -g'
    Clears the global symbol names.

'--variables, -v'
    Clears the local variable names.

'--classes, -c'
    Clears the class structure table and clears all objects.

'--regexp, -r'
    The arguments are treated as regular expressions as any variables that match will be cleared.

With the exception of 'exclusive', all long options can be used without the dash as well.
_o_config_info_  

**Examples**

```octave
# Assign a variable in Octave
o_assign('a', 10)
o_who()

# Clear
o_clear()
o_who()

# Assign other variables in Octave
.a <- 10
.b <- 100
.ba <- 1000
o_who()
o_get()

# Clear variable starting with 'b'
o_clear('b*')
o_who()
```

---

**Description**

Retrieves configuration and installation information about the embedded instance of Octave currently used by _RcppOctave_.

**Usage**

```octave
o_config_info(var = c("CC", "CC_VERSION", "FC"))
```

**Arguments**

- `var` name of the configuration variable to retrieve.

**Note**

In Octave 4.0.0., variables _CC_VERSION_ and _CXX_VERSION_ were renamed _GCC_VERSION_ and _GXX_VERSION_ respectively. _o_config_info_ supports both values, querying the right ones depending on the linked Octave version.

See [http://www.gnu.org/software/octave/NEWS-4.0.html](http://www.gnu.org/software/octave/NEWS-4.0.html)
**See Also**

Other Octave.info: Octave.config, Octave.info, Octave.version; Octave.home; octave_config

**Examples**

```octave
o_config_info()
```

```octave
o_config_info('USE_64_BIT_IDX_T')
```

---

**Description**

Evaluates an Octave expression in the current embedded Octave session. The variables assigned in the expression are available for subsequent `o_eval` calls.

**Usage**

```octave
o_eval(..., CATCH, unlist = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `...`  
The Octave expression(s) to evaluate, as a character string.
- `CATCH`  
The Octave expression(s) to evaluate if the evaluation(s) of `...` fails. See section Octave Documentation for more details.
- `unlist`  
a logical that specifies it single variables should be returned as a single value (default), or as a list.

**Value**

the result of the evaluation

**Octave Documentation for evalin**

```octave
-- Built-in Function: evalin (CONTEXT, TRY)
-- Built-in Function: evalin (CONTEXT, TRY, CATCH)

Like 'eval', except that the expressions are evaluated in the context CONTEXT, which may be either "caller" or "base".

See also: eval, assignin.
```

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Examples

```matlab
# assign some variable
o_eval("a=10")

# retrieve its value in a subsequent call
o_eval("a")
o_get('a')

# use its value
o_eval("b = a^2")

# multiple expression can be evaluated
o_eval(a="10^3", singular="svd(rand(4,4))", random="rand(10, 1)")
# or from a list
l <- list(a="10^3", singular="svd(rand(4,4))", random="rand(10, 1)")
o_eval(l)

# if the evaluation fails then an error is thrown
## Not run: o_eval("a=svd()")

# except if argument CATCH is provided
o_eval("a=svd()", CATCH="a=2")
```

**o_exist**  
Checking Octave Variables

**Description**

Checks if an Octave object of a given name exists, using the Octave function `exist`.

**Usage**

`o_exist(NAME, ...)`

**Arguments**

- `NAME` name to check existence.
- `...` extra parameters passed to the Octave function `exist`. 
Octave Documentation for `exist`

```-- Built-in Function: exist (NAME, TYPE)
   Return 1 if the name exists as a variable, 2 if the name is an
   absolute file name, an ordinary file in Octave's 'path', or (after
   appending '.m') a function file in Octave's 'path', 3 if the name
   is a '.oct' or '.mex' file in Octave's 'path', 5 if the name is a
   built-in function, 7 if the name is a directory, or 103 if the name
   is a function not associated with a file (entered on the command
   line).

   Otherwise, return 0.

   This function also returns 2 if a regular file called NAME exists
   in Octave's search path. If you want information about other types
   of files, you should use some combination of the functions
   'file_in_path' and 'stat' instead.

   If the optional argument TYPE is supplied, check only for symbols
   of the specified type. Valid types are

   "var"
   Check only for variables.

   "builtin"
   Check only for built-in functions.

   "file"
   Check only for files and directories.

   "dir"
   Check only for directories.

   See also: file_in_loadpath, file_in_path, find_dir_in_path, stat.
```

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### o_help

**Accessing Octave Help and Documentation Pages**

**Description**

`o_help` retrieves the Octave help page associated with a given symbol. By default the page is printed out, but may also be silently retrieved or formatted for direct inclusion in R documentation files (i.e. Rd files).

`o_doc` displays documentation for the function FUNCTION_NAME directly from an on-line version of the printed manual, using the GNU Info browser. Type ‘q’ to quit the browser.
Usage

```
o_help(NAME, character.only = FALSE, show = interactive(),
       format = c("plain", "rd", "txt", "latex", "HTML"))
```

```
o_doc(function_name)
```

Arguments

- **NAME**: Octave symbol (e.g. command, function, operator) passed to Octave function help to retrieve the related documentation.
- **character.only**: a logical indicating whether `NAME` can be assumed to be a character string (`TRUE`) or should be substituted with `substitute` before using them (default).
- **show**: logical that specifies if the help page should be shown using the as R documentation file (default), e.g. using a pager, or only returned as a single string. Note that when `show=TRUE`, the string is still returned but invisibly.
- **format**: a specification of the output format. If `TRUE` or `'rd'`, the result is Rd code that wraps the Octave documentation string and is suitable for inclusion into Rd files. If one of the strings `'txt'`, `'latex'` or `'HTML'`, then the result is formatted using the corresponding Rd conversion function from the `tools` package `Rd2txt`, `Rd2latex` or `Rd2HTML`.
- **FUNCTION_NAME**: the name of the function from which to show the documentation. See the relevant Octave Documentation section below.

Value

this function is usually called for its side effect of printing the help page on standard output (argument `show=TRUE`), but it invisibly returns the help page as a single character string.

Octave Documentation for `help`

- **Command**: `help NAME`
- **Command**: `help '--list'`
- **Command**: `help '. '`

Display the help text for `NAME`. For example, the command `help help` prints a short message describing the `help` command.

Given the single argument `'-list'`, list all operators, keywords, built-in functions, and loadable functions available in the current session of Octave.

Given the single argument `'.'`, list all operators available in the current session of Octave.

If invoked without any arguments, 'help' display instructions on how to access help from the command line.

The help command can give you information about operators, but not
the comma and semicolons that are used as command separators. To get help for those, you must type 'help comma' or 'help semicolon'.

See also: doc, lookfor, which.


Octave Documentation for doc

-- Command: doc FUNCTION_NAME
Display documentation for the function FUNCTION_NAME directly from an online version of the printed manual, using the GNU Info browser. If invoked without any arguments, the manual is shown from the beginning.

For example, the command 'doc rand' starts the GNU Info browser at the 'rand' node in the online version of the manual.

Once the GNU Info browser is running, help for using it is available using the command 'C-h'.

See also: help.


Examples

```
o_help(print)
o_help(rand)
# or equivalently
o_help('rand')

# to include in Rd files, use argument rd=TRUE in an \Sexpr:
## Not run:
\Sexpr[results=rd,stage=render]({RcppOctave::o_help(rand, format='rd'))

## End(Not run)

# to see the included Rd code
o_help(rand, format=TRUE)
o_help(rand, format='HTML')
o_help(rand, format='latex')

try({ # may throw an error if Octave documentation is not installed

   o_doc(text)
```


o_identity

# or equivalently
o_doc('text')
}

---

### Description

This function calls the Octave function provided by the module shipped with RcppOctave. It returns its arguments unchanged, and is mainly used to test and check the effect of object conversions between R and Octave.

### Usage

```r
o_identity(...)  
```

### Arguments

... any R object supported by RcppOctave.

### Value

its argument – list – after its conversion from R to Octave and from Octave to R.

### Examples

```r
o_identity(1L)
o_identity(1:10)
o_identity(matrix(1:10, 2,5))
o_identity(1)
o_identity(runif(10))
o_identity(matrix(runif(10), 2,5))
```
**Description**

Loads variables from a file, a list or an environment.

**Usage**

```matlab
o_load(from, ..., options)
```

**Arguments**

- `from`: a list or an environment from where the objects should be loaded
- `...`: names of the variables to load
- `options`: argument passed to the Octave function `load`. See section *Octave Documentation*.

**Octave Documentation for load**

```
-- Command: load file
-- Command: load options file
-- Command: load options file v1 v2 ...
-- Command: S = load ("options", "file", "v1", "v2", ...)
-- Command: load file options
-- Command: load file options v1 v2 ...
-- Command: S = load ("file", "options", "v1", "v2", ...)
```

Load the named variables `v1`, `v2`, ..., from the file `FILE`. If no variables are specified then all variables found in the file will be loaded. As with 'save', the list of variables to extract can be full names or use a pattern syntax. The format of the file is automatically detected but may be overridden by supplying the appropriate option.

If `load` is invoked using the functional form

```matlab
load ("-option1", ..., "file", "v1", ...)```

then the `OPTIONS`, `FILE`, and variable name arguments (`V1`, ...) must be specified as character strings.

If a variable that is not marked as global is loaded from a file when a global symbol with the same name already exists, it is loaded in the global symbol table. Also, if a variable is marked as global in a file and a local symbol exists, the local symbol is moved to the global symbol table and given the value from the file.
If invoked with a single output argument, Octave returns data instead of inserting variables in the symbol table. If the data file contains only numbers (TAB- or space-delimited columns), a matrix of values is returned. Otherwise, 'load' returns a structure with members corresponding to the names of the variables in the file.

The 'load' command can read data stored in Octave's text and binary formats, and MATLAB's binary format. If compiled with zlib support, it can also load gzip-compressed files. It will automatically detect the type of file and do conversion from different floating point formats (currently only IEEE big and little endian, though other formats may be added in the future).

Valid options for 'load' are listed in the following table.

'-force'
This option is accepted for backward compatibility but is ignored. Octave now overwrites variables currently in memory with those of the same name found in the file.

'-ascii'
Force Octave to assume the file contains columns of numbers in text format without any header or other information. Data in the file will be loaded as a single numeric matrix with the name of the variable derived from the name of the file.

'-binary'
Force Octave to assume the file is in Octave's binary format.

'-hdf5'
Force Octave to assume the file is in HDF5 format. (HDF5 is a free, portable binary format developed by the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois.) Note that Octave can read HDF5 files not created by itself, but may skip some datasets in formats that it cannot support. This format is only available if Octave was built with a link to the HDF5 libraries.

'-import'
This option is accepted for backward compatibility but is ignored. Octave can now support multi-dimensional HDF data and automatically modifies variable names if they are invalid Octave identifiers.

'-mat'
'-mat-binary'
'-6'
\'-v6\'
\'-v7\'
\'-vW\'

Force Octave to assume the file is in MATLAB's version 6 or 7 binary format.

\'-mat4-binary\'
\'-4\'
\'-v4\'
\'-V4\'

Force Octave to assume the file is in the binary format written by MATLAB version 4.

\'-text\'

Force Octave to assume the file is in Octave's text format.

See also: save, dlmwrite, csvwrite, fwrite.


Examples

# Loading from a MATLAB/Octave file
# o_load

# Loading from an R list
o_clear()
1 <- list(a=1, b=20, c=runif(10), d="this is a string", e=matrix(1:15, 3, 5))
o_load(1)

# Loading from an R environment
o_load( list2env(1) )

# Partial loading
o_clear()
o_load(1, a, b, c)
o_clear()
o_load(list2env(1), d, e)

---

**o_ls**

*Listing Objects from the Current Octave Session*

**Description**

The function o_ls is an enhanced listing function, which also lists user-defined functions, as opposed to o_who or o_whos, which only list variables. Note that this function works properly on
Octave >= 3.6.1, but is known not to list user-defined functions on Octave 3.4.1 (for some unknown reason the Octave function completion_matches does not return the names of user-defined functions).

Usage

```octave
o_ls(long = FALSE, rm.ans = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- `long` logical that indicates the desired type of output: if FALSE (default) then only the names of the variables are returned (like dispatched `o_who`), otherwise a list with more detailed information about each variable is returned (like `o_whos`).
- `rm.ans` a logical that indicates if the automatic Octave variable ans should be included in the result. Default (TRUE) is not to include it.

Value

a character vector or a list depending on the value of argument `long`.

See Also

Other listoct: `o_whos`; `o_who`

Examples

```octave
# only variables
o_assign(list(a=1, b=2, c=5))
o_ls()
# compare with the output of standard Octave functions
o_who() # should be the same output
o_whos()

# variables and user-defined functions
o_clear(all=TRUE) # first clear Octave session
o_source(system.file('scripts/ex_source.m', package='RcppOctave'))
o_ls()
o_ls(long=TRUE)
# compare with the output of standard Octave functions
o_who()
o_whos()
```
**Description**

This function wraps a call to the standard Octave function `ranexp`, which is redefined by RcppOctave to call the R base function `rexp`. This enables to exactly reproduce stochastic computations in R and Octave, without changing the original Octave/Matlab code. See `o_runif` for more details.

**Usage**

```
o_rexp(n, p = n)
```

**Arguments**

- `n` number of output rows
- `p` number of output columns (default to `n`)

**Octave Documentation for `ranexp`**

```
USAGE: E = ranexp( n [, k])

Generates standard-exponential random variates as R function 'rexp' -- using the current RNG from R.

Possible calls:
ranexp(n, k) returns n*k matrix with uncorrelated $E(0, 1)$ deviates drawn in columns
ranexp(n) returns n*n matrix with uncorrelated $E(0, 1)$ deviates drawn in columns
```

**Note:**
This function substitutes Octave original function in calls from RcppOctave

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**See Also**

- `rexp`
- Other orandom: `o_rgamma`; `o_rnorm`; `o_rpois`; `o_runif`

**Examples**

```
# Draw random exponential values (in vector form)
set.seed(123)
o_rexp(1)
o_rexp(1, 1)
```
### Description

This function wraps a call to the standard Octave function `randg`, which is redefined by RcppOctave to call the R base function `rgamma`. This enables to exactly reproduce stochastic computations in R and Octave, without changing the original Octave/Matlab code. See `o_runif` for more details.

### Usage

```octave
o_rgamma(n, p = n, shape = 1, scale = 1)
```

### Arguments

- `n` number of output rows
- `p` number of output columns (default to `n`)
- `shape` Mean of the Gamma distribution
- `scale` Scale of the Gamma distribution

### Octave Documentation for `randg`

**USAGE:** `E = randg(shape, [n, p, scale])`

Generates Gamma random variates as R function 'rgamma' -- using the current RNG from R.

Possible calls:
- `randg(shape)` returns a single draw from G(shape, 1)
- `randg(shape, n)` returns n*n matrix with uncorrelated G(shape, 1) deviates drawn in columns
- `randg(shape, n, p)` returns n*p matrix with uncorrelated G(shape, 1) deviates drawn in columns
- `randg(shape, n, p, scale)` returns n*p matrix with uncorrelated G(shape, scale) deviates drawn in columns

**NOTE:**
This function substitutes Octave original function in calls from RcppOctave

---

```octave
# Draw random normal values (in matrix form)
set.seed(123)
o_rexp(2)
o_rexp(2, 5)
```
See Also

rgamma

Other orandom: o_rexp; o_rnorm; o_rpois; o_runif

Examples

```octave
# Draw random gamma values (in vector form)
set.seed(123)
o_rgamma(1)
o_rgamma(1, 10)

# Draw random gamma values (in matrix form)
set.seed(123)
o_rgamma(2)
o_rgamma(2, 5)

# Draw random gamma values with shape and scale parameters
o_rgamma(1, 5, shape=2)
o_rgamma(1, 10, scale=0.5)
```

Description

This function wraps a call to the standard Octave function randn, which is redefined by RcppOctave to call the R base function rnorm. This enables to exactly reproduce stochastic computations in R and Octave, without changing the original Octave/Matlab code. See o_runif for more details.

Usage

```octave
o_rnorm(n, p = n)
```

Arguments

| n  | number of output rows |
| p  | number of output columns (default to n) |

Octave Documentation for randn

```octave
USAGE: N = randn( n [, k])

Generates standard-normal random variates as R function 'rnorm' -- using the current RNG from R.

Possible calls:
randn(n, k) returns a n*k matrix with uncorrelated N(0, 1) deviates drawn in columns
```
**o_rpois**  

`randn(n)` returns a n*n matrix with uncorrelated N(0, 1) deviates draw in columns

**NOTE:**  
This function substitutes Octave original function in calls from RcppOctave

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**See Also**

`rnorm`

Other orandom: `o_rexp`, `o_rgamma`, `o_rpois`, `o_runif`

**Examples**

```
# Draw random normal values (in vector form)
set.seed(123)
o_rnorm(1)
o_rnorm(1, 10)

# Draw random normal values (in matrix form)
set.seed(123)
o_rnorm(2)
o_rnorm(2, 5)
```

---

**Description**

This function wraps a call to the standard Octave function `randp`, which is redefined by RcppOctave to call the R base function `rpois`. This enables to exactly reproduce stochastic computations in R and Octave, without changing the original Octave/Matlab code. See `o_runif` for more details.

**Usage**

`o_rpois(n, p = n, lambda)`

**Arguments**

- `n` number of output rows
- `p` number of output columns (default to n)
- `lambda` Mean of the Poisson distribution
Details

This function calls the Octave function randp as provided by RcppOctave, which returns the draws as double. The result is converted into integer to match the behaviour of rpois.

Octave Documentation for randp

Usage: E = randp(lambda, [n, p])

Generates Poisson random variates as R function 'rpois' -- using the current RNG from R.

Possible calls:
randp(lambda) returns a single draw from P(lambda)
randp(lambda, n) returns n*n matrix with uncorrelated P(lambda) deviates drawn in columns
randp(lambda, n, p) returns n*p matrix with uncorrelated P(lambda) deviates drawn in columns

Notes:
As opposed to the R function rpois, the octave function returns the draws as double. The RcppOctave wrapper function converts the result into integers.

NOTE:
This function substitutes Octave original function in calls from RcppOctave

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See Also

rpois

Other orandom: o_rexp; o_rgamma; o_rnorm; o_runif

Examples

# Draw random poisson values (in vector form)
set.seed(123)
o_rpois(1, lambda = 4)
o_rpois(1, 10, 4)

# Draw random poisson values (in matrix form)
set.seed(123)
o_rpois(2, lambda = 4)
o_rpois(2, 5, lambda = 4)
**Description**

This function wraps a call to the standard Octave function `rand`, which is redefined by RcppOctave to call the R base function `runif`. This enables to exactly reproduce stochastic computations in R and Octave, without changing the original Octave/Matlab code.

**Usage**

```octave
o_runif(n, p = n)
```

**Arguments**

- `n` number of output rows
- `p` number of output columns (default to `n`)

**Value**

a numeric vector or a matrix

**Difference with plain `runif`**

Since calling `o_runif` or `runif` is equivalent, this function may not be really useful for the end user, and is defined for testing purposes essentially. One possible advantage over plain `runif` however, is that it can generate random matrices, instead of only vectors (see examples).

**Seeding**

Because the RNG of R is called used, seeding computations is achieved by a standard call to `set.seed`.

**Octave details**

RcppOctave defines a set of functions like `rand` that shadow Octave built-in functions. These functions are defined in the Octave module `Rrng.oct` that is stored in the package `modules` sub-directory. See `Octave.info('modules')` to see this directory’s full path.

**Octave Documentation for `rand`**

**Usage:**

```octave
U = rand( n [, k])
```

Generates uniform random variates as R function 'runif' -- using the current RNG from R.

**Possible calls:**

- `rand(n, k)` returns a n*k matrix with uncorrelated U(0, 1) deviates drawn in columns
- `rand(n)` returns a n*n matrix with uncorrelated U(0, 1) deviates drawn in columns

**Note:**

This function substitutes Octave original function in calls from RcppOctave
See Also

runif

Other orandom: o_rexp; o_rgamma; o_rnorm; o_rpois

Examples

```
# Draw random uniform values (in vector form)
set.seed(123)
o_runif(1)
o_runif(1, 10)
# The result is identical as calling runif
set.seed(123)
runif(1)
runif(10)

# Draw random uniform values (in matrix form)
set.seed(123)
o_runif(2)
o_runif(2, 5)
```

---

### o_source

**Sourcing Octave/Matlab Files**

**Description**

This function sources an Octave file within the current Octave session. The loaded functions are accessible by subsequent calls of `.CallOctave`.

**Usage**

```
o_source(file = "", text = NULL, sep = ";\n")
```

**Arguments**

- `file`: the path to the Octave/Matlab source file – typically with extension ".m".
- `text`: a character vector containing Octave statements, that are concatenated in a temporary file, which is then sourced. This argument typically enables the evaluation of multiple statements, as opposed to single statement evaluation performed by `o_eval`.
- `sep`: single character string added as suffix to each element of `text`. The concatenation of all suffixed element should form a valid Octave block.
Value
None

Octave Documentation for source

-- Built-in Function: source (FILE)
Parse and execute the contents of FILE.

This is equivalent to executing commands from a script file, but without requiring the file to be named 'FILE.m'.

See also: run.

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See Also

Other Octave_files: o_addpath, o_inpath

Examples

# source file
mfile <- system.file("scripts/ex_source.m", package='RcppOctave')
o_source(mfile)

# pass multiple statements
o_source(text="a=1;b=3;c=randn(1,5);")
o_get('a','b','c')

# also works with a character vector of statements
o_source(text=c("a=10;b=30;","c=randn(1,5)","d=4"))
o_get('a','b','c','d')

---

o_version Get Octave Version

Description

Returns the version of Octave currently used by RcppOctave.

Usage

o_version(version)
Arguments

version optional reference version to compare with.

Value

Octave version as a single character string or the result of `compareVersion` if argument version is provided.

Examples

```octave
o_version()
o_version("3.6.2")
o_version("3.4")
```

Description

Lists currently defined variables in Octave global context.

Usage

```octave
o_who(..., options, rm.ans = FALSE, unique = TRUE)
```

Arguments

... filtering patterns or extra arguments passed to `o_who` and `o_whos`. Only names matching any of the patterns are returned.

options options passed to Octave function `who`. See section `Octave Documentation`.

rm.ans a logical that indicates if the automatic Octave variable `ans` should be included in the result (FALSE) or removed (TRUE).

unique a logical that indicates whether unique names should be returned. This argument is relevant in the case multiple patterns are specified in ... .

Value

None
Octave Documentation for who

-- Command: who
-- Command: who pattern ...
-- Command: who option pattern ...
-- Command: C = who ("pattern", ...)  
List currently defined variables matching the given patterns.  
Valid pattern syntax is the same as described for the 'clear'  
command. If no patterns are supplied, all variables are listed.  
By default, only variables visible in the local scope are  
displayed.

The following are valid options but may not be combined.

'global'
List variables in the global scope rather than the current  
scope.

'-regexp'
The patterns are considered to be regular expressions when  
matching the variables to display. The same pattern syntax  
accepted by the 'regexp' function is used.

'-file'
The next argument is treated as a filename. All variables  
found within the specified file are listed. No patterns are  
accepted when reading variables from a file.

If called as a function, return a cell array of defined variable  
names matching the given patterns.

See also: whos, isglobal, isvarname, exist, regexp.

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See Also

Other listoct: o_ls; o_whos

Examples

o_who()
L <- as.list(setNames(1:10, letters[1:10]))
o_assign(L)
o_who()
The function `o_whos` returns a detailed description of the variables defined in the current Octave session.

**Usage**

```octave
o_whos(..., options, rm.ans = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `...`: filtering patterns or extra arguments passed to `o_who` and `o_whos`. Only names matching any of the patterns are returned.
- `options`: options passed to Octave function `who`. See section *Octave Documentation*.
- `rm.ans`: a logical that indicates if the automatic Octave variable `ans` should be included in the result (FALSE) or removed (TRUE).

**Octave Documentation for `whos`**

```octave
-- Command: whos
-- Command: whos pattern ...
-- Command: whos option pattern ...
-- Command: S = whos ("pattern", ...)
```

Provide detailed information on currently defined variables matching the given patterns. Options and pattern syntax are the same as for the 'who' command. Extended information about each variable is summarized in a table with the following default entries.

**Attr**

Attributes of the listed variable. Possible attributes are:

- `blank`
  - Variable in local scope

- `'a'`
  - Automatic variable. An automatic variable is one created by the interpreter, for example 'argn'.
'c'
    Variable of complex type.

'f'
    Formal parameter (function argument).

'g'
    Variable with global scope.

'p'
    Persistent variable.

Name
    The name of the variable.

Size
    The logical size of the variable. A scalar is 1x1, a vector
    is 1xN or Nx1, a 2-D matrix is MxN.

Bytes
    The amount of memory currently used to store the variable.

Class
    The class of the variable. Examples include double, single,
    char, uint16, cell, and struct.

The table can be customized to display more or less information
through the function 'whos_line_format'.

If 'whos' is called as a function, return a struct array of defined
variable names matching the given patterns. Fields in the
structure describing each variable are: name, size, bytes, class,
global, sparse, complex, nesting, persistent.

See also: who, whos_line_format.

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See Also

Other listoct: o_ls; o_who

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Seamless Interface to Octave – And Matlab

Description

Direct interface to Octave. The primary goal is to facilitate the port of Matlab/Octave scripts to R. The package enables to call any Octave functions from R and as well as browsing their documentation, passing variables between R and Octave, using R core RNGs in Octave, which ensures that stochastic computations are also reproducible.

Details

Package: RcppOctave
Type: Package
Version: 0.18
Date: 2013-11-07
License: GPL (>=2)
LazyLoad: yes

Package: RcppOctave
Type: Package
Version: 1.0
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See Also

See .CallOctave, o_source, o_help

Examples

.CallOctave('svd', matrix(1:9, 3))
o_help('svd')

sourceExamples  Loading Example M-files

Description

Source an example M-file in the sub-directory “scripts/” of RcppOctave installation.

Usage

sourceExamples(file)

Arguments

file  filename of the example script to source. If missing, the function lists all the m-files from the “scripts/” sub-directory.

Examples

sourceExamples()
sourceExamples('ex_source.m')
Description

system.mfile returns paths to .m files installed with packages.

Usage

system.mfile(..., package = "base")

Arguments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>...</th>
<th>arguments passed to system.file.</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>package</td>
<td>a character string with the name of a single package. An error occurs if more than one package name is given.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Details

system.mfile is a shortcut for: 'system.file('m-files', ..., package = package)’ As such it returns empty strings if the requested file does not exist. If no arguments besides package are passed, it returns the full path to the package’s sub-directory m-files/ – if it exists.
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