

# Package ‘jaggR’

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**Title** Supporting Files and Functions for the Book Bayesian Modelling  
with 'JAGS'

**Version** 0.1.1

**Description** All the data and functions used to produce the book. We do not expect most people to use the package for any other reason than to get simple access to the 'JAGS' model files, the data, and perhaps run some of the simple examples. The authors of the book are David Lucy (now sadly deceased) and James Curran. It is anticipated that a manuscript will be provided to Taylor and Francis around February 2020, with bibliographic details to follow at that point. Until such time, further information can be obtained by emailing James Curran.

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acid.df	<i>Age estimation from aspartic acid concentration</i>
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**Description**

Aspartic acid data for modern upper and lower first pre-molars: taken from Gillard et al 1991

**Usage**

acid.df

**Format**

A data.frame with 37 rows and 3 columns:

- age** Age in years.
- period** Period of tooth, modern or victorian.
- aspartic** Percentage of D-aspartic acid.

**Source**

Gillard, R.D., Hardman, S.M., Pollard, A.M., Sutton, P.A. and Whittaker, D.K. (1991) 'Determinations of age at death in the archaeological populations using the D/L ratio of aspartic acid in dental collagen' in Archaeometry 90, eds. Pernicka, E. and Wagner, G.A., p.637-644, Birkhauser Verlag, Berlin.

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activity.df	<i>Energy requirements for different activities</i>
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### Description

An experiment was conducted to compare the energy requirements of three physical activities: running, walking and bicycle riding. Eight subjects were asked to run, walk and bicycle a measured distance, and the number of kilocalories expended per kilometre was measured for each subject during each activity. The activities are run in random order with time for recovery between activities. Each activity was monitored exactly once for each individual.

### Usage

```
activity.df
```

### Format

A data.frame with 24 rows and 3 columns:

**subject** a subject ID.

**activity** running, walking, riding.

**energy** energy expended during activity, in kilocalories (Cal)

### Source

Milton, J. S. (1992). Statistical Methods in the Biological and Health Sciences 2nd Edition, McGraw-Hill, New York, p. 316–319.

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calculus.df	<i>Calculus marks</i>
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### Description

Calculus marks from the 2012 first year calculus course from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Lancaster University.

### Usage

```
calculus.df
```

### Format

A data.frame with 147 rows and two columns:

**coursework** final coursework mark out of 100.

**examination** final examination mark out of 100.

**Source**

George Moran, Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Lancaster.

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carbon.df	<i>Carbon isotopes in trees</i>
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**Description**

These observations were made by Robertson et. al. They are the mean delta 13 C compositions of several individual trees from two locations in Central England mean temperatures from the CET are also given

**Usage**

```
carbon.df
```

**Format**

A data.frame with 200 rows and 4 columns:

**year**

**iso**

**temp**

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cell_surv.df	<i>Cell survival data</i>
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**Description**

The data comes from an experiment to measure the mortality of cancer cells under radiation under taken in the Department of Radiology, University of Cape Town. Four hundred cells were placed on a dish, and three dishes were irradiated at a time, or occasion. After the cells were irradiated, the surviving cells were counted. Since cells would also die naturally, dishes with cells were put into the radiation chamber without being irradiated, to establish the natural mortality. These data gives only these zero-dose data. these data are from ozDASL

**Usage**

```
cell_surv.df
```

**Format**

An object of class data.frame with 27 rows and 2 columns.

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chocolate.df	<i>Energy and fat in chocolate bars</i>
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**Description**

The amount of fat (g) and energy (Cal) in 16 chocolate bars. Source is unknown, but we would be happy to give credit if someone tells us.

**Usage**

```
chocolate.df
```

**Format**

A data.frame with 16 rows and 2 columns:

**energy** energy, in Calories = kilocalories

**fat** fat content, in grams

**Source**

Source is unknown, but we would be happy to give credit if someone tells us.

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cooling.df	<i>Does insulation make a difference?</i>
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**Description**

This data arose from an experiment conducted by David to testing the insulation of the ground floor bedroom of his house—The Spinney. The idea was that the better the insulation the slower the rate cooling, so for some exponential model  $y(t) = y(0) \exp(-\lambda t)$  - the value of  $\lambda$  should go down for a better insulated room. In the experiment, David ran two extension cords into the room through a service port to power two electric heaters and a fan. He then sealed up the room by shutting windows and door. The heaters were left to heat up the room as much as they could. This happened to be about 24.6 C. He then turned the heaters and fan off and recorded the rate of cooling by observing a temperature probe from outside the room for about two hours. Standard theory says that the rate of cooling is proportional to the temperature differential between the indoor and outdoor temperatures. To control for this days were selected which had approximately the same external temperatures. The room has walls which are external and internal. It was assumed that the outside and internal house (no heating) had reached an equilibrium so that we only need to know the outside room, but inside house temperature rather than both.

**Usage**

```
cooling.df
```

**Format**

A data.frame with 47 rows and 3 columns:

**time** The time since turning off the heaters and fan

**uninsulated** The recorded temperature with absolutely no insulation in the room whatsoever— outside temperature 8.0 C.

**insulated** The recorded temperature with part of a wall and the floor insulated— outside temperature 8.1 C

**Source**

David Lucy

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getModel	<i>Get a JAGS model file</i>
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**Description**

This function provides an easy way for readers to get the JAGS model files used in the book. The modelID is the 4-5 character identifier used in the book. For example to get 'model-001.bugs.R', you would use `getModel("001")`.

**Usage**

```
getModel(modelID)
```

**Arguments**

modelID            a string containing a valid model ID

**Value**

a string containing the model. The intention is that this can be written to disk.

**Examples**

```
getModel("001")
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gustafson.df*Age estimation based on changes in dental characteristics*

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**Description**

Age estimation based on changes in dental characteristics

**Usage**

gustafson.df

**Format**

a data.frame with 759 rows and 10 columns:

**sex** sex of subject, female or male.

**age** age, in years.

**quadrant** location in mouth of tooth

**tooth** tooth identifier

**attrition**

**recession**

**dentine** qualitative assessment of remaining dentine

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hedgehog.growth.df*Hedgehog growth*

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**Description**

Hedgehog growth

**Usage**

hedgehog.growth.df

**Format**

a data.frame with 77 rows and 2 columns:

**date** Date in DD-Month-YYYY format

**weight** weight of the hedgehog, in grams

**Source**

David Lucy

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hedgehog.survival.df    *Hedgehog survival*

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### Description

The Bunnell Index (or BI) is a measurement of how tightly the hedgehog are curled into a ball. One measurement is taken round the middle of the animal to cross at the point where the nose ends ("A," latitudinal circumference). The other measurement, using a second tape measure already secured underneath the animal, is taken round the hedgehog from head to tail ("B," longitudinal circumference). Care must be taken with both measurements to ensure that the ends of the tape measure meet easily without altering the shape/positioning of the hedgehog. When obtaining measurement A, the positioning of the tape measure is crucial; a measurement taken lower down toward the tail can result in a lower (inaccurate) reading. Repeatedly measuring many hedgehogs over several consecutive days demonstrated consistent BI values and hence the reliability of the method. A is divided by B to give a value for the BI. It is important to determine the BI value to two decimal places (i.e., a value of 0.794, becomes 0.79, while a value of 0.805 becomes 0.81).

### Usage

hedgehog.survival.df

### Format

A data.frame with 31 observations and 2 columns:

**BI** The Bunnell Index (BI) of the hedgehog at the time of admission.

**survived** A logical variable recording whether the hedgehog survived or died.

### Source

Bunnell, T. (2002) The Assessment of British Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*) Casualties on Arrival and Determination of Optimum Release Weights Using a New Index *Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation* 25 (4):11-21

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insulation.df    *Impact strength of insulation cuts in foot-pounds.*

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### Description

Impact strength of insulation cuts in foot-pounds.

### Usage

insulation.df

**Format**

a data.frame with 100 rows and 3 columns:

**Lot** Lot of insulating material

**Cut** Lengthwise (Length) or crosswise (Cross)

**Strength** Impact strength, in foot-pounds (ft-lb)

**Source**

Ostle, B. (1963). Statistics in Research: Basic Concepts and Techniques for Research. Ames, Iowa. Iowa State University Press.

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jaggR

*jaggR: Supporting files and functions for the book Bayesian Modelling with JAGS*


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**Description**

A set of functions used in teaching STATS 201/208 Data Analysis at the University of Auckland. The functions are designed to make parts of R more accessible to a large undergraduate population who are mostly not statistics majors.

**Author(s)**

James Curran, David Lucy

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plane.df

*Distance travelled by paper planes*


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**Description**

A group from Queensland University of Technology conducted an experiment where they recorded the distance flown by paper aeroplanes. The experimenters used a sealed corridor at the University, and controlled the design of the aeroplane, the weight of the paper from which each aeroplane was constructed, and the angle of incidence at launch for each paper plane. The data and further notes for this experiment can be found at <http://www.statsci.org/data/oz/planes.html>.

**Usage**

plane.df

**Format**

A data.frame with 16 rows and 5 columns:

**distance** Distance travelled in mm.

**paper** Paper weight in grams per square metre (gsm), either 80 gsm or 50 gsm.

**angle** Angle of launch, horizontal or 45 degrees.

**design** Design of the plane, either high performance or simple.

**Source**

Mackisack, M. S. (1994). What is the use of experiments conducted by statistics students? Journal of Statistics Education, 2, no 1.

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radiation.df

*from the Commission facility in Hanford, Washington. One of the major safety problems encountered there has been the storage of radioactive wastes. Over the years, significant quantities of these substances - including strontium 90 and cesium 137 - have leaked from their open-pit storage areas into the nearby Columbia River, which flows along the Washington-Oregon border, and eventually empties into the Pacific Ocean.*

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**Description**

To measure the health consequences of this contamination, an index of exposure was calculated for each of the nine Oregon counties having frontage on either the Columbia River or the Pacific Ocean. This particular index was based on several factors, including the county's stream distance from Hanford and the average distance of its population from any water frontage. As a covariate, the cancer mortality rate was determined for each of these same counties. The data give the index of exposure and the cancer mortality rate during 1959-1964 for the nine Oregon counties affected. Higher index values represent higher levels of contamination.

**Usage**

radiation.df

**Format**

An object of class data.frame with 9 rows and 3 columns.

**Source**

Fadeley, R. C. (1965). Oregon malignancy pattern physiographically related to Hanford, Washington, Radioisotope Storage. Journal of Environmental Health 27, 883-897.

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ratmaze.df	<i>Times taken for a rat to navigate through a maze</i>
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**Description**

Times taken for a rat to navigate through a maze

**Usage**

ratmaze.df

**Format**

A data.frame with 135 rows and 4 columns:

**subject** An ID for each rat

**treatment** The treatment administered to the subject: control/none, thouracil, thyroxin.

**test** A maze number.

**time** time, in seconds taken for the rat to navigate the maze.

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rdt.df	<i>Age estimation by root dentine translucency</i>
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**Description**

Root dentine translucency is, in humans, an age related physiological feature. In the dentine of teeth in adult humans the tubecular microstructures fill with a highly crystalline substance making them become nearly invisible when looked at in normal light. This process starts from the apical foramen in early adulthood, and progresses up the tooth into advanced old age. Solheim (Lucy et al., 1996) collected data on age, root dentine translucency for 71 maxillary second incisors from a Norwegian population. The sex of each individual was also noted.

**Usage**

rdt.df

**Format**

A data.frame with 71 rows and 3 columns:

**age** Age of subject, in years

**sex** Sex of subject, female or male

**rdt** root dentine translucency

Source

Lucy, D., Aykroyd, R.G., Pollard, A.M. and Solheim (1996), T., "A Bayesian approach to adult human age estimation from dental observations by Johanson's age changes", Journal of Forensic Sciences 41(2):189-194.

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setPlotPrefs	<i>Set Plotting Preferences</i>
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Description

Set Plotting Preferences

Usage

```
setPlotPrefs(mar = c(3, 4, 1, 1), cex = 1, oma = c(0, 0, 0, 0),
  tcl = -0.35, mgp = c(1.5, 0.5, 0), las = 1, cex.lab = 1,
  font.lab = 1, lwd = 1, on.graph.line = 3, shading.density = 8,
  arrow.length = 0.1, on.graph.cex = 1, margin.cex = 1.2, ...)
```

Arguments

mar	plot margings
cex	character expansion factor
oma	outer margins
tcl	tick length
mgp	somethen
las	text rotation on axes
cex.lab	plot labels cex
font.lab	font of plot labels
lwd	line width
on.graph.line	no idea
shading.density	shading density
arrow.length	arrow head length
on.graph.cex	character expansion for text on graphs
margin.cex	character expansion for text for margins
...	other arguments to be passed to par

Value

the previous par settings so that they can be restored

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terriers.df	<i>Simulated weights of difference breeds of terriers</i>
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**Description**

Simulated samples of weights from English terrier breeds with the parameter values for the means for the simulation taken from <http://www.dogsindepth.com>. The variances are assumed to be constant.

**Usage**

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terriers.df
```

**Format**

A data.frame with 30 rows and 2 columns.

**weight** Weight of dog in kg.

**breed** Breed, either Skye, Manchester or Norwich.

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tidy_bugs	<i>Tidy BUGS files</i>
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**Description**

This function cleans up the formatting

**Usage**

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tidy_bugs(path = ".", arrow = TRUE, brace.newline = FALSE,  
  indent = 2)
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**Arguments**

path	location of file(s)
arrow	use the <- operator if TRUE, = otherwise.
brace.newline	move braces to a new line if TRUE
indent	number of spaces to indent code blocks

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