

# Package ‘mandelbrot’

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as.data.frame.mandelbrot
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*Convert Mandelbrot object to data.frame for plotting*

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### Description

Converts objects produced by `mandelbrot` to tidy data.frames for use with ggplot and other tidyverse packages.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mandelbrot'
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

```
x          a Mandelbrot set object produced by mandelbrot
...        ignored
```

### Value

a 3-column data.frame

### Examples

```
mb <- mandelbrot()
df <- as.data.frame(mb)
head(df)
```

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```
mandelbrot
```

*Calculate the Mandelbrot set*

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### Description

Generates a view on the Mandelbrot set using an underlying C function.

### Usage

```
mandelbrot(xlim = c(-2, 2), ylim = c(-2, 2), resolution = 600,
           iterations = 50)

mandelbrot0(xlim = c(-2, 2), ylim = c(-2, 2), resolution = 600,
            iterations = 50)
```

**Arguments**

xlim	limits of x axis (real part)
ylim	limits of y axis (imaginary part)
resolution	either an integer $n$ for $n^2$ pixels or a list with x and y components specifying the resolution in each direction (e.g. <code>list(x = 500, y = 500)</code> )
iterations	maximum number of iterations to evaluate each case

**Details**

mandelbrot0 is an experimental interface for generating tidy data.frames faster than `as.data.frame(mandelbrot())`.

**Value**

a mandelbrot structure with components: x a vector of the real parts of the x-axis; y the imaginary parts of each number (the y-axis); z a matrix of the number of iterations that  $|z| < 2$

**Mandelbrot set**

In brief, the Mandelbrot set contains the complex numbers where the 0 orbit of the following function remains bounded ( $< 2$ ):

$$f_{z+1} = z^2 + c$$

For information and discussion on the Mandelbrot and related sets, one great resource is [plus.maths.org](http://plus.maths.org). There's also a popular [YouTube video by Numberphile](#).

**Credits**

Wraps original C code by Mario dos Reis, September 2003.

**References**

<https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-help/2003-October/039773.html> <http://people.crysl.bbk.ac.uk/~fdosr01/Rfractals/index.html>

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mandelbrot\_palette      *Generate palette suitable for coloring a set*

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**Description**

Takes a simple palette and expands / oscillates it for use with Mandelbrot sets.

**Usage**

```
mandelbrot_palette(palette, fold = TRUE, reps = 1L, in_set = "black")
```

**Arguments**

palette	vector of color hex strings (e.g. '#FFFFFF')
fold	wrap or fold the palette back on itself
reps	number of times to replicate the color vector
in_set	color for areas in the Mandelbrot set

**Value**

an extended color vector

**Examples**

```
view <- mandelbrot(xlim = c(-0.8438146, -0.8226294),
  ylim = c(0.1963144, 0.2174996), iter = 500)

# can be used to simply interpolate a color gradient
spectral <- RColorBrewer::brewer.pal(11, "Spectral")
cols <- mandelbrot_palette(spectral, fold = FALSE)
plot(view, col = cols, transform = "inv")

# simple palettes might need folds / reps to look good
blues <- RColorBrewer::brewer.pal(9, "Blues")
cols <- mandelbrot_palette(blues, in_set = "white",
  fold = TRUE, reps = 2)
plot(view, col = cols, transform = "log")
```

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plot.mandelbrot	<i>Plot a Mandelbrot set using base graphics</i>
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**Description**

Draws colored set membership using image.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mandelbrot'
plot(x, col = mandelbrot_palette(c("white",
  grey.colors(50))), transform = c("none", "inverse", "log"), asp = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an object generated by <a href="#">mandelbrot</a>
col	a vector of colors, such as those generated by <a href="#">mandelbrot_palette</a>
transform	the name of a transformation to apply to the number of iterations matrix
asp	the asp parameter to <a href="#">image</a> which controls aspect ratio
...	extra arguments passed to <a href="#">image</a>

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