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draw_legend	Calculate placement of legend and draw it

# Description

Internal function used to calculate the placement of (including outside the plotting area) and drawing of legend.

# Usage

```
draw_legend(
  legend = NULL,
  legend_args = NULL,
 by_dep = NULL,
  lgnd_labs = NULL,
  type = NULL,
 pch = NULL,
 lty = NULL,
  1wd = NULL,
  col = NULL,
 bg = NULL,
  cex = NULL,
  gradient = FALSE,
  lmar = NULL,
 has_sub = FALSE,
 new_plot = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

legend	Legend placement keyword or list, passed down from tinyplot.
legend_args	Additional legend arguments to be passed to legend().
by_dep	The (deparsed) "by" grouping variable name.
lgnd_labs	The labels passed to legend(legend =).
type	Plotting type(s), passed down from tinyplot.
pch	Plotting character(s), passed down from tinyplot.
lty	Plotting linetype(s), passed down from tinyplot.
lwd	Plotting line width(s), passed down from tinyplot.
col	Plotting colour(s), passed down from tinyplot.
bg	Plotting character background fill colour(s), passed down from tinyplot.
cex	Plotting character expansion(s), passed down from tinyplot.
gradient	Logical indicating whether a continuous gradient swatch should be used to represent the colors.

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lmar	Legend margins (in lines). Should be a numeric vector of the form c(inner, outer), where the first number represents the "inner" margin between the legend and the plot, and the second number represents the "outer" margin between the legend and edge of the graphics device. If no explicit value is provided by the user, then reverts back to tpar("lmar") for which the default values are c(1.0, 0.1).
has_sub	Logical. Does the plot have a sub-caption. Only used if keyword position is "bottom!", in which case we need to bump the legend margin a bit further.
new_plot	Logical. Should we be calling plot.new internally?

#### Value

No return value, called for side effect of producing a(n empty) plot with a legend in the margin.

#### **Examples**

```
oldmar = par("mar")
draw_legend(
 legend = "right!", ## default (other options incl, "left(!)", ""bottom(!)", etc.)
 legend_args = list(title = "Key", bty = "o"),
 lgnd_labs = c("foo", "bar"),
 type = "p",
 pch = 21:22,
 col = 1:2
)
# The legend is placed in the outer margin...
box("figure", col = "cyan", lty = 4)
# ... and the plot is proportionally adjusted against the edge of this
# margin.
box("plot")
# You can add regular plot objects per normal now
plot.window(xlim = c(1,10), ylim = c(1,10))
points(1:10)
points(10:1, pch = 22, col = "red")
axis(1); axis(2)
# etc.
# Important: A side effect of draw_legend is that the inner margins have been
# adjusted. (Here: The right margin, since we called "right!" above.)
par("mar")
# To reset you should call `dev.off()` or just reset manually.
par(mar = oldmar)
# Note that the inner and outer margin of the legend itself can be set via
# the `lmar` argument. (This can also be set globally via
# `tpar(lmar = c(inner, outer))`.)
draw_legend(
 legend_args = list(title = "Key", bty = "o"),
```

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```
lgnd_labs = c("foo", "bar"),
  type = "p",
  pch = 21:22,
  col = 1:2,
  lmar = c(0, 0.1) ## set inner margin to zero
box("figure", col = "cyan", lty = 4)
par(mar = oldmar)
# Continuous (gradient) legends are also supported
draw_legend(
  legend = "right!",
  legend_args = list(title = "Key"),
  lgnd_labs = LETTERS[1:5],
  col = hcl.colors(5),
  gradient = TRUE ## enable gradient legend
)
par(mar = oldmar)
```

get\_saved\_par

Retrieve the saved graphical parameters

#### **Description**

Convenience function for retrieving the graphical parameters (i.e., the full list of tag = value pairs held in par) from either immediately before or immediately after the most recent tinyplot call.

#### Usage

```
get_saved_par(when = c("before", "after"))
```

#### **Arguments**

when

character. From when should the saved parameters be retrieved? Either "before" (the default) or "after" the preceding tinyplot call.

#### Details

A potential side-effect of tinyplot is that it can change a user's par settings. For example, it may adjust the inner and outer plot margins to make space for an automatic legend; see draw\_legend. While it is possible to immediately restore the original par settings upon exit via the tinyplot(..., restore.par = TRUE) argument, this is not the default behaviour. The reason being that we need to preserve the adjusted parameter settings in case users want to add further graphical annotations to their plot (e.g., abline, text, etc.) Nevertheless, it may still prove desirable to recall and reset these original graphical parameters after the fact (e.g., once all these extra annotations have been added). That is the purpose of this get\_saved\_par function.

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Of course, users may prefer to manually capture and reset graphical parameters, as per the standard method described in the par documentation. For example:

```
op = par(no.readonly = TRUE) # save current par settings
# <do lots of (tiny)plotting>
par(op) # reset original pars
```

This standard manual approach may be safer than get\_saved\_par because it offers more precise control. Specifically, the value of get\_saved\_par itself will be reset after ever new tinyplot call; i.e. it may inherit an already-changed set of parameters. Users should bear these trade-offs in mind when deciding which approach to use. As a general rule, get\_saved\_par offers the convenience of resetting the original par settings even if a user forgot to save them beforehand. But one should avoid invoking it after a series of consecutive tinyplot calls.

Finally, note that users can always call dev. off to reset all par settings to their defaults.

#### Value

A list of par settings.

#### **Examples**

```
# Contrived example where we draw a grouped scatterplot with a legend and
# manually add corresponding best fit lines for each group...
# First draw the grouped scatterplot
tinyplot(Sepal.Length ~ Petal.Length | Species, iris)
# Preserving adjusted par settings is good for adding elements to our plot
for (s in levels(iris$Species)) {
 abline(
    lm(Sepal.Length ~ Petal.Length, iris, subset = Species==s),
    col = which(levels(iris$Species)==s)
 )
}
# Get saved par from before the preceding tinyplot call (but don't use yet)
sp = get_saved_par("before")
# Note the changed margins will affect regular plots too, which is probably
# not desirable
plot(1:10)
# Reset the original parameters (could use `par(sp)` here)
# Redraw our simple plot with our corrected right margin
plot(1:10)
# Quick example going the other way, "correcting" for par.restore = TRUE...
```

```
tinyplot(Sepal.Length ~ Petal.Length | Species, iris, restore.par = TRUE)
# Our added best lines will be wrong b/c of misaligned par
for (s in levels(iris$Species)) {
 abline(
   lm(Sepal.Length ~ Petal.Length, iris, subset = Species==s),
    col = which(levels(iris$Species)==s), lty = 2
 )
}
# grab the par settings from the _end_ of the preceding tinyplot call to fix
tpar(get_saved_par("after"))
# now the best lines are correct
for (s in levels(iris$Species)) {
 abline(
   lm(Sepal.Length ~ Petal.Length, iris, subset = Species==s),
   col = which(levels(iris$Species)==s)
 )
}
# reset again to original saved par settings before exit
tpar(sp)
```

tinyplot.density

*Lightweight extension of the base R plotting function* 

#### **Description**

Enhances the base plot function. Supported features include automatic legends and facets for grouped data, additional plot types, theme customization, and so on. Users can call either tinyplot(), or its shorthand alias plt().

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'density'
tinyplot(
    x = NULL,
    by = NULL,
    facet = NULL,
    facet.args = NULL,
    type = c("1", "area"),
    xlim = NULL,
    ylim = NULL,
    sub = NULL,
    xlab = NULL,
    ylab = NULL,
    ann = par("ann"),
```

```
axes = TRUE,
  frame.plot = axes,
  asp = NA,
 grid = NULL,
 pch = NULL,
  col = NULL,
 lty = NULL,
  1wd = NULL,
 bg = NULL,
 fill = NULL,
  restore.par = FALSE,
tinyplot(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
tinyplot(
 x = NULL,
 y = NULL,
 by = NULL,
 facet = NULL,
  facet.args = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  type = NULL,
 xlim = NULL,
 ylim = NULL,
 log = "",
 main = NULL,
  sub = NULL,
  xlab = NULL,
 ylab = NULL,
  ann = par("ann"),
  axes = TRUE,
  frame.plot = axes,
  asp = NA,
  grid = NULL,
 palette = NULL,
  legend = NULL,
  pch = NULL,
  1ty = NULL,
  1wd = NULL,
  col = NULL,
 bg = NULL,
  fill = NULL,
  alpha = NULL,
  cex = 1,
  restore.par = FALSE,
```

```
xmin = NULL,
  xmax = NULL,
  ymin = NULL,
  ymax = NULL,
  ribbon.alpha = NULL,
  add = FALSE,
  file = NULL,
 width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  empty = FALSE,
)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
tinyplot(
  x = NULL
  data = parent.frame(),
  facet = NULL,
  facet.args = NULL,
  type = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
 main = NULL,
  sub = NULL,
  xlab = NULL,
 ylab = NULL,
  ann = par("ann"),
  axes = TRUE,
  frame.plot = axes,
  asp = NA,
  grid = NULL,
  pch = NULL,
  col = NULL,
  lty = NULL,
  lwd = NULL,
  restore.par = FALSE,
  formula = NULL,
  subset = NULL,
  na.action = NULL,
  drop.unused.levels = TRUE,
)
plt(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x, y

the x and y arguments provide the x and y coordinates for the plot. Any reasonable way of defining the coordinates is acceptable; most likely the names of

existing vectors or columns of data frames. See the 'Examples' section below, or the function xy.coords for details. If supplied separately, x and y must be of the same length.

by

grouping variable(s). The default behaviour is for groups to be represented in the form of distinct colours, which will also trigger an automatic legend. (See legend below for customization options.) However, groups can also be presented through other plot parameters (e.g., pch or 1ty) by passing an appropriate "by" keyword; see Examples. Note that continuous (i.e., gradient) colour legends are also supported if the user passes a numeric or integer to by.

facet

the faceting variable(s) that you want arrange separate plot windows by. Can be specified in various ways:

- In "atomic" form, e.g. facet = fvar. To facet by multiple variables in atomic form, simply interact them, e.g. interaction(fvar1, fvar2) or factor(fvar1):factor(fvar2).
- As a one-sided formula, e.g. facet = ~fvar. Multiple variables can be specified in the formula RHS, e.g. ~fvar1 + fvar2 or ~fvar1: fvar2. Note that these multi-variable cases are *all* treated equivalently and converted to interaction(fvar1, fvar2, ...) internally. (No distinction is made between different types of binary operators, for example, and so f1+f2 is treated the same as f1:f2. is treated the same as f1\*f2, etc.)
- As a two-side formula, e.g. facet = fvar1 ~ fvar2. In this case, the facet windows are arranged in a fixed grid layout, with the formula LHS defining the facet rows and the RHS defining the facet columns. At present only single variables on each side of the formula are well supported. (We don't recommend trying to use multiple variables on either the LHS or RHS of the two-sided formula case.)
- As a special "by" convenience keyword, in which case facets will match the grouping variable(s) passed to by above.

facet.args

an optional list of arguments for controlling faceting behaviour. (Ignored if facet is NULL.) Supported arguments are as follows:

- nrow, ncol for overriding the default "square" facet window arrangement. Only one of these should be specified, but nrow will take precedence if both are specified together. Ignored if a two-sided formula is passed to the main facet argument, since the layout is arranged in a fixed grid.
- fmar a vector of form c(b,1,t,r) for controlling the base margin between facets in terms of lines. Defaults to the value of tpar("fmar"), which should be c(1,1,1,1), i.e. a single line of padding around each individual facet, assuming it hasn't been overridden by the user as part their global tpar settings. Note some automatic adjustments are made for certain layouts, and depending on whether the plot is framed or not, to reduce excess whitespace. See tpar for more details.
- cex, font, col, bg, border for adjusting the facet title text and background.
   Default values for these arguments are inherited from tpar (where they take a "facet." prefix, e.g. tpar("facet.cex")). The latter function can also be used to set these features globally for all tinyplot plots.

type

character string giving the type of plot desired. If no argument is provided, then the plot type will default to something sensible for the type of x and y inputs (i.e., usually "p"). Options are:

- The same set of 1-character values supported by plot: "p" for points, "1" for lines, "b" for both points and lines, "c" for empty points joined by lines, "o" for overplotted points and lines, "s" and "S" for stair steps, and "h" for histogram-like vertical lines. Specifying "n" produces an empty plot over the extent of the data, but with no internal elements (see also the empty argument below).
- Additional tinyplot types:
  - "jitter" (alias "j") for jittered points.
  - "rect", "segments", "polygon", or "polypath", which are all equivalent to their base counterparts, but don't require an existing plot win-
  - "boxplot", "histogram" (alias "hist"), or "density" for distribution plots.
  - "pointrange" or "errorbar" for segment intervals, and "ribbon" or "area" for polygon intervals (where area plots are a special case of ribbon plots with ymin set to 0 and ymax set to y; see below).

xlim

the x limits (x1, x2) of the plot. Note that x1 > x2 is allowed and leads to a 'reversed axis'. The default value, NULL, indicates that the range of the finite values to be plotted should be used.

the y limits of the plot. ylim

a main title for the plot, see also title.

sub a subtitle for the plot.

a label for the x axis, defaults to a description of x. xlab

a label for the y axis, defaults to a description of y. ylab

ann a logical value indicating whether the default annotation (title and x and y axis

labels) should appear on the plot.

axes a logical value indicating whether both axes should be drawn on the plot. Use

graphical parameter "xaxt" or "yaxt" to suppress just one of the axes.

a logical indicating whether a box should be drawn around the plot. Can also

use frame as an acceptable argument alias.

the y/xy/x aspect ratio, see plot.window.

argument for plotting a background panel grid, one of either:

- a logical (i.e., TRUE to draw the grid), or
- a panel grid plotting function like grid(). Note that this argument replaces the panel.first and panel.last arguments from base plot() and tries to make the process more seamless with better default behaviour. The default behaviour is determined by (and can be set globally through) the value of tpar("grid").

pch

plotting "character", i.e., symbol to use. Character, integer, or vector of length equal to the number of categories in the by variable. See pch. In addition, users

main

frame.plot

asp grid

can supply a special pch = "by" convenience argument, in which case the characters will automatically loop over the number groups. This automatic looping will begin at the global character value (i.e., par("pch")) and recycle as necessary.

col

plotting color. Character, integer, or vector of length equal to the number of categories in the by variable. See col. Note that the default behaviour in tinyplot is to vary group colors along any variables declared in the by argument. Thus, specifying colors manually should not be necessary unless users wish to override the automatic colors produced by this grouping process. Typically, this would only be done if grouping features are deferred to some other graphical parameter (i.e., passing the "by" keyword to one of pch, lty, lwd, or bg; see below.)

lty

line type. Character, integer, or vector of length equal to the number of categories in the by variable. See lty. In addition, users can supply a special lty = "by" convenience argument, in which case the line type will automatically loop over the number groups. This automatic looping will begin at the global line type value (i.e., par("lty")) and recycle as necessary.

lwd

line width. Numeric scalar or vector of length equal to the number of categories in the by variable. See 1wd. In addition, users can supply a special 1wd = "by" convenience argument, in which case the line width will automatically loop over the number of groups. This automatic looping will be centered at the global line width value (i.e.,

bg

background fill color for the open plot symbols 21:25 (see points.default), as well as ribbon and area plot types. For the latter group—including filled density plots—an automatic alpha transparency adjustment will be applied (see the ribbon.alpha argument further below). Users can also supply either one of two special convenience arguments that will cause the background fill to inherit the automatic grouped coloring behaviour of col:

- bg = "by" will insert a background fill that inherits the main color mappings from col.
- by = <numeric[0,1]> (i.e., a numeric in the range [0,1]) will insert a background fill that inherits the main color mapping(s) from col, but with added alpha-transparency.

For both of these convenience arguments, note that the (grouped) bg mappings will persist even if the (grouped) col defaults are themselves overridden. This can be useful if you want to preserve the grouped palette mappings by background fill but not boundary color, e.g. filled points. See examples.

fill

alias for bg. If non-NULL values for both bg and fill are provided, then the latter will be ignored in favour of the former.

restore.par

a logical value indicating whether the par settings prior to calling tinyplot should be restored on exit. Defaults to FALSE, which makes it possible to add elements to the plot after it has been drawn. However, note the the outer margins of the graphics device may have been altered to make space for the tinyplot legend. Users can opt out of this persistent behaviour by setting to TRUE instead. See also get\_saved\_par for another option to recover the original par settings, as well as longer discussion about the trade-offs involved.

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other graphical parameters. See par or the "Details" section of plot.

data

a data.frame (or list) from which the variables in formula should be taken. A matrix is converted to a data frame.

log

a character string which contains "x" if the x axis is to be logarithmic, "y" if the y axis is to be logarithmic and "xy" or "yx" if both axes are to be logarithmic.

palette

one of the following options:

- NULL (default), in which case the palette will be chosen according to the class and cardinality of the "by" grouping variable. For non-ordered factors or strings with a reasonable number of groups, this will inherit directly from the user's default palette (e.g., "R4"). In other cases, including ordered factors and high cardinality, the "Viridis" palette will be used instead. Note that a slightly restricted version of the "Viridis" palette—where extreme color values have been trimmed to improve visual perception—will be used for ordered factors and continuous variables. In the latter case of a continuous grouping variable, we also generate a gradient legend swatch.
- A convenience string corresponding to one of the many palettes listed by either palette.pals() or hcl.pals(). Note that the string can be case-insensitive (e.g., "Okabe-Ito" and "okabe-ito" are both valid).
- A palette-generating function. This can be "bare" (e.g., palette.colors) or "closed" with a set of named arguments (e.g., palette.colors(palette = "0kabe-Ito", alpha = 0.5)). Note that any unnamed arguments will be ignored and the key n argument, denoting the number of colours, will automatically be spliced in as the number of groups.

legend

one of the following options:

- NULL (default), in which case the legend will be determined by the grouping variable. If there is no group variable (i.e., by is NULL) then no legend is drawn. If a grouping variable is detected, then an automatic legend is drawn to the *outer* right of the plotting area. Note that the legend title and categories will automatically be inferred from the by argument and underlying data.
- A convenience string indicating the legend position. The string should correspond to one of the position keywords supported by the base legend function, e.g. "right", "topleft", "bottom", etc. In addition, tinyplot supports adding a trailing exclamation point to these keywords, e.g. "right!", "topleft!", or "bottom!". This will place the legend *outside* the plotting area and adjust the margins of the plot accordingly. Finally, users can also turn off any legend printing by specifying "none".
- Logical value, where TRUE corresponds to the default case above (same effect as specifying NULL) and FALSE turns the legend off (same effect as specifying "none").
- A list or, equivalently, a dedicated legend() function with supported legend arguments, e.g. "bty", "horiz", and so forth.

alpha

a numeric in the range [0,1] for adjusting the alpha channel of the color palette, where 0 means transparent and 1 means opaque. Use fractional values, e.g. 0.5 for semi-transparency.

cex

character expansion. A numerical vector (can be a single value) giving the amount by which plotting characters and symbols should be scaled relative to the

default. Note that NULL is equivalent to 1.0, while NA renders the characters invisible.

xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax

minimum and maximum coordinates of relevant area or interval plot types. Only used when the type argument is one of "rect" or "segments" (where all four min-max coordinates are required), or "pointrange", "errorbar", or "ribbon" (where only ymin and ymax required alongside x).

ribbon.alpha

numeric factor modifying the opacity alpha of any ribbon shading; typically in [0, 1]. Only used when type = "ribbon", or when the bg fill argument is specified in a density plot (since filled density plots are converted to ribbon plots internally). If an an applicable plot type is called but no explicit value is provided, then will default to tpar("ribbon.alpha") (i.e., probably 0.2 unless this has been overridden by the user in their global settings.)

add

logical. If TRUE, then elements are added to the current plot rather than drawing a new plot window. Note that the automatic legend for the added elements will be turned off.

file

character string giving the file path for writing a plot to disk. If specified, the plot will not be displayed interactively, but rather sent to the appropriate external graphics device (i.e., png, jpeg, pdf, or svg). As a point of convenience, note that any global parameters held in (t)par are automatically carried over to the external device and don't need to be reset (in contrast to the conventional base R approach that requires manually opening and closing the device). The device type is determined by the file extension at the end of the provided path, and must be one of ".png", ".jpg" (".jpeg"), ".pdf", or ".svg". (Other file types may be supported in the future.) The file dimensions can be controlled by the corresponding width and height arguments below, otherwise will fall back to the "file.width" and "file.height" values held in tpar (i.e., both defaulting to 7 inches, and where the default resolution for bitmap files is also specified as 300 DPI).

width

numeric giving the plot width in inches. Together with height, typically used in conjunction with the file argument above, overriding the default values held in tpar("file.width", "file.height"). If either width or height is specified, but a corresponding file argument is not provided as well, then a new interactive graphics device dimensions will be opened along the given dimensions. Note that this interactive resizing may not work consistently from within an IDE like RStudio that has an integrated graphics windows.

height

numeric giving the plot height in inches. Same considerations as width (above) apply, e.g. will default to tpar("file.height") if not specified.

empty

logical indicating whether the interior plot region should be left empty. The default is FALSE. Setting to TRUE has a similar effect to invoking type = "n" above, except that any legend artifacts owing to a particular plot type (e.g., lines for type = "1" or squares for type = "area") will still be drawn correctly alongside the empty plot. In contrast, type = "n" implicitly assumes a scatterplot and so any legend will only depict points.

formula

a formula that optionally includes grouping variable(s) after a vertical bar, e.g.  $y \sim x \mid z$ . One-sided formulae are also permitted, e.g.  $\sim y \mid z$ . Note that the formula and x arguments should not be specified in the same call.

```
subset, na.action, drop.unused.levels
```

arguments passed to model.frame when extracting the data from formula and data.

#### **Details**

Disregarding the enhancements that it supports, tinyplot tries as far as possible to mimic the behaviour and syntax logic of the original base plot function. Users should therefore be able to swap out existing plot calls for tinyplot (or its shorthand alias plt), without causing unexpected changes to the output.

#### Value

No return value, called for side effect of producing a plot.

#### **Examples**

```
#'
aq = transform(
  airquality,
  Month = factor(Month, labels = month.abb[unique(Month)])
# In most cases, `tinyplot` should be a drop-in replacement for regular
# `plot` calls. For example:
op = tpar(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(0:10, main = "plot")
tinyplot(0:10, main = "tinyplot")
tpar(op) # restore original layout
# Aside: `tinyplot::tpar()` is a (near) drop-in replacement for `par()`
# Unlike vanilla plot, however, tinyplot allows you to characterize groups
# using either the `by` argument or equivalent `|` formula syntax.
with(aq, tinyplot(Day, Temp, by = Month)) ## atomic method
tinyplot(Temp ~ Day | Month, data = aq) ## formula method
# (Notice that we also get an automatic legend.)
# You can also use the equivalent shorthand `plt()` alias if you'd like to
# save on a few keystrokes
plt(Temp ~ Day | Month, data = aq) ## shorthand alias
# Use standard base plotting arguments to adjust features of your plot.
# For example, change `pch` (plot character) to get filled points and `cex`
# (character expansion) to increase their size.
tinyplot(
  Temp ~ Day | Month,
```

```
data = aq,
 pch = 16,
 cex = 2
)
# We can add alpha transparency for overlapping points
tinyplot(
 Temp ~ Day | Month,
 data = aq,
 pch = 16,
 cex = 2,
 alpha = 0.3
# To get filled points with a common solid background color, use an
# appropriate plotting character (21:25) and combine with one of the special
# `bg` convenience arguments.
tinyplot(
 Temp ~ Day | Month,
 data = aq,
               # use filled circles
 pch = 21,
 cex = 2,
 bg = 0.3,
              # numeric in [0,1] adds a grouped background fill with transparency
 col = "black" # override default color mapping; give all points a black border
)
# Converting to a grouped line plot is a simple matter of adjusting the
# `type` argument.
tinyplot(
 Temp ~ Day | Month,
 data = aq,
 type = "1"
\# Similarly for other plot types, including some additional ones provided
# directly by tinyplot, e.g. density plots or internal plots (ribbons,
# pointranges, etc.)
tinyplot(
 ~ Temp | Month,
 data = aq,
 type = "density",
 fill = "by"
)
# Facet plots are supported too. Facets can be drawn on their own...
tinyplot(
 Temp ∼ Day,
 facet = ~ Month,
 data = aq,
```

```
type = "area",
 main = "Temperatures by month"
# ... or combined/contrasted with the by (colour) grouping.
aq = transform(aq, Summer = Month %in% c("Jun", "Jul", "Aug"))
tinyplot(
 Temp ~ Day | Summer,
 facet = ~ Month,
 data = aq,
 type = "area",
 palette = "dark2",
 main = "Temperatures by month and season"
)
# Users can override the default square window arrangement by passing `nrow`
# or `ncol` to the helper facet.args argument. Note that we can also reduce
# axis label repetition across facets by turning the plot frame off.
tinyplot(
 Temp ~ Day | Summer,
 facet = ~ Month, facet.args = list(nrow = 1),
 data = aq,
 type = "area",
 palette = "dark2",
 frame = FALSE,
 main = "Temperatures by month and season"
)
# Use a two-sided formula to arrange the facet windows in a fixed grid.
# LHS -> facet rows; RHS -> facet columns
aq$hot = ifelse(aq$Temp>=75, "hot", "cold")
aq$windy = ifelse(aq$Wind>=15, "windy", "calm")
tinyplot(
Temp ∼ Day,
facet = windy ~ hot,
data = aq
)
# The (automatic) legend position and look can be customized using
# appropriate arguments. Note the trailing "!" in the `legend` position
# argument below. This tells `tinyplot` to place the legend _outside_ the plot
# area.
tinyplot(
 Temp ~ Day | Month,
 data = aq,
 type = "1",
 legend = legend("bottom!", title = "Month of the year", bty = "o")
)
```

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```
# The default group colours are inherited from either the "R4" or "Viridis"
# palettes, depending on the number of groups. However, all palettes listed
# by `palette.pals()` and `hcl.pals()` are supported as convenience strings,
# or users can supply a valid palette-generating function for finer control
tinyplot(
 Temp ~ Day | Month,
 data = aq,
 type = "1",
 palette = "tableau"
)
# It's possible to further customize the look of you plots using familiar
# arguments and base plotting theme settings (e.g., via `(t)par`).
tpar(family = "HersheySans", las = 1)
tinyplot(
 Temp ~ Day | Month,
 data = aq,
 type = "b", pch = 16,
 palette = "tableau", alpha = 0.5,
 main = "Daily temperatures by month",
 frame = FALSE, grid = TRUE
)
# Note: For more examples and a detailed walkthrough, please see the
# introductory tinyplot tutorial available online:
# https://grantmcdermott.com/tinyplot/vignettes/intro_tutorial.html
```

tpar

Set or query graphical parameters

## Description

Extends par, serving as a (near) drop-in replacement for setting or querying graphical parameters. The key differences is that, beyond supporting the standard group of R graphical parameters in par, tpar also supports additional graphical parameters that are provided by tinyplot. Similar to par, parameters are set by passing appropriate key = value argument pairs, and multiple parameters can be set or queried at the same time.

### Usage

```
tpar(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

arguments of the form key = value. This includes all of the parameters typically supported by par, as well as the tinyplot-specific ones described in the 'Graphical Parameters' section below.

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#### **Details**

The tinyplot-specific parameters are saved in an internal environment called .tpar for performance and safety reasons. However, they can also be set at package load time via options, which may prove convenient for users that want to enable different default behaviour at startup (e.g., through an .Rprofile file). These options all take a tinyplot\_\* prefix, e.g. options(tinyplot\_grid = TRUE, tinyplot\_facet.bg = "grey90").

For their part, any "base" graphical parameters are caught dynamically and passed on to par as appropriate. Technically, only parameters that satisfy par(..., no.readonly = TRUE) are evaluated.

However, note the important distinction: tpar only evaluates parameters from par if they are passed *explicitly* by the user. This means that tpar should not be used to capture the (invisible) state of a user's entire set of graphics parameters, i.e. tpar() != par(). If you want to capture the *all* existing graphics settings, then you should rather use par() instead.

#### Value

When parameters are set, their previous values are returned in an invisible named list. Such a list can be passed as an argument to tpar to restore the parameter values.

When just one parameter is queried, the value of that parameter is returned as (atomic) vector. When two or more parameters are queried, their values are returned in a list, with the list names giving the parameters.

Note the inconsistency: setting one parameter returns a list, but querying one parameter returns a vector.

#### **Additional Graphical Parameters**

file.width

facet.cex	Expansion factor for facet titles. Defaults to 1.
facet.font	An integer corresponding to the desired font face for facet titles. For most font families and graphics devi
facet.col	Character or integer specifying the facet text colour. If an integer, will correspond to the user's default glo
facet.bg	Character or integer specifying the facet background colour. If an integer, will correspond to the user's de
facet.border	Character or integer specifying the facet border colour. If an integer, will correspond to the users default of
file.height	Numeric specifying the height (in inches) of any plot that is written to disk using the tinyplot(, fil

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fmar	A numeric vector of form c(b,1,t,r) for controlling the (base) margin padding, in terms of lines, between
grid	Logical indicating whether a background panel grid should be added to plots automatically. Defaults to N
lmar	A numeric vector of form c(inner, outer) that gives the margin padding, in terms of lines, around the a
ribbon.alpha	Numeric factor in the range [0,1] for modifying the opacity alpha of "ribbon" and "area" (and alike) type

Numeric specifying the resolution (in dots per square inch) of any plot that is written to disk in bitmap fo

#### **Examples**

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```
# Return a list of existing base and tinyplot graphic params
tpar("las", "pch", "facet.bg", "facet.cex", "grid")
# Simple facet plot with these default values
tinyplot(mpg ~ wt, data = mtcars, facet = ~am)
# Set params to something new. Similar to graphics::par(), note that we save
# the existing values at the same time by assigning to an object.
op = tpar(
  las
             = 1,
  pch
            = 2,
  facet.bg = "grey90",
  facet.cex = 2,
            = TRUE
  grid
)
# Re-plot with these new params
tinyplot(mpg ~ wt, data = mtcars, facet = ~am)
# Reset back to original values
tpar(op)
# Important: tpar() only evalutes parameters that have been passed explicitly
   by the user. So it it should not be used to query and set (restore)
   parameters that weren't explicitly requested, i.e. tpar() != par().
# Note: The tinyplot-specific parameters can also be be set via `options`
   with a `tinyplot_*` prefix, which can be convenient for enabling
   different default behaviour at startup time (e.g., via an .Rprofile
   file). Example:
# options(tinyplot_grid = TRUE, tinyplot_facet.bg = "grey90")
```

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