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## Description

The **vegan3d** package provides 3D plotting for all **vegan** ordination methods or any other ordination method that **vegan scores** function can handle. It can also display **hclust** results in 3D over a 2D plane. Dynamic 3D plots are based on the **rgl** package and static plots are drawn with the **scatterplot3d** package.

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## Drawing with rgl Functions

The **rgl** graphics are dynamic 3D plots that can be spinned and zoomed by mouse. The **vegan3d** package provides interface to ordination and clustering objects. The functions use **rgl** setting and conventions and do not change the user settings. For general configuration of the plots, users should check **rgl** documentation. For instance, general look and feel of drawn items can be configured with **material3d**.

The **rgl** package may not be available in all platforms, and therefore the package is not automatically attached. If you want to use **rgl** functions, you must either prefix commands with `rgl::` or call `library(rgl)` in your session.

Function `ordirgl` is similar as `ordiplot` in **vegan**, and any ordination result can be drawn with similar conventions. Functions with `orgl` prefix add items to existing plots, for instance, `orglellipse` is analogous to `ordiellipse`.

Function `ordirgltree` draws an **hclust** dendrogram over a plane. It was originally developed for 2D ordination planes, but any other plane can be used, for instance a projected map.

Functions `rgl.isomap` and `rgl.renyiaccum` provide alternative dynamic 3D plots for **vegan isomap** and **renyiaccum** functions.

## Drawing with scatterplot3d Functions

The **scatterplot3d** package draws static 3D graphics, and **vegan3d** provides an interface for ordination and clustering objects. You must consult the **scatterplot3d** documentation for configuring your plots.

Function `ordiplot3d` is similar to `ordirgl` or `ordiplot` and draws a static 3D plot in the standard graphical device. It returns invisibly a plotting object which contains the projected points, and

**vegan** ordi\* prefix functions can use this object. For instance, [ordiellipse](#) will add ellipses on the projected points.

Function [orditree3d](#) will draw an [hclust](#) dendrogram over a plane similarly as [ordirgltree](#).

ordiplot3d

*Three-Dimensional Ordination Graphics*

## Description

Function [ordiplot3d](#) displays three-dimensional ordination graphics using [scatterplot3d](#). Function works with all ordination results from **vegan** and all ordination results known by [scores](#) function.

## Usage

```
ordiplot3d(object, display = "sites", choices = 1:3, col = "black",
           ax.col = "red", arr.len = 0.1, arr.col = "blue", envfit,
           xlab, ylab, zlab, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	An ordination result or any object known by <a href="#">scores</a> .
display	Display "sites" or "species" or other ordination object recognized by <a href="#">scores</a> .
choices	Selected three axes.
col	Colours of points. Can be a vector, and factors are interpreted as their internal numerical codes.
ax.col	Axis colour (concerns only the crossed axes through the origin).
arr.len	'Length' (width) of arrow head passed to <a href="#">arrows</a> function.
arr.col	Colour of biplot <a href="#">arrows</a> and centroids of environmental variables.
envfit	Fitted environmental variables from <a href="#">envfit</a> displayed in the graph.
xlab, ylab, zlab	Axis labels passed to <a href="#">scatterplot3d</a> . If missing, labels are taken from the ordination result. Set to NA to suppress labels.
...	Other parameters passed to graphical functions.

## Details

Function [ordiplot3d](#) plots static three-dimensional scatter diagrams using [scatterplot3d](#). Function uses most default settings of underlying graphical functions, and you must consult their help pages to change graphics to suit your taste (see [scatterplot3d](#)).

Function returns invisibly an object of class [ordiplot3d](#) which inherits from [ordiplot](#). The result object contains the projected coordinates of plotted items and functions to convert 3D data to 2D (see [scatterplot3d](#)). Function will display only one selected set of [scores](#), typically either

"sites" or "species". Examples show how to use the invisible return object to add another set of points to the projected plot.

In constrained ordination ([cca](#), [rda](#), [capscale](#)), biplot arrows and centroids are always displayed similarly as in two-dimensional plotting function [plot.cca](#). Alternatively, it is possible to display fitted environmental vectors or class centroids from [envfit](#). These are displayed similarly as the results of constrained ordination, and they can be shown only for non-constrained ordination. The user must remember to specify at least three axes in [envfit](#) if the results are used with these functions.

The function has a `scores` method to extract the projected coordinates from the invisible return object. Standard **vegan** functions can be used with the returned object. You can use any function from the [ordihull](#) and [ordiarrows](#) families (see Examples).

### Value

Function `ordiplot3d` returns invisibly an object of class "ordiplot3d" inheriting from [ordiplot](#). The return object will contain the coordinates projected onto two dimensions for points, and the projected coordinates of origin, and possibly the projected coordinates of the heads of arrows and centroids of environmental variables. The result will also contain the object returned by [scatterplot3d](#), including function `xyz.convert` which projects three-dimensional coordinates onto the plane used in the current plot (see Examples). In addition, there is a function `envfit.convert` that projects a three-dimensional [envfit](#) object to the current plot.

### Warning

Please note that [scatterplot3d](#) sets internally some graphical parameters (such as `mar` for margins) and does not honour default settings. It is advisable to study carefully the documentation and examples of [scatterplot3d](#).

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

### See Also

[scatterplot3d](#), [ordiplot](#), [ordiarrows](#), [ordihull](#).

### Examples

```
### Default 'ordiplot3d'
data(dune, dune.env)
ord <- cca(dune ~ A1 + Moisture, dune.env)
ordiplot3d(ord)
### A boxed 'pin' version
ordiplot3d(ord, type = "h")
### More user control
p1 <- ordiplot3d(ord, scaling = "symmetric", angle=15, type="n")
points(p1, "points", pch=16, col="red", cex = 0.7)
### identify(p1, "arrows", col="blue") would put labels in better positions
text(p1, "arrows", col="blue", pos=3)
text(p1, "centroids", col="blue", pos=1, cex = 1)
```

```

### Add species using xyz.convert function returned by ordiplot3d
sp <- scores(ord, choices=1:3, display="species", scaling="symmetric")
text(pl$xyz.convert(sp), rownames(sp), cex=0.7, xpd=TRUE)
### Two ways of adding fitted variables to ordination plots
ord <- cca(dune)
ef <- envfit(ord ~ Moisture + A1, dune.env, choices = 1:3)
### 1. use argument 'envfit'
ordiplot3d(ord, envfit = ef)
### 2. use returned envfit.convert function for better user control
pl3 <- ordiplot3d(ord)
plot(pl3$envfit.convert(ef), at = pl3$origin)
### envfit.convert() also handles different 'choices' of axes
pl3 <- ordiplot3d(ord, choices = c(1,3,2))
plot(pl3$envfit.convert(ef), at = pl3$origin)
### vegan::ordiXXXX functions can add items to the plot
ord <- cca(dune)
pl4 <- with(dune.env, ordiplot3d(ord, col = Management, pch=16))
with(dune.env, ordiellipse(pl4, Management, draw = "poly", col = 1:4,
  alpha = 60))
with(dune.env, ordispider(pl4, Management, col = 1:4, label = TRUE))

```

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ordirgl

*Three-Dimensional Dynamic Ordination Graphics*


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## Description

Function `ordirgl` displays three-dimensional dynamic ordination graphs which can be rotated and zoomed. This function works with all ordination results from `vegan` and all ordination results known by the `scores` function. The `orgl`-prefixed functions add elements to the `ordirgl` graph similarly as `ordi`-prefixed functions in **vegan**.

## Usage

```

ordirgl(object, display = "sites", choices = 1:3, type = "p", col = "black",
  ax.col = "red", arr.col = "yellow", radius, text, envfit, ...)
orglpoints(object, display = "sites", choices = 1:3, radius, col = "black", ...)
orgltext(object, text, display = "sites", choices = 1:3, adj = 0.5,
  col = "black", ...)
orglsegments(object, groups, order.by, display = "sites", choices = 1:3,
  col = "black", ...)
orglspider(object, groups, display = "sites", w = weights(object, display),
  choices = 1:3, col = "black", ...)
orglellipse(object, groups, display = "sites", w = weights(object, display),
  kind = c("sd", "se", "ehull"), conf, choices = 1:3, alpha = 0.3,
  col = "red", ...)
orglspanntree(object, spantree, display = "sites", choices = 1:3,
  col = "black", ...)
orglcluster(object, cluster, prune = 0, display = "sites", choices = 1:3,
  col = "black", ...)

```

**Arguments**

object	An ordination result or any object known by <a href="#">scores</a> .
display	Display "sites" or "species" or other ordination object recognized by <a href="#">scores</a> .
choices	Selected three axes.
type	The type of plots: "p" for points or "t" for text labels.
ax.col	Axis colour (concerns only the crossed axes through the origin).
arr.col	Colour of biplot <a href="#">arrows</a> and centroids of environmental variables.
radius	Size of points in the units of ordination scores.
text	Text to override the default with type = "t".
envfit	Fitted environmental variables from <a href="#">envfit</a> displayed in the graph. Use envfit = NA to suppress display of environmental variables in constrained ordination.
adj	Text justification passed to <a href="#">text3d</a> .
groups	Factor giving the groups for which the graphical item is drawn.
order.by	Order points by this variable within groups.
w	Weights used to find the average within group. Weights are used automatically for <a href="#">cca</a> and <a href="#">decorana</a> results, unless undone by the user. w=NULL sets equal weights to all points.
kind	Draw ellipse for standard deviations of points ("sd") or standard deviations of their averages ("se") or an ellipsoid hull enclosing all points in the group ("ehull").
conf	Confidence limit for ellipses, e.g., 0.95. If not given, sd or se ellipses are drawn.
col	Colour of items. This can be a vector and factors are interpreted as their internal numerical values. If the function has a groups argument, vector col is used for each of these, and for other functions it is matched to points in ordirgl (see Details below).
alpha	Transparency of colour between 0.0 (fully transparent) and 1.0 (non-transparent).
spantree	A minimum spanning tree object from <a href="#">vegan</a> <a href="#">spantree</a> .
cluster	Result of hierarchic cluster analysis, such as <a href="#">hclust</a> or <a href="#">agnes</a> .
prune	Number of upper levels hierarchies removed from the tree. If prune > 0, tree will be cut into prune + 1 disconnected trees.
...	Other parameters passed to graphical functions.

**Details**

Function `ordirgl` plots dynamic graphics using OpenGL with the [rgl](#) package. It clears the graphics device and starts a new plot. The function was designed for ordination methods in the [vegan](#) package, but it can handle any method known to [vegan](#) [scores](#) function, or to any three column matrix. The `orgl`-prefixed functions add items to the opened [rgl](#) graphics device.

Function `ordirgl` uses most default settings of underlying graphical functions in `rgl`. It plots only one set of points, but functions `orglpoints` and `orgltext` can add new items to an existing plot. The points are plotted using [spheres3d](#) and the text using [texts3d](#) which both have their own configuration switches and their general look and feel can be modified with [material3d](#). The point

size is directly defined by radius argument in the units of ordination scores in [spheres3d](#), but `ordirgl` uses a default size of 1% of the length of the longest axis, and this can be further modified by the `cex` multiplier.

In constrained ordination ([cca](#), [rda](#), [capscale](#)), biplot arrows and centroids are always displayed similarly as in two-dimensional plotting function `plot.cca`. Alternatively, it is possible to display fitted environmental vectors or class centroids from `envfit` in both graphs. These are displayed similarly as the results of constrained ordination, and they can be shown only for non-constrained ordination. The user must remember to specify at least three axes in `envfit` if the results are used with these functions.

Function `orglsegments` is similar to [vegan ordisegments](#) and connects points by line segments. This can be useful for regular transects. The colour of segments can be a vector which corresponds to the groups and will be recycled.

Function `orglspider` is similar as [vegan ordispider](#): it connects points to their weighted centroid within "groups", and in constrained ordination it can connect "wa" or weighted averages scores to corresponding "lc" or linear combination scores if "groups" is missing. Function `orglellipse` is similar as [vegan ordiellipse](#) and draws ellipsoids of standard deviance, standard error or confidence regions for groups. At least four points are needed to define an ellipsoid in 3D, and even these will fail if all points are strictly on 2D. The `col` argument for both of these functions can be a vector corresponding to the groups.

Function `orglspantree` adds a minimum spanning tree from [vegan spantree](#). This is a 3D equivalent of `lines.spantree`. Function `orglcluster` adds a hierarchic cluster tree from `hclust` or related functions. This is a 3D equivalent of `ordicluster`. The `col` argument for both of these functions can be a vector corresponding to the connected points. In `orglspantree` the line colour is a mixture of colours of joined points, and in `orglcluster` it is a mixture of all points in the cluster.

### Value

Function `ordirgl` returns nothing.

### Warning

Function `ordirgl` uses OpenGL package `rgl` which may not be functional in all platforms.

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

### See Also

[rgl](#), [spheres3d](#), [text3d](#), [rgl.viewpoint](#), [envfit](#). These are 3D dynamic variants of [vegan](#) functions [ordiplot](#), [ordisegments](#), [ordispider](#) and [ordiellipse](#), [ordicluster](#) and [lines.spantree](#).

### Examples

```
if (interactive() && require(rgl, quietly = TRUE)) {
  data(mite, mite.env)
  ord <- rda(decostand(mite, "hellinger"))
```

```

ordirgl(ord, size=4, col = "yellow")
orgltext(ord, display = "species")
## show groups of Shrub abundance
## ordirgl: col by points
with(mite.env, ordirgl(ord, col = as.numeric(Shrub), scaling = "sites"))
## orglspider & orglellipse: col by groups
with(mite.env, orglspider(ord, Shrub, col = 1:3, scaling = "sites"))
with(mite.env, orglellipse(ord, Shrub, col = 1:3, kind = "se", conf = 0.95,
  scaling = "sites"))
}

```

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orditree3d

*Draw Cluster Tree over a Plane*


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### Description

Function draws a 3D plot where ordination result is at the bottom plane and a [hclust](#) dendrogram is drawn above the plane.

### Usage

```

orditree3d(ord, cluster, prune = 0, display = "sites", choices = c(1, 2),
  col = "blue", text, type = "p", ...)
ordirgltree(ord, cluster, prune = 0, display = "sites", choices = c(1, 2),
  col = "blue", text, type = "p", ...)

```

### Arguments

ord	An ordination object or an <a href="#">ordiplot</a> object or any other structure defining a 2D plane.
cluster	Result of hierarchic cluster analysis, such as <a href="#">hclust</a> or <a href="#">agnes</a> or any other clustering that can be coerced to a compliant format by <a href="#">as.hclust</a> .
prune	Number of upper levels hierarchies removed from the tree. If $prune > 0$ , tree will be cut into $prune + 1$ disconnected trees.
choices	Choice of ordination axes.
display	Ordination scores displayed.
col	Colour of tree. The colour can be a vector and it is used for the points, text and terminal branches. The colour of internal branches is a mixture of connected leaves.
text	Text to replace the default of item labels when $type = "t"$ .
type	Display of leaves: "p" for points, "t" for text, and "n" for no display.
...	Arguments passed to <a href="#">scores</a> and graphical functions.



**Details**

orditree3d uses **scatterplot3d** package to draw a static 3D plot of the dendrogram over the ordination, and ordirgltree uses **rgl** to make a dynamic, spinnable plot. The functions were developed to plot a cluster dendrogram over a 2D ordination plane, but any other plane can be used, for instance, a map.

**Value**

Function orditree3d returns invisibly a **scatterplot3d** result object amended with items points and internal that give the projected coordinates of ordination scores and internal nodes, and col.points and col.internal that give their colours. All matrix-like objects can be accessed with scores.

Function ordirgltree returns nothing.

**Author(s)**

Jari Oksanen.

**See Also**

[orglcluster](#) and [ordicluster](#) (in **vegan**).

**Examples**

```
data(dune, dune.env)
d <- vegdist(dune)
m <- metaMDS(d)
cl <- hclust(d, "aver")
orditree3d(m, cl, pch=16, col=cutree(cl, 3))
## ordirgltree makes ordinary rgl graphics. It accepts
## material3d() settings, and you can add elements to the
## open graph (for instance, bbox3d()).
if (interactive() && require(rgl, quietly = TRUE)) {
  with(dune.env, ordirgltree(m, cl, col = as.numeric(Management), size = 6,
    lwd = 2, alpha = 0.6))
}
```

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 rgl.isomap

*Dynamic 3D plot of isomap ordination.*


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**Description**

Function displays a dynamic 3D plot from [isomap](#) ordination.

**Usage**

```
rgl.isomap(x, web = "white", ...)
```

## Arguments

x	Result from <a href="#">isomap</a> .
web	Colour of the web. If this is a vector matching the number of points, the colour of links is a mixture of joined points. NA skips drawing the web.
...	Other parameters passed to <a href="#">ordirgl</a> and <a href="#">scores</a> .

## Details

Function `rgl.isomap` displays dynamic 3D plots that can be rotated on the screen. The function is based on [ordirgl](#), but it adds the connecting lines. The function passes extra arguments to [scores](#) or [ordirgl](#) functions so that you can select axes, or define colours and sizes of points.

## Value

Function returns nothing.

## Note

This is a support function for [isomap](#) ordination in the **vegan** package.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen.

## See Also

[isomap](#), [ordirgl](#), [scores](#).

## Examples

```
if (interactive() && require(rgl, quietly = TRUE)) {
  data(BCI)
  dis <- vegdist(BCI)
  ## colour points and links by the dominant species
  dom <- factor(make.cepnames(names(BCI))[apply(BCI, 1, which.max)])
  ord <- isomap(dis, k=3)
  rgl.isomap(ord, col = as.numeric(dom), web = as.numeric(dom), lwd=2)
}
```

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rgl.renyiaccum

*Dynamic Perspective Plot of Renyi Diversity Accumulation*

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## Description

Function `rgl.renyiaccum` displays a dynamic 3D plot of the result of [renyiaccum](#) function in the **vegan** package. Function [persp.renyiaccum](#) (in **vegan**) produces similar static plots.

**Usage**

```
rgl.renyiaccum(x, rgl.height = 0.2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A <a href="#">renyiaccum</a> result.
<code>rgl.height</code>	Vertical scaling of the plot.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments passed to the function (ignored).

**Details**

This is a graphical support function to [renyiaccum](#) in **vegan**. Similar static plots can be produced by [persp.renyiaccum](#).

**Value**

Function returns nothing.

**Author(s)**

Roeland Kindt.

**See Also**

[renyiaccum](#), [persp.renyiaccum](#), [rgl](#).

**Examples**

```
if (interactive() && require(rgl, quietly = TRUE)){  
  data(BCI)  
  mod <- renyiaccum(BCI[1:12,])  
  persp(mod)  
  rgl.renyiaccum(mod)  
}
```

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