

# The mapproj Package

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**Title** Map Projections

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**Description** Converts latitude/longitude into projected coordinates.

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map.grid *Draw a latitude/longitude grid on a projected map*

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### Description

Draws a grid on an existing map.

### Usage

```
map.grid(lim, nx=9, ny=9, labels=TRUE, pretty=TRUE, cex, col, lty, font, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>lim</code>	a vector of 4 numbers specifying limits: <code>c(lon.low, lon.high, lat.low, lat.high)</code> . <code>lim</code> can also be a list with a component named <code>range</code> , such as the result of <code>map</code> , from which limits are taken.
<code>nx, ny</code>	the desired number of equally-spaced longitude and latitude lines
<code>labels</code>	logical to indicate if grid lines should be labeled with longitude/latitude values.
<code>pretty</code>	If TRUE, grid lines will be placed at round numbers.
<code>cex</code>	
<code>col</code>	
<code>lty</code>	
<code>font</code>	
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed to <code>lines</code> and <code>text</code> , e.g. <code>col</code> to change the color of the grid and <code>lty</code> to change the line type.

**Value**

Equally-spaced lines of constant longitude and lines of constant latitude are superimposed on the current map, using the current projection. These lines will appear curved under most projections, and give an idea of how the projection works.

**See Also**

[map](#)

**Examples**

```
library(maps)
m <- map("usa", plot=FALSE)
map("usa", project="albers", par=c(39, 45))
map.grid(m)

# get unprojected world limits
m <- map('world', plot=FALSE)

# center on NYC
map('world', proj='azequalarea', orient=c(41, -74, 0))
map.grid(m, col=2)
points(mapproject(list(y=41, x=-74)), col=3, pch="x", cex=2)

map('world', proj='orth', orient=c(41, -74, 0))
map.grid(m, col=2, nx=6, ny=5, label=FALSE, lty=2)
points(mapproject(list(y=41, x=-74)), col=3, pch="x", cex=2)

# center on Auckland
map('world', proj='orth', orient=c(-36.92, 174.6, 0))
map.grid(m, col=2, label=FALSE, lty=2)
points(mapproject(list(y=-36.92, x=174.6)), col=3, pch="x", cex=2)
```

```

m <- map('nz')
# center on Auckland
map('nz',proj='azequalarea',orient=c(-36.92,174.6,0))
points(mapproject(list(y=-36.92,x=174.6)),col=3,pch="x",cex=2)
map.grid(m,col=2)

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mapproject

*Apply a Map Projection*


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### Description

Converts latitude and longitude into projected coordinates.

### Usage

```
mapproject(x, y, projection="", parameters=NULL, orientation=NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>x, y</code>	two vectors giving longitude and latitude coordinates of points on the earth's surface to be projected. A list containing components named <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> , giving the coordinates of the points to be projected may also be given. Missing values (NAs) are allowed. The coordinate system is degrees of longitude east of Greenwich (so the USA is bounded by negative longitudes) and degrees north of the equator.
<code>projection</code>	optional character string that names a map projection to use. If the string is "" then the previous projection is used, with parameters modified by the next two arguments.
<code>parameters</code>	optional numeric vector of parameters for use with the <code>projection</code> argument. This argument is optional only in the sense that certain projections do not require additional parameters. If a projection does require additional parameters, these must be given in the <code>parameters</code> argument.
<code>orientation</code>	An optional vector <code>c(latitude, longitude, rotation)</code> which describes where the "North Pole" should be when computing the projection. Normally this is <code>c(90, 0)</code> , which is appropriate for cylindrical and conic projections. For a planar projection, you should set it to the desired point of tangency. The third value is a clockwise rotation (in degrees), which defaults to the midrange of the longitude coordinates in the map. This means that two maps plotted with their own default orientation may not line up. To avoid this, you should not specify a projection twice but rather default to the previous projection using <code>projection=""</code> . See the examples.

## Details

Each standard projection is displayed with the Prime Meridian (longitude 0) being a straight vertical line, along which North is up. The orientation of nonstandard projections is specified by the three parameters=`c(lat, lon, rot)`. Imagine a transparent gridded sphere around the globe. First turn the overlay about the North Pole so that the Prime Meridian (longitude 0) of the overlay coincides with meridian `lon` on the globe. Then tilt the North Pole of the overlay along its Prime Meridian to latitude `lat` on the globe. Finally again turn the overlay about its "North Pole" so that its Prime Meridian coincides with the previous position of (the overlay) meridian `rot`. Project the desired map in the standard form appropriate to the overlay, but presenting information from the underlying globe.

In the descriptions that follow (adapted from the McIlroy reference), each projection is shown as a function call; if it requires parameters, these are shown as arguments to the function. The descriptions are grouped into families.

Equatorial projections centered on the Prime Meridian (longitude 0). Parallels are straight horizontal lines.

**mercator()** equally spaced straight meridians, conformal, straight compass courses

**sinusoidal()** equally spaced parallels, equal-area, same as `bonne(0)`

**cylequalarea(lat0)** equally spaced straight meridians, equal-area, true scale on `lat0`

**cylindrical()** central projection on tangent cylinder

**rectangular(lat0)** equally spaced parallels, equally spaced straight meridians, true scale on `lat0`

**gall(lat0)** parallels spaced stereographically on prime meridian, equally spaced straight meridians, true scale on `lat0`

**mollweide()** (homalographic) equal-area, hemisphere is a circle

**gilbert()** sphere conformally mapped on hemisphere and viewed orthographically

Azimuthal projections centered on the North Pole. Parallels are concentric circles. Meridians are equally spaced radial lines.

**azequidistant()** equally spaced parallels, true distances from pole

**azequalarea()** equal-area

**gnomonic()** central projection on tangent plane, straight great circles

**perspective(dist)** viewed along earth's axis `dist` earth radii from center of earth

**orthographic()** viewed from infinity

**stereographic()** conformal, projected from opposite pole

**laue()**  $\text{radius} = \tan(2 * \text{colatitude})$  used in xray crystallography

**fisheye(n)** stereographic seen through medium with refractive index `n`

**newyorker(r)**  $\text{radius} = \log(\text{colatitude}/r)$  map from viewing pedestal of radius `r` degrees

Polar conic projections symmetric about the Prime Meridian. Parallels are segments of concentric circles. Except in the Bonne projection, meridians are equally spaced radial lines orthogonal to the parallels.

**conic(lat0)** central projection on cone tangent at `lat0`

**simpleconic(lat0,lat1)** equally spaced parallels, true scale on `lat0` and `lat1`

**lambert(lat0,lat1)** conformal, true scale on `lat0` and `lat1`

**albers(lat0,lat1)** equal-area, true scale on `lat0` and `lat1`

**bonne(lat0)** equally spaced parallels, equal-area, parallel `lat0` developed from tangent cone

Projections with bilateral symmetry about the Prime Meridian and the equator.

**polyconic()** parallels developed from tangent cones, equally spaced along Prime Meridian

**aitoff()** equal-area projection of globe onto 2-to-1 ellipse, based on `azequalarea`

**lagrange()** conformal, maps whole sphere into a circle

**bicentric(lon0)** points plotted at true azimuth from two centers on the equator at longitudes `+lon0` and `-lon0`, great circles are straight lines (a stretched gnomonic projection)

**elliptic(lon0)** points are plotted at true distance from two centers on the equator at longitudes `+lon0` and `-lon0`

**globular()** hemisphere is circle, circular arc meridians equally spaced on equator, circular arc parallels equally spaced on 0- and 90-degree meridians

**vandergrinten()** sphere is circle, meridians as in `globular`, circular arc parallels resemble `mercator`

**eisenlohr()** conformal with no singularities, shaped like `polyconic`

Doubly periodic conformal projections.

**guyou** W and E hemispheres are square

**square** world is square with Poles at diagonally opposite corners

**tetra** map on tetrahedron with edge tangent to Prime Meridian at S Pole, unfolded into equilateral triangle

**hex** world is hexagon centered on N Pole, N and S hemispheres are equilateral triangles

Miscellaneous projections.

**harrison(dist,angle)** oblique perspective from above the North Pole, `dist` earth radii from center of earth, looking along the Date Line `angle` degrees off vertical

**trapezoidal(lat0,lat1)** equally spaced parallels, straight meridians equally spaced along parallels, true scale at `lat0` and `lat1` on Prime Meridian

**lune(lat,angle)** conformal, polar cap above latitude `lat` maps to convex lune with given `angle` at 90E and 90W

Retroazimuthal projections. At every point the angle between vertical and a straight line to "Mecca", latitude `lat0` on the prime meridian, is the true bearing of Mecca.

**mecca(lat0)** equally spaced vertical meridians

**homing(lat0)** distances to Mecca are true

Maps based on the spheroid. Of geodetic quality, these projections do not make sense for tilted orientations.

**sp\_mercator()** Mercator on the spheroid.

**sp\_albers(lat0,lat1)** Albers on the spheroid.

## Value

list with components named `x` and `y`, containing the projected coordinates. NAs project to NAs. Points deemed unprojectable (such as north of 80 degrees latitude in the Mercator projection) are returned as NA. Because of the ambiguity of the first two arguments, the other arguments must be given by name.

Each time `mapproject` is called, it leaves on frame 0 the dataset `.Last.projection`, which is a list with components `projection`, `parameters`, and `orientation` giving the arguments from the call to `mapproject` or as constructed (for `orientation`). Subsequent calls to `mapproject` will get missing information from `.Last.projection`. Since `map` uses `mapproject` to do its projections, calls to `mapproject` after a call to `map` need not supply any arguments other than the data.

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## Examples

```
library(maps)
# Bonne equal-area projection with state abbreviations
map("state",proj='bonne', param=45)
data(state)
text(mapproject(state.center), state.abb)

# this does not work because the default orientations are different:
map("state",proj='bonne', param=45)
text(mapproject(state.center,proj='bonne',param=45),state.abb)

map("state",proj="albers",par=c(30,40))
map("state",par=c(20,50)) # another Albers projection

map("world",proj="gnomonic",orient=c(0,-100,0)) # example of orient
# see map.grid for more examples
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