

# Package ‘incidentally’

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**Description** Functions to generate incidence matrices and bipartite graphs that have (1) a fixed fill rate, (2) given marginal sums, (3) marginal sums that follow given distributions, or (4) represent bill sponsorships in the US Congress <[doi:10.31219/osf.io/ectms](https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/ectms)>. It can also generate an incidence matrix from an adjacency matrix, or bipartite graph from a unipartite graph, via a social process mirroring team, group, or organization formation <[doi:10.48550/arXiv.2204.13670](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2204.13670)>.

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add.blocks	<i>Adds a block structure to an incidence matrix</i>
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### Description

add.blocks shuffles an incidence matrix to have a block structure or planted partition while preserving the row and column sums

### Usage

```
add.blocks(
  I,
  rowblock = sample(1:2, replace = T, nrow(I)),
  colblock = sample(1:2, replace = T, ncol(I)),
  density = 0.5,
  sorted = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

I	An incidence matrix or <a href="#">igraph</a> bipartite graph
rowblock	numeric: vector indicating each row node's block membership
colblock	numeric: vector indicating each column node's block membership
density	numeric: desired within-block density
sorted	boolean: if TRUE, return incidence matrix permuted by block

### Details

Stochastic block and planted partition models generate graphs in which the probability that two nodes are connected depends on whether they are members of the same or different blocks/partitions. Functions such as [sample\\_sbm](#) can randomly sample from stochastic block models with given probabilities. In contrast add.blocks adds a block structure to an existing incidence matrix while preserving the row and column sums. Row nodes' and column nodes' block memberships are supplied in separate vectors. If block membership vectors are not provided, then nodes are randomly assigned to two groups.

### Value

An incidence matrix or [igraph](#) bipartite graph with a block structure

## References

Neal, Z. P., Domagalski, R., and Sagan, B. 2021. Comparing alternatives to the fixed degree sequence model for extracting the backbone of bipartite projections. *Scientific Reports*, 11, 23929. doi: [10.1038/s41598021032383](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598021032383)

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## Examples

```
I <- incidence.from.probability(R = 100, C = 100, P = .1)
blocked <- add.blocks(I, density = .7)
all(rowSums(I)==rowSums(blocked))
all(colSums(I)==colSums(blocked))
```

```
B <- igraph::sample_bipartite(100, 100, p=.1)
blocked <- add.blocks(B, density = .7)
all(igraph::degree(B)==igraph::degree(blocked))
```

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curveball	<i>Randomize an incidence matrix or bipartite graph using the curveball algorithm</i>
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## Description

curveball randomizes an incidence matrix or bipartite graph, preserving the row and column sums

## Usage

```
curveball(M, trades = 5 * nrow(M), class = NULL)
```

## Arguments

M	a binary matrix of class <code>matrix</code> or <code>Matrix</code> , or a bipartite graph of class <code>igraph</code> .
trades	integer: number of trades; the default is $5 * nrow(M)$ (approx. mixing time)
class	string: Return object as <code>matrix</code> , <code>Matrix</code> , <code>igraph</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , object is returned in the same class as M.

## Details

Strona et al. (2014) provided an initial implementation of the Curveball algorithm in R. `curveball()` is a modified R implementation that is slightly more efficient. For an even more efficient algorithm, see `backbone::fastball()`.

## Value

An incidence matrix of class `matrix` or `Matrix`, or a bipartite graph of class `igraph`.

## References

- Strona, Giovanni, Domenico Nappo, Francesco Boccacci, Simone Fattorini, and Jesus San-Miguel-Ayanz. 2014. A Fast and Unbiased Procedure to Randomize Ecological Binary Matrices with Fixed Row and Column Totals. *Nature Communications*, 5, 4114. doi: [10.1038/ncomms5114](https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms5114)
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- Neal, Z. P. 2022. incidentally: An R package to generate incidence matrices and bipartite graphs. *OSF Preprints* doi: [10.31219/osf.io/ectms](https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/ectms)

## Examples

```
M <- incidence.from.probability(5,5,.5) #A matrix
Mrand <- curveball(M) #Random matrix with same row/col sums
all.equal(rowSums(M), rowSums(curveball(M)))
all.equal(colSums(M), colSums(curveball(M)))
```

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incidence.from.adjacency

*Generates an incidence matrix from an adjacency matrix*

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## Description

incidence.from.adjacency generates an incidence matrix from an adjacency matrix or network using a given generative model

## Usage

```
incidence.from.adjacency(
  G,
  k = 1,
  p = 1,
  blau.param = c(2, 1, 10),
  maximal = TRUE,
  model = "team",
  class = NULL,
  narrative = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

G	A symmetric, binary adjacency matrix of class <code>matrix</code> or <code>Matrix</code> , or an undirected, unweighted unipartite graph of class <code>igraph</code> .
k	integer: Number of artifacts to generate
p	numeric: Tuning parameter for artifacts, $0 \leq p \leq 1$
blau.param	vector: Vector of parameters that control blau space in the organizations model (see details)



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 incidence.from.congress

*Generate bill sponsorship incidence matrices and bipartite graphs*


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## Description

incidence.from.congress() uses data from <https://www.congress.gov/> to construct an incidence matrix or bipartite graph recording legislators' bill (co-)sponsorships.

## Usage

```
incidence.from.congress(
  session = NULL,
  types = NULL,
  areas = "all",
  nonvoting = FALSE,
  weighted = FALSE,
  format = "data",
  narrative = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

session	numeric: the session of congress
types	vector: types of bills to include. May be any combination of c("s", "sres", "sjres", "sconres") OR any combination of c("hr", "hres", "hjres", "hconres").
areas	string: policy areas of bills to include (see details)
nonvoting	boolean: should non-voting members be included
weighted	boolean: should sponsor-bill edges have a weight of 2, but cosponsor-bill edges have a weight of 1
format	string: format of output, one of c("data", "igraph")
narrative	boolean: TRUE if suggested text & citations should be displayed.

## Details

The incidence.from.congress() function uses data from <https://www.congress.gov/> to construct an incidence matrix or bipartite graph recording legislators' bill (co-)sponsorships. In an incidence matrix  $\mathbf{I}$ , entry  $I_{ik} = 1$  if legislator  $i$  sponsored or co-sponsored bill  $k$ , and otherwise is 0. In a bipartite graph  $\mathbf{G}$ , a legislator  $i$  is connected to a bill  $k$  if  $i$  sponsored or co-sponsored  $k$ .

In the US Congress, the law making process begins when a *sponsor* legislator introduces a bill in their chamber (House of Representatives or Senate). Additional legislators in the same chamber can support the bill by joining as a *co-sponsor*. The bill is discussed, revised, and possibly voted on in the chamber. If it passes in one chamber, it is sent to the other chamber for further discussion, revision, and possibly a vote. If it passed both chambers, it is sent to the President. If the President signs the bill, it becomes law.

In the House of Representatives, legislators can introduce four types of bills: a House Bill (hr), a House Joint Resolution (hjres), a House Concurrent Resolution (hconres), and a House Simple Resolution (hres). Similarly, in the Senate, legislators can introduce four types of bills: a Senate Bill (s), a Senate Joint Resolution (sjres), a Senate Concurrent Resolution (sconres), and a Senate Simple Resolution (sres). In both chambers, concurrent and simple resolutions are used for minor procedural matters and do not have the force of law. Only bills and joint resolutions require the President's signature and have the force of law if signed.

Each bill is assigned a policy area by the Congressional Research Service. By default, bills from all policy areas are included, however the areas parameter can be used to include only bills addressing certain policy areas. The areas takes a vector of strings listing the desired policy areas (e.g., areas = c("Congress", "Animals")). A complete list of policy areas and brief descriptions is available at <https://www.congress.gov/help/field-values/policy-area>.

## Value

If format = "data", a list containing an incidence matrix, a dataframe of legislator characteristics, and a dataframe of bill characteristics.

If format = "igraph", a bipartite igraph object composed of legislator vertices and bill vertices, each with vertex attributes.

For both formats, legislator characteristics include: BioGuide ID, full name, last name, party affiliation, and state. Bill characteristics include: bill ID, introduction date, title, policy area, status, sponsor's party, and number of co-sponsors from each party.

## References

Tutorial: Neal, Z. P. 2022. Constructing legislative networks in R using incidentally and backbone. *Connections*, 42. doi: [10.2478/connections2019.026](https://doi.org/10.2478/connections2019.026)

Package: Neal, Z. P. 2022. incidentally: An R package to generate incidence matrices and bipartite graphs. *OSF Preprints* doi: [10.31219/osf.io/ectms](https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/ectms)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
D <- incidence.from.congress(session = 116, types = "s", format = "data")
D <- incidence.from.congress(session = 116, types = "s", format = "data", areas = "animals")
G <- incidence.from.congress(session = 115, types = c("hr", "hres"), format = "igraph")

## End(Not run)
```

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incidence.from.distribution

*Generates an incidence matrix with row and column sums that follow given distributions*

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## Description

incidence.from.distribution generates a random incidence matrix with row and column sums that approximately follow beta distributions with given parameters.

**Usage**

```
incidence.from.distribution(
  R,
  C,
  P,
  rowdist = c(1, 1),
  coldist = c(1, 1),
  class = "matrix",
  narrative = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

R	integer: number of rows
C	integer: number of columns
P	numeric: probability that a cell contains a 1
rowdist	vector length 2: Row marginals will approximately follow a Beta(a,b) distribution
coldist	vector length 2: Column marginals will approximately follow a Beta(a,b) distribution
class	string: the class of the returned backbone graph, one of c("matrix", "Matrix", "igraph").
narrative	boolean: TRUE if suggested text & citations should be displayed.

**Value**

An incidence matrix of class `matrix` or `Matrix`, or a bipartite graph of class `igraph`.

**References**

Neal, Z. P., Domagalski, R., and Sagan, B. 2021. Comparing alternatives to the fixed degree sequence model for extracting the backbone of bipartite projections. *Scientific Reports*, 11, 23929. doi: [10.1038/s41598021032383](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598021032383)

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**Examples**

```
I <- incidence.from.distribution(R = 100, C = 100, P = 0.1,
  rowdist = c(10000,10000), coldist = c(10000,10000)) #Constant
I <- incidence.from.distribution(R = 100, C = 100, P = 0.1,
  rowdist = c(1,1), coldist = c(1,1)) #Uniform
I <- incidence.from.distribution(R = 100, C = 100, P = 0.1,
  rowdist = c(1,10), coldist = c(1,10)) #Right-tailed
I <- incidence.from.distribution(R = 100, C = 100, P = 0.1,
  rowdist = c(10,1), coldist = c(10,1)) #Left-tailed
I <- incidence.from.distribution(R = 100, C = 100, P = 0.1,
```



```
rowdist = c(10,10), coldist = c(10,10),
narrative = TRUE) #Normal
```

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incidence.from.probability
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*Generates an incidence matrix with a given cell-filling probability*

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## Description

`incidence.from.probability` generates a random incidence matrix in which each cell is filled with a 1 with a given probability.

## Usage

```
incidence.from.probability(
  R,
  C,
  P = 0,
  constrain = TRUE,
  class = "matrix",
  narrative = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

R	integer: number of rows
C	integer: number of columns
P	numeric: probability that a cell contains a 1; if P = 0 a probability will be chosen randomly
constrain	boolean: ensure that no rows or columns sum to 0 (i.e., contain all 0s) or to 1 (i.e., contain all 1s)
class	string: the class of the returned backbone graph, one of c("matrix", "Matrix", "igraph").
narrative	boolean: TRUE if suggested text & citations should be displayed.

## Value

An incidence matrix of class `matrix` or `Matrix`, or a bipartite graph of class `igraph`.

## References

Neal, Z. P., Domagalski, R., and Sagan, B. 2021. Comparing alternatives to the fixed degree sequence model for extracting the backbone of bipartite projections. *Scientific Reports*, 11, 23929. doi: [10.1038/s41598021032383](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598021032383)

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## Examples

```
I <- incidence.from.probability(R = 10, C = 10)
I <- incidence.from.probability(R = 10, C = 10, P = .5)
I <- incidence.from.probability(R = 10, C = 10, P = .5,
  class = "igraph", narrative = TRUE)
```

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incidence.from.vector *Generates an incidence matrix with given row and column marginal sums*

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## Description

incidence.from.vector generates a random incidence matrix with given row and column sums

## Usage

```
incidence.from.vector(R, C, class = "matrix", narrative = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

R	numeric vector: row marginal sums
C	numeric vector: column marginal sums
class	string: the class of the returned backbone graph, one of c("matrix", "Matrix", "igraph").
narrative	boolean: TRUE if suggested text & citations should be displayed.

## Value

An incidence matrix of class `matrix` or `Matrix`, or a bipartite graph of class `igraph`.

## References

Neal, Z. P., Domagalski, R., and Sagan, B. 2021. Comparing alternatives to the fixed degree sequence model for extracting the backbone of bipartite projections. *Scientific Reports*, 11, 23929. doi: [10.1038/s41598021032383](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598021032383)

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## Examples

```
I <- incidence.from.vector(R = c(1,1,2), C = c(1,1,2))
I <- incidence.from.vector(R = c(1,1,2), C = c(1,1,2),
  class = "igraph", narrative = TRUE)
```

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**Description**

Functions to generate incidence matrices and bipartite graphs that have (1) a fixed fill rate, (2) given marginal sums, (3) marginal sums that follow given distributions, or (4) represent bill sponsorships in the US Congress. It can also generate an incidence matrix from an adjacency matrix, or bipartite graph from a unipartite graph, via a social process mirroring team, group, or organization formation.

Incidence matrices can be generated:

- ...with a fixed fill rate: `incidence.from.probability()`.
- ...with given marginals: `incidence.from.vector()`.
- ...with marginals that follow given distributions: `incidence.from.distribution()`.
- ...from a network, by a social process mirroring team, group, or organization formation `incidence.from.adjacency()`.
- ...with a block structure or planted partition: `add.blocks()`.
- ...from US Congress bill sponsorships: `incidence.from.congress()`.

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