

# Package ‘GephiForR’

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assign\_edge\_colors      *Assign edge colors based on source node colors*

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**Description**

This function assigns colors to edges in an igraph based on the colors of the source nodes, with an optional transparency adjustment.

**Usage**

```
assign_edge_colors(graph, transparency = 0.4)
```

**Arguments**

graph	An igraph object. The graph must contain vertex color attributes.
transparency	A numeric value between 0 and 1 indicating the transparency level of the edge colors. Default is 0.4.

**Value**

The input graph with updated edge color attributes.

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)

# Creating a sample graph
g <- sample_gnp(10, 0.3)
V(g)$name <- letters[1:10]
V(g)$color <- rainbow(10)

# Assigning edge colors based on source node colors
g <- assign_edge_colors(g, transparency = 0.4)

# Plotting the graph
plot(g, edge.color = E(g)$color, vertex.color = V(g)$color)
```

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assign\_node\_colors      *Assign node colors based on a set of attributes*

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**Description**

This function assigns colors to nodes in a graph based on specified attributes.

**Usage**

```
assign_node_colors(graph, attributes, custom_colors = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>graph</code>	An igraph object. The graph must contain a vertex attribute name.
<code>attributes</code>	A two-column matrix or data frame. The first column must contain node names, and the second column must contain the attributes that colors will be assigned off of.
<code>custom_colors</code>	A character vector of colors to be used for different attribute values. If not provided, a default palette from rainbow will be used.

**Value**

The input graph with updated vertex color attributes.

**Examples**

```
library(igraph)

# Creating a sample graph
g <- sample_gnp(10, 0.3)
V(g)$name <- letters[1:10]

# Creating a sample attributes data frame
attributes <- data.frame(
  Node = letters[1:10],
  Attribute = rep(c("Group1", "Group2", "Group3"), length.out = 10)
)

# Assigning node colors using default colors
g <- assign_node_colors(g, attributes)

# Plotting the graph
plot(g, vertex.color = V(g)$color)

##### Example with custom colors #####

# Defining custom colors
custom_colors <- c("red", "yellow", "pink")

# Assigning node colors
g <- assign_node_colors(g, attributes, custom_colors)

# Plotting the graph
plot(g, vertex.color = V(g)$color)
```

## Description

This function provides an easy interface for plotting a graph in a similar style to 'Gephi'. It has a customizable layout, label size, edge color, vertex size, edge arrow size, and vertex label color.

## Usage

```
easyplot(  
  graph,  
  layout,  
  label_size = 3,  
  edge_color = NULL,  
  vertex_size = rep(3, vcount(graph)),  
  edge_arrow_size = 0.2,  
  vertex_label_color = "black"  
)
```

## Arguments

graph	An igraph object. The graph must contain vertex color attributes.
layout	A matrix representing the layout of the graph. Typically obtained from layout functions like <code>layout_with_fr</code> or <code>layout_forceatlas2</code> .
label_size	A numeric value indicating the size of the vertex labels. Default is 3. Note that when exporting a plot, label size will likely need to be adjusted depending on the plot size.
edge_color	A character vector of colors for the edges. If not provided, the default color is black.
vertex_size	A numeric vector indicating the size of the vertices. Default is 15 for all vertices.
edge_arrow_size	A numeric value indicating the size of the arrows at the end of the edges. Default is 0.2.
vertex_label_color	A character string specifying the color of the vertex labels. Default is "black".

## Value

A plot of the graph with the specified parameters.

## Examples

```
library(igraph)

# Creating a sample graph
g <- sample_gnp(10, 0.3)
V(g)$name <- letters[1:10]
V(g)$color <- rainbow(10)
layout <- layout_with_fr(g)

# Plot the graph using easyplot
easyplot(g, layout, label_size = 1, vertex_size = rep(10, vcount(g)))

# Assign edge colors based on source node colors
g <- assign_edge_colors(g, transparency = 0.4)

# Plot the graph using easyplot, now with edge color
easyplot(g, layout, label_size = 1, vertex_size = rep(10, vcount(g)))
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layout.forceatlas2      *Apply ForceAtlas2 layout to a graph*

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## Description

This function applies Jacomy et al. (2014)'s 'ForceAtlas2' layout algorithm to an igraph object.

## Usage

```
layout.forceatlas2(  
  g,  
  iterations = 100,  
  linlog = FALSE,  
  pos = NULL,  
  gravity = 1,  
  center = NULL,  
  plotstep = 10,  
  plotlabels = TRUE,  
  scalingratio = 10,  
  stronggravity = FALSE,  
  jittertol = 1  
)
```

## Arguments

**g**                    An igraph object representing the graph.

**iterations**        Integer. The number of iterations to run the algorithm. Default is 100.

linlog	Logical. If linlog = TRUE, uses the Noack LinLog model implemented for ‘Gephi’ to calculate attractive and repulsive forces (see Noack 2009). Default is linlog = FALSE.
pos	A 2-column matrix of initial positions, where the columns contain x-coordinates and y-coordinates, respectively. If pos = NULL, positions for the first iteration are generated randomly. Default is pos = NULL.
gravity	Numeric. The strength of the gravity force. Default is 1. Note that this is only included in calculations if stronggravity = TRUE. Higher gravity values result in tighter networks.
center	A numeric vector of length 2 specifying the center of gravity. If center = NULL, the center is calculated automatically. Default is center = NULL.
plotstep	Integer. The number of iterations between plots. If plotstep = 0, no plotting is done. Default is plotstep = 10. These plots appear as intermediate output in the console.
plotlabels	Logical. If plotlabels = TRUE, plot node labels appear during the intermediate plotstep graphs. Default is plotlabels = TRUE.
scalingratio	Numeric. The scaling ratio of the layout. Default is 10, in line with ‘Gephi’.
stronggravity	Logical. If stronggravity = TRUE, gravity will be an additional force acting on each node, and the gravity parameter kicks in. Default is stronggravity = FALSE.
jittertol	Numeric. The tolerance for jittering nodes. Default is jittertol = 1; Jacomy et al. (2014) do not recommend increasing it above 1.

### Details

This function implements Jacomy et al. (2014)’s ForceAtlas2 layout algorithm on an `igraph` object. It can handle large graphs and is particularly suitable for visualizing networks. It also includes LinLog mode and a stronger gravity feature, like ‘Gephi’.

### Value

A matrix of node positions.

### References

- Jacomy M, Venturini T, Heymann S, Bastian M (2014). “ForceAtlas2, a Continuous Graph Layout Algorithm for Handy Network Visualization Designed for the Gephi Software.” *PLoS ONE*, **9**(6). doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0098679, <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0098679>.
- Noack A (2009). “Modularity clustering is force-directed layout.” *Physical Review*, **79**. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/0807.4052>.

### Examples

```
# Create a random graph
library(igraph)
g <- sample_gnp(100, 0.05)
```

```

# Assign non-numeric row names
V(g)$name <- paste0("node", 1:vcount(g))

# Apply ForceAtlas2 layout
pos <- layout.forceatlas2(g, linlog = TRUE, iterations = 100, scalingratio = 10)

V(g)$x = as.numeric(pos[,1])
V(g)$y = as.numeric(pos[,2])

# Plotting (preserves the exact degree of rotation)
igraph::plot.igraph(g, rescale = FALSE,
                    xlim = range(pos[,1]), ylim = range(pos[,2]))

```

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rotate\_layout

*Rotate layout positions by a custom angle*


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### Description

This function rotates each node's position by a specified angle.

### Usage

```
rotate_layout(layout, angle)
```

### Arguments

layout	A 2-column matrix or dataframe of position data, where the columns are the x- and y-coordinates of each node, respectively.
angle	The angle by which to rotate the layout, in degrees.

### Details

This function rotates each node position in a 2-column matrix/dataframe of position data by a specified angle.

### Value

A matrix of node positions.

### Examples

```

# Create a random graph
library(igraph)
g <- sample_gnp(6, 0.05)

# Initializing position vector and plotting
position <- as.matrix(data.frame(X = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 3), Y = c(4, 5, 6, 7, 1, 2)))

```

```

plot(g, layout = position)

# Rotating position vector 90 degrees
rotated_df <- rotate_layout(position, 90)

# Updating node position in the graph object
V(g)$x = as.numeric(rotated_df[,1])
V(g)$y = as.numeric(rotated_df[,2])

# Plotting (preserves the exact degree of rotation)
igraph::plot.igraph(g, rescale = FALSE,
                    xlim = range(rotated_df[,1]), ylim = range(rotated_df[,2]))

# Alternatively, GephiForR's easyplot can be used if nodes are assigned a color
V(g)$color <- rainbow(6)
easyplot(g, rotated_df)

# Rotating position vector 283 degrees and plotting
rotated_df <- rotate_layout(position, 283)

# Updating node position in the graph object
V(g)$x = as.numeric(rotated_df[,1])
V(g)$y = as.numeric(rotated_df[,2])

# Plotting (preserves the exact degree of rotation)
igraph::plot.igraph(g, rescale = FALSE,
                    xlim = range(rotated_df[,1]), ylim = range(rotated_df[,2]))

```

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scale\_node\_positions *Scale node positions in an igraph object*

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### Description

This function scales the positions of nodes in a graph relative to their centroid; compatible with expansions and contractions.

### Usage

```
scale_node_positions(layout, scale_factor = 1.2)
```

### Arguments

layout	A 2-column matrix representing the position data, where the columns are the x- and y-coordinates of each node, respectively.
scale_factor	A numeric value indicating the factor by which to scale the node positions. The default is scale_factor = 1.2.

## Details

This function expands or contracts the graph around a centroid, facilitating visualization. Factors greater than 1 expand the network around the centroid while those less than 1 contract it around the centroid. `scale_factor = 1` is no change. Note that unscaled plot commands like `plot(g, layout = layout_expanded)` make the change difficult to see, so scaled plots are recommended for comparison.

## Value

A matrix of updated node positions.

## Examples

```
set.seed(10)
library(igraph)

# Generating graph and setting initial layout
g <- sample_gnp(100, 0.05)
layout <- layout_with_fr(g)

# Plotting original graph, maintaining fixed scale so expansion is clear
plot(layout, main="Original Graph", xlab="", ylab="", xlim=c(-20, 15), ylim=c(-20, 15))

# Expanding node positions
layout_expanded <- scale_node_positions(layout, 2)

# Plotting expanded graph, maintaining fixed scale so expansion is clear
plot(layout_expanded, main="Expanded Graph", xlab="", ylab="", xlim=c(-20, 15), ylim=c(-20, 15))

# Contract node positions
layout_cont <- scale_node_positions(layout, 0.8)

# Plotting contracted graph, maintaining fixed scale so transformation is clear
plot(layout_cont, main="Contracted Graph", xlab="", ylab="", xlim=c(-20, 15), ylim=c(-20, 15))

# Note that igraph plots like below make it difficult to see the transformation,
# because they are autoscaled.
# plot(g, layout = layout_expanded)
# The change is easy to see in scaled plots, as shown.
```

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