

# Package ‘R2jags’

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**Description** Providing wrapper functions to implement Bayesian analysis in JAGS. Some major features include monitoring convergence of a MCMC model using Rubin and Gelman Rhat statistics, automatically running a MCMC model till it converges, and implementing parallel processing of a MCMC model for multiple chains.

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`attach.jags`*Attach/detach elements of 'JAGS' objects to search path*

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### Description

These are wrapper functions for [attach.bugs](#) and [detach.bugs](#), which attach or detach three-way-simulation array of bugs object to the search path. See [attach.all](#) for details.

### Usage

```
attach.jags(x, overwrite = NA)
detach.jags()
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	An <code>rjags</code> object.
<code>overwrite</code>	If TRUE, objects with identical names in the Workspace ( <code>.GlobalEnv</code> ) that are masking objects in the database to be attached will be deleted. If NA (the default) and an interactive session is running, a dialog box asks the user whether masking objects should be deleted. In non-interactive mode, behaviour is identical to <code>overwrite=FALSE</code> , i.e. nothing will be deleted.

### Details

See [attach.bugs](#) for details

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### References

Sibylle Sturtz and Uwe Ligges and Andrew Gelman. (2005). "R2WinBUGS: A Package for Running WinBUGS from R." *Journal of Statistical Software* 3 (12): 1–6.

### Examples

```
# See the example in ?jags for the usage.
```

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`autojags`*Function for auto-updating 'JAGS' until the model converges*

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**Description**

The `autojags` takes a `rjags` object as input. `autojags` will update the model until it converges.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'rjags'
update(object, n.iter=1000, n.thin=1,
       refresh=n.iter/50, progress.bar = "text", ...)
autojags(object, n.iter=1000, n.thin=1, Rhat=1.1, n.update=2,
        refresh=n.iter/50, progress.bar = "text", ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	an object of <code>rjags</code> class.
<code>n.iter</code>	number of total iterations per chain, default=1000
<code>n.thin</code>	thinning rate. Must be a positive integer, default=1
<code>...</code>	further arguments pass to or from other methods.
<code>Rhat</code>	convergence criterion, default=1.1.
<code>n.update</code>	the max number of updates, default=2.
<code>refresh</code>	refresh frequency for progress bar, default is <code>n.iter/50</code>
<code>progress.bar</code>	type of progress bar. Possible values are "text", "gui", and "none". Type "text" is displayed on the R console. Type "gui" is a graphical progress bar in a new window. The progress bar is suppressed if <code>progress.bar</code> is "none"

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**References**

Gelman, A., Carlin, J.B., Stern, H.S., Rubin, D.B. (2003): *Bayesian Data Analysis*, 2nd edition, CRC Press.

**Examples**

```
# see ?jags for an example.
```

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jags

*Run 'JAGS' from R*


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## Description

The `jags` function takes data and starting values as input. It automatically writes a `jags` script, calls the model, and saves the simulations for easy access in R.

## Usage

```
jags(data, inits, parameters.to.save, model.file="model.bug",
      n.chains=3, n.iter=2000, n.burnin=floor(n.iter/2),
      n.thin=max(1, floor((n.iter - n.burnin) / 1000)),
      DIC=TRUE, pD = FALSE, n.iter.pd = NULL, n.adapt = 100,
      working.directory=NULL, jags.seed = 123,
      refresh = n.iter/50, progress.bar = "text", digits=5,
      RNGname = c("Wichmann-Hill", "Marsaglia-Multicarry",
                  "Super-Duper", "Mersenne-Twister"),
      jags.module = c("glm","dic"), quiet = FALSE,
      checkMissing = FALSE
    )
```

```
jags.parallel(data, inits, parameters.to.save, model.file = "model.bug",
              n.chains = 2, n.iter = 2000, n.burnin = floor(n.iter/2),
              n.thin = max(1, floor((n.iter - n.burnin)/1000)),
              n.cluster= n.chains, DIC = TRUE,
              working.directory = NULL, jags.seed = 123, digits=5,
              RNGname = c("Wichmann-Hill", "Marsaglia-Multicarry",
                          "Super-Duper", "Mersenne-Twister"),
              jags.module = c("glm","dic"),
              export_obj_names=NULL,
              envir = .GlobalEnv
            )
```

```
jags2(data, inits, parameters.to.save, model.file="model.bug",
       n.chains=3, n.iter=2000, n.burnin=floor(n.iter/2),
       n.thin=max(1, floor((n.iter - n.burnin) / 1000)),
       DIC=TRUE, jags.path="",
       working.directory=NULL, clearWD=TRUE,
       refresh = n.iter/50)
```

## Arguments

`data` (1) a vector or list of the names of the data objects used by the model, (2) a (named) list of the data objects themselves, or (3) the name of a "dump" format file containing the data objects, which must end in ".txt", see example below for details.

<code>inits</code>	a list with <code>n.chains</code> elements; each element of the list is itself a list of starting values for the BUGS model, <i>or</i> a function creating (possibly random) initial values. If <code>inits</code> is NULL, JAGS will generate initial values for parameters.
<code>parameters.to.save</code>	character vector of the names of the parameters to save which should be monitored.
<code>model.file</code>	file containing the model written in BUGS code. Alternatively, as in <b>R2WinBUGS</b> , <code>model.file</code> can be an R function that contains a BUGS model that is written to a temporary model file (see <code>tempfile</code> ) using <code>write.model</code>
<code>n.chains</code>	number of Markov chains (default: 3)
<code>n.iter</code>	number of total iterations per chain (including burn in; default: 2000)
<code>n.burnin</code>	length of burn in, i.e. number of iterations to discard at the beginning. Default is <code>n.iter/2</code> , that is, discarding the first half of the simulations. If <code>n.burnin</code> is 0, <code>jags()</code> will run 100 iterations for adaptation.
<code>n.cluster</code>	number of clusters to use to run parallel chains. Default equals <code>n.chains</code> .
<code>n.thin</code>	thinning rate. Must be a positive integer. Set <code>n.thin &gt; 1</code> to save memory and computation time if <code>n.iter</code> is large. Default is <code>max(1, floor(n.chains * (n.iter - n.burnin) / 1000))</code> which will only thin if there are at least 2000 simulations.
DIC	logical; if TRUE (default), compute deviance, pD, and DIC. The rule <code>pD=var(deviance) / 2</code> is used.
pD	logical; if TRUE and DIC is also TRUE, then adds the computation of 'pD', using <code>'rjags::dic.samples()'</code> . Defaults to FALSE.
<code>n.iter.pd</code>	number of iterations to feed <code>'rjags::dic.samples()'</code> to compute 'pD'. Defaults at 1000.
<code>n.adapt</code>	number of iterations for which to run the adaptation, when creating the model object. Defaults at 100.
<code>working.directory</code>	sets working directory during execution of this function; This should be the directory where model file is.
<code>jags.seed</code>	random seed for JAGS, default is 123. This function is used for <code>jags.parallell()</code> and does not work for <code>jags()</code> . Use <code>set.seed()</code> instead if you want to produce identical result with <code>jags()</code>
.	
<code>jags.path</code>	directory that contains the JAGS executable. The default is "".
<code>clearWD</code>	indicating whether the files <code>'data.txt'</code> , <code>'inits[1:n.chains].txt'</code> , <code>'codaIndex.txt'</code> , <code>'jagsscript.txt'</code> , and <code>'CODAchain[1:nchains].txt'</code> should be removed after <code>jags</code> has finished, default=TRUE.
<code>refresh</code>	refresh frequency for progress bar, default is <code>n.iter/50</code>
<code>progress.bar</code>	type of progress bar. Possible values are "text", "gui", and "none". Type "text" is displayed on the R console. Type "gui" is a graphical progress bar in a new window. The progress bar is suppressed if <code>progress.bar</code> is "none"

digits	as in <code>write.model</code> in the <b>R2WinBUGS</b> package: number of significant digits used for BUGS input, see <code>formatC</code> . Only used if specifying a BUGS model as an R function.
RNGname	the name for random number generator used in JAGS. There are four RNGS supplied by the base module in JAGS: Wichmann-Hill, Marsaglia-Multicarry, Super-Duper, Mersenne-Twister
jags.module	the vector of jags modules to be loaded. Default are “glm” and “dic”. Input NULL if you don’t want to load any jags module.
export_obj_names	character vector of objects to export to the clusters.
envir	default is <code>.GlobalEnv</code>
quiet	Logical, whether to suppress stdout in <code>jags.model()</code> .
checkMissing	Default: FALSE. When TRUE, checks for missing data in categorical parameters and returns a <code>sim.list</code> with NA values if detected. It’s recommended to supply <code>jags()</code> with complete data.

## Details

To run:

1. Write a JAGS model in an ASCII file.
2. Go into R.
3. Prepare the inputs for the `jags` function and run it (see Example section).
4. The model will now run in JAGS. It might take awhile. You will see things happening in the R console.

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## Examples

```
# An example model file is given in:
model.file <- system.file(package="R2jags", "model", "schools.txt")
# Let's take a look:
file.show(model.file)
# you can also write BUGS model as a R function, see below:
```

```

#####
# initialization #
#####

# data
J <- 8.0
y <- c(28.4,7.9,-2.8,6.8,-0.6,0.6,18.0,12.2)
sd <- c(14.9,10.2,16.3,11.0,9.4,11.4,10.4,17.6)

jags.data <- list("y","sd","J")
jags.params <- c("mu","sigma","theta")
jags.inits <- function(){
  list("mu"=rnorm(1),"sigma"=runif(1),"theta"=rnorm(J))
}

## You can input data in 4 ways
## 1) data as list of character
jagsfit <- jags(data=list("y","sd","J"), inits=jags.inits, jags.params,
               n.iter=10, model.file=model.file)

## 2) data as character vector of names
jagsfit <- jags(data=c("y","sd","J"), inits=jags.inits, jags.params,
               n.iter=10, model.file=model.file)

## 3) data as named list
jagsfit <- jags(data=list(y=y,sd=sd,J=J), inits=jags.inits, jags.params,
               n.iter=10, model.file=model.file)

## 4) data as a file
fn <- "tmpbugsdata.txt"
dump(c("y","sd","J"), file=fn)
jagsfit <- jags(data=fn, inits=jags.inits, jags.params,
               n.iter=10, model.file=model.file)
unlink("tmpbugsdata.txt")

## You can write bugs model in R as a function

schoolsmodel <- function() {
  for (j in 1:J){
    # J=8, the number of schools
    y[j] ~ dnorm (theta[j], tau.y[j]) # data model: the likelihood
    tau.y[j] <- pow(sd[j], -2) # tau = 1/sigma^2
  }
  for (j in 1:J){
    theta[j] ~ dnorm (mu, tau) # hierarchical model for theta
  }
  tau <- pow(sigma, -2) # tau = 1/sigma^2
  mu ~ dnorm (0.0, 1.0E-6) # noninformative prior on mu
  sigma ~ dunif (0, 1000) # noninformative prior on sigma
}

jagsfit <- jags(data=jags.data, inits=jags.inits, jags.params,

```

```

n.iter=10, model.file=schoolsmodel)

#####
# RUN jags and postprocessing #
#####
jagsfit <- jags(data=jags.data, inits=jags.inits, jags.params,
  n.iter=5000, model.file=model.file)

# Can also compute the DIC using pD (=Dbar-Dhat), via dic.samples(), which
# is a closer approximation to the original formulation of Spiegelhalter et
# al (2002), instead of pV (=var(deviance)/2), which is the default in JAGS
jagsfit.pD <- jags(data=jags.data, inits=jags.inits, jags.params,
  n.iter=5000, model.file=model.file, pD=TRUE)

# Run jags parallely, no progress bar. R may be frozen for a while,
# Be patient. Currentlty update afterward does not run parallelly
#
jagsfit.p <- jags.parallel(data=jags.data, inits=jags.inits, jags.params,
  n.iter=5000, model.file=model.file)

# display the output
print(jagsfit)
plot(jagsfit)

# traceplot
traceplot(jagsfit.p)
traceplot(jagsfit)

# or to use some plots in coda
# use as.mcmc to convert rjags object into mcmc.list
jagsfit.mcmc <- as.mcmc(jagsfit.p)
jagsfit.mcmc <- as.mcmc(jagsfit)
## now we can use the plotting methods from coda
#require(lattice)
#xyplot(jagsfit.mcmc)
#densityplot(jagsfit.mcmc)

# if the model does not converge, update it!
jagsfit.upd <- update(jagsfit, n.iter=100)
print(jagsfit.upd)
print(jagsfit.upd, intervals=c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975))
plot(jagsfit.upd)

# before update parallel jags object, do recompile it
recompile(jagsfit.p)
jagsfit.upd <- update(jagsfit.p, n.iter=100)

# or auto update it until it converges! see ?autojags for details
# recompile(jagsfit.p)
jagsfit.upd <- autojags(jagsfit.p)

```

```

jagsfit.upd <- autojags(jagsfit)

# to get DIC or specify DIC=TRUE in jags() or do the following#
dic.samples(jagsfit.upd$model, n.iter=1000, type="pD")

# attach jags object into search path see "attach.bugs" for details
attach.jags(jagsfit.upd)

# this will show a 3-way array of the bugs.sim object, for example:
mu

# detach jags object into search path see "attach.bugs" for details
detach.jags()

# to pick up the last save session
# for example, load("RWorkspace.Rdata")
recompile(jagsfit)
jagsfit.upd <- update(jagsfit, n.iter=100)

recompile(jagsfit.p)
jagsfit.upd <- update(jagsfit, n.iter=100)

#=====#
# using jags2 #
#=====#
## jags can be run and produces coda files, but cannot be updated once it's done
## You may need to edit "jags.path" to make this work,
## also you need a write access in the working directory:
## e.g. setwd("d:/")

## NOT RUN HERE
## Not run:
jagsfit <- jags2(data=jags.data, inits=jags.inits, jags.params,
  n.iter=5000, model.file=model.file)
print(jagsfit)
plot(jagsfit)
# or to use some plots in coda
# use as.mcmc to convert rjags object into mcmc.list
jagsfit.mcmc <- as.mcmc.list(jagsfit)
traceplot(jagsfit.mcmc)
#require(lattice)
#xyplot(jagsfit.mcmc)
#densityplot(jagsfit.mcmc)

## End(Not run)

```

**Description**

This function reads Markov Chain Monte Carlo output in the CODA format produced by **jags** and returns an object of class `mcmc.list` for further output analysis using the **coda** package.

**Usage**

```
jags2bugs(path=getwd(), parameters.to.save,
          n.chains=3, n.iter=2000, n.burnin=1000, n.thin=2,
          DIC=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>path</code>	sets working directory during execution of this function; This should be the directory where CODA files are.
<code>parameters.to.save</code>	character vector of the names of the parameters to save which should be monitored.
<code>n.chains</code>	number of Markov chains (default: 3)
<code>n.iter</code>	number of total iterations per chain (including burn in; default: 2000)
<code>n.burnin</code>	length of burn in, i.e. number of iterations to discard at the beginning. Default is <code>n.iter/2</code> , that is, discarding the first half of the simulations.
<code>n.thin</code>	thinning rate, default is 2
<code>DIC</code>	logical; if TRUE (default), compute deviance, pD, and DIC. The rule $pD = \text{var}(\text{deviance}) / 2$ is used.

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recompile

*Function for recompiling rjags object*

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**Description**

The `recompile` takes a `rjags` object as input. `recompile` will re-compile the previous saved `rjags` object.

**Usage**

```
recompile(object, n.iter, refresh, progress.bar)
## S3 method for class 'rjags'
recompile(object, n.iter=100, refresh=n.iter/50,
          progress.bar = "text")
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of <code>rjags</code> class.
<code>n.iter</code>	number of iteration for adapting, default is 100
<code>refresh</code>	refresh frequency for progress bar, default is <code>n.iter/50</code>
<code>progress.bar</code>	type of progress bar. Possible values are “text”, “gui”, and “none”. Type “text” is displayed on the R console. Type “gui” is a graphical progress bar in a new window. The progress bar is suppressed if <code>progress.bar</code> is “none”

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**Examples**

```
# see ?jags for an example.
```

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traceplot	<i>Trace plot of bugs object</i>
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**Description**

Displays a plot of iterations *vs.* sampled values for each variable in the chain, with a separate plot per variable.

**Usage**

```
traceplot(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'rjags'
traceplot(x, mfrow = c(1, 1), varname = NULL,
  match.head = TRUE, ask = TRUE,
  col = rainbow( x$n.chains ),
  lty = 1, lwd = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A bugs object
<code>mfrow</code>	graphical parameter (see <code>par</code> )
<code>varname</code>	vector of variable names to plot
<code>match.head</code>	matches the variable names by the beginning of the variable names in bugs object
<code>ask</code>	logical; if TRUE, the user is <i>asked</i> before each plot, see <code>par(ask=.)</code> .
<code>col</code>	graphical parameter (see <code>par</code> )
<code>lty</code>	graphical parameter (see <code>par</code> )
<code>lwd</code>	graphical parameter (see <code>par</code> )
<code>...</code>	further graphical parameters

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**See Also**

[densplot](#), [plot.mcmc](#), [traceplot](#)

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