

# Package 'tissot'

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**Description** Compute and visualize the 'Tissot Indicatrix' for map projections.

The indicatrix characterizes projection distortion by computing scale factors, angular deformation, areal distortion, and convergence at arbitrary points. Based on the calculations shared by Bill Huber on

<[https:](https://gis.stackexchange.com/a/5075/482)

[//gis.stackexchange.com/a/5075/482](https://gis.stackexchange.com/a/5075/482)>. Uses 'GDAL' for coordinate transformation.

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indicatrix	<i>Compute Tissot indicatrix ellipse geometry</i>
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### Description

Generates indicatrix objects for plotting at each point. Returns an `indicatrix_list` containing individual indicatrix objects.

### Usage

```
indicatrix(x, target = NULL, ..., source = "EPSG:4326")
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	a <code>tissot_tbl</code> , or any xy-ish input (see <a href="#">tissot()</a> )
<code>target</code>	target projection CRS (extracted from <code>tissot_tbl</code> attributes if <code>x</code> is one; required otherwise)
<code>...</code>	passed to <a href="#">tissot()</a>
<code>source</code>	source CRS (default "EPSG:4326")

### Details

`indicatrix()` accepts either:

- A `tissot_tbl` object (from [tissot\(\)](#)) — projection is extracted from attributes, `target` is optional
- Any xy-ish input with an explicit `target`

### Value

An `indicatrix_list` object (a list of `indicatrix` objects with `source` and `target` stored as attributes)

**See Also**

[tissot\(\)](#), [plot.indicatrix\(\)](#), [plot.indicatrix\\_list\(\)](#), [ti\\_ellipse\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## From a tissot_tbl
r <- tissot(cbind(seq(-150, 150, by = 30), 0), "+proj=robin")
ii <- indicatrix(r)
plot(ii, scale = 5e5)

## From raw coordinates
ii2 <- indicatrix(c(0, 45), "+proj=stere +lat_0=90")
plot(ii2)
```

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plot.indicatrix	<i>Plot an indicatrix</i>
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**Description**

Draws a single Tissot indicatrix ellipse on the current plot. The ellipse shows the distortion of a unit circle under the map projection. Optional overlays include a reference unit circle, and lambda/phi direction axes.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'indicatrix'
plot(
  x,
  scale = 1e+05,
  n = 72,
  col = "#FF990055",
  border = "black",
  add = TRUE,
  show.axes = TRUE,
  show.circle = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	an indicatrix object (from <a href="#">indicatrix()</a> )
scale	scaling factor for the ellipse size in projected units
n	number of points on the ellipse
col	fill colour for the ellipse
border	border colour
add	logical; add to existing plot?

<code>show.axes</code>	TRUE, FALSE, or a named list of graphical parameters for the direction lines. Defaults: <code>list(col.lambda = "red", col.phi = "blue", lwd = 1.5)</code> .
<code>show.circle</code>	TRUE, FALSE, or a named list of graphical parameters for the reference circle. Defaults: <code>list(col = adjustcolor("white", alpha.f = 0.6), border = "grey70", lwd = 2.5, lty = 2)</code> .
<code>...</code>	passed to <code>graphics::polygon()</code>

**Details**

`show.circle` and `show.axes` accept TRUE (use defaults), FALSE (hide), or a named list of graphical parameters to override defaults. For example, `show.circle = list(border = "blue", lty = 3)`.

**Value**

The input `x`, invisibly.

**See Also**

`indicatrix()`, `plot.indicatrix_list()`, `ti_ellipse()`

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`plot.indicatrix_list` *Plot a list of indicatrixes*

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**Description**

Draws all indicatrixes in an `indicatrix_list`, optionally creating a new plot or adding to an existing one. Can colour-code the fill by a distortion metric.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'indicatrix_list'
plot(
  x,
  scale = 1e+05,
  n = 72,
  col = "#FF990055",
  border = "black",
  add = FALSE,
  show.axes = TRUE,
  show.circle = TRUE,
  fill.by = NULL,
  palette = NULL,
  ncolors = 64L,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	an <code>indicatrix_list</code> (from <code>indicatrix()</code> )
scale	scaling factor for ellipse size in projected units
n	number of points per ellipse
col	fill colour. If a single colour, used for all ellipses. If NULL and <code>fill.by</code> is set, colours are generated automatically.
border	border colour
add	logical; add to existing plot? If FALSE, creates a new plot sized to contain all ellipses.
show.axes	TRUE, FALSE, or a named list of graphical parameters. See <code>plot.indicatrix()</code> for defaults.
show.circle	TRUE, FALSE, or a named list of graphical parameters. Default TRUE for the list method (the circle-vs-ellipse comparison makes distortion visible at map scale). See <code>plot.indicatrix()</code> for defaults.
fill.by	character; name of a distortion metric to colour-code the fill. One of "scale_area", "angle_deformation", "scale_h", "scale_k", "scale_a", "scale_b". Default NULL (uniform fill).
palette	colour palette function (default <code>grDevices::hcl.colors()</code> )
ncolors	number of colours in the palette (default 64)
...	passed to <code>plot.indicatrix()</code>

**Value**

The input x, invisibly.

**See Also**

`indicatrix()`, `plot.indicatrix()`, `tissot_map()`

**Examples**

```
xy <- expand.grid(seq(-150, 150, by = 30), seq(-60, 60, by = 30))
r <- tissot(xy, "+proj=robin")
ii <- indicatrix(r)

## Uniform fill
plot(ii, scale = 6e5, add = FALSE)
tissot_map()

## Colour by areal distortion
plot(ii, scale = 6e5, add = FALSE, fill.by = "scale_area")
tissot_map()
```

tissot

*Compute Tissot indicatrix properties***Description**

Compute the Tissot indicatrix at given longitude/latitude locations for a map projection. Returns scale factors, angular deformation, convergence, and related distortion properties.

**Usage**

```
tissot(
  x,
  target,
  ...,
  source = "EPSG:4326",
  A = 6378137,
  f.inv = 298.257223563,
  dx = 1e-04
)
```

**Arguments**

x	input coordinates — any xy-ish object: a two-column matrix, data.frame, tibble, list with x/y or lon/lat components, or a length-2 numeric vector for a single point
target	target projection CRS string (required)
...	ignored
source	source CRS (default "EPSG:4326")
A	semi-major axis of the ellipsoid (default WGS84)
f.inv	inverse flattening (default WGS84)
dx	finite difference step in degrees (default 1e-4)

**Details**

The Jacobian of the projection is computed via finite differences, projecting all base and offset points in a single batched call to `gdalraster::transform_xy()`. All subsequent calculations (SVD, distortion metrics) are fully vectorized.

Input 'x' is assumed to be longitude,latitude values, with default 'EPSG:4326'. Set 'source' for a different 'geographic' coordinate reference system.

**Value**

A `tissot_tbl` tibble with columns: x (lon), y (lat), dx\_dlam, dy\_dlam, dx\_dphi, dy\_dphi, scale\_h, scale\_k, scale\_omega, scale\_a, scale\_b, scale\_area, angle\_deformation, convergence. The source and target CRS strings are stored as attributes.

**See Also**

[indicatrix\(\)](#), [tissot\\_map\(\)](#), [tissot\\_unproject\(\)](#), [gdalraster::transform\\_xy\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
tissot(c(0, 45), "+proj=robin")
tissot(cbind(seq(-180, 180, by = 30), 0), "+proj=robin")
```

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tissot_get_proj	<i>Get or set the current plot projection</i>
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**Description**

**Deprecated.** Prefer passing target explicitly.

These functions access a global option. Prefer passing target explicitly to [tissot\\_map\(\)](#) and [tissot\\_abline\(\)](#), or let [plot.indicatrix\\_list\(\)](#) set the projection automatically.

**Usage**

```
tissot_get_proj()

tissot_set_proj(target)
```

**Arguments**

target            projection CRS string

**Value**

`tissot_get_proj()` returns the current projection string or NULL

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tissot_map	<i>Plot world coastline on a projected map</i>
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**Description**

`tissot_map()` draws the bundled [world](#) coastline, projected if a projection is current. The projection is determined in this order:

1. An explicit target argument
2. The projection stored by the last [plot.indicatrix\\_list\(\)](#) call

**Usage**

```
tissot_map(..., target = NULL, add = TRUE)

tissot_abline(x, y = NULL, ..., source = "EPSG:4326", target = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

...	graphical parameters passed to <code>graphics::lines()</code> (if adding) or <code>graphics::plot()</code> (if creating new)
target	target CRS. If NULL, uses the last plot projection (from <code>plot.indicatrix_list()</code> ) or draws in lon/lat.
add	logical; add to existing plot (default TRUE) or create new
x	longitude values (or any xy-ish input; see <code>tissot()</code> )
y	latitude values (ignored if x is a matrix)
source	source CRS for the coordinates (default "EPSG:4326")

**Details**

`tissot_abline()` draws vertical and horizontal reference lines at a given longitude/latitude in projected coordinates.

**Value**

`tissot_map()` invisibly returns the (projected) world coastline matrix  
`tissot_abline()` is called for its side effect

**See Also**

`plot.indicatrix_list()`, `tissot()`

**Examples**

```
r <- tissot(cbind(seq(-150, 150, by = 30), 0), "+proj=robin")
ii <- indicatrix(r)
plot(ii, scale = 6e5, add = FALSE)
tissot_map()
```

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tissot\_unproject

*Unproject coordinates to geographic (lon/lat) CRS*

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**Description**

A convenience wrapper around `gdalraster::transform_xy()` for converting projected coordinates to geographic. Useful for generating regular grids in a projected CRS to feed to `tissot()`, which requires lon/lat input.

**Usage**

```
tissot_unproject(x, target = "EPSG:4326", ..., source = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	input coordinates — any xy-ish object: a two-column matrix, data.frame, tibble, list with x/y or lon/lat components, or a length-2 numeric vector for a single point
target	target CRS string (default "EPSG:4326"). Must be geographic.
...	ignored
source	source CRS string (required). Must be a projected CRS.

**Value**

A two-column matrix of longitude and latitude values.

**See Also**

[tissot\(\)](#), [gdalraster::transform\\_xy\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## regular grid in UTM zone 55S, unprojected to lon/lat for tissot()
xy <- expand.grid(x = seq(4e5, 6e5, length.out = 5),
                 y = seq(5200000, 5400000, length.out = 4))
ll <- tissot_unproject(xy, source = "EPSG:32755")
tissot(ll, "+proj=utm +zone=55 +south")
```

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 ti\_ellipse

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*Generate ellipse coordinates for an indicatrix*


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**Description**

Generate ellipse coordinates for an indicatrix

**Usage**

```
ti_ellipse(x, scale = 1e+05, n = 72, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an indicatrix object
scale	scaling factor for the ellipse size in projected units
n	number of points on the ellipse
...	ignored

**Value**

A two-column matrix of projected coordinates tracing the ellipse

**See Also**

[indicatrix\(\)](#), [plot.indicatrix\(\)](#)

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world	<i>World coastline</i>
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**Description**

A matrix of longitude/latitude coordinates representing a simplified world coastline, derived from the maps package. Continent boundaries are separated by NA rows. Longitudes are constrained to  $\text{abs}(\text{lon}) \leq 180$ .

**Usage**

```
world
```

**Format**

A two-column numeric matrix (longitude, latitude)

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[.indicatrix_list	<i>Subset an indicatrix_list</i>
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**Description**

Subset an `indicatrix_list`

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'indicatrix_list'
x[i]
```

**Arguments**

x	an <code>indicatrix_list</code>
i	indices

**Value**

An `indicatrix_list` with the selected elements

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