

# Package ‘visor’

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**Title** Geospatial Tools for Visibility Analysis

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**Description** Provides tools for visibility analysis in geospatial data. It offers functionality to perform isovist calculations, using arbitrary geometries as both viewpoints and occluders.

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create_occluder	<i>Create a polygon representing an occluder</i>
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### Description

Create a polygon representing an occluder

### Usage

```
create_occluder(center_x, center_y, length, width)
```

### Arguments

center_x	Center x coordinate
center_y	Center y coordinate
length	Length of the occluder
width	Width of the occluder

### Value

object of class sfc\_POLYGON

### Examples

```
occluder <- create_occluder(0, 0, 10, 2)
```

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get_isovist	<i>Calculate isovist from one or multiple viewpoints</i>
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### Description

Isovists are estimated by shooting a set of rays from each viewpoint, and by constructing the envelope of the (partially occluded) rays.

**Usage**

```
get_isovist(
  viewpoints,
  occluders = NULL,
  ray_num = 40,
  ray_length = 100,
  remove_holes = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

viewpoints	object of class sf_POINT or sfc_POINT
occluders	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
ray_num	number of rays per viewpoint. The number of rays per quadrant needs to be a whole number, so ray_num will be rounded to the closest multiple of four
ray_length	length of rays
remove_holes	whether to remove holes from the overall isovist geometry

**Value**

object of class sfc\_POLYGON or sfc\_MULTIPOLYGON

**Examples**

```
# Define viewpoints and occluder geometries
viewpoints <- sf::st_sfc(
  sf::st_point(c(-1, 1)),
  sf::st_point(c(0, 0)),
  sf::st_point(c(1, -1))
)
occluder1 <- sf::st_polygon(list(sf::st_linestring(
  cbind(c(-1, -1, -0.9, -0.9, -1),
        c(-1, -0.9, -0.9, -1, -1))
)))
occluder2 <- sf::st_polygon(list(sf::st_linestring(
  cbind(c(0.4, 0.4, 0.6, 0.6, 0.4),
        c(0.5, 0.7, 0.7, 0.5, 0.5))
)))
occluders <- sf::st_sfc(occluder1, occluder2)

# Calculate isovist based on 40 rays (default)
get_isovist(viewpoints, occluders, ray_length = 1.5)

# Increase number of rays to get higher resolution
get_isovist(viewpoints, occluders, ray_num = 400, ray_length = 1.5)
```

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get_viewpoints	<i>Get viewpoints from an arbitrary geometry</i>
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**Description**

Generate a discrete set of points on the given geometry. If the geometry is a (MULTI)POLYGON, points are generated on its boundary.

**Usage**

```
get_viewpoints(x, density = 1/50)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
density	number of points per distance unit

**Value**

object of class sfc\_POINT

**Examples**

```
line <- sf::st_linestring(cbind(c(-1, 1), c(0, 0)))  
get_viewpoints(line, density = 5)
```

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