

# Package ‘PROJ’

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**Title** Generic Coordinate System Transformations Using 'PROJ'

**Version** 0.6.0

**Description** A wrapper around the generic coordinate transformation software 'PROJ' that transforms coordinates from one coordinate reference system ('CRS') to another. This includes cartographic projections as well as geodetic transformations. The intention is for this package to be used by user-packages such as 'reproj', and that the older 'PROJ.4' and version 5 pathways be provided by the 'proj4' package.

**Depends** R (>= 3.0.2)

**License** GPL-3

**Encoding** UTF-8

**LazyData** true

**Imports** lifecycle, wk

**LinkingTo** wk

**Suggests** testthat (>= 3.0.0), spelling, knitr, rmarkdown, sf

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<https://hypertidy.github.io/PROJ/>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/hypertidy/PROJ/issues>

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**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**SystemRequirements** PROJ (>= 6.3.1)

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ok_proj6	<i>Is 'PROJ library &gt;= 6' available</i>
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### Description

[Deprecated]

Test for availability of 'PROJ' system library version 6 or higher.

### Usage

```
ok_proj6()
```

### Details

On unix-alikes, this function is run in `.onLoad()` to check that version 6 functionality is available. On Windows, the load process sets the data file location with the version 6 API, and that is used as a test instead.

If 'PROJ' library version 6 is not available, the package still compiles and installs but is not functional.

The lack of function can be simulated by setting `options(reproj.mock.noproj6 = TRUE)`, designed for use with the `reproj` package.

### Value

logical, TRUE if the system library 'PROJ >= 6'

### Examples

```
ok_proj6()
```

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proj_crs_text	<i>Generate a projection string.</i>
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## Description

Input any accepted format of 'PROJ' coordinate reference system specification. Return value is a string in the requested format.

## Usage

```
proj_crs_text(source, format = 0L)
```

## Arguments

source	input projection specification one of ('PROJ4', 'WKT2', 'EPSG', 'PROJJSON', ... see the library documentation link in Details)
format	integer, 0 for 'WKT', 1 for 'PROJ', 2 for 'PROJJSON'

## Details

This function requires PROJ version 6.0 or higher to be useful. If not, this function simply returns 'NA'.

See the [library documentation](#) for details on input and output formats.

## Value

character string in requested format

## warning

Note that a PROJ string is not a full specification, in particular this means that a string like "+proj=laea" cannot be converted to full WKT, because it is technically a transformation step not a crs. To get the full WKT form use a string like "+proj=laea +type=crs".

## Examples

```
cat(proj_crs_text("EPSG:4326", format = 0L))
proj_crs_text("EPSG:4326", format = 1L)
south55 <- "+proj=utm +zone=55 +south +ellps=GRS80 +units=m +no_defs +type=crs"
proj_crs_text(proj_crs_text(south55), 1L)
```

<code>proj_trans</code>	<i>Transform coordinates</i>
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## Description

Transforms all coordinates in `x` using `wk::wk_handle()` and `proj_trans_create()`.

## Usage

```
proj_trans(x, target_crs, source_crs = NULL, ..., use_z = NA, use_m = NA)
```

## Arguments

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| <code>x</code>                      | Input geometry/geography. May take any of the following forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A coordinate matrix containing 2, 3 or 4 columns. If named, expects column names "x", "y" and optionally "z" and/or "m". If not named, columns are assumed in xyzm order. Non-coordinate columns are removed.</li> <li>• A data.frame containing coordinates as columns. Expects names "x", "y" and optionally "z" and/or "m". Non-coordinate columns are retained.</li> <li>• A data.frame containing a geometry vector which is readable by <code>wk::wk_handle()</code>, including sfc columns.</li> <li>• A geometry vector which is readable by <code>wk::wk_handle()</code>, including sfc columns.</li> </ul> |
| <code>source_crs, target_crs</code> | Source/Target CRS definition, coerced with <code>wk::wk_crs_proj_definition()</code>   |
| <code>...</code>                    | Additional parameters forwarded to <code>wk::wk_handle()</code>  |
| <code>use_z, use_m</code>           | Used to declare the output type. Use TRUE to ensure the output has that dimension, FALSE to ensure it does not, and NA to leave the dimension unchanged.   |

## Details

Values that are detected out of bounds by library PROJ are allowed, we return Inf in this case, rather than the error "tolerance condition error".

## Value

Transformed geometries whose format is dependent on input.

## References

see the [PROJ library documentation](#) for details on the underlying functionality

## Examples

```
proj_trans(cbind(147, -42), "+proj=laea +type=crs", "EPSG:4326")
proj_trans(cbind(147, -42, -2), "+proj=laea +type=crs", "EPSG:4326")
proj_trans(cbind(147, -42, -2, 1), "+proj=laea +type=crs", "EPSG:4326")
proj_trans(wk::xy(147, -42, crs = "EPSG:4326"), "+proj=laea +type=crs")
proj_trans(wk::wkt("POLYGON ((1 1, 0 1, 0 0, 1 0, 1 1))", crs = "EPSG:4326"), 3112)
```

`proj_trans_create`      *Create a transformation object*

## Description

Creates a transformation object that transforms coordinates in a wk pipeline.

## Usage

```
proj_trans_create(source_crs, target_crs, use_z = NA, use_m = NA)
```

## Arguments

<code>source_crs, target_crs</code> Source/Target CRS definition, coerced with <a href="#">wk::wk_crs_proj_definition()</a>	<code>use_z, use_m</code> Used to declare the output type. Use TRUE to ensure the output has that dimension, FALSE to ensure it does not, and NA to leave the dimension unchanged.
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## Value

A PROJ transformation object

## Examples

```
(trans <- proj_trans_create("EPSG:4326", "EPSG:3857"))
wk::wk_transform(wk::xy(1:5, 1:5), trans)

library(wk)
(invtrans <- wk_trans_inverse(trans))

h <- 1852 * 60
## the stretch of Mercator to a square
wk::wk_transform(wk::xy(c(-h * 180, 0, h * 180), c(-h * 180, 0, h * 180)), invtrans)
```

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proj_version	<i>Report PROJ library version</i>
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**Description**

This function returns NA if PROJ lib is not available.

**Usage**

```
proj_version()
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**Value**

character string (major.minor.patch)

**Examples**

```
proj_version()
```

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xymap	<i>xymap data for testing</i>
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**Description**

A copy of the xymap data set from the quadmesh package.

**Details**

A matrix of longitude/latitude values of the world coastline.

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