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## Description

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The **bayesplot** package provides a variety of **ggplot2**-based plotting functions for use after fitting Bayesian models (typically, though not exclusively, via Markov chain Monte Carlo). The package is designed not only to provide convenient functionality for users, but also a common set of functions that can be easily used by developers working on a variety of packages for Bayesian modeling, particularly (but not necessarily) packages powered by RStan (the R interface to Stan). Examples of packages that will soon (or already are) using **bayesplot** are **rstan** itself, as well as the **rstan**-dependent **rstanarm** and **brms** packages for applied regression modeling.

## Plotting functionality

The plotting functions in **bayesplot** are organized into several modules:

- **MCMC**: Visualizations of Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulations generated by *any* MCMC algorithm as well as diagnostics. There are also additional functions specifically for use with models fit using the **No-U-Turn Sampler (NUTS)**.
- **PPC**: Graphical (posterior or prior) predictive checks (PPCs).
- **PPD**: Plots of (posterior or prior) predictive distributions without comparisons to observed data.

## Resources

- **Online documentation and vignettes**: Visit the **bayesplot** website at <https://mc-stan.org/bayesplot/>
- **Bug reports and feature requests**: If you would like to request a new feature or if you have noticed a bug that needs to be fixed please let us know at the **bayesplot** issue tracker at <https://github.com/stan-dev/bayesplot/issues/>
- **General questions and help**: To ask a question about **bayesplot** on the Stan Forums forum please visit <https://discourse.mc-stan.org>.

## References

Gabry, J. , Simpson, D. , Vehtari, A. , Betancourt, M. and Gelman, A. (2019), Visualization in Bayesian workflow. *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*, 182: 389-402. doi:10.1111/rssa.12378. ([journal version](#), [arXiv preprint](#), [code on GitHub](#))

## See Also

[theme\\_default\(\)](#) for the default ggplot theme used by **bayesplot** and [bayesplot\\_theme\\_set\(\)](#) to change it.

[bayesplot-colors](#) to set or view the color scheme used for plotting.

[ggplot2::ggsave\(\)](#) for saving plots.

**Examples**

```

# A few quick examples (all of the functions have many examples
# on their individual help pages)

# MCMC plots
x <- example_mcmc_draws(params = 5)
mcmc_intervals(x, prob = 0.5)
mcmc_intervals(x, regex_pars = "beta")

color_scheme_set("purple")
mcmc_areas(x, regex_pars = "beta", prob = 0.8)

color_scheme_set("mix-blue-red")
mcmc_trace(x, pars = c("alpha", "sigma"),
           facet_args = list(nrow = 2))

color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_scatter(x, pars = c("beta[1]", "sigma"),
             transformations = list(sigma = "log"))

# Graphical PPCs
y <- example_y_data()
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
ppc_dens_overlay(y, yrep[1:50, ])

color_scheme_set("pink")
ppc_stat(y, yrep, stat = "median") + grid_lines()
ppc_hist(y, yrep[1:8, ])

# Same plots but without y (using ppd_ instead of ppc_)
bayesplot_theme_set(ggplot2::theme_gray())
ypred <- yrep
ppd_dens_overlay(ypred[1:50, ])
ppd_stat(ypred, stat = "median") + grid_lines()
ppd_hist(ypred[1:8, ])

```

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available\_ppc

*Get or view the names of available plotting or data functions*


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**Description**

Get or view the names of available plotting or data functions

**Usage**

```
available_ppc(pattern = NULL, fixed = FALSE, invert = FALSE, plots_only = TRUE)
```

```
available_ppd(pattern = NULL, fixed = FALSE, invert = FALSE, plots_only = TRUE)

available_mcmc(
  pattern = NULL,
  fixed = FALSE,
  invert = FALSE,
  plots_only = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

`pattern`, `fixed`, `invert`  
Passed to `base::grep()`.

`plots_only` If TRUE (the default) only plotting functions are searched for. If FALSE then functions that return data for plotting (functions ending in `_data()`) are also included.

### Value

A possibly empty character vector of function names with several additional attributes (for use by a custom print method). If `pattern` is missing then the returned object contains the names of all available plotting functions in the `MCMC`, `PPC`, or `PPD` module, depending on which function is called. If `pattern` is specified then a subset of function names is returned.

### Examples

```
available_mcmc()
available_mcmc("nuts")
available_mcmc("rhat|neff")

available_ppc()
available_ppc("grouped")
available_ppc("grouped", invert = TRUE)

available_ppd()
available_ppd("grouped")

# can also see which functions that return data are available
available_ppc(plots_only = FALSE)

# only show the _data functions
available_ppc("_data", plots_only = FALSE)
available_ppd("_data", plots_only = FALSE)
available_mcmc("_data", plots_only = FALSE)
```

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bayesplot-colors      *Set, get, or view bayesplot color schemes*

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## Description

Set, get, or view color schemes. Choose from a preset scheme or create a custom scheme. See the **Available color schemes** section below for a list of available scheme names. The **Custom color schemes** section describes how to specify a custom scheme.

## Usage

```
color_scheme_set(scheme = "blue")

color_scheme_get(scheme = NULL, i = NULL)

color_scheme_view(scheme = NULL)
```

## Arguments

scheme	For <code>color_scheme_set()</code> , either a string naming one of the available color schemes or a character vector of <i>exactly six</i> colors specifying a custom scheme. For <code>color_scheme_get()</code> , <code>scheme</code> can be missing (to get the current color scheme) or a string naming one of the preset schemes. For <code>color_scheme_view()</code> , <code>scheme</code> can be missing (to use the current color scheme) or a character vector containing a subset of the available scheme names. See the <b>Available color schemes</b> section below for a list of available scheme names. The <b>Custom color schemes</b> section describes how to specify a custom scheme.
i	For <code>color_scheme_get()</code> , an optional subset of the integers from 1 (lightest) to 6 (darkest) indicating which of the colors in the scheme to return. If <code>i</code> is not specified then all six colors in the scheme are included.

## Value

`color_scheme_set()` has the side effect of setting the color scheme used for plotting. It also returns (*invisibly*) a list of the hexadecimal color values used in `scheme`.

`color_scheme_get()` returns a list of the hexadecimal color values (without changing the current scheme). If the `scheme` argument is not specified the returned values correspond to the current color scheme. If the optional argument `i` is specified then the returned list only contains `length(i)` elements.

`color_scheme_view()` returns a `ggplot` object if only a single scheme is specified and a `gtable` object if multiple schemes names are specified.

## Available color schemes

Currently, the available preset color schemes are:

- "blue", "brightblue"
- "gray", "darkgray"
- "green"
- "pink"
- "purple"
- "red"
- "teal"
- "yellow"
- "**viridis**", "viridisA", "viridisB", "viridisC", "viridisD", "viridisE"
- "mix-x-y", replacing x and y with any two of the scheme names listed above (e.g. "mix-teal-pink", "mix-blue-red", etc.). The order of x and y matters, i.e., the color schemes "mix-blue-red" and "mix-red-blue" are not identical. There is no guarantee that every possible mixed scheme will look good with every possible plot.
- "brewer-x", replacing x with the name of a palette available from [RColorBrewer::brewer.pal\(\)](#) (e.g., brewer-PuBuGn).

If you have a suggestion for a new color scheme please let us know via the [bayesplot issue tracker](#).

## Custom color schemes

A **bayesplot** color scheme consists of six colors. To specify a custom color scheme simply pass a character vector containing either the names of six [colors](#) or six hexadecimal color values (or a mix of names and hex values). The colors should be in order from lightest to darkest. See the end of the **Examples** section for a demonstration.

## See Also

[theme\\_default\(\)](#) for the default ggplot theme used by **bayesplot** and [bayesplot\\_theme\\_set\(\)](#) to change it.

## Examples

```
color_scheme_set("blue")
color_scheme_view()

color_scheme_get()
color_scheme_get(i = c(3, 5)) # 3rd and 5th colors only

color_scheme_get("brightblue")
color_scheme_view("brightblue")

# compare multiple schemes
color_scheme_view(c("pink", "gray", "teal"))
color_scheme_view(c("viridis", "viridisA", "viridisB", "viridisC"))
```

```

color_scheme_set("pink")
x <- example_mcmc_draws()
mcmc_intervals(x)

color_scheme_set("teal")
color_scheme_view()
mcmc_intervals(x)

color_scheme_set("red")
mcmc_areas(x, regex_pars = "beta")

color_scheme_set("purple")
color_scheme_view()
y <- example_y_data()
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
ppc_stat(y, yrep, stat = "mean") + legend_none()

#####
### Mixing color schemes ###
#####
color_scheme_set("mix-teal-pink")
ppc_stat(y, yrep, stat = "sd") + legend_none()
mcmc_areas(x, regex_pars = "beta")

#####
### ColorBrewer scheme ###
#####
color_scheme_set("brewer-Spectral")
color_scheme_view()
mcmc_trace(x, pars = "sigma")

#####
### Custom color scheme ###
#####
orange_scheme <- c("#ffebcc", "#ffcc80",
                  "#ffad33", "#e68a00",
                  "#995c00", "#663d00")
color_scheme_set(orange_scheme)
color_scheme_view()
mcmc_areas(x, regex_pars = "alpha")
mcmc_dens_overlay(x)
ppc_stat(y, yrep, stat = "var") + legend_none()

```



## Description

Generics and methods for extracting quantities needed for plotting from various types of model objects. Currently methods are provided for stanfit (**rstan**), CmdStanMCMC (**cmdstanr**), and stanreg (**rstanarm**) objects, but adding new methods should be relatively straightforward.

## Usage

```
log_posterior(object, ...)

nuts_params(object, ...)

rhat(object, ...)

neff_ratio(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'stanfit'
log_posterior(object, inc_warmup = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'stanreg'
log_posterior(object, inc_warmup = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'CmdStanMCMC'
log_posterior(object, inc_warmup = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'stanfit'
nuts_params(object, pars = NULL, inc_warmup = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'stanreg'
nuts_params(object, pars = NULL, inc_warmup = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
nuts_params(object, pars = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'CmdStanMCMC'
nuts_params(object, pars = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'stanfit'
rhat(object, pars = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'stanreg'
rhat(object, pars = NULL, regex_pars = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'CmdStanMCMC'
rhat(object, pars = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'stanfit'
neff_ratio(object, pars = NULL, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'stanreg'
neff_ratio(object, pars = NULL, regex_pars = NULL, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'CmdStanMCMC'
neff_ratio(object, pars = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	The object to use.
...	Arguments passed to individual methods.
inc_warmup	A logical scalar (defaulting to FALSE) indicating whether to include warmup draws, if applicable.
pars	An optional character vector of parameter names. For <code>nuts_params()</code> these will be NUTS sampler parameter names rather than model parameters. If <code>pars</code> is omitted all parameters are included.
regex_pars	An optional <a href="#">regular expression</a> to use for parameter selection. Can be specified instead of <code>pars</code> or in addition to <code>pars</code> . When using <code>pars</code> for tidy parameter selection, the <code>regex_pars</code> argument is ignored since <a href="#">select helpers</a> perform a similar function.

### Value

`log_posterior()` `log_posterior()` methods return a molten data frame (see [reshape2::melt\(\)](#)). The data frame should have columns "Iteration" (integer), "Chain" (integer), and "Value" (numeric). See **Examples**, below.

`nuts_params()` `nuts_params()` methods return a molten data frame (see [reshape2::melt\(\)](#)). The data frame should have columns "Parameter" (factor), "Iteration" (integer), "Chain" (integer), and "Value" (numeric). See **Examples**, below.

`rhat()`, `neff_ratio()` Methods return (named) vectors.

### See Also

[MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-diagnostics](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(rstanarm)
fit <- stan_glm(mpg ~ wt, data = mtcars, refresh = 0)

np <- nuts_params(fit)
head(np)
tail(np)

lp <- log_posterior(fit)
head(lp)
tail(lp)

## End(Not run)
```

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bayesplot-helpers      *Convenience functions for adding or changing plot details*

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**Description**

Convenience functions for adding to (and changing details of) ggplot objects (many of the objects returned by **bayesplot** functions). See the **Examples** section, below.

**Usage**

```
vline_at(v, fun, ..., na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
hline_at(v, fun, ..., na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
vline_0(..., na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
hline_0(..., na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
abline_01(..., na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
lbub(p, med = TRUE)
```

```
legend_move(position = "right")
```

```
legend_none()
```

```
legend_text(...)
```

```
xaxis_title(on = TRUE, ...)
```

```
xaxis_text(on = TRUE, ...)
```

```
xaxis_ticks(on = TRUE, ...)
```

```
yaxis_title(on = TRUE, ...)
```

```
yaxis_text(on = TRUE, ...)
```

```
yaxis_ticks(on = TRUE, ...)
```

```
facet_text(on = TRUE, ...)
```

```
facet_bg(on = TRUE, ...)
```

```
panel_bg(on = TRUE, ...)
```

```
plot_bg(on = TRUE, ...)

grid_lines(color = "gray50", size = 0.2)

overlay_function(...)
```

## Arguments

<code>v</code>	Either a numeric vector specifying the value(s) at which to draw the vertical or horizontal line(s), or an object of any type to use as the first argument to <code>fun</code> .
<code>fun</code>	A function, or the name of a function, that returns a numeric vector.
<code>...</code>	For the various <code>vline_</code> , <code>hline_</code> , and <code>abline_</code> functions, <code>...</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_vline()</code> , <code>ggplot2::geom_hline()</code> , and <code>ggplot2::geom_abline()</code> , respectively, to control the appearance of the line(s). For functions ending in <code>_bg</code> , <code>...</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::element_rect()</code> . For functions ending in <code>_text</code> or <code>_title</code> , <code>...</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::element_text()</code> . For <code>xaxis_ticks</code> and <code>yaxis_ticks</code> , <code>...</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::element_line()</code> . For <code>overlay_function</code> , <code>...</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::stat_function()</code> .
<code>na.rm</code>	A logical scalar passed to the appropriate geom (e.g. <code>ggplot2::geom_vline()</code> ). The default is <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>p</code>	The probability mass (in $[0,1]$ ) to include in the interval.
<code>med</code>	Should the median also be included in addition to the lower and upper bounds of the interval?
<code>position</code>	The position of the legend. Either a numeric vector (of length 2) giving the relative coordinates (between 0 and 1) for the legend, or a string among "right", "left", "top", "bottom". Using <code>position = "none"</code> is also allowed and is equivalent to using <code>legend_none()</code> .
<code>on</code>	For functions modifying ggplot <code>theme</code> elements, set <code>on=FALSE</code> to set the element to <code>ggplot2::element_blank()</code> . For example, facet text can be removed by adding <code>facet_text(on=FALSE)</code> , or simply <code>facet_text(FALSE)</code> to a ggplot object. If <code>on=TRUE</code> (the default), then <code>...</code> can be used to customize the appearance of the theme element.
<code>color, size</code>	Passed to <code>ggplot2::element_line()</code> .

## Details

### Add vertical, horizontal, and diagonal lines to plots:

- `vline_at()` and `hline_at()` return an object created by either `ggplot2::geom_vline()` or `ggplot2::geom_hline()` that can be added to a ggplot object to draw a vertical or horizontal line (at one or several values). If `fun` is missing then the lines are drawn at the values in `v`. If `fun` is specified then the lines are drawn at the values returned by `fun(v)`.
- `vline_0()` and `hline_0()` are wrappers for `vline_at()` and `hline_at()` with `v = 0` and `fun` missing.
- `abline_01()` is a wrapper for `ggplot2::geom_abline()` with the intercept set to 0 and the slope set to 1.

- `lbub()` returns a *function* that takes a single argument `x` and returns the lower and upper bounds (`lb`, `ub`) of the  $100 \times p$  of `x`, as well as the median (if `med=TRUE`).

#### Control appearance of facet strips:

- `facet_text()` returns `ggplot2` theme objects that can be added to an existing plot (`ggplot` object) to format the text in facet strips.
- `facet_bg()` can be added to a plot to change the background of the facet strips.

#### Move legend, remove legend, or style the legend text:

- `legend_move()` and `legend_none()` return a `ggplot2` theme object that can be added to an existing plot (`ggplot` object) in order to change the position of the legend or remove it.
- `legend_text()` works much like `facet_text()` but for the legend.

#### Control appearance of x-axis and y-axis features:

- `xaxis_title()` and `yaxis_title()` return a `ggplot2` theme object that can be added to an existing plot (`ggplot` object) in order to toggle or format the titles displayed on the x or y axis. (To change the titles themselves use `ggplot2::labs()`.)
- `xaxis_text()` and `yaxis_text()` return a `ggplot2` theme object that can be added to an existing plot (`ggplot` object) in order to toggle or format the text displayed on the x or y axis (e.g. tick labels).
- `xaxis_ticks()` and `yaxis_ticks()` return a `ggplot2` theme object that can be added to an existing plot (`ggplot` object) to change the appearance of the axis tick marks.

#### Customize plot background:

- `plot_bg()` returns a `ggplot2` theme object that can be added to an existing plot (`ggplot` object) to format the background of the *entire* plot.
- `panel_bg()` returns a `ggplot2` theme object that can be added to an existing plot (`ggplot` object) to format the background of the just the plotting area.
- `grid_lines()` returns a `ggplot2` theme object that can be added to an existing plot (`ggplot` object) to add grid lines to the plot background.

#### Superimpose a function on an existing plot:

- `overlay_function()` is a simple wrapper for `ggplot2::stat_function()` but with the `inherit.aes` argument fixed to `FALSE`. Fixing `inherit.aes=FALSE` will avoid potential errors due to the `ggplot2::aes()` thematic mapping used by certain **bayesplot** plotting functions.

#### Value

A `ggplot2` layer or `ggplot2::theme()` object that can be added to existing `ggplot` objects, like those created by many of the **bayesplot** plotting functions. See the **Details** section.

#### See Also

`theme_default()` for the default `ggplot` theme used by **bayesplot**.

**Examples**

```

color_scheme_set("gray")
x <- example_mcmc_draws(chains = 1)
dim(x)
colnames(x)

#####
### vertical & horizontal lines ###
#####
(p <- mcmc_intervals(x, regex_pars = "beta"))

# vertical line at zero (with some optional styling)
p + vline_0()
p + vline_0(size = 0.25, color = "darkgray", linetype = 2)

# vertical line(s) at specified values
v <- c(-0.5, 0, 0.5)
p + vline_at(v, linetype = 3, size = 0.25)

my_lines <- vline_at(v, alpha = 0.25, size = 0.75 * c(1, 2, 1),
                    color = c("maroon", "skyblue", "violet"))
p + my_lines

# add vertical line(s) at computed values
# (three ways of getting lines at column means)
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
p <- mcmc_intervals(x, regex_pars = "beta")
p + vline_at(x[, 3:4], colMeans)
p + vline_at(x[, 3:4], "colMeans", color = "darkgray",
            lty = 2, size = 0.25)
p + vline_at(x[, 3:4], function(a) apply(a, 2, mean),
            color = "orange",
            size = 2, alpha = 0.1)

# using the lbub function to get interval lower and upper bounds (lb, ub)
color_scheme_set("pink")
parsed <- ggplot2::label_parsed
p2 <- mcmc_hist(x, pars = "beta[1]", binwidth = 1/20,
              facet_args = list(labeler = parsed))
(p2 <- p2 + facet_text(size = 16))

b1 <- x[, "beta[1]"]
p2 + vline_at(b1, fun = lbub(0.8), color = "gray20",
             size = 2 * c(1,.5,1), alpha = 0.75)
p2 + vline_at(b1, lbub(0.8, med = FALSE), color = "gray20",
             size = 2, alpha = 0.75)

#####

```

```

### format axis titles ###
#####
color_scheme_set("green")
y <- example_y_data()
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
(p3 <- ppc_stat(y, yrep, stat = "median", binwidth = 1/4))

# turn off the legend, turn on x-axis title
p3 +
  legend_none() +
  axis_title(size = 13, family = "sans") +
  ggplot2::xlab(expression(italic(T(y)) == median(italic(y))))

#####
### format axis & facet text ###
#####
color_scheme_set("gray")
p4 <- mcmc_trace(example_mcmc_draws(), pars = c("alpha", "sigma"))

myfacets <-
  facet_bg(fill = "gray30", color = NA) +
  facet_text(face = "bold", color = "skyblue", size = 14)
p4 + myfacets

#####
### control tick marks ###
#####
p4 +
  myfacets +
  yaxis_text(FALSE) +
  yaxis_ticks(FALSE) +
  xaxis_ticks(size = 1, color = "skyblue")

#####
### change plot background ###
#####
color_scheme_set("blue")

# add grid lines
ppc_stat(y, yrep) + grid_lines()

# panel_bg vs plot_bg
ppc_scatter_avg(y, yrep) + panel_bg(fill = "gray90")
ppc_scatter_avg(y, yrep) + plot_bg(fill = "gray90")

color_scheme_set("yellow")
p5 <- ppc_scatter_avg(y, yrep, alpha = 1)
p5 + panel_bg(fill = "gray20") + grid_lines(color = "white")

color_scheme_set("purple")

```

```

ppc_dens_overlay(y, yrep[1:30, ]) +
  legend_text(size = 14) +
  legend_move(c(0.75, 0.5)) +
  plot_bg(fill = "gray90") +
  panel_bg(color = "black", fill = "gray99", size = 3)

#####
### superimpose a function on existing plot ###
#####
# compare posterior of beta[1] to Gaussian with same posterior mean
# and sd as beta[1]
x <- example_mcmc_draws(chains = 4)
dim(x)
purple_gaussian <-
  overlay_function(
    fun = dnorm,
    args = list(mean(x[, "beta[1]"]), sd(x[, "beta[1]"])),
    color = "purple",
    size = 2
  )

color_scheme_set("gray")
mcmc_hist(x, pars = "beta[1]") + purple_gaussian
mcmc_dens(x, pars = "beta[1]") + purple_gaussian

```

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bayesplot\_grid

*Arrange plots in a grid*

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## Description

The `bayesplot_grid` function makes it simple to juxtapose plots using common  $x$  and/or  $y$  axes.

## Usage

```

bayesplot_grid(
  ...,
  plots = list(),
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  grid_args = list(),
  titles = character(),
  subtitles = character(),
  legends = TRUE,
  save_gg_objects = TRUE
)

```



**Arguments**

...	One or more ggplot objects.
plots	A list of ggplot objects. Can be used as an alternative to specifying plot objects via ...
xlim, ylim	Optionally, numeric vectors of length 2 specifying lower and upper limits for the axes that will be shared across all plots.
grid_args	An optional named list of arguments to pass to <code>gridExtra::arrangeGrob()</code> (nrow, ncol, widths, etc.).
titles, subtitles	Optional character vectors of plot titles and subtitles. If specified, titles and subtitles must have length equal to the number of plots specified.
legends	If any of the plots have legends should they be displayed? Defaults to TRUE.
save_gg_objects	If TRUE, the default, then the ggplot objects specified in ... or via the plots argument are saved in a list in the "bayesplots" component of the returned object. Setting this to FALSE will make the returned object smaller but these individual plot objects will not be available.

**Value**

An object of class "bayesplot\_grid" (essentially a gtable object from `gridExtra::arrangeGrob()`), which has a plot method.

**Examples**

```

y <- example_y_data()
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
stats <- c("sd", "median", "max", "min")

color_scheme_set("pink")
bayesplot_grid(
  plots = lapply(stats, function(s) ppc_stat(y, yrep, stat = s)),
  titles = stats,
  legends = FALSE,
  grid_args = list(ncol = 1)
)

## Not run:
library(rstanarm)
mtcars$log_mpg <- log(mtcars$mpg)
fit1 <- stan_glm(mpg ~ wt, data = mtcars, refresh = 0)
fit2 <- stan_glm(log_mpg ~ wt, data = mtcars, refresh = 0)

y <- mtcars$mpg
yrep1 <- posterior_predict(fit1, draws = 50)
yrep2 <- posterior_predict(fit2, fun = exp, draws = 50)

color_scheme_set("blue")
ppc1 <- ppc_dens_overlay(y, yrep1)

```

```

ppc1
ppc1 + yaxis_text()

color_scheme_set("red")
ppc2 <- ppc_dens_overlay(y, yrep2)
bayesplot_grid(ppc1, ppc2)

# make sure the plots use the same limits for the axes
bayesplot_grid(ppc1, ppc2, xlim = c(-5, 60), ylim = c(0, 0.2))

# remove the legends and add text
bayesplot_grid(ppc1, ppc2, xlim = c(-5, 60), ylim = c(0, 0.2),
               legends = FALSE, subtitles = rep("Predicted MPG", 2))

## End(Not run)

```

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`bayesplot_theme_get`    *Get, set, and modify the active **bayesplot** theme*

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## Description

These functions are the **bayesplot** equivalent to **ggplot2**'s `ggplot2::theme_set()` and friends. They set, get, and update the active theme but only apply them to bayesplots. The current/active theme is automatically applied to every bayesplot you draw.

Use `bayesplot_theme_get()` to get the current **bayesplot** theme and `bayesplot_theme_set()` to set a new theme. `bayesplot_theme_update()` and `bayesplot_theme_replace()` are shorthands for changing individual elements.

## Usage

```

bayesplot_theme_get()

bayesplot_theme_set(new = theme_default())

bayesplot_theme_update(...)

bayesplot_theme_replace(...)

```

## Arguments

<code>new</code>	The new theme (list of theme elements) to use. This is analogous to the <code>new</code> argument to <code>ggplot2::theme_set()</code> .
<code>...</code>	A named list of theme settings.

## Details

`bayesplot_theme_set()` and friends only apply to bayesplots. However, `ggplot2::theme_set()` can also be used to change the **bayesplot** theme. Currently, setting a theme with `ggplot2::theme_set()` (other than the **ggplot2** default `ggplot2::theme_grey()`) will override the **bayesplot** theme.

**Value**

bayesplot\_theme\_get() returns the current theme. The other three functions (set, update, replace) invisibly return the *previous* theme so it can be saved and easily restored later. This is the same behavior as the **ggplot2** versions of these functions.

**See Also**

[theme\\_default\(\)](#) for the default **bayesplot** theme.

[bayesplot\\_helpers](#) for a variety of convenience functions, many of which provide shortcuts for tweaking theme elements after creating a plot.

[bayesplot\\_colors](#) to set or view the color scheme used for plotting.

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

# plot using the current value of bayesplot_theme_get()
# (the default is bayesplot::theme_default())
x <- example_mcmc_draws()
mcmc_hist(x)

# change the bayesplot theme to theme_minimal and save the old theme
old <- bayesplot_theme_set(theme_minimal())
mcmc_hist(x)

# change back to the previous theme
bayesplot_theme_set(old)
mcmc_hist(x)

# change the default font size and family for bayesplots
bayesplot_theme_update(text = element_text(size = 16, family = "sans"))
mcmc_hist(x)

# change back to the default
bayesplot_theme_set() # same as bayesplot_theme_set(theme_default())
mcmc_hist(x)

# updating theme elements
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
bayesplot_theme_set(theme_dark())
mcmc_hist(x)

bayesplot_theme_update(panel.background = element_rect(fill = "black"))
mcmc_hist(x)

# to get the same plot without updating the theme we could also have
# used the bayesplot convenience function panel_bg()
bayesplot_theme_set(theme_dark())
mcmc_hist(x) + panel_bg(fill = "black")

# reset
```

```
bayesplot_theme_set()
```

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MCMC-combos

*Combination plots*


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## Description

Combination plots

## Usage

```
mcmc_combo(x, combo = c("dens", "trace"), ..., widths = NULL, gg_theme = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	<p>An object containing MCMC draws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3-D array, matrix, list of matrices, or data frame. The <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page provides details on how to specify each these.</li> <li>• A draws object from the <a href="#">posterior</a> package (e.g., <code>draws_array</code>, <code>draws_rvars</code>, etc.).</li> <li>• An object with an <code>as.array()</code> method that returns the same kind of 3-D array described on the <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page.</li> </ul>
combo	A character vector with at least two elements. Each element of <code>combo</code> corresponds to a column in the resulting graphic and should be the name of one of the available <a href="#">MCMC</a> functions (omitting the <code>mcmc_</code> prefix).
...	Arguments passed to the plotting functions named in <code>combo</code> .
widths	A numeric vector the same length as <code>combo</code> specifying relative column widths. For example, if the plot has two columns, then <code>widths = c(2, 1)</code> will allocate more space for the first column by a factor of 2 (as would <code>widths = c(.3, .15)</code> , etc.). The default, <code>NULL</code> , allocates the same horizontal space for each column.
gg_theme	Unlike most of the other <a href="#">bayesplot</a> functions, <code>mcmc_combo</code> returns a <code>gtable</code> object rather than a <code>ggplot</code> object, and so theme objects can't be added directly to the returned plot object. The <code>gg_theme</code> argument helps get around this problem by accepting a <a href="#">ggplot2 theme</a> object that is added to each of the plots <i>before</i> combining them into the <code>gtable</code> object that is returned. This can be a theme object created by a call to <code>ggplot2::theme()</code> or one of the <a href="#">bayesplot</a> convenience functions, e.g. <code>legend_none()</code> (see the <b>Examples</b> section, below).

## Value

A `gtable` object (the result of calling `gridExtra::arrangeGrob()`) with `length(combo)` columns and a row for each parameter.

## See Also

Other MCMC: [MCMC-diagnostics](#), [MCMC-distributions](#), [MCMC-intervals](#), [MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-overview](#), [MCMC-parcoord](#), [MCMC-recover](#), [MCMC-scatterplots](#), [MCMC-traces](#)

## Examples

```
# some parameter draws to use for demonstration
x <- example_mcmc_draws()
dim(x)
dimnames(x)

mcmc_combo(x, pars = c("alpha", "sigma"))
mcmc_combo(x, pars = c("alpha", "sigma"), widths = c(1, 2))

# change second plot, show log(sigma) instead of sigma,
# and remove the legends
color_scheme_set("mix-blue-red")
mcmc_combo(
  x,
  combo = c("dens_overlay", "trace"),
  pars = c("alpha", "sigma"),
  transformations = list(sigma = "log"),
  gg_theme = legend_none()
)

# same thing but this time also change the entire ggplot theme
mcmc_combo(
  x,
  combo = c("dens_overlay", "trace"),
  pars = c("alpha", "sigma"),
  transformations = list(sigma = "log"),
  gg_theme = ggplot2::theme_gray() + legend_none()
)
```

## Description

Plots of Rhat statistics, ratios of effective sample size to total sample size, and autocorrelation of MCMC draws. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below, for details. For models fit using the No-U-Turn-Sampler, see also [MCMC-nuts](#) for additional MCMC diagnostic plots.

**Usage**

```

mcmc_rhat(rhat, ..., size = NULL)

mcmc_rhat_hist(rhat, ..., binwidth = NULL, breaks = NULL)

mcmc_rhat_data(rhat, ...)

mcmc_neff(ratio, ..., size = NULL)

mcmc_neff_hist(ratio, ..., binwidth = NULL, breaks = NULL)

mcmc_neff_data(ratio, ...)

mcmc_acf(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  lags = 20,
  size = NULL
)

mcmc_acf_bar(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  lags = 20
)

```

**Arguments**

rhat	A vector of R-hat estimates.
...	Currently ignored.
size	An optional value to override <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> 's default size (for <code>mcmc_rhat()</code> , <code>mcmc_neff()</code> ) or <code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code> 's default size (for <code>mcmc_acf()</code> ).
binwidth	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> to override the default binwidth.
breaks	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> as an alternative to binwidth.
ratio	A vector of <i>ratios</i> of effective sample size estimates to total sample size. See <code>neff_ratio()</code> .
x	An object containing MCMC draws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3-D array, matrix, list of matrices, or data frame. The <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page provides details on how to specify each these.</li> </ul>

- A draws object from the **posterior** package (e.g., `draws_array`, `draws_rvars`, etc.).
- An object with an `as.array()` method that returns the same kind of 3-D array described on the [MCMC-overview](#) page.

<code>pars</code>	An optional character vector of parameter names. If neither <code>pars</code> nor <code>regex_pars</code> is specified then the default is to use <i>all</i> parameters. As of version 1.7.0, <b>bayesplot</b> also supports 'tidy' parameter selection by specifying <code>pars = vars(...)</code> , where <code>...</code> is specified the same way as in <code>dplyr::select(...)</code> and similar functions. Examples of using <code>pars</code> in this way can be found on the <a href="#">Tidy parameter selection</a> page.
<code>regex_pars</code>	An optional <a href="#">regular expression</a> to use for parameter selection. Can be specified instead of <code>pars</code> or in addition to <code>pars</code> . When using <code>pars</code> for tidy parameter selection, the <code>regex_pars</code> argument is ignored since <a href="#">select helpers</a> perform a similar function.
<code>facet_args</code>	A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> or <code>ggplot2::facet_grid()</code> to control faceting. Note: if <code>scales</code> is not included in <code>facet_args</code> then <b>bayesplot</b> may use <code>scales="free"</code> as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the <b>ggplot2</b> default of <code>scales="fixed"</code> .
<code>lags</code>	The number of lags to show in the autocorrelation plot.

## Value

The plotting functions return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

## Plot Descriptions

`mcmc_rhat()`, `mcmc_rhat_hist()` Rhat values as either points or a histogram. Values are colored using different shades (lighter is better). The chosen thresholds are somewhat arbitrary, but can be useful guidelines in practice.

- *light*: below 1.05 (good)
- *mid*: between 1.05 and 1.1 (ok)
- *dark*: above 1.1 (too high)

`mcmc_neff()`, `mcmc_neff_hist()` Ratios of effective sample size to total sample size as either points or a histogram. Values are colored using different shades (lighter is better). The chosen thresholds are somewhat arbitrary, but can be useful guidelines in practice.

- *light*: between 0.5 and 1 (high)
- *mid*: between 0.1 and 0.5 (good)
- *dark*: below 0.1 (low)

`mcmc_acf()`, `mcmc_acf_bar()` Grid of autocorrelation plots by chain and parameter. The `lags` argument gives the maximum number of lags at which to calculate the autocorrelation function. `mcmc_acf()` is a line plot whereas `mcmc_acf_bar()` is a barplot.

## References

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## See Also

- The [Visual MCMC Diagnostics](#) vignette.
- [MCMC-nuts](#) for additional MCMC diagnostic plots for models fit using the No-U-Turn-Sampler.

Other MCMC: [MCMC-combos](#), [MCMC-distributions](#), [MCMC-intervals](#), [MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-overview](#), [MCMC-parcoord](#), [MCMC-recover](#), [MCMC-scatterplots](#), [MCMC-traces](#)

## Examples

```
# autocorrelation
x <- example_mcmc_draws()
dim(x)
dimnames(x)

color_scheme_set("green")
mcmc_acf(x, pars = c("alpha", "beta[1]"))

color_scheme_set("pink")
(p <- mcmc_acf_bar(x, pars = c("alpha", "beta[1]")))

# add horizontal dashed line at 0.5
p + hline_at(0.5, linetype = 2, size = 0.15, color = "gray")

# fake rhat values to use for demonstration
rhat <- c(runif(100, 1, 1.15))
mcmc_rhat_hist(rhat)
mcmc_rhat(rhat)

# lollipops
color_scheme_set("purple")
mcmc_rhat(rhat[1:10], size = 5)

color_scheme_set("blue")
mcmc_rhat(runif(1000, 1, 1.07))
mcmc_rhat(runif(1000, 1, 1.3)) + legend_move("top") # add legend above plot

# fake neff ratio values to use for demonstration
ratio <- c(runif(100, 0, 1))
mcmc_neff_hist(ratio)
mcmc_neff(ratio)

## Not run:
```



```

# Example using rstanarm model (requires rstanarm package)
library(rstanarm)

# intentionally use small 'iter' so there are some
# problems with rhat and neff for demonstration
fit <- stan_glm(mpg ~ ., data = mtcars, iter = 50, refresh = 0)
rhats <- rhat(fit)
ratios <- neff_ratio(fit)
mcmc_rhat(rhats)
mcmc_neff(ratios, size = 3)

# there's a small enough number of parameters in the
# model that we can display their names on the y-axis
mcmc_neff(ratios) + yaxis_text(hjust = 1)

# can also look at autocorrelation
draws <- as.array(fit)
mcmc_acf(draws, pars = c("wt", "cyl"), lags = 10)

# increase number of iterations and plots look much better
fit2 <- update(fit, iter = 500)
mcmc_rhat(rhat(fit2))
mcmc_neff(neff_ratio(fit2))
mcmc_acf(as.array(fit2), pars = c("wt", "cyl"), lags = 10)

## End(Not run)

```

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MCMC-distributions      *Histograms and kernel density plots of MCMC draws*

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## Description

Various types of histograms and kernel density plots of MCMC draws. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below, for details.

## Usage

```

mcmc_hist(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  binwidth = NULL,
  breaks = NULL,
  freq = TRUE,
  alpha = 1

```

```
)  
  
mcmc_dens(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  facet_args = list(),  
  trim = FALSE,  
  bw = NULL,  
  adjust = NULL,  
  kernel = NULL,  
  n_dens = NULL,  
  alpha = 1  
)  
  
mcmc_hist_by_chain(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  facet_args = list(),  
  binwidth = NULL,  
  freq = TRUE,  
  alpha = 1  
)  
  
mcmc_dens_overlay(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  facet_args = list(),  
  color_chains = TRUE,  
  trim = FALSE,  
  bw = NULL,  
  adjust = NULL,  
  kernel = NULL,  
  n_dens = NULL  
)  
  
mcmc_dens_chains(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),
```

```

    transformations = list(),
    ...,
    color_chains = TRUE,
    bw = NULL,
    adjust = NULL,
    kernel = NULL,
    n_dens = NULL
  )

mcmc_dens_chains_data(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  ...,
  bw = NULL,
  adjust = NULL,
  kernel = NULL,
  n_dens = NULL
)

mcmc_violin(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  probs = c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9)
)

```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	<p>An object containing MCMC draws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3-D array, matrix, list of matrices, or data frame. The <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page provides details on how to specify each these.</li> <li>• A draws object from the <a href="#">posterior</a> package (e.g., <code>draws_array</code>, <code>draws_rvars</code>, etc.).</li> <li>• An object with an <code>as.array()</code> method that returns the same kind of 3-D array described on the <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page.</li> </ul>
<code>pars</code>	<p>An optional character vector of parameter names. If neither <code>pars</code> nor <code>regex_pars</code> is specified then the default is to use <i>all</i> parameters. As of version 1.7.0, <b>bayesplot</b> also supports 'tidy' parameter selection by specifying <code>pars = vars(...)</code>, where <code>...</code> is specified the same way as in <code>dplyr::select(...)</code> and similar functions. Examples of using <code>pars</code> in this way can be found on the <a href="#">Tidy parameter selection</a> page.</p>
<code>regex_pars</code>	<p>An optional <a href="#">regular expression</a> to use for parameter selection. Can be specified instead of <code>pars</code> or in addition to <code>pars</code>. When using <code>pars</code> for tidy parameter</p>

selection, the `regex_pars` argument is ignored since [select helpers](#) perform a similar function.

#### transformations

Optionally, transformations to apply to parameters before plotting. If `transformations` is a function or a single string naming a function then that function will be used to transform all parameters. To apply transformations to particular parameters, the `transformations` argument can be a named list with length equal to the number of parameters to be transformed. Currently only univariate transformations of scalar parameters can be specified (multivariate transformations will be implemented in a future release). If `transformations` is a list, the name of each list element should be a parameter name and the content of each list element should be a function (or any item to match as a function via [match.fun\(\)](#), e.g. a string naming a function). If a function is specified by its name as a string (e.g. "log"), then it can be used to construct a new parameter label for the appropriate parameter (e.g. "log(sigma)"). If a function itself is specified (e.g. `log` or `function(x) log(x)`) then "t" is used in the new parameter label to indicate that the parameter is transformed (e.g. "t(sigma)").

Note: due to partial argument matching transformations can be abbreviated for convenience in interactive use (e.g., `transform`).

...

Currently ignored.

#### facet\_args

A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to [ggplot2::facet\\_wrap\(\)](#) or [ggplot2::facet\\_grid\(\)](#) to control faceting. Note: if `scales` is not included in `facet_args` then **bayesplot** may use `scales="free"` as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the **ggplot2** default of `scales="fixed"`.

#### binwidth

Passed to [ggplot2::geom\\_histogram\(\)](#) to override the default binwidth.

#### breaks

Passed to [ggplot2::geom\\_histogram\(\)](#) as an alternative to `binwidth`.

#### freq

For histograms, `freq=TRUE` (the default) puts count on the y-axis. Setting `freq=FALSE` puts density on the y-axis. (For many plots the y-axis text is off by default. To view the count or density labels on the y-axis see the [yaxis\\_text\(\)](#) convenience function.)

#### alpha

Passed to the geom to control the transparency.

#### trim

A logical scalar passed to [ggplot2::geom\\_density\(\)](#).

#### bw, adjust, kernel, n\_dens

Optional arguments passed to [stats::density\(\)](#) to override default kernel density estimation parameters. `n_dens` defaults to 1024.

#### color\_chains

Option for whether to separately color chains.

#### probs

A numeric vector passed to [ggplot2::geom\\_violin\(\)](#)'s `draw_quantiles` argument to specify at which quantiles to draw horizontal lines. Set to `NULL` to remove the lines.

## Value

A `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package.

**Plot Descriptions**

`mcmc_hist()` Histograms of posterior draws with all chains merged.

`mcmc_dens()` Kernel density plots of posterior draws with all chains merged.

`mcmc_hist_by_chain()` Histograms of posterior draws with chains separated via faceting.

`mcmc_dens_overlay()` Kernel density plots of posterior draws with chains separated but overlaid on a single plot.

`mcmc_violin()` The density estimate of each chain is plotted as a violin with horizontal lines at notable quantiles.

`mcmc_dens_chains()` Ridgeline kernel density plots of posterior draws with chains separated but overlaid on a single plot. In `mcmc_dens_overlay()` parameters appear in separate facets; in `mcmc_dens_chains()` they appear in the same panel and can overlap vertically.

**See Also**

Other MCMC: [MCMC-combos](#), [MCMC-diagnostics](#), [MCMC-intervals](#), [MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-overview](#), [MCMC-parcoord](#), [MCMC-recover](#), [MCMC-scatterplots](#), [MCMC-traces](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(9262017)
# some parameter draws to use for demonstration
x <- example_mcmc_draws()
dim(x)
dimnames(x)

#####
### Histograms ###
#####

# histograms of all parameters
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_hist(x)

# histograms of some parameters
color_scheme_set("pink")
mcmc_hist(x, pars = c("alpha", "beta[2]"))

mcmc_hist(x, pars = "sigma", regex_pars = "beta")

# example of using 'transformations' argument to plot log(sigma),
# and parsing facet labels (e.g. to get greek letters for parameters)
mcmc_hist(x, transformations = list(sigma = "log"),
          facet_args = list(labeler = ggplot2::label_parsed)) +
  facet_text(size = 15)

# instead of list(sigma = "log"), you could specify the transformation as
# list(sigma = log) or list(sigma = function(x) log(x)), but then the
# label for the transformed sigma is 't(sigma)' instead of 'log(sigma)'
mcmc_hist(x, transformations = list(sigma = log))
```

```

# separate histograms by chain
color_scheme_set("pink")
mcmc_hist_by_chain(x, regex_pars = "beta")

#####
### Densities ###
#####

mcmc_dens(x, pars = c("sigma", "beta[2]"),
          facet_args = list(nrow = 2))

# separate and overlay chains
color_scheme_set("mix-teal-pink")
mcmc_dens_overlay(x, pars = c("sigma", "beta[2]"),
                 facet_args = list(nrow = 2)) +
  facet_text(size = 14)
x2 <- example_mcmc_draws(params = 6)
mcmc_dens_chains(x2, pars = c("beta[1]", "beta[2]", "beta[3]"))

# separate chains as violin plots
color_scheme_set("green")
mcmc_violin(x) + panel_bg(color = "gray20", size = 2, fill = "gray30")

```

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MCMC-intervals

*Plot interval estimates from MCMC draws*


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## Description

Plot central (quantile-based) posterior interval estimates from MCMC draws. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below, for details.

## Usage

```

mcmc_intervals(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  ...,
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9,
  point_est = c("median", "mean", "none"),
  outer_size = 0.5,
  inner_size = 2,
  point_size = 4,
  rhat = numeric()

```

```
)  
  
mcmc_areas(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  area_method = c("equal area", "equal height", "scaled height"),  
  prob = 0.5,  
  prob_outer = 1,  
  point_est = c("median", "mean", "none"),  
  rhat = numeric(),  
  border_size = NULL,  
  bw = NULL,  
  adjust = NULL,  
  kernel = NULL,  
  n_dens = NULL  
)  
  
mcmc_areas_ridges(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  prob_outer = 1,  
  prob = 1,  
  border_size = NULL,  
  bw = NULL,  
  adjust = NULL,  
  kernel = NULL,  
  n_dens = NULL  
)  
  
mcmc_intervals_data(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  prob = 0.5,  
  prob_outer = 0.9,  
  point_est = c("median", "mean", "none"),  
  rhat = numeric()  
)  
  
mcmc_areas_data(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  area_method = c("equal area", "equal height", "scaled height"),  
  prob = 0.5,  
  prob_outer = 1,  
  point_est = c("median", "mean", "none"),  
  rhat = numeric(),  
  border_size = NULL,  
  bw = NULL,  
  adjust = NULL,  
  kernel = NULL,  
  n_dens = NULL  
)
```

```

x,
pars = character(),
regex_pars = character(),
transformations = list(),
...,
prob = 0.5,
prob_outer = 1,
point_est = c("median", "mean", "none"),
rhat = numeric(),
bw = NULL,
adjust = NULL,
kernel = NULL,
n_dens = NULL
)

mcmc_areas_ridges_data(
x,
pars = character(),
regex_pars = character(),
transformations = list(),
...,
prob_outer = 1,
prob = 1,
bw = NULL,
adjust = NULL,
kernel = NULL,
n_dens = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

x	<p>An object containing MCMC draws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3-D array, matrix, list of matrices, or data frame. The <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page provides details on how to specify each these.</li> <li>• A draws object from the <a href="#">posterior</a> package (e.g., <code>draws_array</code>, <code>draws_rvars</code>, etc.).</li> <li>• An object with an <code>as.array()</code> method that returns the same kind of 3-D array described on the <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page.</li> </ul>
pars	<p>An optional character vector of parameter names. If neither <code>pars</code> nor <code>regex_pars</code> is specified then the default is to use <i>all</i> parameters. As of version 1.7.0, <b>bayesplot</b> also supports 'tidy' parameter selection by specifying <code>pars = vars(...)</code>, where <code>...</code> is specified the same way as in <code>dplyr::select(...)</code> and similar functions. Examples of using <code>pars</code> in this way can be found on the <a href="#">Tidy parameter selection</a> page.</p>
regex_pars	<p>An optional <a href="#">regular expression</a> to use for parameter selection. Can be specified instead of <code>pars</code> or in addition to <code>pars</code>. When using <code>pars</code> for tidy parameter selection, the <code>regex_pars</code> argument is ignored since <a href="#">select helpers</a> perform a similar function.</p>



transformations	Optionally, transformations to apply to parameters before plotting. If transformations is a function or a single string naming a function then that function will be used to transform all parameters. To apply transformations to particular parameters, the transformations argument can be a named list with length equal to the number of parameters to be transformed. Currently only univariate transformations of scalar parameters can be specified (multivariate transformations will be implemented in a future release). If transformations is a list, the name of each list element should be a parameter name and the content of each list element should be a function (or any item to match as a function via <code>match.fun()</code> , e.g. a string naming a function). If a function is specified by its name as a string (e.g. "log"), then it can be used to construct a new parameter label for the appropriate parameter (e.g. "log(sigma)"). If a function itself is specified (e.g. log or function(x) log(x)) then "t" is used in the new parameter label to indicate that the parameter is transformed (e.g. "t(sigma)"). Note: due to partial argument matching transformations can be abbreviated for convenience in interactive use (e.g., transform).
...	Currently unused.
prob	The probability mass to include in the inner interval (for <code>mcmc_intervals()</code> ) or in the shaded region (for <code>mcmc_areas()</code> ). The default is 0.5 (50% interval) and 1 for <code>mcmc_areas_ridges()</code> .
prob_outer	The probability mass to include in the outer interval. The default is 0.9 for <code>mcmc_intervals()</code> (90% interval) and 1 for <code>mcmc_areas()</code> and for <code>mcmc_areas_ridges()</code> .
point_est	The point estimate to show. Either "median" (the default), "mean", or "none".
inner_size, outer_size	For <code>mcmc_intervals()</code> , the size of the inner and interval segments, respectively.
point_size	For <code>mcmc_intervals()</code> , the size of point estimate.
rhat	An optional numeric vector of R-hat estimates, with one element per parameter included in x. If rhat is provided, the intervals/areas and point estimates in the resulting plot are colored based on R-hat value. See <code>rhat()</code> for methods for extracting R-hat estimates.
area_method	How to constrain the areas in <code>mcmc_areas()</code> . The default is "equal area", setting the density curves to have the same area. With "equal height", the curves are scaled so that the highest points across the curves are the same height. The method "scaled height" tries a compromise between the two: the heights from "equal height" are scaled using <code>height*sqrt(height)</code>
border_size	For <code>mcmc_areas()</code> and <code>mcmc_areas_ridges()</code> , the size of the ridgelines.
bw, adjust, kernel, n_dens	Optional arguments passed to <code>stats::density()</code> to override default kernel density estimation parameters. n_dens defaults to 1024.

## Value

The plotting functions return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

### Plot Descriptions

`mcmc_intervals()` Plots of uncertainty intervals computed from posterior draws with all chains merged.

`mcmc_areas()` Density plots computed from posterior draws with all chains merged, with uncertainty intervals shown as shaded areas under the curves.

`mcmc_areas_ridges()` Density plot, as in `mcmc_areas()`, but drawn with overlapping ridgelines. This plot provides a compact display of (hierarchically) related distributions.

### See Also

Other MCMC: [MCMC-combos](#), [MCMC-diagnostics](#), [MCMC-distributions](#), [MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-overview](#), [MCMC-parcoord](#), [MCMC-recover](#), [MCMC-scatterplots](#), [MCMC-traces](#)

### Examples

```
set.seed(9262017)

# load ggplot2 to use its functions to modify our plots
library(ggplot2)

# some parameter draws to use for demonstration
x <- example_mcmc_draws(params = 6)
dim(x)
dimnames(x)

color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_intervals(x)
mcmc_intervals(x, pars = c("beta[1]", "beta[2]"))
mcmc_areas(x, regex_pars = "beta\\[[1-3]\\]", prob = 0.8) +
  labs(
    title = "Posterior distributions",
    subtitle = "with medians and 80% intervals"
  )

color_scheme_set("red")
p <- mcmc_areas(
  x,
  pars = c("alpha", "beta[4]"),
  prob = 2/3,
  prob_outer = 0.9,
  point_est = "mean",
  border_size = 1.5 # make the ridgelines fatter
)
plot(p)

# control spacing at top and bottom of plot
# see ?ggplot2::expansion
p + scale_y_discrete(
  limits = c("beta[4]", "alpha"),
  expand = expansion(add = c(1, 2))
)
```

```

p + scale_y_discrete(
  limits = c("beta[4]", "alpha"),
  expand = expansion(add = c(.1, .3))
)

# relabel parameters
p + scale_y_discrete(
  labels = c("alpha" = "param label 1",
            "beta[4]" = "param label 2")
)

# relabel parameters and define the order
p + scale_y_discrete(
  labels = c("alpha" = "param label 1",
            "beta[4]" = "param label 2"),
  limits = c("beta[4]", "alpha")
)

# color by rhat value
color_scheme_set("blue")
fake_rhat_values <- c(1, 1.07, 1.3, 1.01, 1.15, 1.005)
mcmc_intervals(x, rhat = fake_rhat_values)

# get the dataframe that is used in the plotting functions
mcmc_intervals_data(x)
mcmc_intervals_data(x, rhat = fake_rhat_values)
mcmc_areas_data(x, pars = "alpha")

color_scheme_set("gray")
p <- mcmc_areas(x, pars = c("alpha", "beta[4]"), rhat = c(1, 1.1))
p + legend_move("bottom")
p + legend_move("none") # or p + legend_none()

# Different area calculations
b3 <- c("beta[1]", "beta[2]", "beta[3]")

mcmc_areas(x, pars = b3, area_method = "equal area") +
  labs(
    title = "Curves have same area",
    subtitle = "A wide, uncertain interval is spread thin when areas are equal"
  )

mcmc_areas(x, pars = b3, area_method = "equal height") +
  labs(
    title = "Curves have same maximum height",
    subtitle = "Local curvature is clearer but more uncertain curves use more area"
  )

mcmc_areas(x, pars = b3, area_method = "scaled height") +
  labs(
    title = "Same maximum heights but heights scaled by square-root",
    subtitle = "Compromise: Local curvature is accentuated and less area is used"
  )

```

```

# apply transformations
mcmc_intervals(
  x,
  pars = c("beta[2]", "sigma"),
  transformations = list("sigma" = "log", "beta[2]" = function(x) x + 3)
)

# apply same transformation to all selected parameters
mcmc_intervals(x, regex_pars = "beta", transformations = "exp")

## Not run:
# example using fitted model from rstanarm package
library(rstanarm)
fit <- stan_glm(
  mpg ~ 0 + wt + factor(cyl),
  data = mtcars,
  iter = 500,
  refresh = 0
)
x <- as.matrix(fit)

color_scheme_set("teal")
mcmc_intervals(x, point_est = "mean", prob = 0.8, prob_outer = 0.95)
mcmc_areas(x, regex_pars = "cyl", bw = "SJ",
           rhat = rhat(fit, regex_pars = "cyl"))

## End(Not run)

## Not run:
# Example of hierarchically related parameters
# plotted with ridgelines
m <- shinystan::eight_schools@posterior_sample
mcmc_areas_ridges(m, pars = "mu", regex_pars = "theta", border_size = 0.75) +
  ggtitle("Treatment effect on eight schools (Rubin, 1981)")

## End(Not run)

```

## Description

Diagnostic plots for the No-U-Turn-Sampler (NUTS), the default MCMC algorithm used by [Stan](#). See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below.

**Usage**

```

mcmc_nuts_acceptance(x, lp, chain = NULL, ..., binwidth = NULL)

mcmc_nuts_divergence(x, lp, chain = NULL, ...)

mcmc_nuts_stepsize(x, lp, chain = NULL, ...)

mcmc_nuts_treedepth(x, lp, chain = NULL, ...)

mcmc_nuts_energy(x, ..., binwidth = NULL, alpha = 0.5, merge_chains = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

x	A molten data frame of NUTS sampler parameters, either created by <code>nuts_params()</code> or in the same form as the object returned by <code>nuts_params()</code> .
lp	A molten data frame of draws of the log-posterior or, more commonly, of a quantity equal to the log-posterior up to a constant. lp should either be created via <code>log_posterior()</code> or be an object with the same form as the object returned by <code>log_posterior()</code> .
chain	A positive integer for selecting a particular chain. The default (NULL) is to merge the chains before plotting. If <code>chain = k</code> then the plot for chain k is overlaid (in a darker shade but with transparency) on top of the plot for all chains. The chain argument is not used by <code>mcmc_nuts_energy()</code> .
...	Currently ignored.
binwidth	An optional value passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> to override the default binwidth.
alpha	For <code>mcmc_nuts_energy()</code> only, the transparency (alpha) level in [0,1] used for the overlaid histogram.
merge_chains	For <code>mcmc_nuts_energy()</code> only, should all chains be merged or displayed separately? The default is FALSE, i.e., to show the chains separately.

**Value**

A gtable object (the result of calling `gridExtra::arrangeGrob()`) created from several ggplot objects, except for `mcmc_nuts_energy()`, which returns a ggplot object.

**Quick Definitions**

For more details see Stan Development Team (2016) and Betancourt (2017).

- `accept_stat__`: the average acceptance probabilities of all possible samples in the proposed tree.
- `divergent__`: the number of leapfrog transitions with diverging error. Because NUTS terminates at the first divergence this will be either 0 or 1 for each iteration.
- `stepsize__`: the step size used by NUTS in its Hamiltonian simulation.
- `treedepth__`: the depth of tree used by NUTS, which is the log (base 2) of the number of leapfrog steps taken during the Hamiltonian simulation.

- `energy__`: the value of the Hamiltonian (up to an additive constant) at each iteration.

### Plot Descriptions

`mcmc_nuts_acceptance()` Three plots:

- Histogram of `accept_stat__` with vertical lines indicating the mean (solid line) and median (dashed line).
- Histogram of `lp__` with vertical lines indicating the mean (solid line) and median (dashed line).
- Scatterplot of `accept_stat__` vs `lp__`.

`mcmc_nuts_divergence()` Two plots:

- Violin plots of `lp__|divergent__=1` and `lp__|divergent__=0`.
- Violin plots of `accept_stat__|divergent__=1` and `accept_stat__|divergent__=0`.

`mcmc_nuts_stepsize()` Two plots:

- Violin plots of `lp__` by chain ordered by `stepsize__` value.
- Violin plots of `accept_stat__` by chain ordered by `stepsize__` value.

`mcmc_nuts_treedepth()` Three plots:

- Violin plots of `lp__` by value of `treedepth__`.
- Violin plots of `accept_stat__` by value of `treedepth__`.
- Histogram of `treedepth__`.

`mcmc_nuts_energy()` Overlaid histograms showing `energy__` vs the change in `energy__`. See Betancourt (2016) for details.

### References

- Betancourt, M. (2017). A conceptual introduction to Hamiltonian Monte Carlo. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.02434>
- Betancourt, M. and Girolami, M. (2013). Hamiltonian Monte Carlo for hierarchical models. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1312.0906>
- Hoffman, M. D. and Gelman, A. (2014). The No-U-Turn Sampler: adaptively setting path lengths in Hamiltonian Monte Carlo. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*. 15:1593–1623.
- Stan Development Team. *Stan Modeling Language Users Guide and Reference Manual*. <https://mc-stan.org/users/documentation/>

### See Also

- The [Visual MCMC Diagnostics](#) vignette.
- Several other plotting functions are not NUTS-specific but take optional extra arguments if the model was fit using NUTS:
  - `mcmc_trace()`: show divergences as tick marks below the trace plot.
  - `mcmc_parcoord()`: change the color/size/transparency of lines corresponding to divergences.
  - `mcmc_scatter()`: change the color/size/shape of points corresponding to divergences.

- `mcmc_pairs()`: change the color/size/shape of points corresponding divergences and/or max treedepth saturation.

Other MCMC: [MCMC-combos](#), [MCMC-diagnostics](#), [MCMC-distributions](#), [MCMC-intervals](#), [MCMC-overview](#), [MCMC-parcoord](#), [MCMC-recover](#), [MCMC-scatterplots](#), [MCMC-traces](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(ggplot2)
library(rstanarm)
fit <- stan_glm(mpg ~ wt + am, data = mtcars, iter = 1000, refresh = 0)
np <- nuts_params(fit)
lp <- log_posterior(fit)

color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_nuts_acceptance(np, lp)
mcmc_nuts_acceptance(np, lp, chain = 2)

mcmc_nuts_divergence(np, lp)
mcmc_nuts_stepsize(np, lp)
mcmc_nuts_treedepth(np, lp)

color_scheme_set("red")
mcmc_nuts_energy(np)
mcmc_nuts_energy(np, merge_chains = TRUE, binwidth = .15)
mcmc_nuts_energy(np) +
  facet_wrap(~ Chain, nrow = 1) +
  coord_fixed(ratio = 150) +
  ggtitle("NUTS Energy Diagnostic")

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

The **bayesplot** MCMC module provides various plotting functions for creating graphical displays of Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulations. The **MCMC plotting functions** section, below, provides links to the documentation for various categories of MCMC plots. Currently the MCMC plotting functions accept posterior draws provided in one of the following formats:

- **3-D array**: An array with dimensions Iteration, Chain, Parameter in that order.
- **list**: A list of matrices, where each matrix corresponds to a Markov chain. All of the matrices should have the same number of iterations (rows) and parameters (columns), and parameters should have the same names and be in the same order.
- **matrix (2-D array)**: A matrix with one column per parameter. If using matrix there should only be a single Markov chain or all chains should already be merged (stacked).

- **data frame:** There are two types of data frames allowed. Either a data frame with one column per parameter (if only a single chain or all chains have already been merged), or a data frame with one column per parameter plus an additional column "Chain" that contains the chain number (an integer) corresponding to each row in the data frame.
- **draws:** Any of the draws formats supported by the [posterior](#) package.

**Note:** typically the user should *not* include warmup iterations in the object passed to **bayesplot** plotting functions, although for certain plots (e.g. trace plots) it can occasionally be useful to include the warmup iterations for diagnostic purposes.

### MCMC plotting functions

- **Posterior distributions:** Histograms and kernel density plots of parameter draws, optionally showing each Markov chain separately.
- **Uncertainty intervals:** Uncertainty intervals computed from parameter draws.
- **Trace plots:** Times series of parameter draws, optionally including HMC/NUTS diagnostic information.
- **Scatterplots:** Scatterplots, heatmaps, and pairs plots of parameter draws, optionally including HMC/NUTS diagnostic information.
- **Parallel coordinates plots:** Parallel coordinates plot of MCMC draws (one dimension per parameter), optionally including HMC/NUTS diagnostic information.
- **Combos:** Combination plots (e.g. trace plot + histogram).
- **General MCMC diagnostics:** MCMC diagnostic plots including R-hat, effective sample size, autocorrelation. **NUTS diagnostics:** Special diagnostic plots for the No-U-Turn Sampler.
- **Comparisons to "true" values:** Plots comparing MCMC estimates to "true" parameter values (e.g., values used to simulate data).

### References

Gabry, J. , Simpson, D. , Vehtari, A. , Betancourt, M. and Gelman, A. (2019), Visualization in Bayesian workflow. *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*, 182: 389-402. doi:10.1111/rssa.12378. ([journal version](#), [arXiv preprint](#), [code on GitHub](#))

### See Also

Other MCMC: [MCMC-combos](#), [MCMC-diagnostics](#), [MCMC-distributions](#), [MCMC-intervals](#), [MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-parcoord](#), [MCMC-recover](#), [MCMC-scatterplots](#), [MCMC-traces](#)

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MCMC-parcoord

*Parallel coordinates plot of MCMC draws*

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### Description

Parallel coordinates plot of MCMC draws (one dimension per parameter). See the **Plot Descriptions** section below for details, and see [Gabry et al. \(2019\)](#) for more background and a real example.



**Usage**

```

mcmc_parcoord(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  ...,
  size = 0.2,
  alpha = 0.3,
  np = NULL,
  np_style = parcoord_style_np()
)

mcmc_parcoord_data(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  np = NULL
)

parcoord_style_np(div_color = "red", div_size = 0.2, div_alpha = 0.2)

```

**Arguments**

x	<p>An object containing MCMC draws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3-D array, matrix, list of matrices, or data frame. The <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page provides details on how to specify each these.</li> <li>• A draws object from the <a href="#">posterior</a> package (e.g., <code>draws_array</code>, <code>draws_rvars</code>, etc.).</li> <li>• An object with an <code>as.array()</code> method that returns the same kind of 3-D array described on the <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page.</li> </ul>
pars	<p>An optional character vector of parameter names. If neither <code>pars</code> nor <code>regex_pars</code> is specified then the default is to use <i>all</i> parameters. As of version 1.7.0, <b>bayesplot</b> also supports 'tidy' parameter selection by specifying <code>pars = vars(...)</code>, where <code>...</code> is specified the same way as in <code>dplyr::select(...)</code> and similar functions. Examples of using <code>pars</code> in this way can be found on the <a href="#">Tidy parameter selection</a> page.</p>
regex_pars	<p>An optional <a href="#">regular expression</a> to use for parameter selection. Can be specified instead of <code>pars</code> or in addition to <code>pars</code>. When using <code>pars</code> for tidy parameter selection, the <code>regex_pars</code> argument is ignored since <a href="#">select helpers</a> perform a similar function.</p>
transformations	<p>Optionally, transformations to apply to parameters before plotting. If <code>transformations</code> is a function or a single string naming a function then that function will be used to transform all parameters. To apply transformations to particular parameters, the <code>transformations</code> argument can be a named list with length equal to the</p>

number of parameters to be transformed. Currently only univariate transformations of scalar parameters can be specified (multivariate transformations will be implemented in a future release). If `transformations` is a list, the name of each list element should be a parameter name and the content of each list element should be a function (or any item to match as a function via `match.fun()`, e.g. a string naming a function). If a function is specified by its name as a string (e.g. "log"), then it can be used to construct a new parameter label for the appropriate parameter (e.g. "log(sigma)"). If a function itself is specified (e.g. `log` or `function(x) log(x)`) then "t" is used in the new parameter label to indicate that the parameter is transformed (e.g. "t(sigma)").

Note: due to partial argument matching transformations can be abbreviated for convenience in interactive use (e.g., `transform`).

...	Currently ignored.
<code>size, alpha</code>	Arguments passed on to <code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code> .
<code>np</code>	For models fit using NUTS (more generally, any <b>symplectic integrator</b> ), an optional data frame providing NUTS diagnostic information. The data frame should be the object returned by <code>nuts_params()</code> or one with the same structure.
<code>np_style</code>	A call to the <code>parcoord_style_np()</code> helper function to specify arguments controlling the appearance of superimposed lines representing NUTS diagnostics (in this case divergences) if the <code>np</code> argument is specified.
<code>div_color, div_size, div_alpha</code>	Optional arguments to the <code>parcoord_style_np()</code> helper function that are eventually passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code> if the <code>np</code> argument is also specified. They control the color, size, and transparency specifications for showing divergences in the plot. The default values are displayed in the <b>Usage</b> section above.

## Value

The plotting functions return a ggplot object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

## Plot Descriptions

`mcmc_parcoord()` **Parallel coordinates plot** of MCMC draws. There is one dimension per parameter along the horizontal axis and each set of connected line segments represents a single MCMC draw (i.e., a vector of length equal to the number of parameters).

The parallel coordinates plot is most useful if the optional HMC/NUTS diagnostic information is provided via the `np` argument. In that case divergences are highlighted in the plot. The appearance of the divergences can be customized using the `np_style` argument and the `parcoord_style_np` helper function. This version of the plot is the same as the parallel coordinates plot described in Gabry et al. (2019).

When the plotted model parameters are on very different scales the `transformations` argument can be useful. For example, to standardize all variables before plotting you could use function  $(x - \text{mean}(x)) / \text{sd}(x)$  when specifying the `transformations` argument to `mcmc_parcoord`. See the **Examples** section for how to do this.

## References

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## See Also

Other MCMC: [MCMC-combos](#), [MCMC-diagnostics](#), [MCMC-distributions](#), [MCMC-intervals](#), [MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-overview](#), [MCMC-recover](#), [MCMC-scatterplots](#), [MCMC-traces](#)

## Examples

```
color_scheme_set("pink")
x <- example_mcmc_draws(params = 5)
mcmc_parcoord(x)
mcmc_parcoord(x, regex_pars = "beta")

## Not run:
# Example using a Stan demo model
library(rstan)
fit <- stan_demo("eight_schools")
draws <- as.array(fit, pars = c("mu", "tau", "theta", "lp_"))
np <- nuts_params(fit)
str(np)
levels(np$Parameter)

color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_parcoord(draws, alpha = 0.05)
mcmc_parcoord(draws, np = np)

# customize appearance of divergences
color_scheme_set("darkgray")
div_style <- parcoord_style_np(div_color = "green", div_size = 0.05, div_alpha = 0.4)
mcmc_parcoord(draws, size = 0.25, alpha = 0.1,
              np = np, np_style = div_style)

# to use a transformation (e.g., standardizing all the variables can be helpful)
# specify the 'transformations' argument (though partial argument name
# matching means we can just use 'trans' or 'transform')
mcmc_parcoord(
  draws,
  transform = function(x) {(x - mean(x)) / sd(x)},
  size = 0.25,
  alpha = 0.1,
  np = np,
  np_style = div_style
)

# mcmc_parcoord_data returns just the data in a convenient form for plotting
```

```
d <- mcmc_parcoord_data(x, np = np)
head(d)
tail(d)

## End(Not run)
```

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MCMC-recover

*Compare MCMC estimates to "true" parameter values*


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## Description

Plots comparing MCMC estimates to "true" parameter values. Before fitting a model to real data it is useful to simulate data according to the model using known (fixed) parameter values and to check that these "true" parameter values are (approximately) recovered by fitting the model to the simulated data. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below, for details on the available plots.

## Usage

```
mcmc_recover_intervals(
  x,
  true,
  batch = rep(1, length(true)),
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9,
  point_est = c("median", "mean", "none"),
  size = 4,
  alpha = 1
)
```

```
mcmc_recover_scatter(
  x,
  true,
  batch = rep(1, length(true)),
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  point_est = c("median", "mean"),
  size = 3,
  alpha = 1
)
```

```
mcmc_recover_hist(
  x,
  true,
  ...,
```

```

  facet_args = list(),
  binwidth = NULL,
  breaks = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

x	<p>An object containing MCMC draws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3-D array, matrix, list of matrices, or data frame. The <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page provides details on how to specify each these.</li> <li>• A draws object from the <a href="#">posterior</a> package (e.g., <code>draws_array</code>, <code>draws_rvars</code>, etc.).</li> <li>• An object with an <code>as.array()</code> method that returns the same kind of 3-D array described on the <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page.</li> </ul>
true	A numeric vector of "true" values of the parameters in x. There should be one value in true for each parameter included in x and the order of the parameters in true should be the same as the order of the parameters in x.
batch	Optionally, a vector-like object (numeric, character, integer, factor) used to split the parameters into batches. If batch is specified, it must have the same length as true and be in the same order as true. Parameters in the same batch will be grouped together in the same facet in the plot (see the <b>Examples</b> section, below). The default is to group all parameters together into a single batch. Changing the default is most useful when parameters are on very different scales, in which case batch can be used to group them into batches within which it makes sense to use the same y-axis.
...	Currently unused.
facet_args	A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> or <code>ggplot2::facet_grid()</code> to control faceting. Note: if scales is not included in facet_args then <b>bayesplot</b> may use <code>scales="free"</code> as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the <b>ggplot2</b> default of <code>scales="fixed"</code> .
prob	The probability mass to include in the inner interval. The default is 0.5 (50% interval).
prob_outer	The probability mass to include in the outer interval. The default is 0.9 (90% interval).
point_est	The point estimate to show. Either "median" (the default), "mean", or "none".
size, alpha	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> to control the appearance of plotted points.
binwidth	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> to override the default binwidth.
breaks	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> as an alternative to binwidth.

## Value

A ggplot object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package.

## Plot Descriptions

`mcmc_recover_intervals()` Central intervals and point estimates computed from MCMC draws, with "true" values plotted using a different shape.

`mcmc_recover_scatter()` Scatterplot of posterior means (or medians) against "true" values.

`mcmc_recover_hist()` Histograms of the draws for each parameter with the "true" value overlaid as a vertical line.

## See Also

Other MCMC: [MCMC-combos](#), [MCMC-diagnostics](#), [MCMC-distributions](#), [MCMC-intervals](#), [MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-overview](#), [MCMC-parcoord](#), [MCMC-scatterplots](#), [MCMC-traces](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(rstanarm)
alpha <- 1; beta <- rnorm(10, 0, 3); sigma <- 2
X <- matrix(rnorm(1000), 100, 10)
y <- rnorm(100, mean = c(alpha + X %*% beta), sd = sigma)
fit <- stan_glm(y ~ ., data = data.frame(y, X), refresh = 0)
draws <- as.matrix(fit)
print(colnames(draws))
true <- c(alpha, beta, sigma)

mcmc_recover_intervals(draws, true)

# put the coefficients on X into the same batch
mcmc_recover_intervals(draws, true, batch = c(1, rep(2, 10), 1))
# equivalent
mcmc_recover_intervals(draws, true, batch = grepl("X", colnames(draws)))
# same but facets stacked vertically
mcmc_recover_intervals(draws, true,
  batch = grepl("X", colnames(draws)),
  facet_args = list(ncol = 1),
  size = 3)

# each parameter in its own facet
mcmc_recover_intervals(draws, true, batch = 1:ncol(draws))
# same but in a different order
mcmc_recover_intervals(draws, true, batch = c(1, 3, 4, 2, 5:12))
# present as bias by centering with true values
mcmc_recover_intervals(sweep(draws, 2, true), rep(0, ncol(draws))) + hline_0()

# scatterplot of posterior means vs true values
mcmc_recover_scatter(draws, true, point_est = "mean")

# histograms of parameter draws with true value added as vertical line
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_recover_hist(draws[, 1:4], true[1:4])
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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MCMC-scatterplots      *Scatterplots of MCMC draws*

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## Description

Scatterplots, hexagonal heatmaps, and pairs plots from MCMC draws. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below, for details.

## Usage

```
mcmc_scatter(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  size = 2.5,  
  alpha = 0.8,  
  np = NULL,  
  np_style = scatter_style_np()  
)  
  
mcmc_hex(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  binwidth = NULL  
)  
  
mcmc_pairs(  
  x,  
  pars = character(),  
  regex_pars = character(),  
  transformations = list(),  
  ...,  
  diag_fun = c("hist", "dens"),  
  off_diag_fun = c("scatter", "hex"),  
  diag_args = list(),  
  off_diag_args = list(),  
  condition = pairs_condition(),  
  lp = NULL,  
)
```

```

    np = NULL,
    np_style = pairs_style_np(),
    max_treedepth = NULL,
    grid_args = list(),
    save_gg_objects = TRUE
  )

  scatter_style_np(
    div_color = "red",
    div_shape = 16,
    div_size = 2.5,
    div_alpha = 1
  )

  pairs_style_np(
    div_color = "red",
    div_shape = 4,
    div_size = 1,
    div_alpha = 1,
    td_color = "yellow2",
    td_shape = 3,
    td_size = 1,
    td_alpha = 1
  )

  pairs_condition(chains = NULL, draws = NULL, nuts = NULL)

```

## Arguments

x	<p>An object containing MCMC draws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3-D array, matrix, list of matrices, or data frame. The <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page provides details on how to specify each these.</li> <li>• A draws object from the <a href="#">posterior</a> package (e.g., <code>draws_array</code>, <code>draws_rvars</code>, etc.).</li> <li>• An object with an <code>as.array()</code> method that returns the same kind of 3-D array described on the <a href="#">MCMC-overview</a> page.</li> </ul>
pars	<p>An optional character vector of parameter names. If neither <code>pars</code> nor <code>regex_pars</code> is specified then the default is to use <i>all</i> parameters. As of version 1.7.0, <b>bayesplot</b> also supports 'tidy' parameter selection by specifying <code>pars = vars(...)</code>, where <code>...</code> is specified the same way as in <code>dplyr::select(...)</code> and similar functions. Examples of using <code>pars</code> in this way can be found on the <a href="#">Tidy parameter selection</a> page.</p>
regex_pars	<p>An optional <a href="#">regular expression</a> to use for parameter selection. Can be specified instead of <code>pars</code> or in addition to <code>pars</code>. When using <code>pars</code> for tidy parameter selection, the <code>regex_pars</code> argument is ignored since <a href="#">select helpers</a> perform a similar function.</p>
transformations	<p>Optionally, transformations to apply to parameters before plotting. If <code>transformations</code></p>



is a function or a single string naming a function then that function will be used to transform all parameters. To apply transformations to particular parameters, the `transformations` argument can be a named list with length equal to the number of parameters to be transformed. Currently only univariate transformations of scalar parameters can be specified (multivariate transformations will be implemented in a future release). If `transformations` is a list, the name of each list element should be a parameter name and the content of each list element should be a function (or any item to match as a function via `match.fun()`, e.g. a string naming a function). If a function is specified by its name as a string (e.g. "log"), then it can be used to construct a new parameter label for the appropriate parameter (e.g. "log(sigma)"). If a function itself is specified (e.g. `log` or `function(x) log(x)`) then "t" is used in the new parameter label to indicate that the parameter is transformed (e.g. "t(sigma)").

Note: due to partial argument matching transformations can be abbreviated for convenience in interactive use (e.g., `transform`).

...	Currently ignored.
<code>size, alpha</code>	For <code>mcmc_scatter()</code> , passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> to control the appearance of the points.
<code>np</code>	Optionally, a data frame of NUTS sampler parameters, either created by <code>nuts_params()</code> or in the same form as the object returned by <code>nuts_params()</code> . The colors, shapes, and sizes of the superimposed points can be customized using the <code>np_style</code> argument.
<code>np_style</code>	If <code>np</code> is specified, <code>np_style</code> can be a call to the <code>scatter_style_np()</code> helper function (for <code>mcmc_scatter()</code> ) or the <code>pairs_style_np()</code> helper function (for <code>mcmc_pairs()</code> ) to specify arguments controlling the appearance of superimposed points representing NUTS diagnostic information. (Note: for <code>pairs_style_np()</code> the size arguments are interpreted as scaling factors).
<code>binwidth</code>	For <code>mcmc_hex()</code> , an optional numeric vector of <i>length two</i> passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_hex()</code> to override the default binwidth in both the vertical and horizontal directions.
<code>diag_fun, off_diag_fun</code>	For <code>mcmc_pairs()</code> , the plotting function to use for the plots along the diagonal and for the off-diagonal plots, respectively. Currently <code>diag_fun</code> can be "hist" for histogram or "dens" for density, and <code>off_diag_fun</code> can be "scatter" for scatterplot or "hex" for a hexagonal heatmap.
<code>diag_args, off_diag_args</code>	For <code>mcmc_pairs()</code> , optional named lists of arguments to pass to the functions implied by the <code>diag_fun</code> and <code>off_diag_fun</code> arguments, respectively. For example, if <code>off_diag_fun</code> is "scatter" then <code>off_diag_args</code> could include optional arguments to <code>mcmc_scatter()</code> like <code>size</code> and <code>alpha</code> .
<code>condition</code>	For <code>mcmc_pairs()</code> , a call to the <code>pairs_condition()</code> helper function, which is used to specify a criterion for determining which chains (or iterations) are shown in the plots above the diagonal and which are shown in the plots below the diagonal. The histograms (or density plots) along the diagonal are always made using all chains and iterations, but the scatterplots (or hex plots) above and below the diagonal show different combinations of chains/iterations depending on <code>condition</code> . The default is a call to <code>pairs_condition()</code> with none of its

arguments specified. In this case half of the chains (or roughly half if there are an odd number) will be used in the plots above the diagonal and the rest in the plots below the diagonal. The `chains`, `draws`, and `nuts` arguments to `pairs_condition()`, which are documented below, can be used to change this default.

- `lp` For `mcmc_pairs()`, a molten data frame of draws of the log-posterior or, more commonly, of a quantity equal to the log-posterior up to a constant. `lp` should either be created via `log_posterior()` or be an object with the same form as the object returned by `log_posterior()`.
- `max_treedepth` For `mcmc_pairs()`, an integer representing the maximum treedepth allowed when fitting the model (if fit using NUTS). This is only needed for detecting which transitions (if any) hit the maximum treedepth.
- `grid_args`, `save_gg_objects`  
For `mcmc_pairs()`, arguments to pass to `bayesplot_grid()`. For example, since `mcmc_pairs()` returns more than a single ggplot object, using `ggtitle()` afterwards will not work. But you can still add a title to the plot using `grid_args = list(top="My title")`.
- `div_color`, `div_shape`, `div_size`, `div_alpha`, `td_color`, `td_shape`, `td_size`, `td_alpha`  
Optional arguments to the `scatter_style_np()` or `pairs_style_np()` helper functions that are eventually passed to `ggplot2::geom_point()`. The default values are displayed in the **Usage** section above.
- `chains`, `draws`, `nuts`  
Optional arguments to the `pairs_condition()` helper function, which is used to specify the condition argument for `mcmc_pairs()`.
- The `chains` argument can be used to select some subset of the chains. If `chains` is an integer vector then the behavior is the same as the default (half the chains above the diagonal and half below) except using only the specified subset of chains. Alternatively, `chains` can be a list of two integer vectors with the first specifying the chains to be shown in the plots above the diagonal and the second for below the diagonal.
  - The `draws` argument to `pairs_condition()` can be used to directly specify which realizations are plotted above and below the diagonal. `draws` can be a single proportion, which is interpreted as the proportion of realizations (among all chains) to plot in the lower panel starting with the first realization in each chain, with the complement (from the end of each chain) plotted in the upper panel. Alternatively `draws` can be a logical vector with length equal to the product of the number of iterations and the number of chains, in which case realizations corresponding to `FALSE` and `TRUE` will be plotted in the lower and upper panels, respectively.
  - For models fit using NUTS, the `nuts` argument to `pairs_condition()` can be used. It takes a (possibly abbreviated) string to select among `"accept_stat__"`, `"stepsize__"`, `"treedepth__"`, `"n_leapfrog__"`, `"divergent__"`, `"energy__"`, and `"lp__"`. These are the sampler parameters associated with `NUTS()` (and `"lp__"` is the log-posterior up to an additive constant). In this case, plots below the diagonal will contain realizations that are below the median of the indicated variable (or are zero in the case of `"divergent__"`), and plots above the diagonal will contain realizations that are greater than

or equal to the median of the indicated variable (or are one in the case of "divergent\_\_"). If "lp\_\_" is used then the lp argument to `mcmc_pairs` must also be specified. For the other NUTS parameters the np argument to `mcmc_pairs()` must also be specified.

## Value

`mcmc_scatter()` and `mcmc_hex()` return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package.

`mcmc_pairs()` returns many `ggplot` objects organized into a grid via `bayesplot_grid()`.

## Plot Descriptions

`mcmc_scatter()` Bivariate scatterplot of posterior draws. If using a very large number of posterior draws then `mcmc_hex()` may be preferable to avoid overplotting. For models fit using **NUTS** the np, and np\_style arguments can be used to add additional information in the plot (in this case the approximate location of divergences). For more on why the scatter plot with divergences is a useful diagnostic tool see [Gabry et al. \(2019\)](#).

`mcmc_hex()` Hexagonal heatmap of 2-D bin counts. This plot is useful in cases where the posterior sample size is large enough that `mcmc_scatter()` suffers from overplotting.

`mcmc_pairs()` A square plot matrix with univariate marginal distributions along the diagonal (as histograms or kernel density plots) and bivariate distributions off the diagonal (as scatterplots or hex heatmaps).

For the off-diagonal plots, the default is to split the chains so that (roughly) half are displayed above the diagonal and half are below (all chains are always merged together for the plots along the diagonal). Other possibilities are available by setting the condition argument.

Additionally, extra diagnostic information for models fit using **NUTS** can be added to the pairs plot using the lp, np, and np\_style arguments. If np is specified (and condition is *not* "divergent\_\_"), then points (red, by default) will be superimposed onto the off-diagonal plots indicating which (if any) iterations encountered a divergent transition. Also, if both np and max\_treedepth are specified then points (yellow, by default) will be superimposed to indicate a transition that hit the maximum treedepth rather than terminated its evolution normally. The np\_style argument can be used with the `pairs_style_np()` convenience function to change the appearance of these overlaid points. See the **Examples** section.

## References

Gabry, J. , Simpson, D. , Vehtari, A. , Betancourt, M. and Gelman, A. (2019), Visualization in Bayesian workflow. *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*, 182: 389-402. doi:10.1111/rssa.12378. ([journal version](#), [arXiv preprint](#), [code on GitHub](#))

## See Also

Other MCMC: [MCMC-combos](#), [MCMC-diagnostics](#), [MCMC-distributions](#), [MCMC-intervals](#), [MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-overview](#), [MCMC-parcoord](#), [MCMC-recover](#), [MCMC-traces](#)

**Examples**

```

library("ggplot2")

# some parameter draws to use for demonstration
x <- example_mcmc_draws(params = 6)
dimnames(x)

# scatterplot of alpha vs log(sigma)
color_scheme_set("teal")
(p <- mcmc_scatter(x, pars = c("alpha", "sigma"),
                  transform = list(sigma = "log")))
p +
  labs(
    title = "Insert your own headline-grabbing title",
    subtitle = "with a provocative subtitle",
    caption = "and a controversial caption",
    x = expression(alpha),
    y = expression(log(sigma))
  )

# add ellipse
p + stat_ellipse(level = 0.9, color = "gray20", size = 1)

# add contour
color_scheme_set("red")
p2 <- mcmc_scatter(x, pars = c("alpha", "sigma"), size = 3.5, alpha = 0.25)
p2 + stat_density_2d(color = "black", size = .5)

# can also add lines/smooths
color_scheme_set("pink")
(p3 <- mcmc_scatter(x, pars = c("alpha", "beta[3]"), alpha = 0.25, size = 3))
p3 + geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE, color = "gray20",
                 size = .75, linetype = 2)

if (requireNamespace("hexbin", quietly = TRUE)) {
  # hexagonal heatmap
  color_scheme_set("brightblue")
  (p <- mcmc_hex(x, pars = c("sigma", "alpha"), transform = list(sigma = "log")))
  p + plot_bg(fill = "gray95")
  p + plot_bg(fill = "gray95") + panel_bg(fill = "gray70")
}

color_scheme_set("purple")

# pairs plots
# default of condition=NULL implies splitting chains between upper and lower panels
mcmc_pairs(x, pars = "alpha", regex_pars = "beta\\[[1,4]\\]",
           off_diag_args = list(size = 1, alpha = 0.5))

# change to density plots instead of histograms and hex plots instead of

```

```

# scatterplots
mcmc_pairs(x, pars = "alpha", regex_pars = "beta\\[[1,4]\\]",
           diag_fun = "dens", off_diag_fun = "hex")

# plot chain 1 above diagonal and chains 2, 3, and 4 below
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_pairs(x, pars = "alpha", regex_pars = "beta\\[[1,4]\\]",
           diag_fun = "dens", off_diag_fun = "hex",
           condition = pairs_condition(chains = list(1, 2:4)))

## Not run:
### Adding NUTS diagnostics to scatterplots and pairs plots

# examples using rstanarm package
library(rstanarm)

# for demonstration purposes, intentionally fit a model that
# will (almost certainly) have some divergences
fit <- stan_glm(
  mpg ~ ., data = mtcars,
  iter = 1000, refresh = 0,
  # this combo of prior and adapt_delta should lead to some divergences
  prior = hs(),
  adapt_delta = 0.9
)
posterior <- as.array(fit)
np <- nuts_params(fit)

# mcmc_scatter with divergences highlighted
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_scatter(posterior, pars = c("wt", "sigma"), np = np)

color_scheme_set("darkgray")
div_style <- scatter_style_np(div_color = "green", div_shape = 4, div_size = 4)
mcmc_scatter(posterior, pars = c("sigma", "(Intercept)"),
            np = np, np_style = div_style)

# split the draws according to above/below median accept_stat__
# and show approximate location of divergences (red points)
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_pairs(
  posterior,
  pars = c("wt", "cyl", "sigma"),
  off_diag_args = list(size = 1, alpha = 1/3),
  condition = pairs_condition(nuts = "accept_stat__"),
  np = np
)

# more customizations:
# - transform sigma to log(sigma)
# - median log-posterior as 'condition'
# - hex instead of scatter for off-diagonal plots

```

```

# - show points where max treedepth hit in blue
color_scheme_set("darkgray")
mcmc_pairs(
  posterior,
  pars = c("wt", "cyl", "sigma"),
  transform = list(sigma = "log"),
  off_diag_fun = "hex",
  condition = pairs_condition(nuts = "lp__"),
  lp = log_posterior(fit),
  np = np,
  np_style = pairs_style_np(div_color = "firebrick",
                             td_color = "blue",
                             td_size = 2),
  # for demonstration purposes, set max_treedepth to a value that will
  # result in at least a few max treedepth warnings
  max_treedepth = with(np, -1 + max(Value[Parameter == "treedepth__"]))
)

## End(Not run)

```

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MCMC-traces

*Trace and rank plots of MCMC draws*


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## Description

Trace and rank plots of MCMC draws. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below, for details.

## Usage

```

mcmc_trace(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  n_warmup = 0,
  iter1 = 0,
  window = NULL,
  size = NULL,
  np = NULL,
  np_style = trace_style_np(),
  divergences = NULL
)

mcmc_trace_highlight(
  x,
  pars = character(),

```

```
    regex_pars = character(),
    transformations = list(),
    ...,
    facet_args = list(),
    n_warmup = 0,
    window = NULL,
    size = NULL,
    alpha = 0.2,
    highlight = 1
)

trace_style_np(div_color = "red", div_size = 0.25, div_alpha = 1)

mcmc_rank_overlay(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  facet_args = list(),
  ...,
  n_bins = 20,
  ref_line = FALSE
)

mcmc_rank_hist(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  n_bins = 20,
  ref_line = FALSE
)

mcmc_trace_data(
  x,
  pars = character(),
  regex_pars = character(),
  transformations = list(),
  ...,
  highlight = NULL,
  n_warmup = 0,
  iter1 = 0
)
```

### Arguments

x                    An object containing MCMC draws:

- A 3-D array, matrix, list of matrices, or data frame. The [MCMC-overview](#) page provides details on how to specify each these.
- A draws object from the [posterior](#) package (e.g., `draws_array`, `draws_rvars`, etc.).
- An object with an `as.array()` method that returns the same kind of 3-D array described on the [MCMC-overview](#) page.

<code>pars</code>	An optional character vector of parameter names. If neither <code>pars</code> nor <code>regex_pars</code> is specified then the default is to use <i>all</i> parameters. As of version 1.7.0, <b>bayesplot</b> also supports 'tidy' parameter selection by specifying <code>pars = vars(...)</code> , where <code>...</code> is specified the same way as in <code>dplyr::select(...)</code> and similar functions. Examples of using <code>pars</code> in this way can be found on the <a href="#">Tidy parameter selection</a> page.
<code>regex_pars</code>	An optional <a href="#">regular expression</a> to use for parameter selection. Can be specified instead of <code>pars</code> or in addition to <code>pars</code> . When using <code>pars</code> for tidy parameter selection, the <code>regex_pars</code> argument is ignored since <a href="#">select helpers</a> perform a similar function.
<code>transformations</code>	Optionally, transformations to apply to parameters before plotting. If <code>transformations</code> is a function or a single string naming a function then that function will be used to transform all parameters. To apply transformations to particular parameters, the <code>transformations</code> argument can be a named list with length equal to the number of parameters to be transformed. Currently only univariate transformations of scalar parameters can be specified (multivariate transformations will be implemented in a future release). If <code>transformations</code> is a list, the name of each list element should be a parameter name and the content of each list element should be a function (or any item to match as a function via <code>match.fun()</code> , e.g. a string naming a function). If a function is specified by its name as a string (e.g. "log"), then it can be used to construct a new parameter label for the appropriate parameter (e.g. "log(sigma)"). If a function itself is specified (e.g. <code>log</code> or <code>function(x) log(x)</code> ) then "t" is used in the new parameter label to indicate that the parameter is transformed (e.g. "t(sigma)"). Note: due to partial argument matching transformations can be abbreviated for convenience in interactive use (e.g., <code>transform</code> ).
<code>...</code>	Currently ignored.
<code>facet_args</code>	A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> or <code>ggplot2::facet_grid()</code> to control faceting. Note: if <code>scales</code> is not included in <code>facet_args</code> then <b>bayesplot</b> may use <code>scales="free"</code> as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the <b>ggplot2</b> default of <code>scales="fixed"</code> .
<code>n_warmup</code>	An integer; the number of warmup iterations included in <code>x</code> . The default is <code>n_warmup = 0</code> , i.e. to assume no warmup iterations are included. If <code>n_warmup &gt; 0</code> then the background for iterations <code>1:n_warmup</code> is shaded gray.
<code>iter1</code>	An integer; the iteration number of the first included draw (default is 0). This can be used to make it more obvious that the warmup iterations have been discarded from the traceplot. It cannot be specified if <code>n_warmup</code> is also set to a positive value.
<code>window</code>	An integer vector of length two specifying the limits of a range of iterations to display.



size	An optional value to override the default line size for <code>mcmc_trace()</code> or the default point size for <code>mcmc_trace_highlight()</code> .
np	For models fit using <b>NUTS</b> (more generally, any <b>symplectic integrator</b> ), an optional data frame providing NUTS diagnostic information. The data frame should be the object returned by <code>nuts_params()</code> or one with the same structure. If <code>np</code> is specified then tick marks are added to the bottom of the trace plot indicating within which iterations there was a divergence (if there were any). See the end of the <b>Examples</b> section, below.
np_style	A call to the <code>trace_style_np()</code> helper function to specify arguments controlling the appearance of tick marks representing divergences (if the <code>np</code> argument is specified).
divergences	Deprecated. Use the <code>np</code> argument instead.
alpha	For <code>mcmc_trace_highlight()</code> , passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> to control the transparency of the points for the chains not highlighted.
highlight	For <code>mcmc_trace_highlight()</code> , an integer specifying one of the chains that will be more visible than the others in the plot.
div_color, div_size, div_alpha	Optional arguments to the <code>trace_style_np()</code> helper function that are eventually passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_rug()</code> if the <code>np</code> argument is also specified. They control the color, size, and transparency specifications for showing divergences in the plot. The default values are displayed in the <b>Usage</b> section above.
n_bins	For the rank plots, the number of bins to use for the histogram of rank-normalized MCMC samples. Defaults to 20.
ref_line	For the rank plots, whether to draw a horizontal line at the average number of ranks per bin. Defaults to FALSE.

## Value

The plotting functions return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

`mcmc_trace_data()` returns the data for the trace *and* rank plots in the same data frame.

## Plot Descriptions

`mcmc_trace()` Standard trace plots of MCMC draws. For models fit using **NUTS**, the `np` argument can be used to also show divergences on the trace plot.

`mcmc_trace_highlight()` Traces are plotted using points rather than lines and the opacity of all chains but one (specified by the `highlight` argument) is reduced.

`mcmc_rank_hist()` Whereas traditional trace plots visualize how the chains mix over the course of sampling, rank histograms visualize how the values from the chains mix together in terms of ranking. An ideal plot would show the rankings mixing or overlapping in a uniform distribution. See Vehtari et al. (2019) for details.

`mcmc_rank_overlay()` Ranks from `mcmc_rank_hist()` are plotted using overlaid lines in a single panel.

## References

Vehtari, A., Gelman, A., Simpson, D., Carpenter, B., Bürkner, P. (2019). Rank-normalization, folding, and localization: An improved  $R$ -hat for assessing convergence of MCMC. [arXiv preprint](#).

## See Also

Other MCMC: [MCMC-combos](#), [MCMC-diagnostics](#), [MCMC-distributions](#), [MCMC-intervals](#), [MCMC-nuts](#), [MCMC-overview](#), [MCMC-parcoord](#), [MCMC-recover](#), [MCMC-scatterplots](#)

## Examples

```
# some parameter draws to use for demonstration
x <- example_mcmc_draws(chains = 4, params = 6)
dim(x)
dimnames(x)

# trace plots of the betas
color_scheme_set("viridis")
mcmc_trace(x, regex_pars = "beta")

color_scheme_set("viridisA")
mcmc_trace(x, regex_pars = "beta")

color_scheme_set("viridisC")
mcmc_trace(x, regex_pars = "beta")

# mix color schemes
color_scheme_set("mix-blue-red")
mcmc_trace(x, regex_pars = "beta")

# use traditional ggplot discrete color scale
mcmc_trace(x, pars = c("alpha", "sigma")) +
  ggplot2::scale_color_discrete()

# zoom in on a window of iterations, increase line size,
# add tick marks, move legend to the top, add gray background
color_scheme_set("viridisA")
mcmc_trace(x[, , 1:4], window = c(100, 130), size = 1) +
  panel_bg(fill = "gray90", color = NA) +
  legend_move("top")

# Rank-normalized histogram plots. Instead of showing how chains mix over
# time, look at how the ranking of MCMC samples mixed between chains.
color_scheme_set("viridisE")
mcmc_rank_hist(x, "alpha")
mcmc_rank_hist(x, pars = c("alpha", "sigma"), ref_line = TRUE)
mcmc_rank_overlay(x, "alpha")

## Not run:
# parse facet label text
color_scheme_set("purple")
```

```

p <- mcmc_trace(
  x,
  regex_pars = "beta\\[[1,3]\\]",
  facet_args = list(labelled = ggplot2::label_parsed)
)
p + facet_text(size = 15)

# mark first 100 draws as warmup
mcmc_trace(x, n_warmup = 100)

# plot as points, highlighting chain 2
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
mcmc_trace_highlight(x, pars = "sigma", highlight = 2, size = 2)

# for models fit using HMC/NUTS divergences can be displayed in the trace plot
library("rstanarm")
fit <- stan_glm(mpg ~ ., data = mtcars, refresh = 0,
  # next line to keep example fast and also ensure we get some divergences
  prior = hs(), iter = 400, adapt_delta = 0.8)

# extract draws using as.array (instead of as.matrix) to keep
# chains separate for trace plot
posterior <- as.array(fit)

# for stanfit and stanreg objects use nuts_params() to get the divergences
mcmc_trace(posterior, pars = "sigma", np = nuts_params(fit))

color_scheme_set("viridis")
mcmc_trace(
  posterior,
  pars = c("wt", "sigma"),
  size = 0.5,
  facet_args = list(nrow = 2),
  np = nuts_params(fit),
  np_style = trace_style_np(div_color = "black", div_size = 0.5)
)

## End(Not run)

```

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## Description

Compare the empirical distribution of censored data  $y$  to the distributions of simulated/replicated data  $y_{rep}$  from the posterior predictive distribution. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below, for details.

Although some of the other **bayesplot** plots can be used with censored data, `ppc_km_overlay()` is currently the only plotting function designed *specifically* for censored data. We encourage you to suggest or contribute additional plots at [github.com/stan-dev/bayesplot](https://github.com/stan-dev/bayesplot).

**Usage**

```
ppc_km_overlay(y, yrep, ..., status_y, size = 0.25, alpha = 0.7)
```

```
ppc_km_overlay_grouped(y, yrep, group, ..., status_y, size = 0.25, alpha = 0.7)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	A vector of observations. See <b>Details</b> .
<code>yrep</code>	An $S$ by $N$ matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, $S$ , is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate <code>yrep</code> . The number of columns, $N$ is the number of predicted observations ( <code>length(y)</code> ). The columns of <code>yrep</code> should be in the same order as the data points in <code>y</code> for the plots to make sense. See the <b>Details</b> and <b>Plot Descriptions</b> sections for additional advice specific to particular plots.
<code>...</code>	Currently only used internally.
<code>status_y</code>	The status indicator for the observations from <code>y</code> . This must be a numeric vector of the same length as <code>y</code> with values in $\{0, 1\}$ (0 = right censored, 1 = event).
<code>size, alpha</code>	Passed to the appropriate geom to control the appearance of the <code>yrep</code> distributions.
<code>group</code>	A grouping variable of the same length as <code>y</code> . Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in <code>group</code> is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.

**Value**

A `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package.

**Plot Descriptions**

`ppc_km_overlay()` Empirical CCDF estimates of each dataset (row) in `yrep` are overlaid, with the Kaplan-Meier estimate (Kaplan and Meier, 1958) for `y` itself on top (and in a darker shade). This is a PPC suitable for right-censored `y`. Note that the replicated data from `yrep` is assumed to be uncensored.

`ppc_km_overlay_grouped()` The same as `ppc_km_overlay()`, but with separate facets by `group`.

**References**

Gelman, A., Carlin, J. B., Stern, H. S., Dunson, D. B., Vehtari, A., and Rubin, D. B. (2013). *Bayesian Data Analysis*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, London, third edition. (Ch. 6)

Kaplan, E. L. and Meier, P. (1958). Nonparametric estimation from incomplete observations. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*. 53(282), 457–481. doi:10.1080/01621459.1958.10501452.

**See Also**

Other PPCs: [PPC-discrete](#), [PPC-distributions](#), [PPC-errors](#), [PPC-intervals](#), [PPC-loo](#), [PPC-overview](#), [PPC-scatterplots](#), [PPC-test-statistics](#)

**Examples**

```

color_scheme_set("brightblue")
y <- example_y_data()
# For illustrative purposes, (right-)censor values y > 110:
status_y <- as.numeric(y <= 110)
y <- pmin(y, 110)
# In reality, the replicated data (yrep) would be obtained from a
# model which takes the censoring of y properly into account. Here,
# for illustrative purposes, we simply use example_yrep_draws():
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
dim(yrep)

ppc_km_overlay(y, yrep[1:25, ], status_y = status_y)

# With separate facets by group:
group <- example_group_data()

ppc_km_overlay_grouped(y, yrep[1:25, ], group = group, status_y = status_y)

```

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 PPC-discrete

*PPCs for discrete outcomes*


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**Description**

Many of the [PPC](#) functions in **bayesplot** can be used with discrete data. The small subset of these functions that can *only* be used if `y` and `yrep` are discrete are documented on this page. Currently these include rootograms for count outcomes and bar plots for ordinal, categorical, and multinomial outcomes. See the **Plot Descriptions** section below.

**Usage**

```

ppc_bars(
  y,
  yrep,
  ...,
  prob = 0.9,
  width = 0.9,
  size = 1,
  fatten = 2.5,
  freq = TRUE
)

ppc_bars_grouped(
  y,
  yrep,
  group,
  ...,

```

```

  facet_args = list(),
  prob = 0.9,
  width = 0.9,
  size = 1,
  fatten = 2.5,
  freq = TRUE
)

ppc_rootogram(
  y,
  yrep,
  style = c("standing", "hanging", "suspended"),
  ...,
  prob = 0.9,
  size = 1
)

ppc_bars_data(y, yrep, group = NULL, prob = 0.9, freq = TRUE)

```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	A vector of observations. See <b>Details</b> .
<code>yrep</code>	An $S$ by $N$ matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, $S$ , is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate <code>yrep</code> . The number of columns, $N$ is the number of predicted observations ( <code>length(y)</code> ). The columns of <code>yrep</code> should be in the same order as the data points in <code>y</code> for the plots to make sense. See the <b>Details</b> and <b>Plot Descriptions</b> sections for additional advice specific to particular plots.
<code>...</code>	Currently unused.
<code>prob</code>	A value between $0$ and $1$ indicating the desired probability mass to include in the <code>yrep</code> intervals. Set <code>prob=0</code> to remove the intervals. (Note: for rootograms these are intervals of the <i>square roots</i> of the expected counts.)
<code>width</code>	For bar plots only, passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_bar()</code> to control the bar width.
<code>size, fatten</code>	For bar plots, <code>size</code> and <code>fatten</code> are passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_pointrange()</code> to control the appearance of the <code>yrep</code> points and intervals. For rootograms <code>size</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code> .
<code>freq</code>	For bar plots only, if <code>TRUE</code> (the default) the y-axis will display counts. Setting <code>freq=FALSE</code> will put proportions on the y-axis.
<code>group</code>	A grouping variable of the same length as <code>y</code> . Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in <code>group</code> is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.
<code>facet_args</code>	An optional list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> to control faceting.
<code>style</code>	For <code>ppc_rootogram</code> , a string specifying the rootogram style. The options are "standing", "hanging", and "suspended". See the <b>Plot Descriptions</b> section, below, for details on the different styles.

## Details

For all of these plots  $y$  and  $yrep$  must be integers, although they need not be integers in the strict sense of R's [integer](#) type. For rootogram plots  $y$  and  $yrep$  must also be non-negative.

## Value

The plotting functions return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

## Plot Descriptions

`ppc_bars()` Bar plot of  $y$  with  $yrep$  medians and uncertainty intervals superimposed on the bars.

`ppc_bars_grouped()` Same as `ppc_bars()` but a separate plot (facet) is generated for each level of a grouping variable.

`ppc_rootogram()` Rootograms allow for diagnosing problems in count data models such as overdispersion or excess zeros. They consist of a histogram of  $y$  with the expected counts based on  $yrep$  overlaid as a line along with uncertainty intervals. The y-axis represents the square roots of the counts to approximately adjust for scale differences and thus ease comparison between observed and expected counts. Using the `style` argument, the histogram style can be adjusted to focus on different aspects of the data:

- *Standing*: basic histogram of observed counts with curve showing expected counts.
- *Hanging*: observed counts counts hanging from the curve representing expected counts.
- *Suspended*: histogram of the differences between expected and observed counts.

**All of the rootograms are plotted on the square root scale.** See Kleiber and Zeileis (2016) for advice on interpreting rootograms and selecting among the different styles.

## References

Kleiber, C. and Zeileis, A. (2016). Visualizing count data regressions using rootograms. *The American Statistician*. 70(3): 296–303. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.01311>.

## See Also

Other PPCs: [PPC-censoring](#), [PPC-distributions](#), [PPC-errors](#), [PPC-intervals](#), [PPC-loo](#), [PPC-overview](#), [PPC-scatterplots](#), [PPC-test-statistics](#)

## Examples

```
set.seed(9222017)

# bar plots
f <- function(N) {
  sample(1:4, size = N, replace = TRUE, prob = c(0.25, 0.4, 0.1, 0.25))
}
y <- f(100)
yrep <- t(replicate(500, f(100)))
dim(yrep)
```

```

group <- gl(2, 50, length = 100, labels = c("GroupA", "GroupB"))

color_scheme_set("mix-pink-blue")
ppc_bars(y, yrep)

# split by group, change interval width, and display proportion
# instead of count on y-axis
color_scheme_set("mix-blue-pink")
ppc_bars_grouped(y, yrep, group, prob = 0.5, freq = FALSE)

## Not run:
# example for ordinal regression using rstanarm
library(rstanarm)
fit <- stan_polr(
  tobgp ~ agegp,
  data = esoph,
  method = "probit",
  prior = R2(0.2, "mean"),
  init_r = 0.1,
  seed = 12345,
  # cores = 4,
  refresh = 0
)

# coded as character, so convert to integer
yrep_char <- posterior_predict(fit)
print(yrep_char[1, 1:4])

yrep_int <- sapply(data.frame(yrep_char, stringsAsFactors = TRUE), as.integer)
y_int <- as.integer(esoph$tobgp)

ppc_bars(y_int, yrep_int)

ppc_bars_grouped(
  y = y_int,
  yrep = yrep_int,
  group = esoph$agegp,
  freq=FALSE,
  prob = 0.5,
  fatten = 1,
  size = 1.5
)

## End(Not run)

# rootograms for counts
y <- rpois(100, 20)
yrep <- matrix(rpois(10000, 20), ncol = 100)

color_scheme_set("brightblue")
ppc_rootogram(y, yrep)
ppc_rootogram(y, yrep, prob = 0)

```



```
ppc_rootogram(y, yrep, style = "hanging", prob = 0.8)
ppc_rootogram(y, yrep, style = "suspended")
```

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PPC-distributions      *PPC distributions*

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## Description

Compare the empirical distribution of the data `y` to the distributions of simulated/replicated data `yrep` from the posterior predictive distribution. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below, for details.

## Usage

```
ppc_data(y, yrep, group = NULL)
```

```
ppc_dens_overlay(
  y,
  yrep,
  ...,
  size = 0.25,
  alpha = 0.7,
  trim = FALSE,
  bw = "nrd0",
  adjust = 1,
  kernel = "gaussian",
  n_dens = 1024
)
```

```
ppc_dens_overlay_grouped(
  y,
  yrep,
  group,
  ...,
  size = 0.25,
  alpha = 0.7,
  trim = FALSE,
  bw = "nrd0",
  adjust = 1,
  kernel = "gaussian",
  n_dens = 1024
)
```

```
ppc_ecdf_overlay(
  y,
  yrep,
```

```
    ...,
    discrete = FALSE,
    pad = TRUE,
    size = 0.25,
    alpha = 0.7
  )

ppc_ecdf_overlay_grouped(
  y,
  yrep,
  group,
  ...,
  discrete = FALSE,
  pad = TRUE,
  size = 0.25,
  alpha = 0.7
)

ppc_dens(y, yrep, ..., trim = FALSE, size = 0.5, alpha = 1)

ppc_hist(y, yrep, ..., binwidth = NULL, breaks = NULL, freq = TRUE)

ppc_freqpoly(y, yrep, ..., binwidth = NULL, freq = TRUE, size = 0.5, alpha = 1)

ppc_freqpoly_grouped(
  y,
  yrep,
  group,
  ...,
  binwidth = NULL,
  freq = TRUE,
  size = 0.5,
  alpha = 1
)

ppc_boxplot(y, yrep, ..., notch = TRUE, size = 0.5, alpha = 1)

ppc_violin_grouped(
  y,
  yrep,
  group,
  ...,
  probs = c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9),
  size = 1,
  alpha = 1,
  y_draw = c("violin", "points", "both"),
  y_size = 1,
  y_alpha = 1,
```

```

  y_jitter = 0.1
)

```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	A vector of observations. See <b>Details</b> .
<code>yrep</code>	An S by N matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, S, is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate <code>yrep</code> . The number of columns, N is the number of predicted observations ( <code>length(y)</code> ). The columns of <code>yrep</code> should be in the same order as the data points in <code>y</code> for the plots to make sense. See the <b>Details</b> and <b>Plot Descriptions</b> sections for additional advice specific to particular plots.
<code>group</code>	A grouping variable of the same length as <code>y</code> . Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in <code>group</code> is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.
<code>...</code>	Currently unused.
<code>size, alpha</code>	Passed to the appropriate geom to control the appearance of the predictive distributions.
<code>trim</code>	A logical scalar passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_density()</code> .
<code>bw, adjust, kernel, n_dens</code>	Optional arguments passed to <code>stats::density()</code> to override default kernel density estimation parameters. <code>n_dens</code> defaults to 1024.
<code>discrete</code>	For <code>ppc_ecdf_overlay()</code> , should the data be treated as discrete? The default is FALSE, in which case <code>geom="line"</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::stat_ecdf()</code> . If <code>discrete</code> is set to TRUE then <code>geom="step"</code> is used.
<code>pad</code>	A logical scalar passed to <code>ggplot2::stat_ecdf()</code> .
<code>binwidth</code>	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> to override the default binwidth.
<code>breaks</code>	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> as an alternative to <code>binwidth</code> .
<code>freq</code>	For histograms, <code>freq=TRUE</code> (the default) puts count on the y-axis. Setting <code>freq=FALSE</code> puts density on the y-axis. (For many plots the y-axis text is off by default. To view the count or density labels on the y-axis see the <code>yaxis_text()</code> convenience function.)
<code>notch</code>	For the box plot, a logical scalar passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_boxplot()</code> . Note: unlike <code>geom_boxplot()</code> , the default is <code>notch=TRUE</code> .
<code>probs</code>	A numeric vector passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_violin()</code> 's <code>draw_quantiles</code> argument to specify at which quantiles to draw horizontal lines. Set to NULL to remove the lines.
<code>y_draw</code>	For <code>ppc_violin_grouped()</code> , a string specifying how to draw y: "violin" (default), "points" (jittered points), or "both".
<code>y_jitter, y_size, y_alpha</code>	For <code>ppc_violin_grouped()</code> , if <code>y_draw</code> is "points" or "both" then <code>y_size</code> , <code>y_alpha</code> , and <code>y_jitter</code> are passed to to the <code>size</code> , <code>alpha</code> , and <code>width</code> arguments of <code>ggplot2::geom_jitter()</code> to control the appearance of y points. The default of <code>y_jitter=NULL</code> will let <b>ggplot2</b> determine the amount of jitter.

## Details

For Binomial data, the plots may be more useful if the input contains the "success" *proportions* (not discrete "success" or "failure" counts).

## Value

The plotting functions return a ggplot object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

## Plot Descriptions

`ppc_hist()`, `ppc_freqpoly()`, `ppc_dens()`, `ppc_boxplot()` A separate histogram, shaded frequency polygon, smoothed kernel density estimate, or box and whiskers plot is displayed for `y` and each dataset (row) in `yrep`. For these plots `yrep` should therefore contain only a small number of rows. See the **Examples** section.

`ppc_freqpoly_grouped()` A separate frequency polygon is plotted for each level of a grouping variable for `y` and each dataset (row) in `yrep`. For this plot `yrep` should therefore contain only a small number of rows. See the **Examples** section.

`ppc_ecdf_overlay()`, `ppc_dens_overlay()`, `ppc_ecdf_overlay_grouped()`, `ppc_dens_overlay_grouped()` Kernel density or empirical CDF estimates of each dataset (row) in `yrep` are overlaid, with the distribution of `y` itself on top (and in a darker shade). When using `ppc_ecdf_overlay()` with discrete data, set the `discrete` argument to `TRUE` for better results. For an example of `ppc_dens_overlay()` also see Gabry et al. (2019).

`ppc_violin_grouped()` The density estimate of `yrep` within each level of a grouping variable is plotted as a violin with horizontal lines at notable quantiles. `y` is overlaid on the plot either as a violin, points, or both, depending on the `y_draw` argument.

## References

- Gabry, J. , Simpson, D. , Vehtari, A. , Betancourt, M. and Gelman, A. (2019), Visualization in Bayesian workflow. *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*, 182: 389-402. doi:10.1111/rssa.12378. ([journal version](#), [arXiv preprint](#), [code on GitHub](#))
- Gelman, A., Carlin, J. B., Stern, H. S., Dunson, D. B., Vehtari, A., and Rubin, D. B. (2013). *Bayesian Data Analysis*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, London, third edition. (Ch. 6)

## See Also

Other PPCs: [PPC-censoring](#), [PPC-discrete](#), [PPC-errors](#), [PPC-intervals](#), [PPC-loo](#), [PPC-overview](#), [PPC-scatterplots](#), [PPC-test-statistics](#)

## Examples

```
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
y <- example_y_data()
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
dim(yrep)
ppc_dens_overlay(y, yrep[1:25, ])
```

```

# ppc_ecdf_overlay with continuous data (set discrete=TRUE if discrete data)
ppc_ecdf_overlay(y, yrep[sample(nrow(yrep), 25), ])

# for ppc_hist,dens,freqpoly,boxplot definitely use a subset yrep rows so
# only a few (instead of nrow(yrep)) histograms are plotted
ppc_hist(y, yrep[1:8, ])

color_scheme_set("red")
ppc_boxplot(y, yrep[1:8, ])

# wizard hat plot
color_scheme_set("blue")
ppc_dens(y, yrep[200:202, ])

# frequency polygons
ppc_freqpoly(y, yrep[1:3,], alpha = 0.1, size = 1, binwidth = 5)

group <- example_group_data()
ppc_freqpoly_grouped(y, yrep[1:3,], group) + yaxis_text()

# if groups are different sizes then the 'freq' argument can be useful
ppc_freqpoly_grouped(y, yrep[1:3,], group, freq = FALSE) + yaxis_text()

# density and distribution overlays by group
ppc_dens_overlay_grouped(y, yrep[1:25, ], group = group)

ppc_ecdf_overlay_grouped(y, yrep[1:25, ], group = group)

# don't need to only use small number of rows for ppc_violin_grouped
# (as it pools yrep draws within groups)
color_scheme_set("gray")
ppc_violin_grouped(y, yrep, group, size = 1.5)

ppc_violin_grouped(y, yrep, group, alpha = 0)

# change how y is drawn
ppc_violin_grouped(y, yrep, group, alpha = 0, y_draw = "points", y_size = 1.5)
ppc_violin_grouped(y, yrep, group, alpha = 0, y_draw = "both",
  y_size = 1.5, y_alpha = 0.5, y_jitter = 0.33)

```

**Description**

Various plots of predictive errors  $y - \hat{y}$ . See the **Details** and **Plot Descriptions** sections, below.

**Usage**

```
ppc_error_hist(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  ...,  
  facet_args = list(),  
  binwidth = NULL,  
  breaks = NULL,  
  freq = TRUE  
)
```

```
ppc_error_hist_grouped(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  group,  
  ...,  
  facet_args = list(),  
  binwidth = NULL,  
  breaks = NULL,  
  freq = TRUE  
)
```

```
ppc_error_scatter(y, yrep, ..., facet_args = list(), size = 2.5, alpha = 0.8)
```

```
ppc_error_scatter_avg(y, yrep, ..., size = 2.5, alpha = 0.8)
```

```
ppc_error_scatter_avg_grouped(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  group,  
  ...,  
  facet_args = list(),  
  size = 2.5,  
  alpha = 0.8  
)
```

```
ppc_error_scatter_avg_vs_x(y, yrep, x, ..., size = 2.5, alpha = 0.8)
```

```
ppc_error_binned(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  ...,  
  facet_args = list(),  
  bins = NULL,  
)
```

```

    size = 1,
    alpha = 0.25
  )

ppc_error_data(y, yrep, group = NULL)

```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	A vector of observations. See <b>Details</b> .
<code>yrep</code>	An S by N matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, S, is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate <code>yrep</code> . The number of columns, N is the number of predicted observations ( <code>length(y)</code> ). The columns of <code>yrep</code> should be in the same order as the data points in <code>y</code> for the plots to make sense. See the <b>Details</b> and <b>Plot Descriptions</b> sections for additional advice specific to particular plots.
<code>...</code>	Currently unused.
<code>facet_args</code>	A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> or <code>ggplot2::facet_grid()</code> to control faceting. Note: if <code>scales</code> is not included in <code>facet_args</code> then <b>bayesplot</b> may use <code>scales="free"</code> as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the <b>ggplot2</b> default of <code>scales="fixed"</code> .
<code>binwidth</code>	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> to override the default binwidth.
<code>breaks</code>	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> as an alternative to <code>binwidth</code> .
<code>freq</code>	For histograms, <code>freq=TRUE</code> (the default) puts count on the y-axis. Setting <code>freq=FALSE</code> puts density on the y-axis. (For many plots the y-axis text is off by default. To view the count or density labels on the y-axis see the <code>yaxis_text()</code> convenience function.)
<code>group</code>	A grouping variable of the same length as <code>y</code> . Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in <code>group</code> is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.
<code>size, alpha</code>	For scatterplots, arguments passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> to control the appearance of the points. For the binned error plot, arguments controlling the size of the outline and opacity of the shaded region indicating the 2-SE bounds.
<code>x</code>	A numeric vector the same length as <code>y</code> to use as the x-axis variable.
<code>bins</code>	For <code>ppc_error_binned()</code> , the number of bins to use (approximately).

## Details

All of these functions (aside from the `*_scatter_avg` functions) compute and plot predictive errors for each row of the matrix `yrep`, so it is usually a good idea for `yrep` to contain only a small number of draws (rows). See **Examples**, below.

For binomial and Bernoulli data the `ppc_error_binned()` function can be used to generate binned error plots. Bernoulli data can be input as a vector of 0s and 1s, whereas for binomial data `y` and `yrep` should contain "success" proportions (not counts). See the **Examples** section, below.

## Value

A `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package.

### Plot descriptions

`ppc_error_hist()` A separate histogram is plotted for the predictive errors computed from `y` and each dataset (row) in `yrep`. For this plot `yrep` should have only a small number of rows.

`ppc_error_hist_grouped()` Like `ppc_error_hist()`, except errors are computed within levels of a grouping variable. The number of histograms is therefore equal to the product of the number of rows in `yrep` and the number of groups (unique values of `group`).

`ppc_error_scatter()` A separate scatterplot is displayed for `y` vs. the predictive errors computed from `y` and each dataset (row) in `yrep`. For this plot `yrep` should have only a small number of rows.

`ppc_error_scatter_avg()` A single scatterplot of `y` vs. the average of the errors computed from `y` and each dataset (row) in `yrep`. For each individual data point `y[n]` the average error is the average of the errors for `y[n]` computed over the the draws from the posterior predictive distribution.

`ppc_error_scatter_avg_vs_x()` Same as `ppc_error_scatter_avg()`, except the average is plotted on the y-axis and a predictor variable `x` is plotted on the x-axis.

`ppc_error_binned()` Intended for use with binomial data. A separate binned error plot (similar to `arm::binnedplot()`) is generated for each dataset (row) in `yrep`. For this plot `y` and `yrep` should contain proportions rather than counts, and `yrep` should have only a small number of rows.

### References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J. B., Stern, H. S., Dunson, D. B., Vehtari, A., and Rubin, D. B. (2013). *Bayesian Data Analysis*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, London, third edition. (Ch. 6)

### See Also

Other PPCs: [PPC-censoring](#), [PPC-discrete](#), [PPC-distributions](#), [PPC-intervals](#), [PPC-loo](#), [PPC-overview](#), [PPC-scatterplots](#), [PPC-test-statistics](#)

### Examples

```
y <- example_y_data()
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
ppc_error_hist(y, yrep[1:3, ])

# errors within groups
group <- example_group_data()
(p1 <- ppc_error_hist_grouped(y, yrep[1:3, ], group))
p1 + yaxis_text() # defaults to showing counts on y-axis

table(group) # more obs in GroupB, can set freq=FALSE to show density on y-axis
(p2 <- ppc_error_hist_grouped(y, yrep[1:3, ], group, freq = FALSE))
p2 + yaxis_text()

# scatterplots
ppc_error_scatter(y, yrep[10:14, ])
```



```

ppc_error_scatter_avg(y, yrep)

x <- example_x_data()
ppc_error_scatter_avg_vs_x(y, yrep, x)

## Not run:
# binned error plot with binomial model from rstanarm
library(rstanarm)
example("example_model", package = "rstanarm")
formula(example_model)

# get observed proportion of "successes"
y <- example_model$y # matrix of "success" and "failure" counts
trials <- rowSums(y)
y_prop <- y[, 1] / trials # proportions

# get predicted success proportions
yrep <- posterior_predict(example_model)
yrep_prop <- sweep(yrep, 2, trials, "/")

ppc_error_binned(y_prop, yrep_prop[1:6, ])

## End(Not run)

```

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PPC-intervals

*PPC intervals*


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## Description

Medians and central interval estimates of `yrep` with `y` overlaid. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below.

## Usage

```

ppc_intervals(
  y,
  yrep,
  x = NULL,
  ...,
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9,
  alpha = 0.33,
  size = 1,
  fatten = 2.5
)

ppc_intervals_grouped(
  y,

```

```
yrep,  
x = NULL,  
group,  
...,  
facet_args = list(),  
prob = 0.5,  
prob_outer = 0.9,  
alpha = 0.33,  
size = 1,  
fatten = 2.5  
)  
  
ppc_ribbon(  
y,  
yrep,  
x = NULL,  
...,  
prob = 0.5,  
prob_outer = 0.9,  
alpha = 0.33,  
size = 0.25,  
y_draw = c("line", "points", "both")  
)  
  
ppc_ribbon_grouped(  
y,  
yrep,  
x = NULL,  
group,  
...,  
facet_args = list(),  
prob = 0.5,  
prob_outer = 0.9,  
alpha = 0.33,  
size = 0.25,  
y_draw = c("line", "points", "both")  
)  
  
ppc_intervals_data(  
y,  
yrep,  
x = NULL,  
group = NULL,  
...,  
prob = 0.5,  
prob_outer = 0.9  
)
```

```

ppc_ribbon_data(
  y,
  yrep,
  x = NULL,
  group = NULL,
  ...,
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9
)

```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	A vector of observations. See <b>Details</b> .
<code>yrep</code>	An $S$ by $N$ matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, $S$ , is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate <code>yrep</code> . The number of columns, $N$ is the number of predicted observations ( <code>length(y)</code> ). The columns of <code>yrep</code> should be in the same order as the data points in <code>y</code> for the plots to make sense. See the <b>Details</b> and <b>Plot Descriptions</b> sections for additional advice specific to particular plots.
<code>x</code>	A numeric vector to use as the x-axis variable. For example, <code>x</code> could be a predictor variable from a regression model, a time variable for time-series models, etc. If <code>x</code> is missing or <code>NULL</code> then the observation index is used for the x-axis.
<code>...</code>	Currently unused.
<code>prob, prob_outer</code>	Values between 0 and 1 indicating the desired probability mass to include in the inner and outer intervals. The defaults are <code>prob=0.5</code> and <code>prob_outer=0.9</code> .
<code>alpha, size, fatten</code>	Arguments passed to geoms. For ribbon plots <code>alpha</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_ribbon()</code> to control the opacity of the outer ribbon and <code>size</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code> to control the size of the line representing the median prediction ( <code>size=0</code> will remove the line). For interval plots <code>alpha</code> , <code>size</code> and <code>fatten</code> are passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_pointrange()</code> ( <code>fatten=0</code> will remove the point estimates).
<code>group</code>	A grouping variable of the same length as <code>y</code> . Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in <code>group</code> is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.
<code>facet_args</code>	A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> or <code>ggplot2::facet_grid()</code> to control faceting. Note: if <code>scales</code> is not included in <code>facet_args</code> then <b>bayesplot</b> may use <code>scales="free"</code> as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the <b>ggplot2</b> default of <code>scales="fixed"</code> .
<code>y_draw</code>	For ribbon plots only, a string specifying how to draw <code>y</code> . Can be <code>"line"</code> (the default), <code>"points"</code> , or <code>"both"</code> .

### Value

The plotting functions return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

## Plot Descriptions

`ppc_intervals()`, `ppc_ribbon()`  $100*\text{prob}\%$  central intervals for `yrep` at each `x` value. `ppc_intervals()` plots intervals as vertical bars with points indicating `yrep` medians and darker points indicating observed `y` values. `ppc_ribbon()` plots a ribbon of connected intervals with a line through the median of `yrep` and a darker line connecting observed `y` values. In both cases an optional `x` variable can also be specified for the `x`-axis variable.

Depending on the number of observations and the variability in the predictions at different values of `x`, one of these plots may be easier to read than the other.

`ppc_intervals_grouped()`, `ppc_ribbon_grouped()` Same as `ppc_intervals()` and `ppc_ribbon()`, respectively, but a separate plot (facet) is generated for each level of a grouping variable.

## References

Gabry, J. , Simpson, D. , Vehtari, A. , Betancourt, M. and Gelman, A. (2019), Visualization in Bayesian workflow. *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*, 182: 389-402. doi:10.1111/rssa.12378. ([journal version](#), [arXiv preprint](#), [code on GitHub](#))

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## See Also

Other PPCs: [PPC-censoring](#), [PPC-discrete](#), [PPC-distributions](#), [PPC-errors](#), [PPC-loo](#), [PPC-overview](#), [PPC-scatterplots](#), [PPC-test-statistics](#)

## Examples

```
y <- rnorm(50)
yrep <- matrix(rnorm(5000, 0, 2), ncol = 50)

color_scheme_set("brightblue")
ppc_intervals(y, yrep)
ppc_ribbon(y, yrep)
ppc_ribbon(y, yrep, y_draw = "points")
## Not run:
ppc_ribbon(y, yrep, y_draw = "both")

## End(Not run)

ppc_intervals(y, yrep, size = 1.5, fatten = 0) # remove the yrep point estimates

color_scheme_set("teal")
year <- 1950:1999
ppc_intervals(y, yrep, x = year, fatten = 1) + ggplot2::xlab("Year")
ppc_ribbon(y, yrep, x = year) + ggplot2::xlab("Year")

color_scheme_set("pink")
year <- rep(2000:2009, each = 5)
group <- gl(5, 1, length = 50, labels = LETTERS[1:5])
ppc_ribbon_grouped(y, yrep, x = year, group, y_draw = "both") +
  ggplot2::scale_x_continuous(breaks = pretty)
```

```

ppc_ribbon_grouped(y, yrep, x = year, group,
                  facet_args = list(scales = "fixed")) +
  xaxis_text(FALSE) +
  xaxis_ticks(FALSE) +
  panel_bg(fill = "gray20")

# get the data frames used to make the ggplots
ppc_dat <- ppc_intervals_data(y, yrep, x = year, prob = 0.5)
ppc_group_dat <- ppc_intervals_data(y, yrep, x = year, group = group, prob = 0.5)

## Not run:
library("rstanarm")
fit <- stan_glm(mpg ~ wt + (1|cyl), data = mtcars, refresh = 0)
yrep <- posterior_predict(fit)

color_scheme_set("purple")
ppc_intervals(y = mtcars$mpg, yrep = yrep, x = mtcars$wt, prob = 0.8) +
  panel_bg(fill="gray90", color = NA) +
  grid_lines(color = "white")

ppc_ribbon(y = mtcars$mpg, yrep = yrep, x = mtcars$wt,
          prob = 0.6, prob_outer = 0.8)

ppc_ribbon_grouped(y = mtcars$mpg, yrep = yrep, x = mtcars$wt,
                  group = mtcars$cyl)

color_scheme_set("gray")
ppc_intervals(mtcars$mpg, yrep, prob = 0.5) +
  ggplot2::scale_x_continuous(
    labels = rownames(mtcars),
    breaks = 1:nrow(mtcars)
  ) +
  xaxis_text(angle = -70, vjust = 1, hjust = 0) +
  xaxis_title(FALSE)

## End(Not run)

```

### Description

Leave-One-Out (LOO) predictive checks. See the **Plot Descriptions** section, below, and [Gabry et al. \(2019\)](#) for details.

**Usage**

```
ppc_loo_pit_overlay(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  lw,  
  ...,  
  pit = NULL,  
  samples = 100,  
  size = 0.25,  
  alpha = 0.7,  
  boundary_correction = TRUE,  
  grid_len = 512,  
  bw = "nrd0",  
  trim = FALSE,  
  adjust = 1,  
  kernel = "gaussian",  
  n_dens = 1024  
)  
  
ppc_loo_pit_data(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  lw,  
  ...,  
  pit = NULL,  
  samples = 100,  
  bw = "nrd0",  
  boundary_correction = TRUE,  
  grid_len = 512  
)  
  
ppc_loo_pit_qq(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  lw,  
  pit,  
  compare = c("uniform", "normal"),  
  ...,  
  size = 2,  
  alpha = 1  
)  
  
ppc_loo_pit(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  lw,  
  pit,  
  compare = c("uniform", "normal"),
```

```

    ...,
    size = 2,
    alpha = 1
  )

ppc_loo_intervals(
  y,
  yrep,
  psis_object,
  subset = NULL,
  intervals = NULL,
  ...,
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9,
  alpha = 0.33,
  size = 1,
  fatten = 2.5,
  order = c("index", "median")
)

ppc_loo_ribbon(
  y,
  yrep,
  lw,
  psis_object,
  subset = NULL,
  intervals = NULL,
  ...,
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9,
  alpha = 0.33,
  size = 0.25
)

```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	A vector of observations. See <b>Details</b> .
<code>yrep</code>	An $S$ by $N$ matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, $S$ , is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate <code>yrep</code> . The number of columns, $N$ is the number of predicted observations ( <code>length(y)</code> ). The columns of <code>yrep</code> should be in the same order as the data points in <code>y</code> for the plots to make sense. See the <b>Details</b> and <b>Plot Descriptions</b> sections for additional advice specific to particular plots.
<code>lw</code>	A matrix of (smoothed) log weights with the same dimensions as <code>yrep</code> . See <a href="#">loo::psis()</a> and the associated <code>weights()</code> method as well as the <b>Examples</b> section, below.
<code>...</code>	Currently unused.

<code>pit</code>	For <code>ppc_loo_pit_overlay()</code> and <code>ppc_loo_pit_qq()</code> , optionally a vector of precomputed PIT values that can be specified instead of <code>y</code> , <code>yrep</code> , and <code>lw</code> (these are all ignored if <code>pit</code> is specified). If not specified the PIT values are computed internally before plotting.
<code>samples</code>	For <code>ppc_loo_pit_overlay()</code> , the number of data sets (each the same size as <code>y</code> ) to simulate from the standard uniform distribution. The default is 100. The density estimate of each dataset is plotted as a thin line in the plot, with the density estimate of the LOO PITs overlaid as a thicker dark line.
<code>alpha, size, fatten</code>	Arguments passed to code geoms to control plot aesthetics. For <code>ppc_loo_pit_qq()</code> and <code>ppc_loo_pit_overlay()</code> , <code>size</code> and <code>alpha</code> are passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> and <code>ggplot2::geom_density()</code> , respectively. For <code>ppc_loo_intervals()</code> , <code>size</code> and <code>fatten</code> are passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_pointrange()</code> . For <code>ppc_loo_ribbon()</code> , <code>alpha</code> and <code>size</code> are passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_ribbon()</code> .
<code>boundary_correction</code>	For <code>ppc_loo_pit_overlay()</code> , when set to <code>TRUE</code> (the default) the function will compute boundary corrected density values via convolution and a Gaussian filter, also known as the reflection method (Boneva et al., 1971). As a result, parameters controlling the standard kernel density estimation such as <code>adjust</code> , <code>kernel</code> and <code>n_dens</code> are ignored. NOTE: The current implementation only works well for continuous observations.
<code>grid_len</code>	For <code>ppc_loo_pit_overlay()</code> , when <code>boundary_correction</code> is set to <code>TRUE</code> this parameter specifies the number of points used to generate the estimations. This is set to 512 by default.
<code>bw, adjust, kernel, n_dens</code>	Optional arguments passed to <code>stats::density()</code> to override default kernel density estimation parameters. <code>n_dens</code> defaults to 1024.
<code>trim</code>	Passed to <code>ggplot2::stat_density()</code> .
<code>compare</code>	For <code>ppc_loo_pit_qq()</code> , a string that can be either <code>"uniform"</code> or <code>"normal"</code> . If <code>"uniform"</code> (the default) the Q-Q plot compares computed PIT values to the standard uniform distribution. If <code>compare="normal"</code> , the Q-Q plot compares standard normal quantiles calculated from the PIT values to the theoretical standard normal quantiles.
<code>psis_object</code>	If using <b>loo</b> version 2.0.0 or greater, an object returned by the <code>psis()</code> function (or by the <code>loo()</code> function with argument <code>save_psis</code> set to <code>TRUE</code> ).
<code>subset</code>	For <code>ppc_loo_intervals()</code> and <code>ppc_loo_ribbon()</code> , an optional integer vector indicating which observations in <code>y</code> (and <code>yrep</code> ) to include. Dropping observations from <code>y</code> and <code>yrep</code> manually before passing them to the plotting function will not work because the dimensions will not match up with the dimensions of <code>psis_object</code> , but if all of <code>y</code> and <code>yrep</code> are passed along with <code>subset</code> then <b>bayesplot</b> can do the subsetting internally for <code>y</code> , <code>yrep</code> and <code>psis_object</code> . See the <b>Examples</b> section for a demonstration.
<code>intervals</code>	For <code>ppc_loo_intervals()</code> and <code>ppc_loo_ribbon()</code> , optionally a matrix of pre-computed LOO predictive intervals that can be specified instead of <code>yrep</code> and <code>lw</code> (these are both ignored if <code>intervals</code> is specified). If not specified the intervals



are computed internally before plotting. If specified, intervals must be a matrix with number of rows equal to the number of data points and five columns in the following order: lower outer interval, lower inner interval, median (50%), upper inner interval and upper outer interval (column names are ignored).

prob, prob\_outer

Values between 0 and 1 indicating the desired probability mass to include in the inner and outer intervals. The defaults are prob=0.5 and prob\_outer=0.9.

order

For `ppc_loo_intervals()`, a string indicating how to arrange the plotted intervals. The default ("index") is to plot them in the order of the observations. The alternative ("median") arranges them by median value from smallest (left) to largest (right).

## Value

A `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the `ggplot2` package.

## Plot Descriptions

`ppc_loo_pit_overlay()`, `ppc_loo_pit_qq()` The calibration of marginal predictions can be assessed using probability integral transformation (PIT) checks. LOO improves the check by avoiding the double use of data. See the section on marginal predictive checks in Gelman et al. (2013, p. 152–153) and section 5 of Gabry et al. (2019) for an example of using **bayesplot** for these checks.

The LOO PIT values are asymptotically uniform (for continuous data) if the model is calibrated. The `ppc_loo_pit_overlay()` function creates a plot comparing the density of the LOO PITs (thick line) to the density estimates of many simulated data sets from the standard uniform distribution (thin lines). See Gabry et al. (2019) for an example of interpreting the shape of the miscalibration that can be observed in these plots.

The `ppc_loo_pit_qq()` function provides an alternative visualization of the miscalibration with a quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plot comparing the LOO PITs to the standard uniform distribution. Comparing to the uniform is not good for extreme probabilities close to 0 and 1, so it can sometimes be useful to set the `compare` argument to "normal", which will produce a Q-Q plot comparing standard normal quantiles calculated from the PIT values to the theoretical standard normal quantiles. This can help see the (mis)calibration better for the extreme values. However, in most cases we have found that the overlaid density plot (`ppc_loo_pit_overlay()`) function will provide a clearer picture of calibration problems than the Q-Q plot.

`ppc_loo_intervals()`, `ppc_loo_ribbon()` Similar to `ppc_intervals()` and `ppc_ribbon()` but the intervals are for the LOO predictive distribution.

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### See Also

Other PPCs: [PPC-censoring](#), [PPC-discrete](#), [PPC-distributions](#), [PPC-errors](#), [PPC-intervals](#), [PPC-overview](#), [PPC-scatterplots](#), [PPC-test-statistics](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(rstanarm)
library(loo)

head(radon)
fit <- stan_lmer(
  log_radon ~ floor + log_uranium + floor:log_uranium
    + (1 + floor | county),
  data = radon,
  iter = 1000,
  chains = 2,
  cores = 2
)
y <- radon$log_radon
yrep <- posterior_predict(fit)

loo1 <- loo(fit, save_psis = TRUE, cores = 4)
psis1 <- loo1$psis_object
lw <- weights(psis1) # normalized log weights

# marginal predictive check using LOO probability integral transform
color_scheme_set("orange")
ppc_loo_pit_overlay(y, yrep, lw = lw)

ppc_loo_pit_qq(y, yrep, lw = lw)
ppc_loo_pit_qq(y, yrep, lw = lw, compare = "normal")

# loo predictive intervals vs observations
keep_obs <- 1:50
ppc_loo_intervals(y, yrep, psis_object = psis1, subset = keep_obs)

color_scheme_set("gray")
ppc_loo_intervals(y, yrep, psis_object = psis1, subset = keep_obs,
  order = "median")

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

The **bayesplot** PPC module provides various plotting functions for creating graphical displays comparing observed data to simulated data from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. See the sections below for a brief discussion of the ideas behind posterior predictive checking, an overview of the available PPC plots, and tips on providing an interface to **bayesplot** from another package.

For plots of posterior (or prior) predictive distributions that do *not* include observed data see [PPD-overview](#) instead.

## Details

The idea behind posterior predictive checking is simple: if a model is a good fit then we should be able to use it to generate data that looks a lot like the data we observed.

**Posterior predictive distribution:** To generate the data used for posterior predictive checks we simulate from the *posterior predictive distribution*. The posterior predictive distribution is the distribution of the outcome variable implied by a model after using the observed data  $y$  (a vector of outcome values), and typically predictors  $X$ , to update our beliefs about the unknown parameters  $\theta$  in the model. For each draw of the parameters  $\theta$  from the posterior distribution  $p(\theta | y, X)$  we generate an entire vector of outcomes. The result is an  $S \times N$  matrix of simulations, where  $S$  is the size of the posterior sample (number of draws from the posterior distribution) and  $N$  is the number of data points in  $y$ . That is, each row of the matrix is an individual "replicated" dataset of  $N$  observations.

**Notation:** When simulating from the posterior predictive distribution we can use either the same values of the predictors  $X$  that we used when fitting the model or new observations of those predictors. When we use the same values of  $X$  we denote the resulting simulations by  $y^{rep}$  as they can be thought of as *replications* of the outcome  $y$  rather than predictions for future observations. This corresponds to the notation from Gelman et. al. (2013) and is the notation used throughout the documentation for this package.

**Graphical posterior predictive checking:** Using the datasets  $y^{rep}$  drawn from the posterior predictive distribution, the functions in the **bayesplot** package produce various graphical displays comparing the observed data  $y$  to the replications. For a more thorough discussion of posterior predictive checking see Chapter 6 of Gelman et. al. (2013).

**Prior predictive checking:** To use **bayesplot** for *prior* predictive checks you can simply use draws from the prior predictive distribution instead of the posterior predictive distribution. See Gabry et al. (2019) for more on prior predictive checking and when it is reasonable to compare the prior predictive distribution to the observed data. If you want to avoid using the observed data for prior predictive checks then you can use the **bayesplot** [PPD](#) plots instead, which do not take a  $y$  argument, or you can use the PPC plots but provide plausible or implausible  $y$  values that you want to compare to the prior predictive realizations.

## PPC plotting functions

The plotting functions for prior and posterior predictive checking all have the prefix `ppc_` and all require the arguments `y`, a vector of observations, and `yrep`, a matrix of replications (in-sample predictions). The plots are organized into several categories, each with its own documentation:

- **PPC-distributions:** Histograms, kernel density estimates, boxplots, and other plots comparing the empirical distribution of data `y` to the distributions of individual simulated datasets (rows) in `yrep`.
- **PPC-test-statistics:** The distribution of a statistic, or a pair of statistics, over the simulated datasets (rows) in `yrep` compared to value of the statistic(s) computed from `y`.
- **PPC-intervals:** Interval estimates of `yrep` with `y` overlaid. The x-axis variable can be optionally specified by the user (e.g. to plot against a predictor variable or over time).
- **PPC-errors:** Plots of predictive errors (`y - yrep`) computed from `y` and each of the simulated datasets (rows) in `yrep`. For binomial models binned error plots are also available.
- **PPC-scatterplots:** Scatterplots (and similar visualizations) of the data `y` vs. individual simulated datasets (rows) in `yrep`, or vs. the average value of the distributions of each data point (columns) in `yrep`.
- **PPC-discrete:** PPC functions that can only be used if `y` and `yrep` are discrete. For example, rootograms for count outcomes and bar plots for ordinal, categorical, and multinomial outcomes.
- **PPC-loo:** PPC functions for predictive checks based on (approximate) leave-one-out (LOO) cross-validation.
- **PPC-censoring:** PPC functions comparing the empirical distribution of censored data `y` to the distributions of individual simulated datasets (rows) in `yrep`.

## Providing an interface for predictive checking from another package

In addition to the various plotting functions, the **bayesplot** package provides the S3 generic `pp_check()`. Authors of R packages for Bayesian inference are encouraged to define `pp_check()` methods for the fitted model objects created by their packages. See the package vignettes for more details and a simple example, and see the **rstanarm** and **brms** packages for full examples of `pp_check()` methods.

## References

- Gabry, J. , Simpson, D. , Vehtari, A. , Betancourt, M. and Gelman, A. (2019), Visualization in Bayesian workflow. *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*, 182: 389-402. doi:10.1111/rssa.12378. ([journal version](#), [arXiv preprint](#), [code on GitHub](#))
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## See Also

Other PPCs: [PPC-censoring](#), [PPC-discrete](#), [PPC-distributions](#), [PPC-errors](#), [PPC-intervals](#), [PPC-loo](#), [PPC-scatterplots](#), [PPC-test-statistics](#)

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PPC-scatterplots      *PPC scatterplots*

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## Description

Scatterplots of the observed data  $y$  vs. simulated/replicated data  $y_{rep}$  from the posterior predictive distribution. See the **Plot Descriptions** and **Details** sections, below.

## Usage

```
ppc_scatter(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  ...,  
  facet_args = list(),  
  size = 2.5,  
  alpha = 0.8,  
  ref_line = TRUE  
)
```

```
ppc_scatter_avg(y, yrep, ..., size = 2.5, alpha = 0.8, ref_line = TRUE)
```

```
ppc_scatter_avg_grouped(  
  y,  
  yrep,  
  group,  
  ...,  
  facet_args = list(),  
  size = 2.5,  
  alpha = 0.8,  
  ref_line = TRUE  
)
```

```
ppc_scatter_data(y, yrep)
```

```
ppc_scatter_avg_data(y, yrep, group = NULL)
```

## Arguments

$y$	A vector of observations. See <b>Details</b> .
$y_{rep}$	An $S$ by $N$ matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, $S$ , is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate $y_{rep}$ . The number of columns, $N$ is the number of predicted observations ( $\text{length}(y)$ ). The columns of $y_{rep}$ should be in the same order as the data points in $y$ for the plots to make sense. See the <b>Details</b> and <b>Plot Descriptions</b> sections for additional advice specific to particular plots.

...	Currently unused.
facet_args	A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> or <code>ggplot2::facet_grid()</code> to control faceting. Note: if <code>scales</code> is not included in <code>facet_args</code> then <b>bayesplot</b> may use <code>scales="free"</code> as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the <b>ggplot2</b> default of <code>scales="fixed"</code> .
size, alpha	Arguments passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> to control the appearance of the points.
ref_line	If TRUE (the default) a dashed line with intercept 0 and slope 1 is drawn behind the scatter plot.
group	A grouping variable of the same length as <code>y</code> . Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in <code>group</code> is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.

### Details

For Binomial data, the plots may be more useful if the input contains the "success" *proportions* (not discrete "success" or "failure" counts).

### Value

The plotting functions return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

### Plot Descriptions

`ppc_scatter()` For each dataset (row) in `yrep` a scatterplot is generated showing `y` against that row of `yrep`. For this plot `yrep` should only contain a small number of rows.

`ppc_scatter_avg()` A single scatterplot of `y` against the average values of `yrep`, i.e., the points  $(x,y) = (\text{mean}(yrep[, n]), y[n])$ , where each `yrep[, n]` is a vector of length equal to the number of posterior draws. Unlike for `ppc_scatter()`, for `ppc_scatter_avg()` `yrep` should contain many draws (rows).

`ppc_scatter_avg_grouped()` The same as `ppc_scatter_avg()`, but a separate plot is generated for each level of a grouping variable.

### References

Gelman, A., Carlin, J. B., Stern, H. S., Dunson, D. B., Vehtari, A., and Rubin, D. B. (2013). *Bayesian Data Analysis*. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press, London, third edition. (Ch. 6)

### See Also

Other PPCs: [PPC-censoring](#), [PPC-discrete](#), [PPC-distributions](#), [PPC-errors](#), [PPC-intervals](#), [PPC-loo](#), [PPC-overview](#), [PPC-test-statistics](#)

**Examples**

```

y <- example_y_data()
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
p1 <- ppc_scatter_avg(y, yrep)
p1

# don't draw line x=y
ppc_scatter_avg(y, yrep, ref_line = FALSE)

p2 <- ppc_scatter(y, yrep[20:23, ], alpha = 0.5, size = 1.5)
p2

# give x and y axes the same limits
lims <- ggplot2::lims(x = c(0, 160), y = c(0, 160))
p1 + lims
p2 + lims

# for ppc_scatter_avg_grouped the default is to allow the facets
# to have different x and y axes
group <- example_group_data()
ppc_scatter_avg_grouped(y, yrep, group)

# let x-axis vary but force y-axis to be the same
ppc_scatter_avg_grouped(y, yrep, group, facet_args = list(scales = "free_x"))

```

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PPC-test-statistics    *PPC test statistics*

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**Description**

The distribution of a (test) statistic  $T(yrep)$ , or a pair of (test) statistics, over the simulated datasets in `yrep`, compared to the observed value  $T(y)$  computed from the data `y`. See the **Plot Descriptions** and **Details** sections, below, as well as [Gabry et al. \(2019\)](#).

**Usage**

```

ppc_stat(
  y,
  yrep,
  stat = "mean",
  ...,
  binwidth = NULL,
  breaks = NULL,
  freq = TRUE
)

ppc_stat_grouped(
  y,

```

```

    yrep,
    group,
    stat = "mean",
    ...,
    facet_args = list(),
    binwidth = NULL,
    breaks = NULL,
    freq = TRUE
  )

ppc_stat_freqpoly(
  y,
  yrep,
  stat = "mean",
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  binwidth = NULL,
  freq = TRUE
)

ppc_stat_freqpoly_grouped(
  y,
  yrep,
  group,
  stat = "mean",
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  binwidth = NULL,
  freq = TRUE
)

ppc_stat_2d(y, yrep, stat = c("mean", "sd"), ..., size = 2.5, alpha = 0.7)

ppc_stat_data(y, yrep, group = NULL, stat)

```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	A vector of observations. See <b>Details</b> .
<code>yrep</code>	An $S$ by $N$ matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, $S$ , is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate <code>yrep</code> . The number of columns, $N$ is the number of predicted observations ( $\text{length}(y)$ ). The columns of <code>yrep</code> should be in the same order as the data points in <code>y</code> for the plots to make sense. See the <b>Details</b> and <b>Plot Descriptions</b> sections for additional advice specific to particular plots.
<code>stat</code>	A single function or a string naming a function, except for the 2D plot which requires a vector of exactly two names or functions. In all cases the function(s) should take a vector input and return a scalar statistic. If specified as a string (or strings) then the legend will display the function name(s). If specified as a



	function (or functions) then generic naming is used in the legend.
...	Currently unused.
binwidth	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> to override the default binwidth.
breaks	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> as an alternative to binwidth.
freq	For histograms, <code>freq=TRUE</code> (the default) puts count on the y-axis. Setting <code>freq=FALSE</code> puts density on the y-axis. (For many plots the y-axis text is off by default. To view the count or density labels on the y-axis see the <code>yaxis_text()</code> convenience function.)
group	A grouping variable of the same length as <code>y</code> . Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in <code>group</code> is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.
facet_args	A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> or <code>ggplot2::facet_grid()</code> to control faceting. Note: if <code>scales</code> is not included in <code>facet_args</code> then <b>bayesplot</b> may use <code>scales="free"</code> as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the <b>ggplot2</b> default of <code>scales="fixed"</code> .
size, alpha	For the 2D plot only, arguments passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> to control the appearance of scatterplot points.

## Details

For Binomial data, the plots may be more useful if the input contains the "success" *proportions* (not discrete "success" or "failure" counts).

## Value

The plotting functions return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

## Plot Descriptions

`ppc_stat()`, `ppc_stat_freqpoly()` A histogram or frequency polygon of the distribution of a statistic computed by applying `stat` to each dataset (row) in `yrep`. The value of the statistic in the observed data, `stat(y)`, is overlaid as a vertical line. More details and example usage of `ppc_stat()` can be found in Gabry et al. (2019).

`ppc_stat_grouped()`, `ppc_stat_freqpoly_grouped()` The same as `ppc_stat()` and `ppc_stat_freqpoly()`, but a separate plot is generated for each level of a grouping variable. More details and example usage of `ppc_stat_grouped()` can be found in Gabry et al. (2019).

`ppc_stat_2d()` A scatterplot showing the joint distribution of two statistics computed over the datasets (rows) in `yrep`. The value of the statistics in the observed data is overlaid as large point.

## References

Gabry, J. , Simpson, D. , Vehtari, A. , Betancourt, M. and Gelman, A. (2019), Visualization in Bayesian workflow. *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*, 182: 389-402. doi:10.1111/rssa.12378. ([journal version](#), [arXiv preprint](#), [code on GitHub](#))

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### See Also

Other PPCs: [PPC-censoring](#), [PPC-discrete](#), [PPC-distributions](#), [PPC-errors](#), [PPC-intervals](#), [PPC-loo](#), [PPC-overview](#), [PPC-scatterplots](#)

### Examples

```
y <- example_y_data()
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
ppc_stat(y, yrep)
ppc_stat(y, yrep, stat = "sd") + legend_none()

# use your own function for the 'stat' argument
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
q25 <- function(y) quantile(y, 0.25)
ppc_stat(y, yrep, stat = "q25") # legend includes function name

# can define the function in the 'stat' argument instead of
# using its name but then the legend doesn't include the function name
ppc_stat(y, yrep, stat = function(y) quantile(y, 0.25))

# plots by group
color_scheme_set("teal")
group <- example_group_data()
ppc_stat_grouped(y, yrep, group)
ppc_stat_grouped(y, yrep, group) + yaxis_text()

# force y-axes to have same scales, allow x axis to vary
ppc_stat_grouped(y, yrep, group, facet_args = list(scales = "free_x")) + yaxis_text()

# the freqpoly plots use frequency polygons instead of histograms
ppc_stat_freqpoly(y, yrep, stat = "median")
ppc_stat_freqpoly_grouped(y, yrep, group, stat = "median", facet_args = list(nrow = 2))

# ppc_stat_2d allows 2 statistics and makes a scatterplot
bayesplot_theme_set(ggplot2::theme_linedraw())
color_scheme_set("viridisE")
ppc_stat_2d(y, yrep, stat = c("mean", "sd"))

bayesplot_theme_set(ggplot2::theme_grey())
color_scheme_set("brewer-Paired")
ppc_stat_2d(y, yrep, stat = c("median", "mad"))

# reset aesthetics
color_scheme_set()
bayesplot_theme_set()
```

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PPD-distributions      *PPD distributions*

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### Description

Plot posterior or prior predictive distributions. Each of these functions makes the same plot as the corresponding `ppc_` function but without plotting any observed data  $y$ . The **Plot Descriptions** section at [PPC-distributions](#) has details on the individual plots.

### Usage

```
ppd_data(ypred, group = NULL)

ppd_dens_overlay(
  ypred,
  ...,
  size = 0.25,
  alpha = 0.7,
  trim = FALSE,
  bw = "nrd0",
  adjust = 1,
  kernel = "gaussian",
  n_dens = 1024
)

ppd_ecdf_overlay(
  ypred,
  ...,
  discrete = FALSE,
  pad = TRUE,
  size = 0.25,
  alpha = 0.7
)

ppd_dens(ypred, ..., trim = FALSE, size = 0.5, alpha = 1)

ppd_hist(ypred, ..., binwidth = NULL, breaks = NULL, freq = TRUE)

ppd_freqpoly(ypred, ..., binwidth = NULL, freq = TRUE, size = 0.5, alpha = 1)

ppd_freqpoly_grouped(
  ypred,
  group,
  ...,
  binwidth = NULL,
  freq = TRUE,
  size = 0.5,
```

```

    alpha = 1
  )

ppd_boxplot(ypred, ..., notch = TRUE, size = 0.5, alpha = 1)

```

### Arguments

ypred	An S by N matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, S, is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate ypred. The number of columns, N, is the number of predicted observations.
group	A grouping variable of the same length as y. Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in group is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.
...	Currently unused.
size	Passed to the appropriate geom to control the appearance of the predictive distributions.
alpha	Passed to the appropriate geom to control the appearance of the predictive distributions.
trim	A logical scalar passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_density()</code> .
bw	Optional arguments passed to <code>stats::density()</code> to override default kernel density estimation parameters. <code>n_dens</code> defaults to 1024.
adjust	Optional arguments passed to <code>stats::density()</code> to override default kernel density estimation parameters. <code>n_dens</code> defaults to 1024.
kernel	Optional arguments passed to <code>stats::density()</code> to override default kernel density estimation parameters. <code>n_dens</code> defaults to 1024.
n_dens	Optional arguments passed to <code>stats::density()</code> to override default kernel density estimation parameters. <code>n_dens</code> defaults to 1024.
discrete	For <code>ppc_ecdf_overlay()</code> , should the data be treated as discrete? The default is FALSE, in which case <code>geom="line"</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::stat_ecdf()</code> . If discrete is set to TRUE then <code>geom="step"</code> is used.
pad	A logical scalar passed to <code>ggplot2::stat_ecdf()</code> .
binwidth	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> to override the default binwidth.
breaks	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> as an alternative to binwidth.
freq	For histograms, <code>freq=TRUE</code> (the default) puts count on the y-axis. Setting <code>freq=FALSE</code> puts density on the y-axis. (For many plots the y-axis text is off by default. To view the count or density labels on the y-axis see the <code>yaxis_text()</code> convenience function.)
notch	For the box plot, a logical scalar passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_boxplot()</code> . Note: unlike <code>geom_boxplot()</code> , the default is <code>notch=TRUE</code> .

### Details

For Binomial data, the plots may be more useful if the input contains the "success" *proportions* (not discrete "success" or "failure" counts).

**Value**

The plotting functions return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

**See Also**

Other PPDs: [PPD-intervals](#), [PPD-overview](#), [PPD-test-statistics](#)

**Examples**

```
# difference between ppd_dens_overlay() and ppc_dens_overlay()
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
preds <- example_yrep_draws()
ppd_dens_overlay(ypred = preds[1:50, ])
ppc_dens_overlay(y = example_y_data(), yrep = preds[1:50, ])
```

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 PPD-intervals

*PPD intervals*


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**Description**

Medians and central interval estimates of posterior or prior predictive distributions. Each of these functions makes the same plot as the corresponding `ppc_` function but without plotting any observed data `y`. The **Plot Descriptions** section at [PPC-intervals](#) has details on the individual plots.

**Usage**

```
ppd_intervals(
  ypred,
  x = NULL,
  ...,
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9,
  alpha = 0.33,
  size = 1,
  fatten = 2.5
)

ppd_intervals_grouped(
  ypred,
  x = NULL,
  group,
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  prob = 0.5,
```

```
    prob_outer = 0.9,
    alpha = 0.33,
    size = 1,
    fatten = 2.5
)

ppd_ribbon(
  ypred,
  x = NULL,
  ...,
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9,
  alpha = 0.33,
  size = 0.25
)

ppd_ribbon_grouped(
  ypred,
  x = NULL,
  group,
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9,
  alpha = 0.33,
  size = 0.25
)

ppd_intervals_data(
  ypred,
  x = NULL,
  group = NULL,
  ...,
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9
)

ppd_ribbon_data(
  ypred,
  x = NULL,
  group = NULL,
  ...,
  prob = 0.5,
  prob_outer = 0.9
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y_pred</code>	An $S$ by $N$ matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, $S$ , is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate <code>y_pred</code> . The number of columns, $N$ , is the number of predicted observations.
<code>x</code>	A numeric vector to use as the x-axis variable. For example, <code>x</code> could be a predictor variable from a regression model, a time variable for time-series models, etc. If <code>x</code> is missing or <code>NULL</code> then the observation index is used for the x-axis.
<code>...</code>	Currently unused.
<code>prob</code>	Values between 0 and 1 indicating the desired probability mass to include in the inner and outer intervals. The defaults are <code>prob=0.5</code> and <code>prob_outer=0.9</code> .
<code>prob_outer</code>	Values between 0 and 1 indicating the desired probability mass to include in the inner and outer intervals. The defaults are <code>prob=0.5</code> and <code>prob_outer=0.9</code> .
<code>alpha</code>	Arguments passed to geoms. For ribbon plots <code>alpha</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_ribbon()</code> to control the opacity of the outer ribbon and <code>size</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code> to control the size of the line representing the median prediction ( <code>size=0</code> will remove the line). For interval plots <code>alpha</code> , <code>size</code> and <code>fatten</code> are passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_pointrange()</code> ( <code>fatten=0</code> will remove the point estimates).
<code>size</code>	Arguments passed to geoms. For ribbon plots <code>alpha</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_ribbon()</code> to control the opacity of the outer ribbon and <code>size</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code> to control the size of the line representing the median prediction ( <code>size=0</code> will remove the line). For interval plots <code>alpha</code> , <code>size</code> and <code>fatten</code> are passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_pointrange()</code> ( <code>fatten=0</code> will remove the point estimates).
<code>fatten</code>	Arguments passed to geoms. For ribbon plots <code>alpha</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_ribbon()</code> to control the opacity of the outer ribbon and <code>size</code> is passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code> to control the size of the line representing the median prediction ( <code>size=0</code> will remove the line). For interval plots <code>alpha</code> , <code>size</code> and <code>fatten</code> are passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_pointrange()</code> ( <code>fatten=0</code> will remove the point estimates).
<code>group</code>	A grouping variable of the same length as <code>y</code> . Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in <code>group</code> is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.
<code>facet_args</code>	A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> or <code>ggplot2::facet_grid()</code> to control faceting. Note: if <code>scales</code> is not included in <code>facet_args</code> then <b>bayesplot</b> may use <code>scales="free"</code> as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the <b>ggplot2</b> default of <code>scales="fixed"</code> .

**Value**

The plotting functions return a `ggplot` object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

**References**

Gabry, J. , Simpson, D. , Vehtari, A. , Betancourt, M. and Gelman, A. (2019), Visualization in Bayesian workflow. *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*, 182: 389-402. doi:10.1111/rssa.12378. ([journal version](#), [arXiv preprint](#), [code on GitHub](#))

**See Also**

Other PPDs: [PPD-distributions](#), [PPD-overview](#), [PPD-test-statistics](#)

**Examples**

```

color_scheme_set("brightblue")
ypred <- example_yrep_draws()
x <- example_x_data()
group <- example_group_data()

ppd_intervals(ypred[, 1:50])
ppd_intervals(ypred[, 1:50], fatten = .5)
ppd_intervals(ypred[, 1:50], prob_outer = 0.75, size = 2, fatten = 0)

# put a predictor variable on the x-axis
ppd_intervals(ypred[, 1:100], x = x[1:100], size = 1, fatten = 0) +
  ggplot2::labs(y = "Prediction", x = "Some variable of interest")

# with a grouping variable too
ppd_intervals_grouped(
  ypred = ypred[, 1:100],
  x = x[1:100],
  group = group[1:100],
  size = 2,
  fatten = 0,
  facet_args = list(nrow = 2)
)

# even reducing size, ppd_intervals is too cluttered when there are many
# observations included (ppd_ribbon is better)
ppd_intervals(ypred, size = 0.5, fatten = 0.1)
ppd_ribbon(ypred)
ppd_ribbon(ypred, size = 0) # remove line showing median prediction

```

**Description**

The **bayesplot** PPD module provides various plotting functions for creating graphical displays of simulated data from the posterior or prior predictive distribution. These plots are essentially the same as the corresponding **PPC** plots but without showing any observed data. Because these are not "checks" compared to data we use PPD (for prior/posterior predictive distribution) instead of PPC (for prior/posterior predictive check).



## PPD plotting functions

The functions for plotting prior and posterior predictive distributions without observed data each have the prefix `ppd_` and all have a required argument `ypred` (a matrix of predictions). The plots are organized into several categories, each with its own documentation:

- **PPD-distributions**: Histograms, kernel density estimates, boxplots, and other plots of multiple simulated datasets (rows) in `ypred`. These are the same as the plots in [PPC-distributions](#) but without including any comparison to `y`.
- **PPD-intervals**: Interval estimates for each predicted observations (columns) in `ypred`. The x-axis variable can be optionally specified by the user (e.g. to plot against against a predictor variable or over time). These are the same as the plots in [PPC-intervals](#) but without including any comparison to `y`.
- **PPD-test-statistics**: The distribution of a statistic, or a pair of statistics, over the simulated datasets (rows) in `ypred`. These are the same as the plots in [PPC-test-statistics](#) but without including any comparison to `y`.

## References

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## See Also

Other PPDs: [PPD-distributions](#), [PPD-intervals](#), [PPD-test-statistics](#)

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PPD-test-statistics    *PPD test statistics*

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## Description

The distribution of a (test) statistic  $T(\text{ypred})$ , or a pair of (test) statistics, over the simulations from the posterior or prior predictive distribution. Each of these functions makes the same plot as the corresponding `ppc_` function but without comparing to any observed data `y`. The **Plot Descriptions** section at [PPC-test-statistics](#) has details on the individual plots.

## Usage

```
ppd_stat(  
  ypred,  
  stat = "mean",  
  ...,  
  binwidth = NULL,  
  breaks = NULL,  
  freq = TRUE  
)
```

```

ppd_stat_grouped(
  ypred,
  group,
  stat = "mean",
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  binwidth = NULL,
  breaks = NULL,
  freq = TRUE
)

ppd_stat_freqpoly(
  ypred,
  stat = "mean",
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  binwidth = NULL,
  freq = TRUE
)

ppd_stat_freqpoly_grouped(
  ypred,
  group,
  stat = "mean",
  ...,
  facet_args = list(),
  binwidth = NULL,
  freq = TRUE
)

ppd_stat_2d(ypred, stat = c("mean", "sd"), ..., size = 2.5, alpha = 0.7)

ppd_stat_data(ypred, group = NULL, stat)

```

### Arguments

<code>ypred</code>	An $S$ by $N$ matrix of draws from the posterior (or prior) predictive distribution. The number of rows, $S$ , is the size of the posterior (or prior) sample used to generate <code>ypred</code> . The number of columns, $N$ , is the number of predicted observations.
<code>stat</code>	A single function or a string naming a function, except for the 2D plot which requires a vector of exactly two names or functions. In all cases the function(s) should take a vector input and return a scalar statistic. If specified as a string (or strings) then the legend will display the function name(s). If specified as a function (or functions) then generic naming is used in the legend.
<code>...</code>	Currently unused.
<code>binwidth</code>	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> to override the default binwidth.
<code>breaks</code>	Passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_histogram()</code> as an alternative to <code>binwidth</code> .

freq	For histograms, freq=TRUE (the default) puts count on the y-axis. Setting freq=FALSE puts density on the y-axis. (For many plots the y-axis text is off by default. To view the count or density labels on the y-axis see the <code>yaxis_text()</code> convenience function.)
group	A grouping variable of the same length as y. Will be coerced to <code>factor</code> if not already a factor. Each value in group is interpreted as the group level pertaining to the corresponding observation.
facet_args	A named list of arguments (other than facets) passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> or <code>ggplot2::facet_grid()</code> to control faceting. Note: if scales is not included in facet_args then <b>bayesplot</b> may use scales="free" as the default (depending on the plot) instead of the <b>ggplot2</b> default of scales="fixed".
size	For the 2D plot only, arguments passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> to control the appearance of scatterplot points.
alpha	For the 2D plot only, arguments passed to <code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> to control the appearance of scatterplot points.

### Details

For Binomial data, the plots may be more useful if the input contains the "success" *proportions* (not discrete "success" or "failure" counts).

### Value

The plotting functions return a ggplot object that can be further customized using the **ggplot2** package. The functions with suffix `_data()` return the data that would have been drawn by the plotting function.

### References

Gabry, J. , Simpson, D. , Vehtari, A. , Betancourt, M. and Gelman, A. (2019), Visualization in Bayesian workflow. *J. R. Stat. Soc. A*, 182: 389-402. doi:10.1111/rssa.12378. ([journal version](#), [arXiv preprint](#), [code on GitHub](#))

### See Also

Other PPDs: [PPD-distributions](#), [PPD-intervals](#), [PPD-overview](#)

### Examples

```
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
ppd_stat(yrep)
ppd_stat(yrep, stat = "sd") + legend_none()

# use your own function for the 'stat' argument
color_scheme_set("brightblue")
q25 <- function(y) quantile(y, 0.25)
ppd_stat(yrep, stat = "q25") # legend includes function name
```

pp\_check

*Posterior (or prior) predictive checks (S3 generic and default method)***Description**

S3 generic with simple default method. The intent is to provide a generic so authors of other R packages who wish to provide interfaces to the functions in **bayesplot** will be encouraged to include `pp_check()` methods in their package, preserving the same naming conventions for posterior (and prior) predictive checking across many R packages for Bayesian inference. This is for the convenience of both users and developers. See the **Details** and **Examples** sections, below, and the package vignettes for examples of defining `pp_check()` methods.

**Usage**

```
pp_check(object, ...)

## Default S3 method:
pp_check(object, yrep, fun, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	Typically a fitted model object. The default method, however, takes object to be a y (outcome) vector.
...	For the generic, arguments passed to individual methods. For the default method, these are additional arguments to pass to fun.
yrep	For the default method, a yrep matrix passed to fun.
fun	For the default method, the plotting function to call. Can be any of the <a href="#">PPC</a> functions. The "ppc_" prefix can optionally be dropped if fun is specified as a string.

**Details**

A package that creates fitted model objects of class "foo" can include a method `pp_check.foo()` that prepares the appropriate inputs (y, yrep, etc.) for the **bayesplot** functions. The `pp_check.foo()` method may, for example, let the user choose between various plots, calling the functions from **bayesplot** internally as needed. See **Examples**, below, and the package vignettes.

**Value**

The exact form of the value returned by `pp_check()` may vary by the class of object, but for consistency we encourage authors of methods to return the `ggplot` object created by one of **bayesplot**'s plotting functions. The default method returns the object returned by fun.

**Examples**

```

# default method
y <- example_y_data()
yrep <- example_yrep_draws()
pp_check(y, yrep[1:50,], ppc_dens_overlay)

g <- example_group_data()
pp_check(y, yrep, fun = "stat_grouped", group = g, stat = "median")

# defining a method
x <- list(y = rnorm(50), yrep = matrix(rnorm(5000), nrow = 100, ncol = 50))
class(x) <- "foo"
pp_check.foo <- function(object, ..., type = c("multiple", "overlaid")) {
  y <- object[["y"]]
  yrep <- object[["yrep"]]
  switch(match.arg(type),
         multiple = ppc_hist(y, yrep[1:min(8, nrow(yrep))], drop = FALSE),
         overlaid = ppc_dens_overlay(y, yrep))
}
pp_check(x)
pp_check(x, type = "overlaid")

```

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 theme\_default

*Default bayesplot plotting theme*


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**Description**

The `theme_default()` function returns the default ggplot [theme](#) used by the **bayesplot** plotting functions. See `bayesplot_theme_set()` for details on setting and updating the plotting theme.

**Usage**

```

theme_default(
  base_size = getOption("bayesplot.base_size", 12),
  base_family = getOption("bayesplot.base_family", "serif")
)

```

**Arguments**

`base_size`, `base_family`

Base font size and family (passed to `ggplot2::theme_bw()`). It is possible to set "bayesplot.base\_size" and "bayesplot.base\_family" via `options()` to change the defaults, which are 12 and "serif", respectively.

**Value**

A ggplot [theme](#) object.

**See Also**

[bayesplot\\_theme\\_set\(\)](#) to change the ggplot theme.

[bayesplot-colors](#) to set or view the color scheme used for plotting.

[bayesplot-helpers](#) for a variety of convenience functions, many of which provide shortcuts for tweaking theme elements after creating a plot.

**Examples**

```
class(theme_default())

bayesplot_theme_set() # defaults to setting theme_default()
x <- example_mcmc_draws()
mcmc_hist(x)

# change the default font size and family for bayesplots
bayesplot_theme_set(theme_default(base_size = 8, base_family = "sans"))
mcmc_hist(x)
mcmc_areas(x, regex_pars = "beta")

# change back
bayesplot_theme_set()
mcmc_areas(x, regex_pars = "beta")
```

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tidy-params

*Tidy parameter selection*


---

**Description**

Parameter selection in the style of **dplyr** and other tidyverse packages.

**Usage**

```
param_range(prefix, range, vars = NULL)
```

```
param_glue(pattern, ..., vars = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`prefix`, `range` For `param_range()` only, `prefix` is a string naming a parameter and `range` is an integer vector providing the indices of a subset of elements to select. For example, using

```
param_range("beta", c(1,2,8))
```

would select parameters named `beta[1]`, `beta[2]`, and `beta[8]`. `param_range()` is only designed for the case that the indices are integers surrounded by brackets. If there are no brackets use [num\\_range\(\)](#).

vars	NULL or a character vector of parameter names to choose from. This is only needed for the atypical use case of calling the function as a standalone function outside of <code>vars()</code> , <code>select()</code> , etc. Typically this is left as NULL and will be set automatically for the user.
pattern, ...	For <code>param_glue()</code> only, pattern is a string containing expressions enclosed in braces and ... should be named arguments providing one character vector per expression in braces in pattern. It is easiest to describe how to use these arguments with an example:  <pre>param_glue("beta_{var}[{level}]",            var = c("age", "income"),            level = c(3,8))</pre> <p>would select parameters with names "beta_age[3]", "beta_income[3]", "beta_age[8]", "beta_income[8]".</p>

## Details

As of version 1.7.0, **bayesplot** allows the `vars` argument for [MCMC plots](#) to use "tidy" variable selection (in the style of the **dplyr** package). The `vars()` function is re-exported from **dplyr** for this purpose.

Features of tidy selection includes direct selection (`vars(alpha, sigma)`), everything-but selection (`vars(-alpha)`), ranged selection (`vars(`beta[1]`:`beta[3]`)`), support for selection functions (`vars(starts_with("beta"))`), and combinations of these features. See the **Examples** section, below.

When using `vars` for tidy parameter selection, the `regex_pars` argument is ignored because **bayesplot** supports using [tidyselect helper functions](#) (`starts_with()`, `contains()`, `num_range()`, etc.) for the same purpose. **bayesplot** also exports some additional helper functions to help with parameter selection:

- `param_range()`: like `num_range()` but used when parameter indexes are in brackets (e.g. `beta[2]`).
- `param_glue()`: for more complicated parameter names with multiple indexes (including variable names) inside the brackets (e.g., `beta[(Intercept) age_group:3]`).

These functions can be used inside of `vars()`, `dplyr::select()`, and similar functions, just like the [tidyselect helper functions](#).

## Extra Advice

Parameter names in `vars()` are not quoted. When the names contain special characters like brackets, they should be wrapped in backticks, as in `vars(`beta[1]`)`.

To exclude a range of variables, wrap the sequence in parentheses and then negate it. For example, `vars(-(`beta[1]`:`beta[3]`))` would exclude `beta[1]`, `beta[2]`, and `beta[3]`.

`vars()` is a helper function. It holds onto the names and expressions used to select columns. When selecting variables inside a **bayesplot** function, use `vars(...)`: `mcmc_hist(data, vars = vars(alpha))`. When using `select()` to prepare a dataframe for a **bayesplot** function, do not use `vars()`: `data %>% select(alpha) %>% mcmc_hist()`.

Internally, tidy selection works by converting names and expressions into position numbers. As a result, integers will select parameters; `vars(1, 3)` selects the first and third ones. We do not endorse this approach because positions might change as variables are added and removed from models. To select a parameter that happens to be called 1, use backticks to escape it `vars(`1`)`.

## See Also

[glue::glue\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
x <- example_mcmc_draws(params = 6)
dimnames(x)
mcmc_hex(x, pars = vars(alpha, `beta[2]`))
mcmc_dens(x, pars = vars(sigma, contains("beta")))
mcmc_hist(x, pars = vars(-contains("beta")))

# using the param_range() helper
mcmc_hist(x, pars = vars(param_range("beta", c(1, 3, 4))))

#####
## Examples using rstanarm ##
#####
if (requireNamespace("rstanarm", quietly = TRUE)) {
  # see ?rstanarm:example_model
  fit <- example("example_model", package = "rstanarm", local=TRUE)$value
  print(fit)
  posterior <- as.data.frame(fit)
  str(posterior)

  color_scheme_set("brightblue")
  mcmc_hist(posterior, pars = vars(size, contains("period")))

  # same as previous but using dplyr::select() and piping
  library("dplyr")
  posterior %>%
    select(size, contains("period")) %>%
    mcmc_hist()

  mcmc_intervals(posterior, pars = vars(contains("herd")))
  mcmc_intervals(posterior, pars = vars(contains("herd"), -contains("Sigma")))

  bayesplot_theme_set(ggplot2::theme_dark())
  color_scheme_set("viridisC")
  mcmc_areas_ridges(posterior, pars = vars(starts_with("b[")))

  bayesplot_theme_set()
  color_scheme_set("purple")
  not_789 <- vars(starts_with("b["), -matches("[7-9]"))
  mcmc_intervals(posterior, pars = not_789)
}
```



```

# using the param_glue() helper
just_149 <- vars(param_glue("b[(Intercept) herd:{level}]", level = c(1,4,9)))
mcmc_intervals(posterior, pars = just_149)

# same but using param_glue() with dplyr::select()
# before passing to bayesplot
posterior %>%
  select(param_glue("b[(Intercept) herd:{level}]",
                    level = c(1, 4, 9))) %>%
  mcmc_intervals()
}

## Not run:
#####
## More examples of param_glue() ##
#####
library(dplyr)
posterior <- tibble(
  b_Intercept = rnorm(1000),
  sd_condition__Intercept = rexp(1000),
  sigma = rexp(1000),
  `r_condition[A,Intercept]` = rnorm(1000),
  `r_condition[B,Intercept]` = rnorm(1000),
  `r_condition[C,Intercept]` = rnorm(1000),
  `r_condition[A,Slope]` = rnorm(1000),
  `r_condition[B,Slope]` = rnorm(1000)
)
posterior

# using one expression in braces
posterior %>%
  select(
    param_glue("r_condition[{:level},Intercept]", level = c("A", "B"))
  ) %>%
  mcmc_hist()

# using multiple expressions in braces
posterior %>%
  select(
    param_glue(
      "r_condition[{:level},{type}]",
      level = c("A", "B"),
      type = c("Intercept", "Slope"))
  ) %>%
  mcmc_hist()

## End(Not run)

```

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