

# Package ‘ggVennDiagram’

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**Description** Easy-to-use functions to generate 2-7 sets Venn plot in publication quality. 'ggVennDiagram' plot Venn using well-defined geometry dataset and 'ggplot2'. The shapes of 2-4 sets Venn use circles and ellipses, while the shapes of 4-7 sets Venn use irregular polygons (4 has both forms), which are developed and imported from another package 'venn', authored by Adrian Dusa. We provided internal functions to integrate shape data with user provided sets data, and calculated the geometry of every regions/intersections of them, then separately plot Venn in three components: set edges, set labels, and regions. From version 1.0, it is possible to customize these components as you demand in ordinary 'ggplot2' grammar.

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ggVennDiagram-package ‘ggVennDiagram’: an easy to use Venn diagram generator

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**Description**

Venn diagram is frequently used in scientific studies of many fields. This package incorporates state-of-art Venn plot tools and provides a set of easy-to-use functions to plot Venn. By dealing with a user-provided list, which contains the sets of Venn, ‘ggVennDiagram’ returns a structured data that can be used to plot Venn. The data contains three slots: 1) the edge of Venn sets; 2) the separated regions of Venn sets; 3) the labels of Venn sets. By help from the package ‘venn’, it is possible to draw Venn diagram up to 7 sets.

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build_shape	<i>Helper function to add shape</i>
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**Description**

Helper function to add shape

**Usage**

```
build_shape(
  edge,
  label,
  nsets = length(edge),
  shape_id,
  type = c("ellipse", "triangle", "polygon", "circle")
)
```

**Arguments**

edge	a list of xy matrix
label	a list of xy matrix
nsets	2:7
shape_id	a unique id
type	c("ellipse","triangle","polygon","circle")

**Value**

a tibble with columns: nsets, type, shape\_id, component, id, xy.

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circle	<i>generating a circle</i>
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**Description**

generating a circle

**Usage**

```
circle(x = 0, y = 0, r = 1, n = 100)
```

**Arguments**

x, y	center of circle
r	radius of circle
n	number of points for polygon object (resolution)

**Value**

a matrix representing circle coordinates

**Examples**

```
# plot the default circle
library(ggVennDiagram)
library(sf)
circle() %>% st_linestring() %>% plot()
```

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combinations	<i>all possible combinations of n sets</i>
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**Description**

all possible combinations of n sets

**Usage**

```
combinations(n)
```

**Arguments**

n	dim
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discern, Polygon-method	<i>calculate the difference region of 'Polygon' object</i>
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**Description**

calculate the difference region of 'Polygon' object

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'Polygon'
discern(venn, slice1, slice2 = "all")
```

**Arguments**

venn	Venn/Polygon object
slice1	first slice of Venn object
slice2	second slice of Venn object, default is all except the first slice

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discern_overlap	<i>calculate region of Venn</i>
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### Description

calculate region of Venn

calculate the unique region defined by ‘Venn’ object and the parameter ‘slice’

### Usage

```
discern_overlap(venn, slice = "all")
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Venn'  
discern_overlap(venn, slice = "all")
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Polygon'  
discern_overlap(venn, slice = "all")
```

### Arguments

venn	Venn object
slice	a numeric vector indicating the index of slice, default is "all"

### Value

region items

### Examples

```
library(ggVennDiagram)  
venn <- Venn(list(A=1:3,B=2:5,C=c(1L,3L,5L)))  
  
discern_overlap(venn, slice = "all")  
# is equal to  
overlap(venn, slice = "all")  
  
# however, `discern_overlap()` only contains specific region  
discern_overlap(venn, slice = 1:2)
```

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ellipse                      *generating a closed ellipse*

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### Description

This function is derived from ‘VennDiagram::ell2poly’, we modified it and then it can generating a closed ellipse, which is a requirement for further transformation to a POLYGON sf object.

### Usage

```
ellipse(x = 0, y = 0, a = 2, b = 1, rotation = 0, n = 100)
```

### Arguments

x, y	the coordinates of ellipse center
a	radius of short arm
b	radius of long arm
rotation	rotation in degree
n	number of points

### Value

a matrix representing ellipse coordinates

### Examples

```
# plot the default ellipse
library(sf)
library(ggVennDiagram)
ellipse() %>% st_linestring() %>% plot()
```

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fancy\_2d\_circle              *two dimension circle*

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### Description

two dimension circle

### Usage

```
fancy_2d_circle(parameters = NULL, n = 100)
```

### Arguments

parameters	will pass to shape generators
n	count of points to shape this polygon

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`fancy_3d_circle`      *fancy 3d circle*

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**Description**

fancy 3d circle

**Usage**

```
fancy_3d_circle(parameters = NULL, n = 100)
```

**Arguments**

parameters	will pass to shape generators
n	count of points to shape this polygon

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`fancy_4d_ellipse`      *fancy 4d ellipse from 'VennDiagram'*

---

**Description**

fancy 4d ellipse from 'VennDiagram'

**Usage**

```
fancy_4d_ellipse(parameters = NULL, n = 100)
```

**Arguments**

parameters	will pass to shape generators
n	count of points to shape this polygon

**Value**

a list of coordinates matrix

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fancy\_4d\_ellipse\_label

*helper function to set label position*

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### Description

helper function to set label position

### Usage

```
fancy_4d_ellipse_label(position = NULL)
```

```
fancy_3d_circle_label(position = NULL)
```

```
fancy_2d_circle_label(position = NULL)
```

```
fancy_6d_triangle_label(position = NULL)
```

```
label_position(position)
```

### Arguments

position            a data.frame containing label coordinates

### Details

- label\_position: basal wrapper for label position
- fancy\_6d\_triangle\_label: 6 sets triangle label position work with fancy\_6d\_triangle
- fancy\_4d\_ellipse\_label: 4 sets ellipse label position work with fancy\_4d\_ellipse
- fancy\_3d\_circle\_label: 3 sets circle label position work with fancy\_3d\_circle
- fancy\_2d\_circle\_label: 2 sets circle label position work with fancy\_2d\_circle

### Value

a list of matrix

### Examples

```
fancy_4d_ellipse_label()  
fancy_2d_circle_label()
```



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fancy_6d_triangle	<i>Six dimension triangle</i>
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**Description**

Six dimension triangle

**Usage**

```
fancy_6d_triangle(parameters = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

parameters will pass to shape generators

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get_shape_data	<i>get applicable shape data for Venn object</i>
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**Description**

ggVennDiagram stores shapes as internal data. You may see all the shapes by using 'plot\_shapes()'.

**Usage**

```
get_shape_data(nsets, ...)
```

**Arguments**

nsets number of sets  
... Arguments passed on to [process\\_data](#)  
venn a Venn object

**Value**

a tibble describing specific shape

**Examples**

```
get_shape_data(nsets = 3, type == "polygon")
```

ggVennDiagram

*ggVennDiagram main parser***Description**

ggVennDiagram main parser

**Usage**

```
ggVennDiagram(
  x,
  category.names = names(x),
  show_intersect = FALSE,
  set_color = "black",
  set_size = NA,
  label = c("both", "count", "percent", "none"),
  label_alpha = 0.5,
  label_geom = c("label", "text"),
  label_color = "black",
  label_size = NA,
  label_percent_digit = 0,
  label_txtWidth = 40,
  edge_lty = "solid",
  edge_size = 1,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	list of items
category.names	default is names(x)
show_intersect	if TRUE the text can be visualized by 'plotly'
set_color	color of set labels ("black")
set_size	size of set labels (NA)
label	format of region labels, select one from c("count","percent","both","none")
label_alpha	set 0 to remove the background of region labels
label_geom	layer of region labels, choose from c("label", "text")
label_color	color of region labels ("black")
label_size	size of region labels (NA)
label_percent_digit	number of digits when formatting percent label (0)
label_txtWidth	width of text used in showing intersect members, will be ignored unless show_intersection is TRUE (40)

edge\_lty        line type of set edges ("solid")  
 edge\_size      line width of set edges (1)  
 ...            Other arguments passed on to downstream functions.

**Value**

A ggplot object

**Examples**

```
library(ggVennDiagram)
x <- list(A=1:5,B=2:7,C=3:6,D=4:9)
ggVennDiagram(x) # 4d venn
ggVennDiagram(x[1:3]) # 3d venn
ggVennDiagram(x[1:2]) # 2d venn
```

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overlap, Polygon-method

*calculate the overlap region of 'Polygon' object*

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**Description**

calculate the overlap region of 'Polygon' object

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'Polygon'
overlap(venn, slice = "all")
```

**Arguments**

venn            Venn object  
 slice          a numeric vector indicating the index of slice, default is "all"

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plotData\_add\_venn      *join the shape data with set data*

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**Description**

join the shape data with set data

**Usage**

```
plotData_add_venn(plotData, venn)
```

**Arguments**

plotData        a VennPlot object that stores plot shapes  
 venn            a Venn object that stores set values

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plot\_shapes        *plot all shapes provided by internal dataset*

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**Description**

These shapes are mainly collected from the package ‘venn’, and ‘VennDiagram’. For Venn plot with more than 4 sets, it is usually impossible to plot with simple circle or ellipse. So we need to use a predefined coordinates in plot.

**Usage**

```
plot_shapes()
```

**Details**

- Shape 101, 201, 301, 401, 402, 501, 502, 601 and 701 are from ‘venn’ - Shape 401f is from ‘VennDiagram’

see ‘data-raw/shapes.R’ to find how we incorporate these data.

**Examples**

```
plot_shapes()
```

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plot\_venn        *plot codes*

---

**Description**

plot codes

**Usage**

```
plot_venn(  
  x,  
  show_intersect,  
  set_color,  
  set_size,  
  label,  
  label_geom,  
  label_alpha,  
  label_color,
```

```

    label_size,
    label_percent_digit,
    label_txtWidth,
    edge_lty,
    edge_size,
    ...
  )

```

### Arguments

x	list of items
show_intersect	if TRUE the text can be visualized by ‘plotly‘
set_color	color of set labels ("black")
set_size	size of set labels (NA)
label	format of region labels, select one from c("count", "percent", "both", "none")
label_geom	layer of region labels, choose from c("label", "text")
label_alpha	set 0 to remove the background of region labels
label_color	color of region labels ("black")
label_size	size of region labels (NA)
label_percent_digit	number of digits when formatting percent label (0)
label_txtWidth	width of text used in showing intersect members, will be ignored unless show_intersection is TRUE (40)
edge_lty	line type of set edges ("solid")
edge_size	line width of set edges (1)
...	Other arguments passed on to downstream functions.

### Value

ggplot object, or plotly object if show\_intersect is TRUE

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Polygon

*Polygon constructor*

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### Description

Polygon constructor

### Usage

```
Polygon(sets)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
```

```
Polygon(sets)
```

**Arguments**

sets                    a list containing multiple simple features

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Polygon-class            *An S4 class to represent multiple polygons.*

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**Description**

An S4 class to represent multiple polygons.

**Slots**

sets A list contains sets

names The names of the 'sets' if has names. If the 'list' doesn't have names, the sets will be named as "Set\_1", "Set\_2" and so on.

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process\_data            *get plot data*

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**Description**

get plot data

**Usage**

```
process_data(venn, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Venn'
process_data(venn, ...)
```

**Arguments**

venn                    a Venn object

...                    apply filter to internal shapes. i.e. shape\_id == "601", type == "polygon"

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
venn <- Venn(list(A=1:3,B=2:5,C=4:8))
data <- process_data(venn)

## End(Not run)
```

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shape_generator	<i>functions to generate ellipse, circle, triangle and other shapes, which will be used in Venn plot</i>
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### Description

functions to generate ellipse, circle, triangle and other shapes, which will be used in Venn plot

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triangle	<i>defined a triangle by three points</i>
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### Description

defined a triangle by three points

### Usage

```
triangle(xy = c(0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1))
```

### Arguments

xy                    coordinates of the three points defining a triangle

### Value

a matrix with xy coordinates

### Examples

```
# triangle coordinates
library(ggVennDiagram)
library(sf)
triangle()

# plot a new triangle
triangle(c(-1,0,1,0,0,2)) %>% st_linestring() %>% plot()
```

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Venn-class	<i>An S4 class to represent multiple sets.</i>
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### Description

This class is adopted from 'RVenn'. Since 'RVenn' doesn't export this class, I have to copy its codes hereafter to use it.

### Slots

`sets` A list object containing vectors in the same type.

`names` The names of the sets if it has names. If the list doesn't have names, the sets will be named as "Set\_1", "Set\_2", "Set\_3" and so on.

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vennplot-shapes	<i>shapes: shape data used to setup Venn plot</i>
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### Description

a collection of geometric shapes, which defined the edge and label of sets in a Venn plot. use `plot_shapes()` to see some of them.

### Format

a tibble with 6 columns

- `nsets`: number of sets, from 1-7.
- `type`: ellipse, circle or triangle
- `shape_id`: to separate different shapes
- `component`: each shape has two components, 'setEdge' and 'setLabel'
- `id`: to separate edges/labels of a shape. For example, 4 sets shape will have ids of 1-4.
- `xy`: coordinates

### Source

- `venn:::sets`
- `library(VennDiagram)`
- [Wiki](#)



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VennPlotData	<i>VennPlotData constructor</i>
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**Description**

VennPlotData constructor

**Usage**

```
VennPlotData(setEdge, setLabel)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
VennPlotData(setEdge, setLabel)
```

**Arguments**

setEdge	a list of coordinates matrix defining Venn set edges
setLabel	a list of coordinates matrix defining Venn set labels#'

**Value**

a S4 class VennPlotData object

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VennPlotData-class	<i>An S4 class to represent Venn plot components.</i>
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**Description**

An S4 class to represent Venn plot components.

**Slots**

setEdge	a list of coordinates matrix defining Venn set edges
setLabel	a list of coordinates matrix defining Venn set labels
region	the feature region will be calculated automatically with 'setEdge'

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venn_data	<i>Get VennPlotData slot</i>
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**Description**

Get VennPlotData slot

Prepare Venn data

**Usage**

```
venn_region(obj)
```

```
venn_setedge(obj)
```

```
venn_setlabel(obj)
```

```
process_setEdge_data(venn)
```

```
process_setLabel_data(venn)
```

```
process_region_data(venn)
```

**Arguments**

obj            a S4 class 'VennPlotData' object

venn           a Venn object

**Value**

a tibble, 'sf' object

a tibble

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# obj is VennPlotData  
venn_region(obj) # return region data  
venn_setlabel(obj) # return setLabel data  
venn_setedge(obj) # return setEdge data
```

```
## End(Not run)  
x <- list(  
  A = sample(letters, 8),  
  B = sample(letters, 8),  
  C = sample(letters, 8),  
  D = sample(letters, 8)  
)
```

```
venn <- Venn(x)
process_region_data(venn)
process_setEdge_data(venn)
process_setLabel_data(venn)
```

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