

# Package ‘aion’

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**Description** A toolkit for archaeological time series. This package provides a system of classes and methods to represent and work with archaeological time series. Dates are represented as “*rata die*” and can be converted to (virtually) any calendar defined by Reingold and Dershowitz (2018) <[doi:10.1017/9781107415058](https://doi.org/10.1017/9781107415058)>. This packages offers a simple API that can be used by other specialized packages.

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arithmetic

*Arithmetic Operators*

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### Description

Operators performing arithmetic operations.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'RataDie,RataDie'  
Arith(e1, e2)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,RataDie'  
Arith(e1, e2)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'RataDie,numeric'  
Arith(e1, e2)
```

**Arguments**

e1, e2            A [RataDie](#) object or a [numeric](#) vector.

**Details**

*Rata die* will be converted to a plain numeric vector if a computation no longer makes sense in temporal terms.

**Value**

A [logical](#) vector.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other fixed date tools: [as\\_date\(\)](#), [as\\_decimal\(\)](#), [as\\_fixed\(\)](#), [as\\_year\(\)](#), [fixed\\_gregorian](#), [fixed\\_julian](#), [fixed\(\)](#), [format\(\)](#), [pretty\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Vectors of years  
x <- fixed(c(-350, 31, 1072, 576, 1130), calendar = CE())  
y <- fixed(c(1494, 1645, -869, 1440, 1851), calendar = CE())  
  
## Move forward in time  
x + y  
  
## Move backward in time  
x - y  
  
## Not rata die anymore  
x * y
```

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`as_date`*Date Conversion from Rata Die*

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## Description

Date Conversion from *Rata Die*

## Usage

```
as_date(object, calendar)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,GregorianCalendar'  
as_date(object, calendar)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,JulianCalendar'  
as_date(object, calendar)
```

## Arguments

`object` A [RataDie](#) object (see [fixed\(\)](#)).  
`calendar` A [TimeScale](#) object specifying the target calendar (see [calendar\(\)](#)).

## Value

A [numeric](#) vector of (decimal) years.

## Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

## References

Reingold, E. M. and Dershowitz, N. (2018). *Calendrical Calculations: The Ultimate Edition*. Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781107415058.

## See Also

Other fixed date tools: [arithmetic](#), [as\\_decimal\(\)](#), [as\\_fixed\(\)](#), [as\\_year\(\)](#), [fixed\\_gregorian](#), [fixed\\_julian](#), [fixed\(\)](#), [format\(\)](#), [pretty\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## R 1.0.0  
(y <- fixed(year = 2000, month = 02, day = 29, calendar = CE()))  
as_date(y, calendar = CE())  
as_year(y, calendar = CE())  
  
## Create a vector of years BP (Gregorian)
```

```
## (every two years starting from 2000 BP)
(years <- seq(from = 2000, by = -2, length.out = 10))
## Convert years to rata die
(rd <- fixed(years, calendar = BP()))
## Convert back to Gregorian years BP
as_year(rd, calendar = BP())

## More convenient
(rd <- fixed_from_BP(years))
fixed_to_BP(rd)
```

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as\_decimal

*Converts a Date to a Decimal of its Year*

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## Description

Converts a Date to a Decimal of its Year

## Usage

```
as_decimal(year, month, day, calendar)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,numeric,numeric,TimeScale'
as_decimal(year, month, day, calendar)
```

## Arguments

year	A <a href="#">numeric</a> vector of years. If month and day are missing, decimal years are expected.
month	A <a href="#">numeric</a> vector of months.
day	A <a href="#">numeric</a> vector of days.
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the calendar of year, month and day (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ).

## Value

A [numeric](#) vector of (ecimal years).

## Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

## See Also

Other fixed date tools: [arithmetic](#), [as\\_date\(\)](#), [as\\_fixed\(\)](#), [as\\_year\(\)](#), [fixed\\_gregorian](#), [fixed\\_julian](#), [fixed\(\)](#), [format\(\)](#), [pretty\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## R 1.0.0
(y <- fixed(year = 2000, month = 02, day = 29, calendar = CE()))
as_date(y, calendar = CE())
as_year(y, calendar = CE())

## Create a vector of years BP (Gregorian)
## (every two years starting from 2000 BP)
(years <- seq(from = 2000, by = -2, length.out = 10))
## Convert years to rata die
(rd <- fixed(years, calendar = BP()))
## Convert back to Gregorian years BP
as_year(rd, calendar = BP())

## More convenient
(rd <- fixed_from_BP(years))
fixed_to_BP(rd)
```

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as\_fixed

*Coerce to Rata Die*


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**Description**

Coerce to *Rata Die*

**Usage**

```
as_fixed(from)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric'
as_fixed(from)
```

**Arguments**

from            A [numeric](#) vector of *rata die*.

**Value**

A [RataDie](#) object.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**References**

Reingold, E. M. and Dershowitz, N. (2018). *Calendrical Calculations: The Ultimate Edition*. Cambridge University Press. [doi:10.1017/9781107415058](https://doi.org/10.1017/9781107415058).

**See Also**

Other fixed date tools: [arithmetic](#), [as\\_date\(\)](#), [as\\_decimal\(\)](#), [as\\_year\(\)](#), [fixed\\_gregorian](#), [fixed\\_julian](#), [fixed\(\)](#), [format\(\)](#), [pretty\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## R 1.0.0
(y <- fixed(year = 2000, month = 02, day = 29, calendar = CE()))
as_date(y, calendar = CE())
as_year(y, calendar = CE())

## Create a vector of years BP (Gregorian)
## (every two years starting from 2000 BP)
(years <- seq(from = 2000, by = -2, length.out = 10))
## Convert years to rata die
(rd <- fixed(years, calendar = BP()))
## Convert back to Gregorian years BP
as_year(rd, calendar = BP())

## More convenient
(rd <- fixed_from_BP(years))
fixed_to_BP(rd)
```

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as_year	<i>Year Conversion from Rata Die</i>
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**Description**

Year Conversion from *Rata Die*

**Usage**

```
as_year(object, calendar, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric,GregorianCalendar'
as_year(object, calendar, decimal = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric,JulianCalendar'
as_year(object, calendar)
```

**Arguments**

object	A <a href="#">RataDie</a> object (see <a href="#">fixed()</a> ).
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the target calendar (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ).
...	Currently not used.
decimal	A <a href="#">logical</a> scalar: should decimal years be returned? If FALSE, the decimal part is dropped.

**Value**

A `numeric` vector of (decimal) years.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**References**

Reingold, E. M. and Dershowitz, N. (2018). *Calendrical Calculations: The Ultimate Edition*. Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781107415058.

**See Also**

Other fixed date tools: `arithmetic`, `as_date()`, `as_decimal()`, `as_fixed()`, `fixed_gregorian`, `fixed_julian`, `fixed()`, `format()`, `pretty()`

**Examples**

```
## R 1.0.0
(y <- fixed(year = 2000, month = 02, day = 29, calendar = CE()))
as_date(y, calendar = CE())
as_year(y, calendar = CE())

## Create a vector of years BP (Gregorian)
## (every two years starting from 2000 BP)
(years <- seq(from = 2000, by = -2, length.out = 10))
## Convert years to rata die
(rd <- fixed(years, calendar = BP()))
## Convert back to Gregorian years BP
as_year(rd, calendar = BP())

## More convenient
(rd <- fixed_from_BP(years))
fixed_to_BP(rd)
```

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calendar

*Calendar*

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**Description**

Calendar

**Usage**

```
calendar(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'character'
calendar(object)
```



**Arguments**

object            A [character](#) string specifying the abbreviated label of the time scale (see details) or an object from which to extract the time scale.

**Details**

The following time scales are available:

<b>label</b>	<b>era</b>	<b>calendar</b>
BP	Before Present	Gregorian
BC	Before Christ	Gregorian
BCE	Before Common Era	Gregorian
AD	Anno Domini	Gregorian
CE	Common Era	Gregorian
b2k	Years before 2000	Gregorian
julian		Julian

**Value**

A [TimeScale](#) object.

**Note**

Inspired by [era::era\(\)](#) by Joe Roe.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other calendar tools: [calendar\\_get](#), [convert\(\)](#), [gregorian](#), [is\(\)](#), [julian\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Define time scales
calendar("BP")
calendar("AD")
calendar("julian")

## Shortcuts
BP()
AD()
J()
```

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calendar_get	<i>Calendar Parameters</i>
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### Description

Calendar Parameters

### Usage

calendar\_label(object)

calendar\_name(object)

calendar\_unit(object)

calendar\_epoch(object)

calendar\_fixed(object)

calendar\_direction(object)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeScale'  
calendar\_label(object)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeScale'  
calendar\_name(object)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeScale'  
calendar\_unit(object)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeScale'  
calendar\_epoch(object)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeScale'  
calendar\_fixed(object)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeScale'  
calendar\_direction(object)

### Arguments

object            A [TimeScale](#) object.

### Value

- calendar\_label() returns a [character](#) string specifying the abbreviated label of the time scale.

- `calendar_name()` returns a [character](#) string specifying the name of the time scale.
- `calendar_unit()` returns a [character](#) string specifying the name of the calendar.
- `calendar_fixed()` returns a length-one [numeric](#) vector specifying the reference date of the calendar (in *rata die*).
- `calendar_epoch()` returns a length-one [numeric](#) vector specifying the epoch year from which years are counted (starting date of the calendar, in years).
- `calendar_direction()` returns a length-one [integer](#) vector specifying if years are counted backwards (-1) or forwards (1) from epoch. Only the [sign](#) of `calendar_direction()` is relevant.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other calendar tools: [calendar\(\)](#), [convert\(\)](#), [gregorian](#), [is\(\)](#), [julian\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Define time scales
calendar("BP")
calendar("AD")
calendar("julian")

## Shortcuts
BP()
AD()
J()
```

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convert

*Calendar Converter*

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**Description**

Interconverts dates in a variety of calendars.

**Usage**

```
convert(from, to, ...)
```

## S4 method for signature 'character,character'

```
convert(from, to)
```

## S4 method for signature 'TimeScale,TimeScale'

```
convert(from, to)
```

**Arguments**

from            A [TimeScale](#) object describing the source calendar.  
to              A [TimeScale](#) object describing the target calendar.  
...             Currently not used.

**Value**

A [function](#) that when called with a single numeric argument (fractional years) converts years from one calendar to another.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other calendar tools: [calendar\\_get](#), [calendar\(\)](#), [gregorian](#), [is\(\)](#), [julian\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Define time scales
BP <- calendar("BP")
AD <- calendar("AD")

## Make conversion functions
BP_to_AD <- convert(BP, AD)
AD_to_BP <- convert(AD, BP)

## Convert years
BP_to_AD(0)
AD_to_BP(1950)
```

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data.frame

*Coerce to a Data Frame*

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**Description**

Coerce to a Data Frame

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries'
as.data.frame(x, ..., calendar = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	A <a href="#">TimeSeries</a> object.
...	Further parameters to be passed to <a href="#">data.frame()</a> .
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the target calendar (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ). If NULL (the default), <i>rata die</i> are returned.

**Value**

A long [data.frame](#) with the following columns:

time The (decimal) years at which the time series was sampled.

series The name of the time series.

variable The name of the variables.

value The observed value.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other time series tools: [series\(\)](#), [span\(\)](#), [start\(\)](#), [time\(\)](#), [window\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Create time-series of 20 observations

## Univariate
## Sampled every years starting from 1029 BCE
(X <- series(rnorm(30), time = 1029:1000, calendar = BCE()))

## Terminal and sampling times (returns rata die)
start(X)
end(X)
time(X)
span(X)

## Multivariate
## Sampled every century starting from 1000 CE
(Y <- series(matrix(rnorm(90), 30, 3), time = 1000:1029, calendar = CE()))

## Terminal and sampling times (returns Gregorian Common Era years)
start(Y, calendar = CE())
end(Y, calendar = CE())
time(Y, calendar = CE())
span(Y, calendar = CE())

## Coerce to data frame
df <- as.data.frame(Y, calendar = BP())
head(df)
```

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dates	<i>Sample Data from Reingold and Dershowitz (2018)</i>
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**Description**

A dataset of 33 dates from the years -1000 to 2100 with their equivalents on different calendars.

**Usage**

dates

**Format**

A `data.frame` with 33 rows and 14 variables:

rata\_die Rata die.

weekday Week day.

jd Julian day.

mjd Modified Julian day.

unix Unix.

gregorian\_year, gregorian\_month, gregorian\_day Gregorian date.

julian\_year, julian\_month, julian\_day Julian date.

egyptian\_year, egyptian\_month, egyptian\_day Egyptian date.

**References**

Reingold, E. M. and Dershowitz, N. (2018). *Calendrical Calculations: The Ultimate Edition*. Cambridge University Press. [doi:10.1017/9781107415058](https://doi.org/10.1017/9781107415058).

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fixed	<i>Rata Die (Fixed Date)</i>
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**Description**

*Rata Die (Fixed Date)*

**Usage**

```
fixed(year, month, day, calendar, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,missing,missing,GregorianCalendar'  
fixed(year, calendar, scale = 1)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,numeric,numeric,GregorianCalendar'  
fixed(year, month, day, calendar)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,numeric,numeric,JulianCalendar'  
fixed(year, month, day, calendar)
```

**Arguments**

year	A <a href="#">numeric</a> vector of years. If month and day are missing, decimal years are expected.
month	A <a href="#">numeric</a> vector of months.
day	A <a href="#">numeric</a> vector of days.
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the calendar of year, month and day (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ).
...	Currently not used.
scale	A length-one <a href="#">integer</a> vector specifying the number of years represented by one unit. It should be a power of 10 (i.e. 1000 means ka).

**Details**

*Rata die* are represented as the number of days since 01-01-01 (Gregorian), with negative values for earlier dates.

**Value**

A [RataDie](#) object.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**References**

Reingold, E. M. and Dershowitz, N. (2018). *Calendrical Calculations: The Ultimate Edition*. Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781107415058.

**See Also**

Other fixed date tools: [arithmetic](#), [as\\_date\(\)](#), [as\\_decimal\(\)](#), [as\\_fixed\(\)](#), [as\\_year\(\)](#), [fixed\\_gregorian](#), [fixed\\_julian](#), [format\(\)](#), [pretty\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## R 1.0.0
(y <- fixed(year = 2000, month = 02, day = 29, calendar = CE()))
as_date(y, calendar = CE())
as_year(y, calendar = CE())

## Create a vector of years BP (Gregorian)
## (every two years starting from 2000 BP)
(years <- seq(from = 2000, by = -2, length.out = 10))
## Convert years to rata die
(rd <- fixed(years, calendar = BP()))
## Convert back to Gregorian years BP
as_year(rd, calendar = BP())

## More convenient
(rd <- fixed_from_BP(years))
fixed_to_BP(rd)
```

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fixed\_gregorian

Rata Die *Conversion to and from Gregorian Years*


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**Description**

Convenient functions for conversion from and to *rata die* for a given Gregorian era.

**Usage**

```
fixed_from_BP(year, month, day)

fixed_to_BP(object)

fixed_from_BC(year, month, day)

fixed_to_BC(object)

fixed_from_BCE(year, month, day)

fixed_to_BCE(object)

fixed_from_AD(year, month, day)

fixed_to_AD(object)

fixed_from_CE(year, month, day)

fixed_to_CE(object)

fixed_from_b2k(year, month, day)
```



```
fixed_to_b2k(object)
```

### Arguments

year	A <b>numeric</b> vector of years. If month and day are missing, decimal years are expected.
month	A <b>numeric</b> vector of months.
day	A <b>numeric</b> vector of days.
object	A <b>RataDie</b> object (see <code>fixed()</code> ).

### Details

The astronomical notation is used for Gregorian years (there *is* a year 0).

### Value

- `fixed_from_*`() returns a **RataDie** object.
- `fixed_to_*`() returns a **numeric** vector of Gregorian years.

### Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

### References

Reingold, E. M. and Dershowitz, N. (2018). *Calendrical Calculations: The Ultimate Edition*. Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781107415058.

### See Also

Other fixed date tools: `arithmetic`, `as_date()`, `as_decimal()`, `as_fixed()`, `as_year()`, `fixed_julian`, `fixed()`, `format()`, `pretty()`

### Examples

```
## R 1.0.0
(y <- fixed(year = 2000, month = 02, day = 29, calendar = CE()))
as_date(y, calendar = CE())
as_year(y, calendar = CE())

## Create a vector of years BP (Gregorian)
## (every two years starting from 2000 BP)
(years <- seq(from = 2000, by = -2, length.out = 10))
## Convert years to rata die
(rd <- fixed(years, calendar = BP()))
## Convert back to Gregorian years BP
as_year(rd, calendar = BP())

## More convenient
```

```
(rd <- fixed_from_BP(years))  
fixed_to_BP(rd)
```

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fixed_julian	Rata Die Conversion to and from Julian Years
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### Description

Convenient functions for conversion from and to *rata die*.

### Usage

```
fixed_from_julian(year, month, day)
```

```
fixed_to_julian(object)
```

### Arguments

year	A <b>numeric</b> vector of years. If month and day are missing, decimal years are expected.
month	A <b>numeric</b> vector of months.
day	A <b>numeric</b> vector of days.
object	A <b>RataDie</b> object (see <code>fixed()</code> ).

### Value

- `fixed_from_julian()` returns a **RataDie** object.
- `fixed_to_julian()` returns a **numeric** vector of Julian years.

### Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

### References

Reingold, E. M. and Dershowitz, N. (2018). *Calendrical Calculations: The Ultimate Edition*. Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781107415058.

### See Also

Other fixed date tools: `arithmetic`, `as_date()`, `as_decimal()`, `as_fixed()`, `as_year()`, `fixed_gregorian`, `fixed()`, `format()`, `pretty()`

**Examples**

```
## R 1.0.0
(y <- fixed(year = 2000, month = 02, day = 29, calendar = CE()))
as_date(y, calendar = CE())
as_year(y, calendar = CE())

## Create a vector of years BP (Gregorian)
## (every two years starting from 2000 BP)
(years <- seq(from = 2000, by = -2, length.out = 10))
## Convert years to rata die
(rd <- fixed(years, calendar = BP()))
## Convert back to Gregorian years BP
as_year(rd, calendar = BP())

## More convenient
(rd <- fixed_from_BP(years))
fixed_to_BP(rd)
```

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format	<i>Date Conversion to Character</i>
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**Description**

Date Conversion to Character

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'TimeScale'
format(x)

## S4 method for signature 'RataDie'
format(
  x,
  prefix = c("a", "ka", "Ma", "Ga"),
  label = TRUE,
  calendar = getOption("aion.calendar")
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A <a href="#">RataDie</a> object.
prefix	A <a href="#">character</a> string specifying the prefix. It should be one of "a", "ka", "Ma" or "Ga". If TRUE, a good guess for an appropriate format is made.
label	A <a href="#">logical</a> scalar: should the label of the calendar be displayed?
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the target calendar (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ).

**Value**

A [character](#) vector representing the date.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other fixed date tools: [arithmetic](#), [as\\_date\(\)](#), [as\\_decimal\(\)](#), [as\\_fixed\(\)](#), [as\\_year\(\)](#), [fixed\\_gregorian](#), [fixed\\_julian](#), [fixed\(\)](#), [pretty\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## R 1.0.0
(y <- fixed(year = 2000, month = 02, day = 29, calendar = CE()))
as_date(y, calendar = CE())
as_year(y, calendar = CE())

## Create a vector of years BP (Gregorian)
## (every two years starting from 2000 BP)
(years <- seq(from = 2000, by = -2, length.out = 10))
## Convert years to rata die
(rd <- fixed(years, calendar = BP()))
## Convert back to Gregorian years BP
as_year(rd, calendar = BP())

## More convenient
(rd <- fixed_from_BP(years))
fixed_to_BP(rd)
```

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gregorian

*Gregorian Calendar*

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**Description**

Gregorian Calendar

**Usage**

`BP(...)`

`b2k(...)`

`BC(...)`

`BCE(...)`

AD(...)

CE(...)

### Arguments

... Currently not used.

### Value

A [GregorianCalendar](#) object.

### Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

### See Also

[calendar\(\)](#)

Other calendar tools: [calendar\\_get](#), [calendar\(\)](#), [convert\(\)](#), [is\(\)](#), [julian\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
## Define time scales
calendar("BP")
calendar("AD")
calendar("julian")

## Shortcuts
BP()
AD()
J()
```

---

image

*Heat Map*

---

### Description

Heat Map

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries'
image(x, calendar = getOption("aion.calendar"), k = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A `TimeSeries` object.  
calendar            A `TimeScale` object specifying the target calendar (see `calendar()`).  
k                    An `integer` specifying the slice of x along the third dimension to be plotted.  
...                  Further parameters to be passed to `graphics::image()`.

**Value**

`image()` is called for its side-effects: it results in a graphic being displayed. Invisibly returns x.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

`graphics::image()`

Other plotting tools: `plot()`, `year_axis()`

**Examples**

```
## Create 6 time-series of 50 observations
## Sampled every two years starting from 2000 BP
X <- series(
  object = matrix(rnorm(300), nrow = 50, ncol = 6),
  time = seq(2000, by = -2, length.out = 50),
  calendar = BP()
)

## Image
image(X, calendar = CE())
```

---

is

*Is an Object a Calendar?*


---

**Description**

Test inheritance relationships between an object and a calendar class.

**Usage**

```
is_gregorian(object)
```

```
is_julian(object)
```

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

```
is_gregorian(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'ANY'  
is_julian(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            Any R object.

**Value**

A [logical](#) vector.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other calendar tools: [calendar\\_get](#), [calendar\(\)](#), [convert\(\)](#), [gregorian](#), [julian\(\)](#)

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julian

*Julian Calendar*

---

**Description**

Julian Calendar

**Usage**

J(...)

**Arguments**

...            Currently not used.

**Value**

A [JulianCalendar](#) object.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

[calendar\(\)](#)

Other calendar tools: [calendar\\_get](#), [calendar\(\)](#), [convert\(\)](#), [gregorian](#), [is\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Define time scales
calendar("BP")
calendar("AD")
calendar("julian")

## Shortcuts
BP()
AD()
J()
```

---

plot

*Plot Time Series*


---

**Description**

Plot Time Series

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries,missing'
plot(
  x,
  facet = c("multiple", "single"),
  calendar = getOption("aion.calendar"),
  panel = graphics::lines,
  flip = FALSE,
  ncol = NULL,
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  main = NULL,
  sub = NULL,
  ann = graphics::par("ann"),
  axes = TRUE,
  frame.plot = axes,
  panel.first = NULL,
  panel.last = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A <a href="#">TimeSeries</a> object.
facet	A <a href="#">character</a> string specifying whether the series should be plotted separately (with a common time axis) or on a single plot? It must be one of "multiple" or "single". Any unambiguous substring can be given.
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the target calendar (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ).



panel	A <a href="#">function</a> in the form <code>function(x, y, ...)</code> which gives the action to be carried out in each panel of the display. The default is <code>graphics::lines()</code> .
flip	A <a href="#">logical</a> scalar: should the y-axis (ticks and numbering) be flipped from side 2 (left) to 4 (right) from series to series when facet is "multiple"?
ncol	An <a href="#">integer</a> specifying the number of columns to use when facet is "multiple". Defaults to 1 for up to 4 series, otherwise to 2.
xlab, ylab	A <a href="#">character</a> vector giving the x and y axis labels.
main	A <a href="#">character</a> string giving a main title for the plot.
sub	A <a href="#">character</a> string giving a subtitle for the plot.
ann	A <a href="#">logical</a> scalar: should the default annotation (title and x and y axis labels) appear on the plot?
axes	A <a href="#">logical</a> scalar: should axes be drawn on the plot?
frame.plot	A <a href="#">logical</a> scalar: should a box be drawn around the plot?
panel.first	An an expression to be evaluated after the plot axes are set up but before any plotting takes place. This can be useful for drawing background grids.
panel.last	An expression to be evaluated after plotting has taken place but before the axes, title and box are added.
...	Further parameters to be passed to panel (e.g. <a href="#">graphical parameters</a> ).

**Value**

`plot()` is called for its side-effects: it results in a graphic being displayed. Invisibly returns `x`.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

[graphics::plot\(\)](#)

Other plotting tools: [image\(\)](#), [year\\_axis\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Create 6 time-series of 50 observations
## Sampled every two years starting from 2000 BP
X <- series(
  object = matrix(rnorm(300), nrow = 50, ncol = 6),
  time = seq(2000, by = -2, length.out = 50),
  calendar = BP()
)

## Multiple
plot(X) # Default calendar
plot(X, calendar = BP(), flip = TRUE) # BP
plot(X, calendar = b2k(), ncol = 1) # b2k
```

```
## Single
plot(X, facet = "single") # CE
plot(X, facet = "single", calendar = BP()) # BP

## Create 6 x 3 time-series of 50 observations
## Sampled every two years starting from 2000 BP
X <- series(
  object = array(rnorm(900), dim = c(50, 6, 3)),
  time = seq(2000, by = 2, length.out = 50),
  calendar = BP()
)
plot(X, calendar = BP(), flip = TRUE) # BP
plot(X, calendar = b2k(), ncol = 1) # b2k

## Graphical parameters
plot(X, lwd = c(1, 2, 3), col = c("#004488", "#DDAA33", "#BB5566"))
plot(X, type = "b", pch = 16, col = c("#004488", "#DDAA33", "#BB5566"))
plot(X, type = "p", pch = c(16, 17, 18), cex = c(1, 2, 3))
```

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pretty

*Pretty Breakpoints*


---

## Description

Pretty Breakpoints

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'RataDie'
pretty(x, calendar = getOption("aion.calendar"), ...)
```

## Arguments

`x` A [RataDie](#) object.

`calendar` A [TimeScale](#) object specifying the target calendar (see [calendar\(\)](#)).

`...` Further parameters to be passed to [base::pretty\(\)](#).

## Details

`pretty()` computes a vector of increasing numbers which are "pretty" in decimal notation of calendar. Pretty breakpoints are then converted to *rata die*.

## Value

A [RataDie](#) object.

## See Also

Other fixed date tools: [arithmetic](#), [as\\_date\(\)](#), [as\\_decimal\(\)](#), [as\\_fixed\(\)](#), [as\\_year\(\)](#), [fixed\\_gregorian](#), [fixed\\_julian](#), [fixed\(\)](#), [format\(\)](#)

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RataDie-class

*RataDie*

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### Description

An S4 class to represent a vector of *rata die*.

### Details

*Rata die* (fixed date) are represented as the number of days since 01-01-01 (Gregorian), with negative values for earlier dates.

It is intended that the date should be an integer value, but this is not enforced in the internal representation.

### Slots

.Data A [numeric](#) vector giving the *rata die* values.

### Note

This class inherits from [numeric](#).

### Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

### See Also

Other classes: [AD-class](#), [BC-class](#), [BCE-class](#), [BP-class](#), [CE-class](#), [GregorianCalendar-class](#), [JulianCalendar-class](#), [TimeScale-class](#), [TimeSeries-class](#), [b2k-class](#)

Other time classes: [TimeSeries-class](#)

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series

*Create Time Series*

---

### Description

Create Time Series

**Usage**

```

series(object, time, calendar, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'array,RataDie,missing'
series(object, time, names = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'array,numeric,TimeScale'
series(object, time, calendar, scale = 1, names = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix,numeric,TimeScale'
series(object, time, calendar, scale = 1, names = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix,RataDie,missing'
series(object, time, names = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric,numeric,TimeScale'
series(object, time, calendar, scale = 1, names = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric,RataDie,missing'
series(object, time, names = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'data.frame,numeric,TimeScale'
series(object, time, calendar, scale = 1, names = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'data.frame,RataDie,missing'
series(object, time, names = NULL)

```

**Arguments**

object	A <a href="#">numeric</a> vector, matrix or array of the observed time-series values. A <a href="#">data.frame</a> will be coerced to a numeric matrix via <a href="#">data.matrix()</a> .
time	A <a href="#">numeric</a> vector of (decimal) years or a <a href="#">RataDie</a> object (see <a href="#">fixed()</a> ).
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the calendar of time (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ). If missing, time must be a <a href="#">RataDie</a> object.
...	Currently not used.
names	A <a href="#">character</a> string specifying the names of the time series.
scale	A length-one <a href="#">numeric</a> vector specifying the number of years represented by one unit. It should be a power of 10 (i.e. 1000 means ka).

**Details**

Data will be sorted in chronological order.

**Value**

A [TimeSeries](#) object.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**Other time series tools: [data.frame](#), [span\(\)](#), [start\(\)](#), [time\(\)](#), [window\(\)](#)**Examples**

```
## Create time-series of 20 observations

## Univariate
## Sampled every years starting from 1029 BCE
(X <- series(rnorm(30), time = 1029:1000, calendar = BCE()))

## Terminal and sampling times (returns rata die)
start(X)
end(X)
time(X)
span(X)

## Multivariate
## Sampled every century starting from 1000 CE
(Y <- series(matrix(rnorm(90), 30, 3), time = 1000:1029, calendar = CE()))

## Terminal and sampling times (returns Gregorian Common Era years)
start(Y, calendar = CE())
end(Y, calendar = CE())
time(Y, calendar = CE())
span(Y, calendar = CE())

## Coerce to data frame
df <- as.data.frame(Y, calendar = BP())
head(df)
```

---

span

*Duration of Time Series*

---

**Description**

Get the duration.

**Usage**

```
span(x, ...)
```

## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries'

```
span(x, calendar = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x	A <a href="#">TimeSeries</a> object.
...	Currently not used.
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the target calendar (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ). If NULL (the default), <i>rata die</i> are returned.

### Value

A [numeric](#) vector.

### Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

### See Also

Other time series tools: [data.frame](#), [series\(\)](#), [start\(\)](#), [time\(\)](#), [window\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
## Create time-series of 20 observations

## Univariate
## Sampled every years starting from 1029 BCE
(X <- series(rnorm(30), time = 1029:1000, calendar = BCE()))

## Terminal and sampling times (returns rata die)
start(X)
end(X)
time(X)
span(X)

## Multivariate
## Sampled every century starting from 1000 CE
(Y <- series(matrix(rnorm(90), 30, 3), time = 1000:1029, calendar = CE()))

## Terminal and sampling times (returns Gregorian Common Era years)
start(Y, calendar = CE())
end(Y, calendar = CE())
time(Y, calendar = CE())
span(Y, calendar = CE())

## Coerce to data frame
df <- as.data.frame(Y, calendar = BP())
head(df)
```

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start	<i>Terminal Times of Time Series</i>
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**Description**

Get the times the first and last observations were taken.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries'
start(x, calendar = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries'
end(x, calendar = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	A <a href="#">TimeSeries</a> object.
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the target calendar (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ). If NULL (the default), <i>rata die</i> are returned.

**Value**

A [numeric](#) vector.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other time series tools: [data.frame](#), [series\(\)](#), [span\(\)](#), [time\(\)](#), [window\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Create time-series of 20 observations

## Univariate
## Sampled every years starting from 1029 BCE
(X <- series(rnorm(30), time = 1029:1000, calendar = BCE()))

## Terminal and sampling times (returns rata die)
start(X)
end(X)
time(X)
span(X)

## Multivariate
## Sampled every century starting from 1000 CE
```

```
(Y <- series(matrix(rnorm(90), 30, 3), time = 1000:1029, calendar = CE()))

## Terminal and sampling times (returns Gregorian Common Era years)
start(Y, calendar = CE())
end(Y, calendar = CE())
time(Y, calendar = CE())
span(Y, calendar = CE())

## Coerce to data frame
df <- as.data.frame(Y, calendar = BP())
head(df)
```

---

subset

*Extract or Replace Parts of an Object*


---

## Description

Operators acting on objects to extract or replace parts.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'RataDie,ANY,ANY,ANY'
x[i]

## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries,ANY,ANY,ANY'
x[i, j, k, drop = FALSE]
```

## Arguments

x	An object from which to extract element(s) or in which to replace element(s).
i, j, k	Indices specifying elements to extract or replace.
drop	A <b>logical</b> scalar: should the result be coerced to the lowest possible dimension? This only works for extracting elements, not for the replacement.

## Value

A subsetted object.

## Author(s)

N. Frerebeau



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time	<i>Sampling Times of Time Series</i>
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**Description**

Get the sampling times:

- `time()` creates the vector of times at which a time series was sampled.
- `frequency()` returns the mean number of samples per unit time.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries'  
time(x, calendar = NULL)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries'  
frequency(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` A [TimeSeries](#) object.

`calendar` A [TimeScale](#) object specifying the target calendar (see [calendar\(\)](#)). If NULL (the default), *rata die* are returned.

**Value**

A [numeric](#) vector.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other time series tools: [data.frame](#), [series\(\)](#), [span\(\)](#), [start\(\)](#), [window\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Create time-series of 20 observations  
  
## Univariate  
## Sampled every years starting from 1029 BCE  
(X <- series(rnorm(30), time = 1029:1000, calendar = BCE()))  
  
## Terminal and sampling times (returns rata die)  
start(X)  
end(X)  
time(X)
```

```

span(X)

## Multivariate
## Sampled every century starting from 1000 CE
(Y <- series(matrix(rnorm(90), 30, 3), time = 1000:1029, calendar = CE()))

## Terminal and sampling times (returns Gregorian Common Era years)
start(Y, calendar = CE())
end(Y, calendar = CE())
time(Y, calendar = CE())
span(Y, calendar = CE())

## Coerce to data frame
df <- as.data.frame(Y, calendar = BP())
head(df)

```

---

TimeScale-class

*TimeScale*


---

### Description

A virtual S4 class to represent a calendar.

### Slots

**label** A [character](#) string specifying the abbreviated label of the time scale.

**name** A [character](#) string specifying the name of the time scale.

**epoch** A [numeric](#) value specifying the epoch year from which years are counted (starting date of the calendar, in years). Allows to define multiple era of a calendar.

**fixed** A [numeric](#) value specifying the reference date of the calendar (in *rata die*).

**direction** An [integer](#) specifying if years are counted backwards (-1) or forwards (1) from epoch.

**year** A [numeric](#) value giving the average length of the year in solar days.

### Author(s)

N. Frerebeau

### See Also

Other classes: [AD-class](#), [BC-class](#), [BCE-class](#), [BP-class](#), [CE-class](#), [GregorianCalendar-class](#), [JulianCalendar-class](#), [RataDie-class](#), [TimeSeries-class](#), [b2k-class](#)

Other calendar classes: [GregorianCalendar-class](#), [JulianCalendar-class](#)

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TimeSeries-class	<i>TimeSeries</i>
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**Description**

An S4 class to represent time series.

**Details**

A time series object is an  $n \times m \times p$  array, with  $n$  being the number of observations,  $m$  being the number of series and with the  $p$  columns of the third dimension containing extra variables for each series.

**Slots**

.Data A  $n \times m \times p$  numeric [array](#) giving the observed time-series values.

.Time A length- $n$  [RataDie](#) object.

**Note**

This class inherits from [array](#).

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other classes: [AD-class](#), [BC-class](#), [BCE-class](#), [BP-class](#), [CE-class](#), [GregorianCalendar-class](#), [JulianCalendar-class](#), [RataDie-class](#), [TimeScale-class](#), [b2k-class](#)

Other time classes: [RataDie-class](#)

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window	<i>Time Series Windows</i>
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**Description**

Extracts the subset of the object  $x$  observed between the times `start` and `end` (expressed in *rata die*).

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'TimeSeries'
window(x, start = NULL, end = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A `TimeSeries` object.

start                A length-one `numeric` vector specifying the start time of the period of interest.

end                  A length-one `numeric` vector specifying the end time of the period of interest.

**Value**

A `TimeSeries` object.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other time series tools: `data.frame`, `series()`, `span()`, `start()`, `time()`

**Examples**

```
## Create 3 time-series of 100 observations
## Sampled every years starting from 1000 CE
(x <- series(matrix(rnorm(300), 100, 3), time = 1000:1099, calendar = CE()))

## Subset between 1025 and 1050 CE
(y <- window(x, start = 374009, end = 383140))
```

---

year\_axis

*Time Series Plotting Functions*

---

**Description**

Time Series Plotting Functions

**Usage**

```
year_axis(
  side,
  at = NULL,
  format = c("a", "ka", "Ma", "Ga"),
  labels = TRUE,
  calendar = getOption("aion.last_calendar"),
  current_calendar = getOption("aion.last_calendar"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

side	An <a href="#">integer</a> specifying which side of the plot the axis is to be drawn on. The axis is placed as follows: 1=below, 2=left, 3=above and 4=right.
at	A <a href="#">numeric</a> vector giving the points at which tick-marks are to be drawn. If NULL, tickmark locations are computed.
format	A <a href="#">character</a> string specifying the prefix. It should be one of "a", "ka", "Ma" or "Ga". If TRUE, a good guess for an appropriate format is made.
labels	A <a href="#">logical</a> scalar specifying whether annotations are to be made at the tick-marks, or a vector of <a href="#">character</a> strings to be placed at the tickpoints.
calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the target calendar (see <a href="#">calendar()</a> ).
current_calendar	A <a href="#">TimeScale</a> object specifying the calendar used by the last call to <a href="#">plot()</a> .
...	Further parameters to be passed to <a href="#">graphics::axis()</a> . (e.g. <a href="#">graphical parameters</a> ).

**Value**

year\_axis() is called it for its side-effects.

**Author(s)**

N. Frerebeau

**See Also**

Other plotting tools: [image\(\)](#), [plot\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Create a time-series of 300 observations
## Sampled every two years starting from 2000 BP
X <- series(
  object = rnorm(300),
  time = seq(2000, by = -2, length.out = 300),
  calendar = BP()
)

## Axis
plot(X, axes = FALSE, calendar = BP()) # Remove axes
year_axis(side = 1) # Same calendar as last plot
year_axis(side = 3, calendar = CE()) # Specific calendar
mtext(format(CE()), side = 3, line = 3)

## Grid
plot(X, panel.first = graphics::grid())
```

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