

# Package ‘surreal’

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**Title** Create Datasets with Hidden Images in Residual Plots

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**Description** Implements the “Residual (Sur)Realism” algorithm described by Stefanski (2007) <[doi:10.1198/000313007X190079](https://doi.org/10.1198/000313007X190079)> to generate datasets that reveal hidden images or messages in their residual plots. It offers both predefined datasets and tools to embed custom text or images into residual structures. Allowing users to create intriguing visual demonstrations for teaching model diagnostics.

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border\_augmentation    *Transform Data by Adding a Border*

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### Description

This function transforms the input data by adding points around the original data to create a frame. It uses an optimization process to find the best alpha parameter for point distribution, which helps in making the fitted values and residuals orthogonal.

### Usage

```
border_augmentation(x, y, n_add_points = 40, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	Numeric vector of x coordinates.
y	Numeric vector of y coordinates.
n_add_points	Integer. Number of points to add on each side of the frame. Default is 40.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, prints optimization progress. Default is FALSE.

### Value

A matrix with two columns representing the transformed x and y coordinates.

### Examples

```
# Simulate data
x <- rnorm(100)
y <- rnorm(100)

# Append border to data
transformed_data <- border_augmentation(x, y)

# Modify par settings for plotting side-by-side
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(1, 2))

plot(x, y, pch = 16, main = "Original data")
plot(transformed_data[, 1], transformed_data[, 2], pch = 16, main = "Transformed data")

# Restore original par settings
par(oldpar)
```

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`jackolantern_surreal_data`*Jack-o'-Lantern Surreal Data*

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**Description**

Data set containing a hidden image of a Jack-o'-Lantern lurking in the residual plot of a full model being fit.

**Usage**`jackolantern_surreal_data`**Format**

A data frame with 5,395 observations and 7 variables.

- y: Response variable
- x1: Predictor variable 1
- x2: Predictor variable 2
- x3: Predictor variable 3
- x4: Predictor variable 4
- x5: Predictor variable 5
- x6: Predictor variable 6

**References**

Stefansk, L.A. (2013). Hidden Images in the Helen Barton Lecture Series. Retrieved from [https://www4.stat.ncsu.edu/~stefansk/NSF\\_Supported/Hidden\\_Images/UNCG\\_Helen\\_Barton\\_Lecture\\_Nov\\_2013/pumpkin\\_1\\_data\\_yx1x6.txt](https://www4.stat.ncsu.edu/~stefansk/NSF_Supported/Hidden_Images/UNCG_Helen_Barton_Lecture_Nov_2013/pumpkin_1_data_yx1x6.txt)

**Examples**

```
# Load the Jack-o'-Lantern data
data <- jackolantern_surreal_data

# Fit a linear model to the surreal Jack-o'-Lantern data
model <- lm(y ~ ., data = data)

# Plot the residuals to reveal the hidden image
plot(model$fitted, model$resid, type = "n", main = "Residual plot from transformed data")
points(model$fitted, model$resid, pch = 16)
```

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r\_logo\_image\_data      *R Logo Pixel Data*

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### Description

2D data set with the shape of the R Logo in x and y coordinate pairings.

### Usage

```
r_logo_image_data
```

### Format

A data frame with 2000 observations and 2 variables describing the x and y coordinates of the R logo.

### References

Staudenmayer, J. (2007). Hidden Images in R. Retrieved from [https://www4.stat.ncsu.edu/~stefansk/NSF\\_Supported/Hidden\\_Images/000\\_R\\_Programs/John\\_Staudenmayer/logo.txt](https://www4.stat.ncsu.edu/~stefansk/NSF_Supported/Hidden_Images/000_R_Programs/John_Staudenmayer/logo.txt)

### Examples

```
# Load the R logo data
data("r_logo_image_data", package = "surreal")

# Plot the R logo
plot(r_logo_image_data$x, r_logo_image_data$y, pch = 16, main = "R Logo", xlab = '', ylab = '')
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surreal

*Find X Matrix and Y Vector for Residual Surrealism*

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### Description

This function implements the Residual (Sur)Realism algorithm as described by Leonard A. Stefanski (2007). It finds a matrix X and vector y such that the fitted values and residuals of  $\text{lm}(y \sim X)$  are similar to the inputs  $\hat{y}$  and  $R_0$ .

### Usage

```
surreal(  
  data,  
  y_hat = data[, 1],  
  R_0 = data[, 2],  
  R_squared = 0.3,  
  p = 5,
```

```

    n_add_points = 40,
    max_iter = 100,
    tolerance = 0.01,
    verbose = FALSE
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame or matrix with two columns representing the $y_{\hat{}}$ and $R_{\theta}$ values.
<code>y_hat</code>	Numeric vector of desired fitted values (only used if data is not provided).
<code>R_0</code>	Numeric vector of desired residuals (only used if data is not provided).
<code>R_squared</code>	Desired R-squared value. Default is 0.3.
<code>p</code>	Integer. Desired number of columns for matrix X. Default is 5.
<code>n_add_points</code>	Integer. Number of points to add in border transformation. Default is 40.
<code>max_iter</code>	Integer. Maximum number of iterations for convergence. Default is 100.
<code>tolerance</code>	Numeric. Criteria for detecting convergence and stopping optimization early. Default is 0.01.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical. If TRUE, prints progress information. Default is FALSE.

### Details

To disable the border augmentation, set `n_add_points = 0`.

### Value

A data frame containing the generated X matrix and y vector.

### References

Stefanski, L. A. (2007). Residual (Sur)Realism. *The American Statistician*, 61(2), 163-177.

### Examples

```

# Generate a 2D data set
data <- cbind(y_hat = rnorm(100), R_0 = rnorm(100))

# Display original data
plot(data, pch = 16, main = "Original data")

# Apply the surreal method
result <- surreal(data)

# View the expanded data after transformation
pairs(y ~ ., data = result, main = "Data after transformation")

# Fit a linear model to the transformed data
model <- lm(y ~ ., data = result)

```

```
# Plot the residuals
plot(model$fitted, model$resid, type = "n", main = "Residual plot from transformed data")
points(model$fitted, model$resid, pch = 16)
```

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surreal\_text

*Apply the surreal method to a text string*


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### Description

This function applies the surreal method to a text string. It first creates a temporary plot with the text, processes the image, and then applies the surreal method to the data.

### Usage

```
surreal_text(
  text = "hello world",
  cex = 4,
  R_squared = 0.3,
  p = 5,
  n_add_points = 40,
  max_iter = 100,
  tolerance = 0.01,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

text	A character string to apply the surreal method to
cex	A numeric value for the size of the text
R_squared	Desired R-squared value. Default is 0.3.
p	Integer. Desired number of columns for matrix X. Default is 5.
n_add_points	Integer. Number of points to add in border transformation. Default is 40.
max_iter	Integer. Maximum number of iterations for convergence. Default is 100.
tolerance	Numeric. Criteria for detecting convergence and stopping optimization early. Default is 0.01.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, prints progress information. Default is FALSE.

### Value

A data.frame containing the results of the surreal method application.

### See Also

[surreal\(\)](#) for details on the surreal method parameters.

### **Examples**

```
# Create a surreal plot of the text "R is fun" appearing on one line
r_is_fun_result <- surreal_text("R is fun", verbose = TRUE)

# Create a surreal plot of the text "Statistics Rocks" by using an escape
# character to create a second line between "Statistics" and "Rocks"
stat_rocks_result <- surreal_text("Statistics\nRocks", verbose = TRUE)
```

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