

# Package ‘imageRy’

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Designed as an educational resource for students learning the basics of remote sensing, the package provides user-friendly functions to apply color ramps, export RGB composites, and create multi-frame visualizations. Built on top of the 'terra' and 'ggplot2' packages. See <<https://github.com/ducciorocchini/imageRy>> for more details and examples.

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im.classify	<i>Classify a Raster Image Using K-Means Clustering</i>
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### Description

This function performs unsupervised classification on a raster image using k-means clustering. It rescales the pixel values to 0–255 to improve visual clustering of scientific TIFFs.

### Usage

```
im.classify(
  input_image,
  num_clusters = 3,
  seed = NULL,
  do_plot = TRUE,
  custom_colors = NULL,
  num_colors = 100
)
```

### Arguments

input_image	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input raster image.
num_clusters	An integer specifying the number of clusters (default: 3).
seed	An optional integer seed for reproducibility of k-means clustering results (default: NULL).
do_plot	A logical value indicating whether to display the classified raster (default: TRUE).
custom_colors	A vector of custom colors to be used for classification visualization (default: NULL). If NULL, a predefined set of colors is used.
num_colors	The number of colors to interpolate in the visualization palette (default: 100).

**Value**

A ‘SpatRaster’ object with cluster assignments.

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`im.dvi`*Compute the Difference Vegetation Index (DVI)*

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**Description**

This function calculates the Difference Vegetation Index (DVI) from a multispectral raster image. The DVI is computed as the difference between the Near-Infrared (NIR) and Red bands.

**Usage**

```
im.dvi(x, nir, red)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input multispectral image.
<code>nir</code>	An integer specifying the band index of the Near-Infrared (NIR) channel.
<code>red</code>	An integer specifying the band index of the Red channel.

**Details**

The Difference Vegetation Index (DVI) is a simple vegetation index used to assess plant health. It is calculated as:

$$DVI = NIR - Red$$

Higher values indicate denser and healthier vegetation.

**Value**

A ‘SpatRaster’ object containing the computed DVI values.

**References**

For more details on the DVI index, see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vegetation\\_Index](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vegetation_Index)

**See Also**

[`im.classify()`], [`im.ridgeline()`]

**Examples**

```
library(terra)

# Load a multispectral raster image with 3 bands
r <- rast(system.file("ex/logo.tif", package = "terra"))

# Compute DVI using band 2 (proxy for NIR) and band 1 (Red)
dvi_raster <- im.dvi(r, nir = 2, red = 1)

plot(dvi_raster)
```

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**im.export***Export a Raster to GeoTIFF, PNG, or JPG*

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**Description**

This function saves a ‘SpatRaster’ object to disk in **GeoTIFF**, **PNG**, or **JPG** format.

**Usage**

```
im.export(x, filename, overwrite = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the raster to be saved.
filename	A character string specifying the output file path with ‘.tif’, ‘.png’, or ‘.jpg’ extension.
overwrite	A logical value indicating whether to overwrite an existing file (default: TRUE).

**Details**

- **GeoTIFF** (‘.tif’): Uses ‘terra::writeRaster()’, preserving geospatial information. - **PNG/JPG** (‘.png’, ‘.jpg’, ‘.jpeg’): Converts the raster to an image and saves it with ‘png()’ or ‘jpeg()’. - **If the raster has multiple bands**, only the first band is saved in PNG/JPG format.

**Value**

No return value. The function writes the raster to disk.

**See Also**

[im.import()], [writeRaster()]

## Examples

```
library(terra)

# Create a sample raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r))

# Export as GeoTIFF to temporary file
tif_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".tif")
im.export(r, tif_path)

# Export as PNG to temporary file
png_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".png")
im.export(r, png_path)
```

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im.ggplot

*Visualize a Raster Image Using ggplot2*

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## Description

This function converts a ‘SpatRaster’ object into a ‘ggplot2’ visualization, allowing for flexible raster plotting with color interpolation.

## Usage

```
im.ggplot(input_raster, layerfill = 1)
```

## Arguments

**input\_raster** A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input raster image.

**layerfill** An integer indicating the layer index to be used for coloring the raster (default: 1).

## Details

This function extracts raster values, converts them into a data frame, and uses ‘ggplot2’ to visualize the raster with a viridis color scale.

- If ‘layerfill’ is not provided, the function defaults to using the first layer. - The function automatically handles coordinate extraction (‘x’ and ‘y’ values). - Colors are applied using ‘scale\_fill\_viridis()’, ensuring good perceptual readability.

## Value

A ‘ggplot’ object displaying the raster image.

## See Also

[im.classify()], [im.dvi()]

**Examples**

```
library(terra)
library(ggplot2)

# Create a sample raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10)
values(r) <- matrix(runif(100), nrow = 10)

# Generate a ggplot visualization
im.ggplot(r)
```

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im.import	<i>Import one or more raster images</i>
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**Description**

This function imports raster images from the remote Zenodo repository using exact or partial matches. It returns a SpatRaster stack of all matching files.

**Usage**

```
im.import(im)
```

**Arguments**

**im** Character vector. Full or partial names of images available on Zenodo.

**Value**

A ‘SpatRaster’ object (stack of layers).

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im.list	<i>List available example files</i>
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**Description**

This function lists example files included locally in the package and, optionally, remote files hosted on Zenodo.

**Usage**

```
im.list(include_remote = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

**include\_remote** Logical. If TRUE (default), also lists remote files hosted on Zenodo.

**Value**

A character vector of file names.

**Examples**

```
im.list()
im.list(include_remote = FALSE)
```

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im.multiframe

*Set Up a Multi-Frame Plot Layout*

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**Description**

This function sets up a multi-frame plotting layout using ‘par(mfrow = c(x, y))’, allowing multiple plots to be displayed in a grid format.

**Usage**

```
im.multiframe(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An integer specifying the number of rows in the plot layout.  
y                    An integer specifying the number of columns in the plot layout.

**Details**

This function changes the ‘mfrow’ graphical parameter using ‘par()’, enabling multiple plots to be displayed in a grid layout within the same plotting window. The original plotting parameters are automatically restored when the function exits.

**Value**

No return value. This function modifies the graphical parameters temporarily.

**See Also**

[im.ggplot()], [im.import()]

**Examples**

```
# Set up a 2x2 plotting layout
im.multiframe(2, 2)

# Example plots
plot(1:10, rnorm(10))
plot(1:10, runif(10))
plot(1:10, rpois(10, lambda = 5))
```

```
plot(1:10, rbeta(10, shape1 = 2, shape2 = 5))

# Layout is automatically restored after im.multiframe() exits
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im.ndvi

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*Compute the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)*


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## Description

This function calculates the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) from a multispectral raster image. NDVI is a widely used vegetation index that assesses plant health by comparing Near-Infrared (NIR) and Red bands.

## Usage

```
im.ndvi(x, nir, red)
```

## Arguments

x	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input multispectral image.
nir	An integer specifying the band index of the Near-Infrared (NIR) channel.
red	An integer specifying the band index of the Red channel.

## Details

NDVI is calculated as:

$$NDVI = (NIR - Red) / (NIR + Red)$$

where: - **High NDVI values (~1)** indicate healthy, dense vegetation. - **Low NDVI values (~0 or negative)** indicate barren land, water bodies, or unhealthy vegetation.

**Important:** - Ensure that ‘nir’ and ‘red’ correspond to the correct band indices in your raster image. - Pixels with (NIR + Red) = 0 will result in ‘NaN’ values.

## Value

A ‘SpatRaster’ object containing the computed NDVI values, ranging from -1 to 1.

## References

For more details on NDVI, see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normalized\\_difference\\_vegetation\\_index](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normalized_difference_vegetation_index)

## See Also

[im.dvi()], [im.classify()]

## Examples

```
library(terra)

# Create a dummy 3-band raster (e.g., NIR = band 3, Red = band 2)
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 3)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 3)

# Compute NDVI using bands 3 (NIR) and 2 (Red)
ndvi_raster <- im.ndvi(r, nir = 3, red = 2)

# Plot the result
plot(ndvi_raster)
```

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im.pca

*Perform Principal Component Analysis (PCA) on a Raster Image*

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## Description

This function applies Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to a multispectral raster image, extracting principal components from a sample of pixels and projecting the full raster into the PCA space.

## Usage

```
im.pca(input_image, n_samples = 100, n_components = 3, plot = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>input_image</code>	A 'SpatRaster' object representing the input multispectral image.
<code>n_samples</code>	An integer specifying the number of random samples used for PCA computation (default: 100).
<code>n_components</code>	Number of principal components to compute (default: 3).
<code>plot</code>	Logical. If 'TRUE', the resulting principal components are plotted. Default is 'TRUE'.

## Details

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a statistical technique used to transform correlated raster bands into a set of orthogonal components, capturing the most variance in fewer bands.

- A sample of 'n\_samples' pixels is used to compute the PCA transformation. - The full image is then projected onto the principal component space. - The output raster contains the selected principal components. - If 'plot = TRUE', the output is visualized using a 'viridis' color scale.

## Value

A 'SpatRaster' object containing the computed principal components.

**See Also**

[im.import()], [im.ggplot()]

**Examples**

```
library(terra)

# Create a 3-band raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 3)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 3)

# Perform PCA without plotting
pca_result <- im.pca(r, n_samples = 100, plot = FALSE)

# Plot the first principal component
plot(pca_result[[1]])
```

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im.plotRGB

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*Plot a Raster Image as an RGB Composite with User-Selected Bands*


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**Description**

This function visualizes a multispectral raster image using user-defined bands for the Red, Green, and Blue channels. A linear contrast stretch is applied to enhance visualization.

**Usage**

```
im.plotRGB(x, r, g, b, title = "", reset = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input multispectral image.
r	An integer specifying the band index for the Red channel.
g	An integer specifying the band index for the Green channel.
b	An integer specifying the band index for the Blue channel.
title	A character string specifying the plot title (default: "").
reset	Logical. If ‘TRUE’, the graphical parameters modified by the function are re-stored after plotting. Default is ‘TRUE’.

**Details**

- The function allows users to **manually select bands** for RGB visualization.
- It applies ‘stretch="lin"’ in ‘plotRGB()’ to enhance contrast.
- Axis and label colors are set to white for better contrast with dark backgrounds.
- The function supports displaying axes (‘axes = TRUE’) and sets plot margins.

**Value**

This function does not return an object. It directly generates a plot.

**See Also**

[im.plotRGB.auto()], [im.ggplot()]

**Examples**

```
library(terra)

# Create a 3-band raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 3)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 3)

# Plot with user-selected bands (3 = Red, 2 = Green, 1 = Blue)
im.plotRGB(r, r = 3, g = 2, b = 1, title = "Custom RGB Visualization")
```

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im.plotRGB.auto

*Automatically Plot a Raster Image as an RGB Composite*

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**Description**

This function visualizes a multispectral raster image using the first three bands as an RGB composite. It applies a linear contrast stretch to enhance visualization.

**Usage**

```
im.plotRGB.auto(x, title = "Main")
```

**Arguments**

x                    A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input multispectral image.  
title                A character string specifying the plot title (default: "Main").

**Value**

Invisibly returns ‘x’.

**See Also**

[im.import()], [im.ggplot()]

**Examples**

```
library(terra)

r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 3)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 3)

im.plotRGB.auto(r, title = "RGB Visualization")
```

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`im.print`

*Print a Message Identifying the imageRy Package*

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**Description**

This function prints a simple message to indicate that the ‘imageRy’ package is being used.

**Usage**

```
im.print()
```

**Details**

This function serves as a basic test function to verify that the ‘imageRy’ package is loaded.

**Value**

This function does not return an object. It prints a message to the console.

**See Also**

`[im.list()]`, `[im.import()]`

**Examples**

```
# Print the imageRy message
im.print()
```

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im.ridgeline	<i>Generate Ridgeline Plots from Satellite Raster Data</i>
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### Description

This function generates ridgeline plots from stacked satellite imagery data.

### Usage

```
im.ridgeline(  
  im,  
  scale,  
  palette = c("viridis", "magma", "plasma", "inferno", "cividis", "mako", "rocket",  
             "turbo")  
)
```

### Arguments

im	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the raster data to be visualized.
scale	A numeric value that defines the vertical scale of the ridgeline plot.
palette	A character string specifying the ‘viridis’ color palette option to use. Available options: “viridis”, “magma”, “plasma”, “inferno”, “cividis”, “mako”, “rocket”, “turbo”.

### Details

Ridgeline plots are useful for analyzing temporal variations in raster-based satellite imagery. This function extracts raster values and visualizes their distribution across layers.

### Value

A ‘ggplot’ object displaying the ridgeline plot.

### References

See also ‘im.import()’, ‘im.ggplot()’.

### See Also

[GitHub Repository](<https://github.com/ducciorocchini/imageRy/>)

**Examples**

```
library(terra)
library(ggribes)
library(ggplot2)

# Create a 5-layer raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 5)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 5)

# Generate ridgeline plot
im.ridgeline(r, scale = 2, palette = "viridis") + theme_minimal()
```

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