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**Description** Provides an R6 class and several utility methods to facilitate the implementation of models based on ordinary differential equations. The heart of the package is a code generator that creates compiled 'Fortran' (or 'R') code which can be passed to a numerical solver. There is direct support for solvers contained in packages 'deSolve' and 'rootSolve'.

**URL** <https://github.com/dkneis/rodeo>

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rodeo-package

*Package to Facilitate ODE-Based Modeling*


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## Description

This package provides methods to

- import a conceptual ODE-based model stored in tabular form (i.e. as text files or spreadsheets).
- generate source code (either R or Fortran) to be passed to an ODE-solver.
- visualize and export basic information about a model, e.g. for documentation purposes.

## Details

Consult the package vignette for details. The concept of writing an ODE system in tabular/matrix form is nicely introduced, e. g., in the book of Reichert, P., Borchardt, D., Henze, M., Rauch, W., Shanahan, P., Somlyódy, L., and Vanrolleghem, P. A. (2001): River water quality model No. 1, IWA publishing, ISBN 9781900222822.

The current source code repository is <https://github.com/dkneis/rodeo>.

## Class and class methods

See [rodeo-class](#) for the `rodeo` class and the corresponding class methods.

## Non-class methods

Type `help(package="rodeo")` or see the links below to access the documentation of non-class methods contained in the package.

- [buildFromWorkbook](#) Builds and compiles a model fully specified in a workbook (supports .xlsx and .ods format).
- [forcingFunctions](#) Generation of forcing functions in Fortran.
- [exportDF](#) Export of data frames as TEX or HTML code.
- [stoiCreate](#) Creates a stoichiometry matrix from a set of chemical reactions.
- [stoiCheck](#) Validates a stoichiometry matrix by checking for conservation of mass.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/dkneis/rodeo>

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buildFromText

*Build a model from the contents of delimited textfiles*

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## Description

The function builds a `rodeo`-based model by importing all declarations and equations from tables stored as delimited text.

**Usage**

```

buildFromText(
  declarations,
  equations,
  sep = "\t",
  dim = 1,
  set_defaults = TRUE,
  fortran = FALSE,
  sources = NULL,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

declarations	File path of a delimited text file holding the declaration of state variables, parameters, and functions. See below for details about the expected file contents.
equations	File path of a delimited text file holding mathematical expressions of process rates and stoichiometric factors forming the right hand sides of a system of simultaneous ODE. See below for details about the expected file contents.
sep	The column delimiter used in the input text files.
dim	The number of spatial compartments, possibly in multiple dimensions. For single-box models without spatial resolution, use dim=1 (default). For a one-dimensional model with 10 compartments use, e.g., dim=10. See the dim argument of the method <a href="#">initialize</a> for further details.
set_defaults	If TRUE, parameters and initial values will be set according to the contents of the 'default' columns of the workbook sheets 'declarations', respectively. If FALSE, values must be set explicitly using the class methods <a href="#">setPars</a> and <a href="#">setVars</a> . An attempt to use set_defaults=TRUE when dim != 1 will be ignored (with a warning).
fortran	Controls the language of code generation. The default (FALSE) produces R code. Use TRUE if you want to use compiled Fortran code for better performance. In the latter case, you will need a Fortran compiler which is accessible by R.
sources	Only relevant if fortran=TRUE. The argument allows the name(s) of additional source file(s) to be provided for processing by the Fortran compiler. In any case, the Fortran code in sources must implement a module with the fixed name 'functions'. This module must contain all user-defined functions referenced in any process rate expressions or any cell of the stoichiometry matrix.
...	Optional arguments passed to <a href="#">read.table</a> .

**Value**

An object of class [rodeo](#).

**Note**

The delimited text files provided as input are parsed by [read.table](#) with header=TRUE and the delimiter specified by sep. The files must contain the following:

- `'declarations'` Declares the identifiers of state variables, parameters, and functions used in the model equations. Mandatory columns are `'type'`, `'name'`, `'unit'`, `'description'`, and `'default'`. Entries in the type column must be one of `'variable'`, `'parameter'`, or `'function'`. If source code is generated for R (`fortran=FALSE`), any declared functions must be accessible in the environment where the model is run. If `fortran=TRUE`, the functions must be implemented in the file(s) listed in `sources` to be included in compilation. Entries in the `'name'` column must be unique, valid identifier names (character followed by characters, digits, underscore). Entries in the `'default'` column shall be numeric.
- `'equations'` Specifies the model equations. Mandatory columns are `'name'`, `'unit'`, `'description'`, `'rate'` plus one column for every state variable of the model. The `'rate'` columns holds math expressions for the process rates and columns named after state variables contain the corresponding expressions representing stoichiometric factors. All columns are of type character.

The best way to understand the contents of the input files is to study the examples in the folder `'models'` shipped with the package. Type `system.file("models", package="rodeo")` at the R prompt to see where this folder is installed on your system. A full example is given below.

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### See Also

[buildFromWorkbook](#) provides similar functionality

### Examples

```
# Build and run a SEIR type epidemic model
decl <- system.file("models/SEIR_declarations.txt", package="rodeo")
eqns <- system.file("models/SEIR_equations.txt", package="rodeo")
m <- buildFromText(decl, eqns)
x <- m$dynamics(times=0:30, fortran=FALSE)
print(head(x))
```

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buildFromWorkbook

*Build a model from the contents of a workbook*

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### Description

The function builds a [rodeo](#)-based model by importing all declarations and equations from a workbook established with common spreadsheet software.

**Usage**

```

buildFromWorkbook(
  workbook,
  dim = 1,
  set_defaults = TRUE,
  fortran = FALSE,
  sources = NULL,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

workbook	File path of the workbook with extension '.xlsx'. See below for the mandatory worksheets that must be present in the workbook.
dim	The number of spatial compartments, possibly in multiple dimensions. For single-box models without spatial resolution, use dim=1 (default). For a one-dimensional model with 10 compartments use, e.g., dim=10. See the dim argument of the method <a href="#">initialize</a> for further details.
set_defaults	If TRUE, parameters and initial values will be set according to the contents of the 'default' columns of the workbook sheets 'declarations', respectively. If FALSE, values must be set explicitly using the class methods <a href="#">setPars</a> and <a href="#">setVars</a> . An attempt to use set_defaults=TRUE when dim != 1 will be ignored (with a warning).
fortran	Controls the language of code generation. The default (FALSE) produces R code. Use TRUE if you want to use compiled Fortran code for better performance. In the latter case, you will need a Fortran compiler which is accessible by R.
sources	Only relevant if fortran=TRUE. The argument allows the name(s) of additional source file(s) to be provided for processing by the Fortran compiler. In any case, the Fortran code in sources must implement a module with the fixed name 'functions'. This module must contain all user-defined functions referenced in any process rate expressions or any cell of the stoichiometry matrix.
...	Optional arguments passed to <a href="#">read_excel</a> .

**Value**

An object of class [rodeo](#).

**Note**

The file provided as workbook must contain two sheets:

- 'declarations' Declares the identifiers of state variables, parameters, and functions used in the model equations. Mandatory columns are 'type', 'name', 'unit', 'description', and 'default'. Entries in the type column must be one of 'variable', 'parameter', or 'function'. If source code is generated for R (fortran=FALSE), any declared functions must be accessible in the environment where the model is run. If fortran=TRUE, the functions must be implemented in the file(s) listed in sources to be included in compilation. Entries in the 'name' column

must be unique, valid identifier names (character followed by characters, digits, underscore). Entries in the 'default' column shall be numeric.

- 'equations' Specifies the model equations. Mandatory columns are 'name', 'unit', 'description', 'rate' plus one column for every state variable of the model. The 'rate' columns holds math expressions for the process rates and columns named after state variables contain the corresponding expressions representing stoichiometric factors. All columns are of type character.

The best way to understand the contents of a suitable workbook is to study the examples in the folder 'models' shipped with the package. Type `system.file("models", package="rodeo")` at the R prompt to see where this folder is installed on your system. A full example is given below.

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### See Also

[buildFromText](#) provides similar functionality

### Examples

```
# Build and run a SEIR type epidemic model
m <- buildFromWorkbook(
  system.file("models/SEIR.xlsx", package="rodeo")
)
x <- m$dynamics(times=0:30, fortran=FALSE)
print(head(x))
```

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compile

*Generate Executable Code*

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### Description

Creates and 'compiles' a function for use with numerical methods from package [deSolve](#) or [rootSolve](#).

### Arguments

sources	Name(s) of source files(s) where functions appearing in process rates or stoichiometric factors are implemented. Can be NULL if no external functions are required, the name of a single file, or a vector of file names. See notes below.
fortran	If TRUE, Fortran code is generated and compiled into a shared library. If FALSE, R code is generated. The default was changed from TRUE to FALSE in package version 0.8.6).
target	Name of a 'target environment'. Currently, 'deSolve' is the only supported value.

lib	File path to be used for the generated library (without the platform specific extension). Note that any uppercase characters will be converted to lowercase. By default, the file is created in R's temporary folder under a random name.
reuse	If TRUE, an already existing library file will be loaded. Use this to prevent unnecessary re-compilation but note that R is likely to crash in case of any mismatches between the object and the existing library. Default is FALSE, i.e. the library is unconditionally build from scratch.

### Value

invisible(NULL)

### Note

The expected language of the external code passed in sources depends on the value of `fortran`.

If `fortran` is FALSE, R code is generated and made executable by `eval` and `parse`. Auxiliary code passed via sources is made available via `source`. The created R function is stored in the object.

If `fortran` is TRUE, the external code passed in sources must implement a module with the fixed name 'functions'. This module must contain all user-defined functions referenced in process rates or stoichiometric factors. The file names passed to the sources argument must carry an extension which is recognized by the compiler as a source file. Something like ".f95" should work.

If `fortran` is TRUE, a shared library is created. The library is immediately loaded with `dyn.load` and it is automatically unloaded with `dyn.unload` when the object's `finalize` method is called.

The name of the library (base name without extension) as well as the name of the function to compute the derivatives are stored in the object. These names can be queried with the `libName` and `libFunc` methods, respectively. Unless a file path is specified via the `lib` argument, the library is created in the folder returned by `tempdir` under a unique random name.

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### See Also

This method internally calls `generate`.

### Examples

```
data(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi)
model <- rodeo$new(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi, dim=c(1))
# This would trigger compilation assuming that 'functionsCode.f95' contains
# a Fortran implementation of all functions; see vignette for full example
## Not run:
model$compile(sources="functionsCode.f95")

## End(Not run)
```

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dynamics	<i>Numerical Integration</i>
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**Description**

Compute a dynamic solution with the numerical algorithms from package [deSolve](#).

**Arguments**

times	Times of interest (numeric vector).
fortran	Switch between compiled Fortran and R code (logical). Default is FALSE (was TRUE until package version 0.8.5).
proNames	Assign names to output columns holding the process rates? Default is TRUE.
...	Auxiliary arguments passed to <a href="#">ode</a> . See notes below.

**Value**

The matrix returned by the integrator (see [ode](#)).

**Note**

This method can only be used after [compile](#) has been called.

The ... argument should *not* be used to assign values to any of y, parms, times, func. If fortran is TRUE it should also not assign values to dllname, nout, or outnames. All these arguments of [ode](#) get their appropriate values automatically.

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**See Also**

Use [step](#) for integration over a single time step with a built-in, Fortran-based solver.

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exportDF	<i>Export a Data Frame as HTML/TEX Code</i>
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**Description**

Generates code to include tabular data in a tex document or web site.

**Usage**

```

exportDF(
  x,
  tex = FALSE,
  colnames = NULL,
  width = NULL,
  align = NULL,
  funHead = NULL,
  funCell = NULL,
  lines = TRUE,
  indent = 2
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	The data frame being exported.
<code>tex</code>	Logical. Allows to switch between generation of TEX code and HTML.
<code>colnames</code>	Displayed column names. If <code>NULL</code> , the original names of <code>x</code> are used. Otherwise it must be a named vector with element names corresponding to column names in <code>x</code> . It is OK to supply alternative names for selected columns only.
<code>width</code>	Either <code>NULL</code> (all columns get equal width) or a named vector with element names corresponding to column names in <code>x</code> . If <code>tex == TRUE</code> , values (between 0 and 1) are needed for columns with align code 'p' only. They are interpreted as a multiplier for <code>'\textwidth'</code> . If <code>tex == FALSE</code> , values (between 0 and 100) should be supplied for all columns of <code>x</code> .
<code>align</code>	Either <code>NULL</code> (to use automatic alignment) or a named vector with element names corresponding to column names in <code>x</code> . If <code>tex == FALSE</code> valid alignment codes are 'left', 'right', 'center'. If <code>tex == TRUE</code> valid alignment codes are 'l', 'r', 'c', and 'p'. For columns with code 'p' a corresponding value of <code>width</code> should be set. It is OK to supply alignment codes for selected columns only.
<code>funHead</code>	Either <code>NULL</code> or a list of functions whose names correspond to column names of <code>x</code> . The functions should have a single formal argument; the respective column names of <code>x</code> are used as the actual arguments. It is OK to supply functions for selected columns only (an empty function is applied to the remaining columns). See below for some typical examples.
<code>funCell</code>	Like <code>funHead</code> but these functions are applied to the cells in columns rather than to the column names.
<code>lines</code>	Logical. Switches table borders on/off.
<code>indent</code>	Integer. Number of blanks used to indent the generated code.

**Value**

A character string (usually needs to be exported to a file).

**Note**

The functions `funHead` and `funCell` are useful to apply formatting or character replacement. For example, one could use

```
function(x) {paste0("\\bold{", toupper(x), "}")}
to generate bold, uppercase column names in a TEX table.
```

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**See Also**

The `xtable` packages provides similar functionality with more sophisticated options. Consider the 'pandoc' software do convert documents from one markup language to another one. Finally, consider the latex package 'datatools' for direct inclusion of delimited text files (e.g. produced by `write.table`) in tex documents.

**Examples**

```
# Create example table
df <- data.frame(stringsAsFactors=FALSE, name= c("growth", "dead"),
  unit= c("1/d", "1/d"), expression= c("r * N * (1 - N/K)", "d * N"))

# Export as TEX: header in bold, 1st colum in italics, last column as math
tex <- exportDF(df, tex=TRUE,
  colnames=c(expression="process rate expression"),
  width=c(expression=0.5),
  align=c(expression="p"),
  funHead=setNames(replicate(ncol(df),
    function(x){paste0("\\textbf{" , x, "}")}),names(df)),
  funCell=c(name=function(x){paste0("\\textit{" , x, "}")},
    expression=function(x){paste0("$", x, "$")})
)
cat(tex, "\n")

# Export as HTML: non-standard colors are used for all columns
tf <- tempfile(fileext=".html")
write(x= exportDF(df, tex=FALSE,
  funHead=setNames(replicate(ncol(df),
    function(x){paste0("<font color='red'>", x, "</font>")}),names(df)),
  funCell=setNames(replicate(ncol(df),
    function(x){paste0("<font color='blue'>", x, "</font>")}),names(df))
), file=tf)
## Not run:
  browseURL(tf)
  file.remove(tf)

## End(Not run)
```

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finalize	<i>Clean-up a rodeo Object</i>
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**Description**

Clean-up method for objects of the [rodeo-class](#).

**Value**

The method is called implicitly for its side effects when a [rodeo](#) object is destroyed.

**Note**

At present, the method just unloads the object-specific shared libraries created with the [compile](#) or [initStepper](#) methods.

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forcingFunctions	<i>Generation of Forcing Functions in Fortran</i>
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**Description**

Generates Fortran code to return the current values of forcing functions based on interpolation in tabulated time series data.

**Usage**

```
forcingFunctions(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Data frame with columns 'name', 'file', 'column', 'mode', 'default'. See below for expected entries.
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**Value**

A character string holding generated Fortran code. Must be written to disk, e.g. using [write](#), prior to compilation.

**Note**

The fields of the input data frame are interpreted as follows:

- `name` Name of the forcing function as declared in the table of functions.
- `file` Name of the text file containing the time series data either as an absolute or relative path. Time information is expected as numeric values in the first column (e.g. as number of seconds after some reference date). The period is used as the decimal character in floating point numbers, numeric values can also be given in scientific format (e.g. as 0.314e+1). Allowed column delimiters are blank, tab, or comma. A sequence of white spaces collapses to a single delimiter but this is not the case for commas. It is strictly recommended to use a consistent delimiter character within a particular file. Blank lines are allowed everywhere in the file, comment lines must start with a '#'. The first non-blank, non-comment line is interpreted as column headers and the name of the first column (holding time info) is essentially ignored.
- `column` Name of the column in `file` from which data are to be read.
- `mode` Integer code to control how the interpolation is performed. Use 0 for constant interpolation with full weight given to the value at the end of a time interval. Use 1 for constant interpolation with full weight given to the value at the begin of a time interval. Any other values (< 0 or > 1) result in linear interpolation with weights being set automatically.
- `default` Logical. If FALSE, the generated function has the interface 'f(time)'. If TRUE, the generated function has a two-argument interface 'f(time, z)'. If the actual argument 'z' is NaN, the function behaves just like the single-argument version, i.e. interpolation in tabulated data is performed. If 'z' is not NaN, the function returns the value of 'z'.

The generated code provides a single module named 'forcings' which defines as many forcing functions as there are rows in `x`. The module 'forcings' needs to be made available to the compiler (either at the command line or via inclusion in another file with Fortran's include mechanism). In addition, it must be referenced in the module 'functions' with an appropriate 'use' statement (see example below).

The generated function return scalar values of type double precision. If an error condition is encountered, the return value of a functions equals the largest possible double precision value (generated by Fortran's 'huge' function). In addition, errors trigger calls of the subroutines 'rexit' (at top level) or 'rwarn' (at lower levels). These two functions are available automatically if the Fortran code is compiled using 'R CMD SHLIB'. Otherwise, the two functions need to be defined (see examples below).

In the two-argument version, the second argument is tested against NaN using 'ISNAN'. This function is not part of the Fortran standard but it is supported by most compilers, including gfortan. The Fortran 2003 standard conformal function would be 'IS\_IEEE\_NAN' which is not yet supported by compiler versions normally installed with R (March 2016).

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
! Example of a Fortran file to define functions
```

```

include 'forcings.f95' ! include generated forcings file in compilation
module functions
use forcings           ! make forcings available as functions
implicit none
contains
! ... any non-forcing functions go here ...
end module

## End(Not run)

## Not run:
! Definition of 'rexit' and 'rwarn' for testing of the generated code
! outside of R
subroutine rexit (x)
  character(len=*), intent(in):: x
  write(*,*) "ERROR: ",trim(adjustl(x))
  stop 1
end subroutine

subroutine rwarn (x)
  character(len=*), intent(in):: x
  write(*,*) "WARNING: ",trim(adjustl(x))
end subroutine

## End(Not run)

```

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forcings_clear	<i>Clear forcing data of a Fortran-based model</i>
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### Description

Clears the forcings data of a model written in Fortran. This may be useful when data should be updated through another call to [forcings\\_init](#) or for the purpose of memory cleanup.

### Value

Returns NULL invisibly.

### Note

The function takes no arguments and should thus called as `forcings_clear()`.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[forcings\\_init](#) to initialize the forcing data

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forcings_init	<i>Initialize forcings of a Fortran-based model</i>
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**Description**

Initializes the forcings of a model written in Fortran based on the input supplied to `forcingFunctions`. If the data cannot be initialized for any reason, an error is thrown and a hopefully useful message is provided.

**Value**

Returns NULL invisibly.

**Note**

The function takes no arguments and should thus called as `forcings_init()`.

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**See Also**

[forcings\\_clear](#) to clear the data set by `forcings_init`

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funs	<i>Declaration of Functions</i>
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**Description**

Declaration of functions referenced at the ODE's right hand sides of the bacteria growth example model.

**Format**

A data frame with the following fields:

**name** : Name of the function

**unit** : Unit of the return value

**description** : Short description (text)

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`generate`*Code Generator*

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**Description**

This is a low-level method to translate the ODE-model specification into a function that computes process rates and the state variables derivatives (either in R or Fortran). You probably want to use the high-level method `compile` instead, which uses `generate` internally.

**Arguments**

<code>lang</code>	Character string to select the language of the generated source code. Currently either 'f95' (for Fortran) or 'r' (for R).
<code>name</code>	Name for the generated function (character string). It should start with a letter, optionally followed by letters, numbers, or underscores.

**Value**

The generated source code as a string. Must be written to disk, e.g. using `write`, prior to compilation.

**Note**

Details of this low-level method may change in the future.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

See other methods of the `rodeo-class`, especially `compile` which internally uses this method.

**Examples**

```
data(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi)
model <- rodeo$new(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi, dim=c(1))
fortranCode <- model$generate(lang="f95")
## Not run:
write(fortranCode, file="")

## End(Not run)
```

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getPars

*Query Values of Parameters*

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### Description

Query values of parameters of a [rodeo](#)-based model.

### Arguments

asArray	Logical. If FALSE, the values of parameters are returned as vector irrespective of the model's spatial resolution. If TRUE, the values are returned as an <a href="#">array</a> with properly named dimensions. The array's last dimension represents the parameters and its first (fastest cycling) dimension, if any, refers to the model's highest spatial dimension.
useNames	Logical. Used to enable/disable element names for the return vector when asArray is FALSE. The names follow the pattern 'x.i.j' where 'x' is the parameter name and 'i', 'j' are indices of the sub-units in the first and second spatial dimension. The actual suffix is controlled by the number of dimensions and in the 0-dimensional case, no suffix is applied at all, i.e. the pure parameter names are used to label the elements of the vector. If isArray is TRUE, this argument is simply ignored, hence the dimensions of a returned array are always named.

### Value

A numeric vector or array.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

The corresponding 'set' method is [setPars](#) and examples can be found there. Use [getVarS](#) to query the values of variables rather than parameters.

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getVarS

*Query Values of State Variables*

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### Description

Query values of state variables of a [rodeo](#)-based model.

**Arguments**

asArray	Logical. If FALSE, the values of variables are returned as vector irrespective of the model's spatial resolution. If TRUE, the values are returned as an <a href="#">array</a> with properly named dimensions. The array's last dimension represents the variables and its first (fastest cycling) dimension, if any, refers to the model's highest spatial dimension.
useNames	Logical. Used to enable/disable element names for the return vector when asArray is FALSE. The names follow the pattern 'x.i.j' where 'x' is the variable name and 'i', 'j' are indices of the sub-units in the first and second spatial dimension. The actual suffix is controlled by the number of dimensions and in the 0-dimensional case, no suffix is applied at all, i.e. the pure variable names are used to label the elements of the vector. If isArray is TRUE, this argument is simply ignored, hence the dimensions of a returned array are always named.

**Value**

A numeric vector or array.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

The corresponding 'set' method is [setVars](#) and examples can be found there. Use [getPars](#) to query the values of parameters rather than variables.

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initialize

*Initialize a rodeo Object*

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**Description**

Initializes an object of the [rodeo-class](#) with data frames holding the specification of an ODE system.

**Arguments**

vars	Declaration of state variables appearing in the ODE system. Data frame with mandatory columns 'name', 'unit', 'description'.
pars	Declaration of parameters (i.e. constants) appearing in the ODE system. Data frame with the same mandatory columns as vars.
funcs	Declaration of functions being referenced in the ODE system. Data frame with the same mandatory columns as vars or NULL if no function calls are present at the ODEs' right-hand sides.
pros	Declaration of process rates. Data frame with mandatory columns 'name', 'unit', 'description', 'expression'.

<code>stoi</code>	Declaration of stoichiometric factors. A data frame with mandatory columns 'variable', 'process', 'expression', if <code>asMatrix</code> is FALSE. The 'expression' column holds the stoichiometric factors. If <code>asMatrix</code> is TRUE, this must be a matrix of type character with row names (processes) and column names (variables). Empty or NA matrix elements are interpreted as zero stoichiometry factors.
<code>asMatrix</code>	Logical. Specifies whether stoichiometry information is given in matrix or data base format.
<code>dim</code>	An integer vector, specifying the number of boxes in each spatial dimension. Use <code>c(1)</code> to create a zero-dimensional (i.e. single-box) model. This is the default. Use, e.g. <code>c(5)</code> to create a 1-dimensional model with 5 boxes. To create, e.g., a 2-dimensional model with 4 x 5 boxes, use <code>c(4, 5)</code> .

### Value

The method is called implicitly for its side effects when a `rodeo` object is instantiated with `new`. It has no accessible return value.

### Note

The mandatory fields of the input data frames should be of type character. Additional fields may be present in these data frames and the contents becomes part of the `rodeo` object. The 'expression' fields of `pros` and `stoi` (or the contents of the stoichiometry matrix) should be valid mathematical expressions in R and Fortran. These can involve the names of declared state variables, parameters, and functions as well as numeric constants or basic math operators. Branching or loop constructs are not allowed (but these can appear inside referenced functions). There are currently few reserved words that cannot be used as variable, parameter, function, or process names. The reserved words are 'time', 'left', and 'right'.

Initialization does not assign numeric values to state variables or parameters. Use the dedicated methods `setVars` and `setPars` for that purpose.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

See the package vignette for examples.

### Examples

```
data(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi)
model <- rodeo$new(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi, dim=c(1))
print(model)
```

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initStepper	<i>Initialize Internal ODE Solver</i>
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**Description**

Initializes rodeo's built-in ODE solver. This method must be called prior to using [step](#). Only works with Fortran, not plain R.

**Arguments**

sources	Name(s) of fortran source file(s) where a module with the fixed name 'functions' is implemented. This module must contain all user-defined functions referenced in process rates or stoichiometric factors. Can be NULL, the name of a single file, or a vector of file names if the Fortran code is split over several files.
method	Name of a the solver. Currently, 'rk5' is the only supported value (Runge-Kutta method of Cash and Karp).

**Value**

invisible(NULL)

**Note**

After this method was called, [step](#) can be used to perform the integration.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

To perform integration with the solvers from package [deSolve](#) use [compile](#) instead of this method.

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libFunc	<i>Return name of library function</i>
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**Description**

Return the name of the library function for use with [deSolve](#) or [rootSolve](#) methods.

**Value**

The name of the function to compute derivatives which is contained in the library built with [compile](#). This name has to be supplied as the func argument of the solver methods in [deSolve](#) or [rootSolve](#).

**Author(s)**

<david.kneis@tu-dresden.de>

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libName	<i>Return library name</i>
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**Description**

Return the pure name of the shared library for use with [deSolve](#) or [rootSolve](#) methods.

**Value**

The base name of the shared library file created with [compile](#) after stripping of the the platform specific extension. This name has to be supplied as the `dllname` argument of the solver methods in [deSolve](#) or [rootSolve](#).

**Author(s)**

<david.kneis@tu-dresden.de>

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pars	<i>Declaration of Parameters</i>
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**Description**

Declaration of parameters of the bacteria growth example model.

**Format**

A data frame with the following fields:

**name** : Name of the parameter

**unit** : Unit

**description** : Short description (text)

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plotStoichiometry      *Plot Qualitative Stoichiometry Matrix*

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### Description

Visualizes the stoichiometry matrix using standard plot methods. The sign of stoichiometric factors is displayed as upward and downward pointing triangles. Also visualized are dependencies of process rates on variables.

### Arguments

box	A positive integer pointing to a spatial sub-unit of the model.
time	Time. The value is ignored in the case of autonomous models.
cex	Character expansion factor.
colPositive	Color for positive stoichiometric factors.
colNegative	Color for negative stoichiometric factors.
colInteract	Color used to highlight dependencies.
colBack	Color of background.
colGrid	Color of a grid.
lwdGrid	Grid line width.
translateVars	Optional function to recode variable labels. Must take the original vector as argument and return the altered version.
translatePros	Optional function to recode process labels. Must take the original vector as argument and return the altered version.

### Note

The values of state variables and parameters must have been set using the [setVars](#) and [setPars](#) methods. If the stoichiometric factors are mathematical expressions involving function references, these functions must be defined in R (even if the numerical computations are based on generated Fortran code).

### Author(s)

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### See Also

See other methods of the [rodeo-class](#) or [stoichiometry](#) for computing the stoichiometric factors only. Alternative options for displaying stoichiometry information are described in the package vignette.

**Examples**

```

data(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi)
model <- rodeo$new(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi, dim=c(1))
model$setVars(c(bac=0.1, sub=0.5))
model$setPars(c(mu=0.8, half=0.1, yield= 0.1, vol=1000, flow=50, sub_in=1))
monod <- function(c,h) {c/(c+h)}
model$plotStoichiometry(box=c(1))

```

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pros	<i>Declaration of Processes</i>
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**Description**

Definition of processes of the bacteria growth example model.

**Format**

A data frame with the following fields:

- name** : Name of the process
- unit** : Unit of the rate expression
- description** : Short description (text)
- expression** : Mathematical expression (as a string)

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rodeo-class	rodeo <i>Class</i>
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**Description**

This documents the rodeo class to represent an ODE-based model. See the [rodeo-package](#) main page or type `help(package="rodeo")` for an introduction to the package of the same name.

**Fields**

- prosTbl** A data frame with fields 'name', 'unit', 'description', and 'expression' defining the process rates.
- stoiTbl** A data frame with fields 'variable', 'process', and 'expression' representing the stoichiometry matrix in data base format.
- varsTbl** A data frame with fields 'name', 'unit', 'description' declaring the state variables of the model. The declared names become valid identifiers to be used in the expression fields of **prosTbl** or **stoiTbl**.
- parsTbl** A data frame of the same structure as **vars** declaring the parameters of the model. The declared names become valid identifiers to be used in the expression fields of **prosTbl** or **stoiTbl**.

`funsTbl` A data frame of the same structure as `vars` declaring any functions referenced in the expression fields of `prosTbl` or `stoiTbl`.

`dim` Integer vector specifying the spatial dimensions.

`vars` Numeric vector, holding values of state variables.

`pars` Numeric vector, holding values of parameters.

### Class methods

For most of the methods below, a separate help page is available describing its arguments and usage.

- `initialize` Initialization method for new objects.
- `namesVars`, `namesPars`, `namesFuns`, `namesPros` Functions returning the names of declared state variables, parameters, functions, and processes, respectively (character vectors). No arguments.
- `lenVars`, `lenPars`, `lenFuns`, `lenPros` Functions returning the number of declared state variables, parameters, functions and processes, respectively (integer). No arguments.
- `getVarsTable`, `getParsTable`, `getFunsTable`, `getProsTable`, `getStoiTable` Functions returning the data frames used to initialize the object. No arguments
- `getDim` Returns the spatial dimensions as an integer vector. No arguments.
- `compile` Compiles a Fortran library for use with numerical methods from packages `deSolve` or `rootSolve`.
- `generate` Translate the ODE-model specification into a function that computes process rates and the state variables' derivatives (either in R or Fortran). Consider to use the high-level method `compile`.
- `setVars` Assign values to state variables.
- `setPars` Assign values to parameters.
- `getVars` Returns the values of state variables.
- `getPars` Returns the values of parameters.
- `stoichiometry` Returns the stoichiometry matrix, either evaluated (numeric) or as text.
- `plotStoichiometry` Plots qualitative stoichiometry information.

### See Also

See the [rodeo-package](#) main page or type `help(package="rodeo")` to find the documentation of any non-class methods contained in the `rodeo` package.

### Examples

```
## Example using high-level functions: Epidemiological SEIR model

# Import model from workbook shipped with this package
m <- buildFromWorkbook(system.file("models/SEIR.xlsx",
  package="rodeo"))

# Set parameters and initial state (defaults stored in workbook)
```

```

p <- m$getParsTable()
m$setPars(setNames(p$default, p$name))

v <- m$getVarsTable()
m$setVars(setNames(v$default, v$name))

# Run a dynamic simulations and print parts of the result
sim <- m$dynamics(time=1:30, fortran=FALSE)
print(head(sim))
print(tail(sim))

### Example using low-level functions: Bacterial growth in bioreactor

# Creation of model object (data frames shipped as package data)
data(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi)
model <- rodeo$new(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi, dim=c(1))

# Assignment of parameters and initial values
model$setPars(c(mu=0.8, half=0.1, yield= 0.1, vol=1000,
  flow=50, sub_in=1))
model$setVars(c(bac=0.01, sub=0))

# Implementation of functions declared in 'funs'
monod <- function(c,h) {c/(c+h)}

# Creation of derivatives function in a low-level way; calling
# the 'compile' method is a more convenient alternative
code <- model$generate(name="derivs", lang="r")
derivs <- eval(parse(text=code))

# Explicit call of an integrator from the deSolve package
times <- 0:96
out <- deSolve::ode(y=model$getVars(), times=times, func=derivs,
  parms=model$getPars())
colnames(out) <- c("time", model$namesVars(), model$namesPros())
plot(out)

```

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scenarios

*Run a zero-dimensional model, possibly for multiple scenarios*


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### Description

Triggers dynamic simulation(s) of a 0D model for one to many scenarios. The individual scenarios can differ by the initial state or the values of parameters. Optionally produces basic plots.

### Arguments

**times** Numeric vector defining the times for which the future state of the system is computed.

scenarios	Either NULL or a named list, each element of which defines a scenario to be considered. In the latter case, list elements must be (named) numeric vectors used to update the initial values and parameters provided as defaults in the workbook from which the model was imported. The vectors for the individual scenarios can differ in length but their length could also be consistent across scenarios. If scenarios is set to NULL, only the default scenario will be run. See details and examples.
fortran	Logical. Passed to the respective argument of <a href="#">dynamics</a> .
plot.vars	Logical. Plot the dynamics of all state variables?
plot.pros	Logical. Plot the dynamics of process rates?
leg	Keyword to set the position of the legend (if plots are created).
mar	Numeric vector of length 4 to control figure margins. See the mar tag of <a href="#">par</a> .
...	Possible optional arguments passed to the numerical solver, namely <a href="#">lsoda</a> . Can be used, for example, to limit the maximum step size through the hmax argument if boundary vary on short time scales.

### Value

A data frame with at least three columns and one row for each time requested via the times argument. The first column indicates the scenario, the second column holds the time, and further columns hold the values of state variables and process rates.

### Note

If the scenarios argument is used to update initial values and / or parameters, the following applies: For each parameter not being included (by name) in the vector for a particular scenario, the default value will be used (as stored in the workbook from which the model was imported). The same is true for the initial values of variables. See the examples below.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

Look at [buildFromWorkbook](#) for how to create a suitable model object.

### Examples

```
# build the model
m <- buildFromWorkbook(system.file("models/SEIR.xlsx", package="rodeo"))

# run with defaults
x <- m$scenarios(times=0:30, scenarios=NULL)

# run with updated values
x <- m$scenarios(times=0:30,
  scenarios=list(default=c(t=1, i=0.2, r=0.4), fast=c(t=1, i=0.5, r=0.1))
)
```

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`setPars`*Assign Values to Parameters*

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**Description**

Assign values to parameters of a [rodeo](#)-based model.

**Arguments**

x                    A numeric vector or array, depending on the model's spatial dimensions. Consult the help page of the sister method [setVars](#) for details on the required input.

**Value**

NULL (invisible). The assigned numeric data are stored in the object and can be accessed by the [getPars](#) method.

**Note**

Look at the notes and examples for the [setVars](#) method.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

The corresponding 'get' method is [getPars](#). Use [setVars](#) to assign values to variables rather than parameters. Consult the help page of the latter function for examples.

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`setVars`*Assign Values to State Variables*

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**Description**

Assign values to state variables of a [rodeo](#)-based model.

**Arguments**

x                    A numeric vector or array, depending on the model's spatial dimensions. See details below.

**Value**

NULL (invisible). The assigned numeric data are stored in the object and can be accessed by the [getVars](#) method.

**Note**

For a 0-dimensional model (i.e. a model without spatial resolution), `x` must be a numeric vector whose length equals the number of state variables. The element names of `x` must match those returned by the object's `namesVars` method. See the examples for how to bring the vector elements into required order.

For models with a spatial resolution, `x` must be a numeric array of proper dimensions. The last dimension (cycling slowest) corresponds to the variables and the first dimension (cycling fastest) corresponds to the models' highest spatial dimension. Thus, `dim(x)` must be equal to `c(rev(obj$getDim()), obj$namesVars())` where `obj` is the object whose variables are to be assigned. The names of the array's last dimension must match the return value of `obj$namesVars()`.

In the common 1-dimensional case, this just means that `x` must be a matrix with column names matching the return value of `obj$namesVars()` and as many rows as given by `obj$getDim()`.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

The corresponding 'get' method is [getVar](#)s. Use [setPars](#) to assign values to parameters rather than variables.

**Examples**

```
data(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi)
x0 <- c(bac=0.1, sub=0.5)

# 0-dimensional model
model <- rodeo$new(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi, dim=c(1))
model$setVars(x0)
print(model$getVars())

# How to sort vector elements
x0 <- c(sub=0.5, bac=0.1)          # doesn't match order of variables
model$setVars(x0[model$namesVars()])

# 1-dimensional model with 3 boxes
nBox <- 3
model <- rodeo$new(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi, dim=c(nBox))
x1 <- matrix(rep(x0, each=nBox), nrow=nBox, ncol=model$lenVars(),
             dimnames=list(NULL, model$namesVars()))
model$setVars(x1)
print(model$getVars())
print(model$getVars(asArray=TRUE))

# 2-dimensional model with 3 x 4 boxes
model <- rodeo$new(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi, dim=c(3,4))
x2 <- array(rep(x0, each=3*4), dim=c(4,3,model$lenVars()),
            dimnames=list(dim2=NULL, dim1=NULL, variables=model$namesVars()))
model$setVars(x2)
```

```
print(model$getVars())
print(model$getVars(asArray=TRUE))
```

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step

*Numerical Integration Over a Single Time Step*


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### Description

Performs integration over a single time step using a built-in ODE solver. At present, a single solver is implement with limited options. The interface of this method may change when support for other solvers is added.

### Arguments

<code>t0</code>	Numeric. Initial time.
<code>h</code>	Numeric. Length of time step of interest.
<code>hmin</code>	Minimum tolerated internal step size. The default of NULL sets this to 10 times the value of <code>.Machine\$double.eps</code> .
<code>maxsteps</code>	Maximum tolerated number of sub-steps.
<code>tol</code>	Numeric. Relative accuracy requested. This is currently a global value, i.e. one cannot set the accuracy per state variable.
<code>method</code>	String. Currently, 'rk5' is the only method implemented. This is a Runge-Kutta Cash-Karp solver adapted from Press et al. (2002), Numerical recipes in Fortran 90. It is designed to handle non-stiff problems only.
<code>check</code>	Logical. Can be used to avoid repeated checks of arguments. This may increase performance in repeated calls.

### Value

A named numeric vector holding the values of state variables and process rates in all boxes.

### Note

This method can only be used after a call to `initStepper` has been made.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

Use `deSolve` for advanced solvers with more options and capabilities to handle stiff problems.

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stoi	<i>Specification of Stoichiometry</i>
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**Description**

Definition of the links between simulated processes and state variables in the bacteria growth example model.

**Format**

A data frame with the following fields:

**variable :** Name of the state variable

**process :** Name of the process

**expression :** Mathematical expression (as a string)

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stoiCheck	<i>Validation of a Stoichiometry Matrix</i>
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**Description**

Validates the stoichiometry matrix by checking for conservation of mass (more typically conservation of moles).

**Usage**

```
stoiCheck(stoi, comp, env = globalenv(), zero = .Machine$double.eps * 2)
```

**Arguments**

stoi	Stoichiometry matrix either in evaluated ( <b>numeric</b> ) or non-evaluated ( <b>character</b> ) form. A suitable matrix can be created with <code>stoiCreate</code> , for example.
comp	Matrix defining the elemental composition of compounds. Column names of <code>comp</code> need to match column names of <code>stoi</code> (but additional columns are allowed and columns can be in different order). There must be one row per element whose balance is to be checked and the elements' names must appear as row names. The elements of the matrix specify how much of an element is contained in a certain amount of a compound. Typically, these are molar ratios. If one works with mass ratios (not being a good idea), the information in <code>stoi</code> must be based on mass concentrations as well. The elements of <code>comp</code> are treated as mathematical expressions. Any variables, functions, or operators needed to evaluate those expressions must be provided by the specified environment <code>env</code> .
env	An environment or list supplying constants, functions, and operators needed to evaluate expressions in <code>comp</code> or <code>stoi</code> .
zero	A number close to zero. If the absolute result value of a mass balance computation is less than this, the result is set to 0 (exactly).

**Value**

A numeric matrix with the following properties:

- There is one row for each process, thus the number and names of rows are the same as in `stoi`.
- There is one column per checked element, hence column names are equal to the row names of `comp`.
- A matrix element at position  $[i, k]$  represent the mass balance for the process in row  $i$  with respect to the element in column  $k$ . A value of zero indicates a close balance. Positive (negative) values indicate that mass is gained (lost) in the respective process.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

Use [stoiCreate](#) to create a stoichiometry matrix from a set of reactions in common notation.

**Examples**

```
# Eq. 1 and 2 are from Soetaert et al. (1996), Geochimica et Cosmochimica
# Acta, 60 (6), 1019-1040. 'OM' is organic matter. Constants 'nc' and 'pc'
# represent the nitrogen/carbon and phosphorus/carbon ratio, respectively.
reactions <- c(
  oxicDegrad= "OM + O2 -> CO2 + nc * NH3 + pc * H3PO4 + H2O",
  denitrific= "OM + 0.8*HN03 -> CO2 + nc*NH3 + 0.4*N2 + pc*H3PO4 + 1.4*H2O",
  dissPhosp1= "H3PO4 <-> H + H2PO4",
  dissPhosp2= "H2PO4 <-> H + HPO4"
)
# Non-evaluated stoichiometry matrix
stoi <- stoiCreate(reactions, toRight="_f", toLeft="_b")
# Parameters ('nc' and 'pc' according to Redfield ratio)
pars <- list(nc=16/106, pc=1/106)
# Elemental composition
comp <- rbind(
  OM= c(C=1, N="nc", P="pc", H="2 + 3*nc + 3*pc"),
  O2= c(C=0, N=0, P=0, H=0),
  CO2= c(C=1, N=0, P=0, H=0),
  NH3= c(C=0, N=1, P=0, H=3),
  H3PO4= c(C=0, N=0, P=1, H=3),
  H2PO4= c(C=0, N=0, P=1, H=2),
  HPO4= c(C=0, N=0, P=1, H=1),
  H2O= c(C=0, N=0, P=0, H=2),
  HN03= c(C=0, N=1, P=0, H=1),
  N2= c(C=0, N=2, P=0, H=0),
  H= c(C=0, N=0, P=0, H=1)
)
# We need the transposed form
comp <- t(comp)
# Mass balance check
bal <- stoiCheck(stoi, comp=comp, env=pars)
```

```
print(bal)
print(colSums(bal) == 0)
```

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 stoichiometry

*Return the Stoichiometry Matrix*


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### Description

Return and optionally evaluate the mathematical expression appearing in the stoichiometry matrix.

### Arguments

box	Either NULL or a vector of positive integers pointing to a spatial sub-unit of the model. If NULL, the mathematical expressions appearing in the stoichiometry matrix are not evaluated, hence, they are returned as character strings. If a spatial sub-unit is specified, a numeric matrix is returned. In the latter case, the values of state variables and parameters must have been set using the <a href="#">setVars</a> and <a href="#">setPars</a> methods.
time	Time. The value is ignored in the case of autonomous models.

### Value

A matrix of numeric or character type, depending on the value of box.

### Note

If the stoichiometric factors are mathematical expressions involving function references, these functions must be defined in R (even if the numerical computations are based on generated Fortran code).

### Author(s)

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### See Also

See other methods of the [rodeo-class](#) or [plotStoichiometry](#) for a graphical representation of the stoichiometric factors only.

### Examples

```
data(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi)
model <- rodeo$new(vars, pars, funs, pros, stoi, dim=c(1))
model$setPars(c(mu=0.8, half=0.1, yield= 0.1, vol=1000, flow=50, sub_in=1))
model$setVars(c(bac=0.1, sub=0.5))
monod <- function(c,h) {c/(c+h)}
print(model$stoichiometry(box=NULL))
print(model$stoichiometry(box=c(1)))
```

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`stoiCreate`*Stoichiometry Matrix from Reaction Equations*

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### Description

Creates a stoichiometry matrix from a set of reaction equations.

### Usage

```
stoiCreate(  
  reactions,  
  eval = FALSE,  
  env = globalenv(),  
  toRight = "_forward",  
  toLeft = "_backward"  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>reactions</code>	A named vector of character strings, each representing a (chemical) reaction. See syntax details below.
<code>eval</code>	Logical. If FALSE (default), the returned matrix is of type <code>character</code> and any mathematical expressions are returned as text. If TRUE, an attempt is made to return a <code>numeric</code> matrix by evaluating the expression making use <code>env</code> .
<code>env</code>	Only relevant if <code>eval</code> is TRUE. Must be an environment or list supplying constants, functions, and operators needed to evaluate expressions in the generated matrix.
<code>toRight</code>	Only relevant for reversible reactions. The passed character string is appended to the name of the respective element of <code>reactions</code> to create a unique name for the forward reaction.
<code>toLeft</code>	Like <code>toRight</code> , but this is the suffix for the backward reaction.

### Value

A matrix with the following properties:

- The number of columns equals the total number of components present in `reactions`. The components' names are used as column names.
- The number of rows equals the length of `reactions` plus the number of reversible reactions. Thus, a single row is created for each non-reversible reaction but two rows are created for reversible ones. The latter represent the forward and backward reaction (in that order). The row names are constructed from the names of `reactions`, making use of the suffixes `toRight` and `toLeft` in the case of reversible reactions.
- The matrix is filled with the stoichiometric factors extracted from `reactions`. Empty elements are set to zero.
- The type of the matrix (`character` or `numeric`) depends on the value of `eval`.

**Note**

The syntax rules for reaction equations are as follows (see examples):

- There must be a left hand side and a right hand side. Sides must be separated by one of the arrows ' $\rightarrow$ ', ' $\leftarrow$ ', or ' $\leftrightarrow$ ' with the latter indicating a reversible reaction.
- Names of component(s) must appear at each side of the reaction. These must be legal row/column names in R. If multiple components are consumed or produced, they must be separated by '+'.  
 $\text{A} + 2 * \text{B} \rightarrow \text{S}$
- Any stoichiometric factors need to appear before the respective component name using '\*' as the separating character. Stoichiometric factors being equal to unity can be omitted.
- A stoichiometric factor is treated as a mathematical expression. In common cases, it is just a numeric constant. However, the expression can also involve references to variables or functions. If such an expression contains math operators '\*' or '+' it needs to be enclosed in parenthesis.

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**See Also**

Use [stoiCheck](#) to validate the mass balance of the generated matrix.

**Examples**

```
# EXAMPLE 1: From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petersen_matrix (July 2016)
#
reactions <- c(
  formS= "A + 2 * B -> S",
  equiES= "E + S <-> ES",
  decoES= "ES -> E + P"
)
stoi <- stoiCreate(reactions, eval=TRUE, toRight="_f", toLeft="_b")
print(stoi)

# EXAMPLE 2: Decomposition of organic matter (selected equations only)
#
# Eq. 1 and 2 are from Soetaert et al. (1996), Geochimica et Cosmochimica
# Acta, 60 (6), 1019-1040. 'OM' is organic matter. Constants 'nc' and 'pc'
# represent the nitrogen/carbon and phosphorus/carbon ratio, respectively.
reactions <- c(
  oxicDegrad= "OM + O2 -> CO2 + nc * NH3 + pc * H3PO4 + H2O",
  denitrific= "OM + 0.8*HN03 -> CO2 + nc*NH3 + 0.4*N2 + pc*H3PO4 + 1.4*H2O",
  dissPhosp1= "H3PO4 <-> H + H2PO4",
  dissPhosp2= "H2PO4 <-> H + HPO4"
)
# Non-evaluated matrix
stoi <- stoiCreate(reactions, toRight="_f", toLeft="_b")
print(stoi)
# Evaluated matrix ('nc' and 'pc' according to Redfield ratio)
pars <- list(nc=16/106, pc=1/106)
```

```
stoi <- stoiCreate(reactions, eval=TRUE, env=pars, toRight="_f", toLeft="_b")
print(stoi)
```

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vars

*Declaration of Variables*

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### **Description**

Declaration of variables of the bacteria growth example model.

### **Format**

A data frame with the following fields:

**name :** Name of the variable

**unit :** Unit

**description :** Short description (text)

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