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**Description** This calculates the Quandle, Rack and Degenerate Homology groups of Racks and Biracks (as well as Quandles and Biquandles). In addition, a test is provided to ascertain if a given set with one or two given functions is indeed a biquandle or not.

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quhomology-package      *Calculation of Homology groups of a rack/birack*

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## Description

This package provides the functionality to calculate the rack, quandle and degenerate Homology groups of a given rack or birack.

## Details

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~~ An overview of how to use the package, including the most important functions ~~

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## References

<http://www.maths.sussex.ac.uk/Staff/RAF/Maths/homo.pdf>

## Examples

#Using the up and down action as provided for the dihedral quandle, we can then calculate:

```
#$H_3^R(R_3)$ by
homology(3,3,FALSE)
```

```
#$H_3^Q(R_3)$ by
homology(3,3,TRUE)
```

```

#H_3^D(R_3) by
degenerate_homology(3,3)

```

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boundary\_matrix      *This function calculates a boundary matrix.*

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### Description

This function calculates the boundary matrix for rack/birack for both the quandle and rack homology case. In particular, this is a representation of the boundary function in the simplicial complex of the rack/birack.

### Usage

```
boundary_matrix(degree, k, degenerate = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

degree	This is the degree of the Homology group, that is, if one wants to calculate $H_3$ , then degree=3. A positive integer.
k	This describes the order of the underlying rack or birack. A positive integer.
degenerate	If degenerate=TRUE, this calculates the boundary matrix for the quandle homology. If FALSE, the boundary matrix for the rack homology case is returned.

### Details

This functions takes all words (or just the non-degenerate ones) of length  $degree$  in the rack/biquandle (which are represented by  $Z_k$ ) and then calculates their boundary via the following equation. For this, let  $x=(x_i)_{0^{degree-1}}$  be an element of the rack/birack and let  $n:=degree-1$ .  $\partial(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i (x_0 \dots (\hat{x}_i) \dots x_n) - (x_0 \dots x_{i-1} \hat{x}_i \dots x_{i+1} \dots x_n \dots x_i)$ , where  $\hat{x}_i$  means except  $x_i$ . If this is a rack rather than a birack, remember that  $f_a()=Id$ .

### Value

A Matrix.

### References

<http://www.maths.sussex.ac.uk/Staff/RAF/Maths/homo.pdf>

### See Also

[link{boundary\\_matrix\\_degenerate}](#)

### Examples

```
boundary_matrix(3,3,TRUE)
```

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 boundary\_matrix\_degenerate

*Calculation of boundary matrix for degenerate Homology.*


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### Description

This function returns the boundary matrix of a rack/birack necessary to calculate the degenerate Homology of the same. In particular, this is a representation of the boundary function in the simplicial complex of the rack/birack.

### Usage

```
boundary_matrix_degenerate(degree, k)
```

### Arguments

degree	This is the degree of the Homology group, that is, if one wants to calculate $H_3$ , then degree=3. A positive integer.
k	This describes the order of the underlying rack or birack. A positive integer.

### Details

This functions takes all degenerate words of length  $\text{degree}$  in the rack/biquandle (which are represented by  $Z_k$ ) and then calculates their boundary via the following equation. For this, let  $x=(x_i)_0^{\text{degree}-1}$  be an element of the rack/birack and let  $n:=\text{degree}-1$ .  $\partial(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i ((x_0 \dots (\hat{x}_i) \dots x_n) - (x_0 \dots x_{i-1} \hat{x}_i x_{i+1} \dots x_n))$ , where  $\hat{x}_i$  means except  $x_i$ . If this is a rack rather than a birack, remember that  $f_a() = \text{Id}$ .

### Value

A matrix.

### References

<http://www.maths.sussex.ac.uk/Staff/RAF/Maths/homo.pdf>

### See Also

[boundary\\_matrix](#)

### Examples

```
boundary_matrix_degenerate(3,3)
```

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boundary_names	<i>Calculation of boundary elements for quandle and rack boundary matrix</i>
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### Description

This functions calculates the row and column names for both the quandle and the rack boundary matrix.

### Usage

```
boundary_names(degree, k, degenerate)
```

### Arguments

degree	Length of elements to be calculated. A positive integer.
k	Order of underlying rack/birack. This will be passed on to up/down action, if necessary. A positive integer.
degenerate	If true, remove degenerate entries (and hence calculate the names for the quandle boundary matrix). TRUE/FALSE.

### Details

This calculates all possible permutations of elements in  $Z_k$  of length  $degree$ . If `degenerate` is true, it loops through all of them, removing the degenerate ones (that is, those where  $x_i = x_{i+1}$ , for an element  $x = (x_i)_0^{degree}$ ).

### Value

A matrix with  $degree$  columns.

### See Also

[boundary\\_names\\_degenerate](#), [boundary\\_matrix](#)

### Examples

```
boundary_names(3, 3, TRUE)
```

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boundary\_names\_degenerate

*Calculation of degenerate boundary elements for boundary matrix*

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### Description

This functions calculates the row and column names for the degenerate boundary matrix.

### Usage

```
boundary_names_degenerate(degree, k)
```

### Arguments

degree	Length of elements to be calculated. A positive integer
k	Order of underlying rack/birack. This will be passed on to up/down action, if necessary. A positive integer.

### Details

This calculates all possible permutations of elements in  $Z_k$  of length  $degree$ . If `degenerate` is true, it loops through all of them, removing the non-degenerate ones (that is, those where  $x_i \neq x_{i+1}$  for all  $i=0, \dots, degree-1$ , for an element  $x=(x_i)_0^{degree}$ ).

### Value

A matrix, where the rows represent the elements.

### See Also

[boundary\\_matrix\\_degenerate](#), [boundary\\_names](#)

### Examples

```
boundary_names_degenerate(3, 3)
```

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degenerate\_homology     *Calculates the degenerate Homology for a rack/birack.*

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### Description

This function calculates the degenerate homology group of a given rack or birack.

### Usage

```
degenerate_homology(degree, k, return_values = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

degree	This is the degree of the Homology group, that is, if one wants to calculate $H^D_3$ , then degree=3.
k	This describes the order of the underlying rack or birack.
return_values	If return_values = TRUE, the functions returns the diagonal of the Smith Normal Form. If FALSE (the default), the function calls output_results instead which prints the homology group to the screen.

### Details

This function is based on the algorithm described in the references below. It should be sufficient for most users to change the up/down action functions according to their requirements and then run the calculation.

### Value

NULL if return\_values is FALSE, the diagonal of the Smith Normal Form if return\_values is TRUE.

### References

<http://www.maths.sussex.ac.uk/Staff/RAF/Maths/homo.pdf>

### See Also

[homology output\\_results](#)

### Examples

```
degenerate_homology(3,3)
```

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down\_action

*The down action for a birack or biquandle.*


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### Description

This functions defines the down action for a birack or biquandle. In the case of a quandle or rack, it is the identity. The definition of this functions is  $f_b(a)$ , that is,  $b$  acting on  $a$  from below.

### Usage

```
down_action(a, b, k)
```

### Arguments

<code>a</code>	This is the elements that is acted upon. An integer.
<code>b</code>	This is the element that acts. An integer.
<code>k</code>	This is the order of the biquandle. It is not always required, but passed on nevertheless. An integer.

### Details

This can (and should) be changed by the user if s/he requires a different down action. It could be implemented as a matrix lookup, a function or some other way. Examples for the first two options are below.

### Value

An integer, representing an element in the birack or rack.

### References

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biquandle> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racks\\_and\\_quandles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racks_and_quandles)

### See Also

[up\\_action](#)

### Examples

```
## Example for version with function (for a dihedral quandle)
down_action <- function (a, b, k){
  result <- (2 * b - a)%k
  return(as.integer(result))
}
```

```
##Example for matrix lookup (for commutative quandle over S_3, in which case k = 6)
```



```

down_action <- function (a, b, k){
  #first define the action matrix
  action_matrix <- rbind(c(0,0,0,0,0,0),c(1,1,5,5,2,2),c(2,5,2,1,5,1),
    c(3,4,4,3,4,4),c(4,3,3,3,4,3),c(5,2,1,2,1,5))
  result <-action_matrix[a + 1, b + 1]
  return(as.integer(result))
}

##example for quandles/racks
down_action <- function (a, b, k){

  return(a)
}

```

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GaussianElimination     *Calculation of Gaussian Form of a matrix.*

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### Description

This function calculates the Gaussian Form of a Matrix as well as the "row change" multiplication matrix, in short, both  $N$  (the Gaussian Form) and  $X$  for a matrix  $G$  of the form:  $N = X G Y$

### Usage

```
GaussianElimination(A, B, tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),
  verbose = FALSE, fractions = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

A	A Matrix to be turned into Gaussian Form.
B	An identity matrix, which will be returned as the row change multiplication matrix.
tol	Tolerance for checking for 0 pivot.
verbose	If TRUE, print intermediate steps.
fractions	If true, try to express nonintegers as rational numbers.

### Value

A matrix

### Author(s)

John Fox

**References**

<http://socserv.mcmaster.ca/jfox/Courses/R-course-Berkeley/>

**See Also**

[rref](#)

**Examples**

```
test_mat <- matrix(c(2,4,4, -6,6,12, 10,-4,-16), nrow=3, ncol=3, byrow=TRUE)
identity_mat <- diag(3)
GaussianElimination(test_mat,identity_mat)
```

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homology

*Calculation of quandle and rack homology groups of a rack / birack.*

---

**Description**

This function calculates the quandle and rack homology groups of a given rack or birack.

**Usage**

```
homology(degree, k, quandle = TRUE, return_values = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

degree	This is the degree of the Homology group, that is, if one wants to calculate $H_3$ , then degree=3.
k	This describes the order of the underlying rack or birack.
quandle	If quandle=TRUE, this calculates the quandle homology group. If FALSE, the rack homology is calculated.
return_values	If return_values = TRUE, the functions returns the diagonal of the Smith Normal Form. If FALSE (the default), the function calls output_results instead which prints the homology group to the screen.

**Details**

This function is based on the algorithm described in the references below. It should be sufficient for most users to change the up/down action functions according to their requirements and then run the calculation.

**Value**

NULL if return\_values is FALSE, the diagonal of the Smith Normal Form if return\_values is TRUE.

**Note**

Note that the rack/birack is determined by not only  $k$ , but also by the up and down actions in [up\\_action](#) and [down\\_action](#)

**References**

<http://www.maths.sussex.ac.uk/Staff/RAF/Maths/homo.pdf>

**See Also**

[degenerate\\_homology](#) [down\\_action](#) [up\\_action](#) [output\\_results](#)

**Examples**

```
homology(3,3,TRUE)
homology(3,3,FALSE)
```

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matrix_rank	<i>Calculates the rank of a matrix.</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates the rank of a matrix, using Gaussian elimination.

**Usage**

```
matrix_rank(A)
```

**Arguments**

A                    A matrix, the rank of which one wants to know.

**Value**

An integer, the rank of the matrix.

**See Also**

[GaussianElimination](#)

**Examples**

```
test_mat <- matrix(c(2,4,4, -6,6,12, 10,-4,-16), nrow=3, ncol=3, byrow=TRUE)
matrix_rank(test_mat)
#output:
# 2
```

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output_results	<i>Function that prints the calculated homology group to the screen</i>
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### Description

This functions takes the diagonal of the Smith Normal Form of the homology representation and from this prints the homology groups.

### Usage

```
output_results(hom_type, Delta, degree, k)
```

### Arguments

hom_type	This is the type of homology group, one of degenerate (if called from degenerate_homology), quandle (if called from homology(quandle=TRUE)) and rack (if called from homology(quandle=FALSE)).
Delta	This is the diagonal of the Smith Normal Form of the homology representation.
degree	This is the degree of the Homology group, that is, if one wants to calculate $H_3$ , then degree=3.
k	This describes the order of the underlying rack or birack.

### Details

This function prints the specified homology group of the given biquandle from the diagonal of the Smith Normal Form of the representation.

In particular, all 1 give nothing, all zeros give a  $Z$  each and every other integer  $n$  gives a  $Z_n$ .

### Value

This function does return 0. Otherwise, it is only used for printing output to the screen.

### See Also

[homology degenerate\\_homology](#)

### Examples

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.
##H_2^Q(R_3):
output_results("quandle",c(1,1,1,1),2,3)
```

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row_space	<i>Row Space of a Matrix.</i>
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**Description**

This calculates the space spanned by the rows of a matrix, or, more precisely, a basis for it. This is done via calculation of the Hermite Normal Form of said matrix.

**Usage**

```
row_space(B)
```

**Arguments**

B                   The matrix whose row space one wants to know.

**Details**

Calculates row space of a matrix via its hermite normal form.

**Value**

A Matrix, consisting of the basis of the space spanned by the rows, plus potentially rows of zeros, so the dimensions of this matrix are the same as of the matrix \$B\$.

**See Also**

[hermiteNF](#)

**Examples**

```
test_mat <- matrix(c(2,4,4, -6,6,12, 10,-4,-16), nrow=3, ncol=3, byrow=TRUE)
row_space(test_mat)
```

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rref	<i>Reduced Row Echelon Form of a matrix</i>
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**Description**

Function calculates the Reduced Row Echelon Form of a matrix.

**Usage**

```
rref(A, tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps), verbose = FALSE, fractions = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

A	Matrix to be turned into Gaussian Form.
tol	Tolerance for checking for 0 pivot.
verbose	If TRUE, print intermediate steps.
fractions	If true, try to express nonintegers as rational numbers.

**Value**

A matrix

**Author(s)**

John Fox

**References**

<http://socserv.mcmaster.ca/jfox/Courses/R-course-Berkeley/>

**See Also**

[GaussianElimination](#)

**Examples**

```
test_mat <- matrix(c(2,4,4, -6,6,12, 10,-4,-16), nrow=3, ncol=3, byrow=TRUE)
rref(test_mat)
```

---

smith

*Smith Normal Form of a matrix.*

---

**Description**

This calculates the Smith Normal Form of a Matrix.

**Usage**

```
smith(S)
```

**Arguments**

S A matrix of which one wants to calculate the Smith Normal Form.

**Details**

This calculates the Smith Normal Form of a Matrix based on repeated calculation of the Hermite Normal Form of the matrix and its transpose.

**Value**

A matrix.

**See Also**

[check\\_more\\_push](#), [push\\_down](#), [hermiteNF](#)

**Examples**

```
test_mat <- matrix(c(2,4,4, -6,6,12, 10,-4,-16), nrow=3, ncol=3, byrow=TRUE)
smith(test_mat)
#####
#output:
# 2  0  0
# 0  6  0
# 0  0 12
```

---

S\_test

*Testing of possible quandle/biquandle actions*


---

**Description**

This functions tests if a given set with given operations is a biquandle (or quandle), or not.

**Usage**

```
S_test(k, return_result = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

**k** Order of set, a positive integer.

**return\_result** This variable specifies if the results of the tests should be returned (as a list, if TRUE) or if the result of the tests should be printed to the screen (if FALSE, the default).

**Details**

The test requires the user to define their own up and down actions. The different tests confirm two facts, namely, the bijectivity of the two functions  $f$ ,  $g$  is considered, as well as the bijectivity of the switch map  $S$ , via their permutations. Furthermore, via the Yang-Baxter Check, it confirm whether the Yang-Baxter equation holds for the given up and down functions or not.

**Value**

A vector with 4 boolean entries for the permutation tests for  $S$ ,  $f$  and  $g$ , respectively as well as a check that Yang-Baxter holds.

**References**

add in thesis.

**See Also**

[up\\_action](#), [down\\_action](#)

**Examples**

```
###Using the provided up/down action functions.
S_test(3)
##Output:
"The permutation checks hold that S is TRUE, f is TRUE
and g is TRUE and that the Yang-Baxter check holds TRUE."
```

---

up\_action

*The up action for a birack or biquandle.*

---

**Description**

This function defines the up action for a birack or biquandle. In the case of a quandle or rack, it is the rack or quandle action. The definition of this functions is  $f^b(a)$ , that is,  $b$  acting on  $a$  from above.

**Usage**

up\_action(a, b, k)

**Arguments**

a	This is the elements that is acted upon. An integer.
b	This is the element that acts. An integer.
k	This is the order of the biquandle. It is not always required, but passed on nevertheless. An integer.

**Details**

This can (and should) be changed by the user if s/he requires a different up action. It could be implemented as a matrix lookup, a function or some other way. Examples for the first two options are below.

**Value**

An integer, representing an element in the birack or rack.

**References**

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biquandle> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racks\\_and\\_quandles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Racks_and_quandles)



**See Also**[down\\_action](#)**Examples**

```
## Example for version with function (for a dihedral quandle)
up_action <- function (a, b, k){

  result <- (2 * b - a)%k
  return(as.integer(result))
}

##Example for matrix lookup (for commutative quandle over S_3, in which case k = 6)
up_action <- function (a, b, k){
  #first define the action matrix
  action_matrix <- rbind(c(0,0,0,0,0,0),c(1,1,5,5,2,2),c(2,5,2,1,5,1),
    c(3,4,4,3,4,4),c(4,3,3,3,4,3),c(5,2,1,2,1,5))
  result <-action_matrix[a + 1, b + 1]
  return(as.integer(result))
}
```

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