# Package 'rasterImage' 

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colorPalette Defines a color palette

## Description

This function defines a color palette and returns a vector of colors. The palettes itself are adapted from the ColorBrewer project.

## Usage

colorPalette(n = NULL, type = "spectral", inv = F)

## Arguments

n
number of colors to produce
type sets the type of color palette. See Details
inv revert the order of colors

## Details

The parameter type controls the output palette type as follows:
"spectral" spectral colors from blue to red
'specrtalHalf"' spectral colors from green to red
'green" MultiHue yellow - green
"blue" MultiHue yellow - green blue
"orange" MultiHue yellow - orange - brown
'red" MultiHue yellow - orange red
"red-white-bule",'"bwr" red - white - blue colors
"rainbow" reproduces the rainbow color set
"black-white","bw" gray scale colors
"white-black","wb" gray scale colors from white to black
"jet.colors",'"jc" dark blue to dark red
"hzdr1" HZDR cooperate design colors
'hzdr2" HZDR cooperate design colors
If a vector of color names is supported, then a customized palette will be calculated according to these colors.

## Value

returns a vector of colors to be passed to image or raster Image

## References

http://colorbrewer2.org by Cynthia A. Brewer, Geography, Pennsylvania State University

## Examples

```
# default "spectral" palette
barplot(rep(1,10), col = colorPalette(10))
# custom color palette
barplot(rep(1,10), col = colorPalette(n = 10, type = c("red","blue","yellow")))
```


## Description

The function is a wrapper for the image() function, but with a comfortable control of the z -axis and its color legend. The wrapper also supports image resizing (resolution) and png output for better export.

## Usage

```
rasterImage2(x = NULL, y = NULL, z, zlim = NULL, xlim = NULL,
        ylim = NULL, dim.max = NULL, plot.zero.line = T, regularGrid = T,
        zlab = NULL, z.cex = 0.5, z.adj = c(0.5, 0.5), z.format = "fg",
        ndz = 7, ncolors = 256, palette = "spectral", palette.inv = F,
        ...)
```


## Arguments

$x \quad x$-axis vector corresponding to the $z$-matrix
$y \quad y$-axis vector corresponding to the $z$-matrix
z numeric matrix to be plotted
zlim sets the range of the color coded z -axis
$x \lim \quad$ the $x$ limits $(x 1, x 2)$ of the plot. Note that $x 1>x 2$ is allowed and leads to a 'reversed axis'.
The default value, NULL, indicates that the range of the finite values to be plotted should be used.
ylim the $y$ limits of the plot.
dim.max defines the dimensions of the visible area of z. It automatically invokes a rescale. In case of large data sets this parameter can improve plotting speed.
plot.zero.line logical, if a line at $x=0$ and $y=0$ is to be plotted.
regularGrid logical, if FALSE then a vector plot is generated, which is the slow and standard behaviour of image. If this parameter is TRUE then a raster image is generated, which can be processed much faster, compared to the FALSE option.
zlab defines the z-label
z. cex cex value for the $z$-label. It sets the font size in relation to the global par ()\$cex value
z.adj a two component vector. It sets the left/right and top/bottom justification
z.format controls how the numbers besides the color scale are composed. It works like the format option of formatC
ndz sets the axis breaks right to the color scale
ncolors number of colors to use in the plot
palette defines the color palette to be used in the plot
palette.inv logical, if TRUE reverts the color palette
...
further arguments to the plot function, e.g. 'xlab'

## Details

The regularGrid option forces interpolation in case of irregular spacing of $x$ or $y$. All data is then projected on a regular grid. This correction invokes a spline interpolation. Missing NA values are ignored.

## Examples

```
rasterImage2( z = volcano, palette = "spectral", dim.max = c(500,100)
    ,zlab = "Height", z.adj = c(0,1) ,z.cex = 1
    ,main = "Volcano Data Set"
    )
```


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