

# Package: BagWhiskerPlot (via r-universe)

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bag_whisker	<i>Bag-and-whisker plot implementation, with outlier detection under different type-I error controls</i>
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### Description

Compute and draw a bag-and-whisker plot of bivariate data that highlights outliers under different type-I error controls. This is a thin user-facing wrapper around the internal computation and ggplot2-based plotting helpers in this package.

### Usage

```
bag_whisker(
  x,
  y,
  type1 = "unadjusted",
  q = 0.1,
  normal_inlier = FALSE,
  normal_outter = FALSE,
  asymp_dist_pv = "chisq",
  center_type = "hdepth",
  factor = 3,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  approx.limit = 300,
  show.outlier = TRUE,
  show.whiskers = TRUE,
  show.looppoints = TRUE,
  show.bagpoints = TRUE,
  show.loophull = FALSE,
  show.baghull = TRUE,
  create.plot = TRUE,
  add = FALSE,
  pch = 1,
  cex = 0.6,
  naive_bag = FALSE,
  dkmethod = 1,
  precision = 1,
  n_cores = 1,
  verbose = FALSE,
  debug.plots = "no",
  timing = FALSE,
  col.loophull = "#aaccff",
  col.looppoints = "#3355ff",
  col.baghull = "#D3D3D3",
  col.bagpoints = "#000088",
  transparency = FALSE,
```

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    show.center = TRUE,
    show.fence_mag_bag = TRUE,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

x, y	Numeric vectors giving the coordinates of the bivariate sample. You can either supply both x and y, or a two-column matrix / data frame via x and leave y missing.
type1	Character string specifying the type-I error control used in the multiple-testing step. One of "unadjusted", "FWER", "FDR", or "PFER", default "unadjusted".
q	Numeric, the control level for the multiple testing procedure, default 0.1.
normal_inlier	Logical; if TRUE, the bag is calculated based on a normal reference distribution instead of a depth-based bag, default FALSE.
normal_outter	Logical; if TRUE, the fence is calculated based on a normal reference distribution, otherwise it is obtained by magnifying the bag, default FALSE.
asympt_dist_pv	Character string; asymptotic distribution used for p-value calculation, default "chisq".
center_type	Character string; center definition, default "hdepth".
factor	Numeric; the factor lambda for "unadjusted" that controls how far the bag is magnified to obtain the fence, default 3.
na.rm	Logical; if TRUE, rows with missing values are removed, otherwise medians are used to impute, default FALSE.
approx.limit	Integer; threshold above which a subsample is used for approximating the bag-plot computation, default 300.
show.outlier	Logical; if TRUE, identified outliers are shown in the plot, default TRUE.
show.whiskers	Logical; if TRUE, whisker segments are added to the plot, default TRUE.
show.looppoints	Logical; if TRUE, data points classified as belonging to the loop are shown, default TRUE.
show.bagpoints	Logical; if TRUE, data points classified as inside the bag are shown, default TRUE.
show.loophull	Logical; if TRUE, the convex hull of the loop is drawn, default FALSE.
show.baghull	Logical; if TRUE, the convex hull of the bag is drawn, default TRUE.
create.plot	Logical; if TRUE, a plot is created for the computed bag-and-whisker representation, default TRUE.
add	Logical; if TRUE, graphical elements are added to the current plot; otherwise a new plot is started, default FALSE.
pch, cex	Graphical parameters forwarded to the plotting method to control point character and expansion.
naive_bag	Logical; if TRUE, the bag is computed without expansion, default FALSE.
dkmethod	Integer in 1:2; depth kernel method, default 1.

precision	Numeric; controls precision of hull expansion, default 1.
n_cores	Integer or NULL. If greater than 1 or NULL, uses a parallel backend (via <code>parallel::makeCluster()</code> ) for some calculation intensive loops. If NULL, uses <code>parallel::detectCores() - 1</code> cores (minimum 1). Default 1.
verbose	Logical; if TRUE, progress messages from the computational engine are printed, default FALSE.
debug.plots	Character string; controls generation of additional diagnostic plots for debugging, default no.
timing	Logical; if TRUE, prints a simple timing summary and adds a <code>timings</code> component (named numeric vector, elapsed seconds) to the returned object, default FALSE.
col.loophull	Fill colour used for the loop hull.
col.looppnts	Point colour used for the loop points.
col.baghull	Fill colour used for the bag hull.
col.bagpnts	Point colour used for the bag points.
transparency	Logical; if TRUE, semi-transparent fills are used for the bag and loop hulls, default FALSE.
show.center	Logical; if TRUE, the chosen center of the data is highlighted in the plot, default TRUE.
show.fence_mag_bag	Logical; if TRUE, the fence by magnifying the bag is visualised, default TRUE.
...	Passed on to the S3 method <code>plot.bagWhiskerPlot()</code> when <code>create.plot = TRUE</code> .

### Details

This function is the only exported user-facing entry point of the package. It calls the internal computational engine `compute.bagWhiskerPlot()` and then, by default, plots the resulting object using a `ggplot2`-based implementation of the S3 method `plot.bagWhiskerPlot()`.

### Value

An object of class `"bagWhiskerPlot"` containing the bag-plot decomposition and outlier information. When `show = TRUE`, the object is returned invisibly after drawing the plot.

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`plot.bagWhiskerPlot` *Plot a bag-whisker plot using ggplot2*

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### Description

Produce a bag-whisker plot from a `bagWhiskerPlot` object using **ggplot2**. This is the plotting backend used by `bag_whisker()` to render the bag, loop, fence, and whisker elements, with optional highlights for outliers and the center.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'bagWhiskerPlot'
plot(
  x,
  show.outlier = TRUE,
  show.whiskers = TRUE,
  show.looppoints = TRUE,
  show.bagpoints = TRUE,
  show.loophull = FALSE,
  show.baghull = TRUE,
  show.fence_mag_bag = TRUE,
  add = FALSE,
  pch = 16,
  cex = 0.4,
  verbose = FALSE,
  col.loophull = "#aaccff",
  col.looppoints = "#3355ff",
  col.baghull = "#7799ff",
  col.bagpoints = "#000088",
  col.fence_mag_bag = "#CC33CC",
  transparency = FALSE,
  show.center = TRUE,
  whisker.fade = TRUE,
  whisker.n = 10,
  whisker.alpha.start = 0.4,
  whisker.alpha.end = 0,
  whisker.end.prop = 0.7,
  main = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A bagWhiskerPlot object as returned by <code>bag_whisker</code> (or related constructors).
show.outlier	Logical; if TRUE, identified outliers are shown in the plot.
show.whiskers	Logical; if TRUE, whisker segments are added to the plot.
show.looppoints	Logical; if TRUE, data points classified as belonging to the loop are shown.
show.bagpoints	Logical; if TRUE, data points classified as inside the bag are shown.
show.loophull	Logical; if TRUE, the convex hull of the loop is drawn.
show.baghull	Logical; if TRUE, the convex hull of the bag is drawn.
show.fence_mag_bag	Logical; if TRUE, the fence obtained by magnifying the bag (data-adaptive threshold) is visualised.
add	Logical; if TRUE, graphical elements are added to an existing ggplot object supplied via <code>...</code> (see Details). If FALSE, a new plot is created and printed.

<code>pch</code>	Plotting character (shape) used for points.
<code>cex</code>	Numeric scaling factor for point sizes and (in 2D) whisker line width.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical; currently unused, reserved for possible diagnostic messages.
<code>col.loophull</code>	Fill color for the loop hull polygon.
<code>col.looppoints</code>	Color for loop-region points.
<code>col.baghull</code>	Fill color for the bag hull polygon.
<code>col.bagpoints</code>	Color for bag-region points.
<code>col.fence_mag_bag</code>	Color for the magnified fence polygon.
<code>transparency</code>	Logical; if TRUE, semi-transparent versions of the hull colors are used.
<code>show.center</code>	Logical; if TRUE, the chosen center of the data is highlighted in the plot.
<code>whisker.fade</code>	Logical; if TRUE, whisker segments are drawn as multiple short segments with fading alpha towards their ends.
<code>whisker.n</code>	Integer; number of subsegments used per whisker when <code>whisker.fade = TRUE</code> .
<code>whisker.alpha.start</code>	Numeric in $[0, 1]$ giving the starting alpha for faded whiskers (near the outer point).
<code>whisker.alpha.end</code>	Numeric in $[0, 1]$ giving the ending alpha for faded whiskers (near the bag or center).
<code>whisker.end.prop</code>	Numeric in $[0, 1]$ controlling how far along the whisker the fade is applied; values close to 1 fade along most of the whisker.
<code>main</code>	Optional main title for the plot.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed on to the underlying <b>ggplot2</b> scales or base plot. In particular, <code>xlim</code> and <code>ylim</code> can be supplied to control axis limits. When <code>add = TRUE</code> , <code>gg</code> or <code>base_gg</code> can be supplied as an existing <code>ggplot</code> object to which the layers are added.

### Details

The function is a plot method for `bagWhiskerPlot` objects and relies on **ggplot2** for rendering.

### Value

A `ggplot` object representing the bag-whisker plot, returned invisibly. The plot is drawn as a side effect when `add = FALSE` or when `add = TRUE` with an existing `ggplot` object.

### See Also

[bag\\_whisker](#), [bp\\_build\\_layers](#), [ggplot2](#)

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