

# Package: tmap.cartogram (via r-universe)

March 5, 2025

**License** GPL-3

**Title** Extension to 'tmap' for Creating Cartograms

**Type** Package

**Description** Provides new layer functions to 'tmap' for creating various types of cartograms. A cartogram is a type of thematic map in which geographic areas are resized or distorted based on a quantitative variable, such as population. The goal is to make the area sizes proportional to the selected variable while preserving geographic positions as much as possible.

**Version** 0.1

**Encoding** UTF-8

**Depends** R (>= 3.5.0),

**Imports** tmap (>= 4.0), sf, cartogram

**Suggests** knitr

**Config/Needs/check** Nowosad/spDataLarge, lwgeom

**Config/Needs/coverage** Nowosad/spDataLarge, lwgeom

**Config/Needs/website** bookdown, rmarkdown

**URL** <https://github.com/r-tmap/tmap.cartogram>,  
<https://r-tmap.github.io/tmap.cartogram/>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/r-tmap/tmap.cartogram/issues>

**RoxygenNote** 7.3.2

**NeedsCompilation** no

**Author** Martijn Tennekes [aut, cre]

**Maintainer** Martijn Tennekes <mtennekes@gmail.com>

**Repository** CRAN

**Date/Publication** 2025-02-03 18:20:02 UTC

**Config/pak/sysreqs** libgdal-dev gdal-bin libgeos-dev make libpng-dev  
libxml2-dev libssl-dev libproj-dev libsqlite3-dev  
libudunits2-dev zlib1g-dev

## Contents

tm\_cartogram . . . . . 2

**Index** . . . . . 5

---

tm\_cartogram                      *Map layer: cartogram*

---

### Description

Map layer that draws a cartogram. See details for types. It is recommended to specify a proper crs in [tmap::tm\_shape()].

### Usage

```
tm_cartogram(
  size = 1,
  size.scale = tmap::tm_scale(),
  size.legend = tmap::tm_legend_hide(),
  size.chart = tmap::tm_chart_none(),
  size.free = NA,
  plot.order = tmap::tm_plot_order("size", reverse = FALSE),
  options = opt_tm_cartogram(),
  ...
)
```

```
tm_cartogram_ncont(
  size = 1,
  size.scale = tm_scale(),
  size.legend = tm_legend_hide(),
  size.chart = tm_chart_none(),
  size.free = NA,
  plot.order = tm_plot_order("size", reverse = FALSE),
  options = opt_tm_cartogram_ncont(),
  ...
)
```

```
tm_cartogram_dorling(
  size = 1,
  size.scale = tm_scale(),
  size.legend = tm_legend_hide(),
  size.chart = tm_chart_none(),
  size.free = NA,
  plot.order = tm_plot_order("size", reverse = FALSE),
  options = opt_tm_cartogram_dorling(),
  ...
)
```

```
opt_tm_cartogram(type = "cont", itermax = 15, ...)
```

```
opt_tm_cartogram_ncont(type = "ncont", expansion = 1, inplace = FALSE, ...)
```

```
opt_tm_cartogram_dorling(type = "dorling", share = 5, itermax = 1000, ...)
```

## Arguments

size, size.scale, size.legend, size.chart, size.free	Visual variable that specifies the polygon sizes.
plot.order	Specification in which order the spatial features are drawn. See [tmap:tm_plot_order()] for details.
options	passed on to the corresponding 'opt_<layer_function>' function
...	arguments passed on to [cartogram::cartogram_cont()]
type	cartogram type, one of: "cont" for contiguous cartogram, "ncont" for non-contiguous cartogram and "dorling" for Dorling cartograms
itermax	maximum number of iterations (see [cartogram::cartogram_cont()])
expansion	factor expansion, see [cartogram::cartogram_ncont()] (argument 'k')
inplace	should each polygon be modified in its original place? ('TRUE' by default)
share	share of the bounding box filled with the larger circle (see [cartogram::cartogram_dorling()] argument 'k')

## Details

In the contiguous cartogram polygons are distorted where the geographic relations are maintained. The algorithm by Dougenik et al. (1985) is used via [cartogram::cartogram\_cont()].

In the non-contiguous cartogram polygons are resized only. The used algorithm has been proposed by Olson (1976) and implemented in [cartogram::cartogram\_ncont()].

The Dorling cartogram (Dorling, 1996) generates proportional bubbles and is implemented in [cartogram::cartogram\_dorling()].

## Value

a [tmap::tmap-element], supposed to be stacked after [tmap::tm\_shape()] using the '+' operator. The 'opt\_<layer\_function>' function returns a list that should be passed on to the 'options' argument.

## References

Dougenik, J. A., Chrisman, N. R., & Niemeyer, D. R. (1985). An Algorithm To Construct Continuous Area Cartograms. In *The Professional Geographer*, 37(1), 75-81.

Olson, J. M. (1976). Noncontiguous Area Cartograms. In *The Professional Geographer*, 28(4), 371-380.

Dorling, D. (1996). Area Cartograms: Their Use and Creation. In *Concepts and Techniques in Modern Geography (CATMOG)*, 59.

**Examples**

```
library(tmap)

Africa = World[World$continent == "Africa", ]

tm_shape(Africa, crs = "+proj=robin") +
  tm_cartogram_ncont(size = "pop_est", options = opt_tm_cartogram_ncont())

tm_shape(Africa, crs = "+proj=robin") +
  tm_cartogram(size = "pop_est", options = opt_tm_cartogram(itermax = 15))

tm_shape(World, crs = "+proj=robin") +
  tm_polygons() +
  tm_cartogram_ncont(size = "pop_est", fill = "yellow")
```

# Index

`opt_tm_cartogram (tm_cartogram)`, [2](#)  
`opt_tm_cartogram_dorling`  
    `(tm_cartogram)`, [2](#)  
`opt_tm_cartogram_ncont (tm_cartogram)`, [2](#)  
  
`tm_cartogram`, [2](#)  
`tm_cartogram_dorling (tm_cartogram)`, [2](#)  
`tm_cartogram_ncont (tm_cartogram)`, [2](#)