

# Package ‘PBSddesolve’

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**Description** Routines for solving systems of delay differential equations by  
interfacing numerical routines written by Simon N. Wood , with contributions  
by Benjamin J. Cairns. These numerical routines first appeared in Simon  
Wood's 'solv95' program. This package includes a vignette and a complete  
user's guide. 'PBSddesolve' originally appeared on CRAN under the name  
'ddesolve'. That version is no longer supported. The current name emphasizes  
a close association with other PBS packages, particularly 'PBSmodelling'.

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**Description**

A solver for systems of delay differential equations based on numerical routines from Simon Wood's *sol95* program. This solver is also capable of solving systems of ordinary differential equations.

Please see the included demos for examples of how to use `dde`.

To view available demos run `demo(package="PBSddesolve")`.

The supplied demos require that the R package **PBSmodelling** be installed.

**Usage**

```
dde(y, times, func, parms=NULL, switchfunc=NULL, mapfunc=NULL,
    tol=1e-08, dt=0.1, hbsize=10000)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Vector of initial values of the DDE system. The size of the supplied vector determines the number of variables in the system.
<code>times</code>	Numeric vector of specific times to solve.
<code>func</code>	A user supplied function that computes the gradients in the DDE system at time <code>t</code> . The function must be defined using the arguments: <code>(t, y)</code> or <code>(t, y, parms)</code> , where <code>t</code> is the current time in the integration, <code>y</code> is a vector of the current estimated variables of the DDE system, and <code>parms</code> is any R object representing additional parameters (optional). The argument <code>func</code> must return one of the two following return types: 1) a vector containing the calculated gradients for each variable; or 2) a list with two elements - the first a vector of calculated gradients, the second a vector (possibly named) of values for a variable specified by the user at each point in the integration.
<code>parms</code>	Any constant parameters to pass to <code>func</code> , <code>switchfunc</code> , and <code>mapfunc</code> .
<code>switchfunc</code>	An optional function that is used to manipulate state values at given times. The switch function takes the arguments <code>(t, y)</code> or <code>(t, y, parms)</code> and must return a numeric vector. The size of the vector determines the number of switches used by the model. As values of <code>switchfunc</code> pass through zero (from positive to negative), a corresponding call to <code>mapfunc</code> is made, which can then modify any state value.
<code>mapfunc</code>	If <code>switchfunc</code> is defined, then a map function must also be supplied with arguments <code>(t, y, switch_id)</code> or <code>(t, y, switch_id, parms)</code> , where <code>t</code> is the time, <code>y</code> are the current state values, <code>switch_id</code> is the index of the triggered switch, and <code>parms</code> are additional constant parameters.
<code>tol</code>	Maximum error tolerated at each time step (as a proportion of the state variable concerned).

dt	Maximum initial time step.
hbsize	History buffer size required for solving DDEs.

### Details

The user supplied function `func` can access past values (lags) of `y` by calling the `pastvalue` function. Past gradients are accessible by the `pastgradient` function. These functions can only be called from `func` and can only be passed values of `t` greater or equal to the start time, but less than the current time of the integration point. For example, calling `pastvalue(t)` is not allowed, since these values are the current values which are passed in as `y`.

### Value

A data frame with one column for `t`, a column for every variable in the system, and a column for every additional value that may (or may not) have been returned by `func` in the second element of the list.

If the initial `y` values parameter was named, then the solved values column will use the same names. Otherwise `y1`, `y2`, ... will be used.

If `func` returned a list, with a named vector as the second element, then those names will be used as the column names. If the vector was not named, then `extra1`, `extra2`, ... will be used.

### See Also

[pastvalue](#)

### Examples

```
#####
# This is just a single example of using dde.
# For more examples see demo(package="PBSdresolve")
# the demos require the package PBSmodelling
#####

require(PBSdresolve)
local(env=.PBSddeEnv, expr={
  #create a func to return dde gradient
  yprime <- function(t,y,parms) {
    if (t < parms$tau)
      lag <- parms$initial
    else
      lag <- pastvalue(t - parms$tau)
    y1 <- parms$a * y[1] - (y[1]^3/3) + parms$m * (lag[1] - y[1])
    y2 <- y[1] - y[2]
    return(c(y1,y2))
  }

  #define initial values and parameters
  yinit <- c(1,1)
  parms <- list(tau=3, a=2, m=-10, initial=yinit)
```

```
# solve the dde system
yout <- dde(y=yinit,times=seq(0,30,0.1),func=yprime,parms=parms)

# and display the results
plot(yout$time, yout$y1, type="l", col="red", xlab="t", ylab="y",
      ylim=c(min(yout$y1, yout$y2), max(yout$y1, yout$y2)))
lines(yout$time, yout$y2, col="blue")
legend("topleft", legend = c("y1", "y2"),lwd=2, lty = 1,
       xjust = 1, yjust = 1, col = c("red","blue"))
})
```

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pastvalue

*Retrieve Past Values (lags) During Gradient Calculation*

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## Description

These routines provides access to variable history at lagged times. The lagged time  $t$  must not be less than  $t_0$ , nor should it be greater than the current time of gradient calculation. The routine cannot be directly called by a user, and will only work during the integration process as triggered by the dde routine.

## Usage

```
pastvalue(t)
pastgradient(t)
```

## Arguments

$t$                       Access history at time  $t$ .

## Value

Vector of variable history at time  $t$ .

## See Also

[dde](#)

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PBSddesolve

*Package: Solver for Delay Differential Equations*

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A solver for systems of delay differential equations based on numerical routines from Simon Wood's solv95 program. This solver is also capable of solving systems of ordinary differential equations.

### **Details**

Please see the user guide `PBSddesolve-UG.pdf`, located in R's library directory `./library/PBSddesolve/doc`, for a comprehensive overview.

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### **References**

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