

Some interesting graphics

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We would show how to use `circlize` package to draw some rather interesting graphics.

The first one is a clock. The key function here is `circos.axis` (figure 1). The whole circle only contains one sector in which major tick at 0 is overlapping with major tick at 12. The two arrows are drawn in the canvas coordinate. An example of the real-time clock is in the `examples` section of the help page of `circos.axis`.

```
> library(circlize)
> factors = letters[1]
> par(mar = c(1, 1, 1, 1))
> circos.par("gap.degree" = 0, "cell.padding" = c(0, 0, 0, 0),
+   "start.degree" = 90)
> circos.initialize(factors = factors, xlim = c(0, 12))
> circos.trackPlotRegion(factors = factors, ylim = c(0, 1),
+   bg.border = NA)
> circos.axis(sector.index = "a", major.at = 0:12, labels = "",
+   direction = "inside", labels.cex = 1.5, major.tick.percentage = 0.3)
> circos.text(1:12, rep(0.5, 12), 1:12, direction = "horizontal")
> arrows(0, 0, 0, 0.7)
> arrows(0, 0, 0.4, 0)
> circos.clear()
```

The second example is a dartboard. In the graphic, tracks are assigned with different height and each cell is initialized with different colors (figure 2). The most inside green ring and red circle are drawn by `draw.sector`.

```
> library(circlize)
> factors = 1:20
> par(mar = c(1, 1, 1, 1))
> circos.par("gap.degree" = 0, "cell.padding" = c(0, 0, 0, 0),
+   start.degree = 360/40, track.margin = c(0, 0), "clock.wise" = FALSE)
> circos.initialize(factors = factors, xlim = c(0, 1))
```

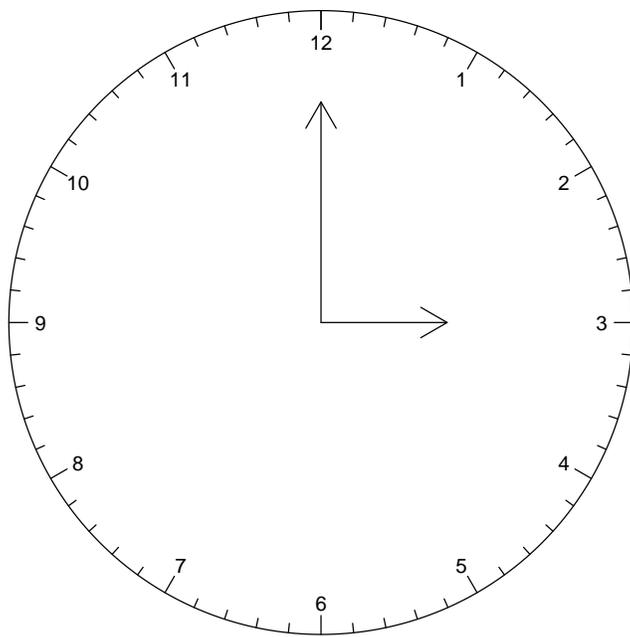


Figure 1: A clock

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> circos.trackPlotRegion(ylim = c(0, 1), factors = factors,
+   bg.col = "black", track.height = 0.15)
> circos.trackText(rep(0.5, 20), rep(0.5, 20),
+   labels = c(13, 4, 18, 1, 20, 5, 12, 9, 14, 11,
+     8, 16, 7, 19, 3, 17, 2, 15, 10, 6),
+   factors = factors, col = "#EEEEEE", font = 2,
+   direction = "horizontal")
> circos.trackPlotRegion(ylim = c(0, 1), factors = factors,
+   bg.col = rep(c("#E41A1C", "#4DAF4A"), 10), bg.border = "#EEEEEE",
+   track.height = 0.05)
> circos.trackPlotRegion(ylim = c(0, 1), factors = factors,
+   bg.col = rep(c("black", "white"), 10), bg.border = "#EEEEEE",
+   track.height = 0.275)
> circos.trackPlotRegion(ylim = c(0, 1), factors = factors,
+   bg.col = rep(c("#E41A1C", "#4DAF4A"), 10), bg.border = "#EEEEEE",
+   track.height = 0.05)
> circos.trackPlotRegion(ylim = c(0, 1), factors = factors,
+   bg.col = rep(c("black", "white"), 10), bg.border = "#EEEEEE",
+   track.height = 0.375)
> draw.sector(center = c(0, 0), start.degree = 0, end.degree = 360,
+   rou1 = 0.1, col = "#4DAF4A", border = "#EEEEEE")
> draw.sector(center = c(0, 0), start.degree = 0, end.degree = 360,
+   rou1 = 0.05, col = "#E41A1C", border = "#EEEEEE")
> circos.clear()

```

The third example is Ba-gua (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ba_gua). The key functions are `circos.rect` and `draw.sector` (figure 3).

Ba-gua originated about several thousands years ago in China. It is the source of almost all ancient Chinese philosophy. It abstracts the rule of universe into base signs (i.e. - - which is called Yang and - which is called Ying). And combination of the two basic signs generates the whole system of the universe.

Inside Ba-gua, there is the Tai-ji. Taiji refers to the most original state at the creation of the universe. In ancient Chinese philosophy system, at the very beginning, the whole world is a huge mass of air (chaos). And then the lighter air floated up and heavier air sanked down, and that created sky and ground. The upper world is called Yang and the bottom world is called Ying. And that is Tai-ji.

So look at the Tai-ji, you can see there are two states interacting with each other. The white one and the black one gradually transformed into each other at the end. In real world, Tai-ji can represent all phenomenon that is of dualism. Such as male and female, correct and wrong. However things would change, good thing would become bad thing as time goes by, and bad thing also would turn good according how you look at the world. So when you are upset, don't worry, things will be fine.

```

> library(circlize)
> factors = letters[1:8]

```

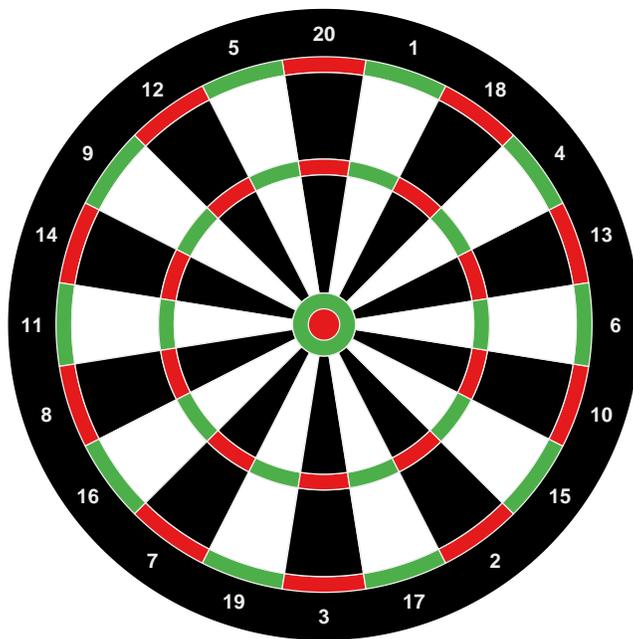


Figure 2: A dartboard

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> par(mar = c(1, 1, 1, 1))
> circos.par("default.track.height" = 0.15, "start.degree" = 22.5)
> circos.initialize(factors = factors, xlim = c(0, 1))
> circos.trackPlotRegion(ylim = c(0, 1), factors = factors, bg.border = NA,
+   panel.fun = function(x, y) {
+     i = get.cell.meta.data("sector.numeric.index")
+     if(i %in% c(2, 5, 7, 8)) {
+       circos.rect(0,0,1,1, col = "black")
+     } else {
+       circos.rect(0,0,0.45,1, col = "black")
+       circos.rect(0.55,0,1,1, col = "black")
+     }
+   })
> circos.trackPlotRegion(ylim = c(0, 1), factors = factors, bg.border = NA,
+   panel.fun = function(x, y, ...) {
+     i = get.cell.meta.data("sector.numeric.index")
+     if(i %in% c(1, 6, 7, 8)) {
+       circos.rect(0,0,1,1, col = "black")
+     } else {
+       circos.rect(0,0,0.45,1, col = "black")
+       circos.rect(0.55,0,1,1, col = "black")
+     }
+   })
> circos.trackPlotRegion(ylim = c(0, 1), factors = factors, bg.border = NA,
+   panel.fun = function(x, y, ...) {
+     i = get.cell.meta.data("sector.numeric.index")
+     if(i %in% c(4, 5, 6, 7)) {
+       circos.rect(0,0,1,1, col = "black")
+     } else {
+       circos.rect(0,0,0.45,1, col = "black")
+       circos.rect(0.55,0,1,1, col = "black")
+     }
+   })
> # draw taiji
> draw.sector(center = c(0, 0), start.degree = -90, end.degree = 90,
+   rou1 = 0.4, col = "black", border = "black")
> draw.sector(center = c(0, 0), start.degree = 90, end.degree = 270,
+   rou1 = 0.4, col = "white", border = "black")
> draw.sector(center = c(0, 0.2), start.degree = 0, end.degree = 360,
+   rou1 = 0.2, col = "white", border = "white")
> draw.sector(center = c(0, -0.2), start.degree = 0, end.degree = 360,
+   rou1 = 0.2, col = "black", border = "black")
> draw.sector(center = c(0, 0.2), start.degree = 0, end.degree = 360,
+   rou1 = 0.05, col = "black", border = "black")
> draw.sector(center = c(0, -0.2), start.degree = 0, end.degree = 360,
+   rou1 = 0.05, col = "white", border = "white")

```



Figure 3: A Ba-gua

```
> circos.clear()
```

Figure 4 is a circular style of a long painting (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Along_the_River_During_the_Qingming_Festival). The masterpiece is drawn about one thousand years ago. The width of the origin painting is 528 cm and the height is 24.8 cm (about a ratio of 20:1). There are two parts in the painting, one is the countryside and the other is the city. Totally about 800 people, 60 animals, 28 ships, 30 buldings, 20 cars, and 170 trees are in it.

The *circos* transformation is as follows: 1. use *jpeg* package to read RGB information for each pixel which is in the figure into R; 2. use *circos.rect* to draw every pixel into the circle.



Figure 4: A painting