

# 'photobiology' Version 0.9.8

## User Guide

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## 1 Introduction

We have developed a set of packages to facilitate the calculation of many different quantities that can be derived from spectral irradiance data. The core package in this suite is called 'photobiology', and is the package described here. Other specialized packages for quantification of ultraviolet radiation and visible radiation ('photobiologyWavebands'), plant photoreceptors and other plant photobiology related calculations ('photobiologyPlants'), example spectral data for filters ('photobiologyFilters'), lamps ('photobiologyLamps'), LEDs ('photobiologyLEDs'), sunlight ('photobiologySun'), broadband sensors ('photobiologySensors') and for exchange of data in 'foreign' formats ('photobiologyInOut') are part of the suite. One additional package, ('ggspectra'), implements facilities for plotting spectral data built on top of package 'ggplot2', providing both ggplot statistics in addition to specializations of `plot()`. All packages that can comply with the repository rules have been submitted or will in coming months be submitted to CRAN (Comprehensive R archive network). The packages not yet in CRAN, and development versions of those already in CRAN, are available through a CRAN-like repository at <https://www.r4photobiology.info/R/> while the Web site at <http://www.r4photobiology.info> provides news about the development of the suite and some additional information. Each package has its own public Git

repository at my Bitbucket account (<https://bitbucket.org/aphalo/>) from where the source code of the current and previous versions can be cloned.

Package 'photobiology' provides two sets of functions for many operations: low-level functions programmed following a functional paradigm, and higher-level functions using an object-oriented paradigm. The former functions take as arguments numeric vectors and are sometimes faster. The later ones take 'spectra' objects as arguments, are easier to use, and at least at the moment, to some extent slower. For everyday use 'spectra' objects are recommended, but when maximum performance or flexibility in scripts is desired, the use of the functions taking numeric vectors as arguments may allow optimizations that are not possible with the object-oriented functions. The differences in performance becomes relevant only in extreme cases such as processing in a single script tenths of thousands of spectra. In this vignette we emphasize the use of the object-oriented classes and methods.

## 2 Installation and use

The functions in package 'photobiology' are made available by installing the package `photobiology` (once) in a computer system and loading it from the library when needed.

To load the package into the workspace we use `library(photobiology)`.

## 3 Spectra

Package 'photobiology' defines a family of classes based on data frames which by imposing some restrictions on the naming of the vectors, allows methods to 'find' the data when passed one of these objects as argument. In addition, as the data is checked when the object is built, there is no need to test for the validity of the data each time a calculation is carried out. The other advantage of using `spct` objects, is that specialized versions of generic functions like `print` and operators like `+` are defined for spectra. `__spct` objects are `data.frame` objects, as a result of how classes have been derived. In this package we define a *generic* or *base* spectrum class, derived from `data.frame` from which specialized types of spectra are in turn derived. This 'parenthood' hierarchy means that spectra objects can be used almost anywhere where a `data.frame` is expected. Specializations of many methods including extraction (indexing) methods and partial assignment methods are defined to ensure that the expectations on the variables contained in objects of these classes is guaranteed in most situations. Other specializations of methods and functions are related to achieving a convenient and concise syntax tailored for spectral data as in the case of mathematical operators and functions.

Another important aspect is that spectral data as stored in objects of these classes is always of known physical quantities expressed using known units. Furthermore, attributes are used to keep track of both metadata related to the origin of the data and of later transformations that affect their interpretation,

**Table 1:** Classes for spectral data. In addition to the required variables listed in the table, additional arbitrary variables are partly supported—some operations will not include them in returned values to avoid ambiguity and other possible conflicts. In addition to the attributes listed, all spectral objects have attributes `multiple.wl`, `normalized`, `scaled`, `when.measured`, `where.measured`, `what.measured` plus the normal attributes of `data.frame` objects including `comment`.

Name	Variables	Attributes
<code>generic_spct</code>	<code>w.length</code>	
<code>raw_spct</code>	<code>w.length</code> , <code>counts</code>	<code>instr.desc</code> , <code>instr.settings</code> , <code>linearized</code>
<code>cps_spct</code>	<code>w.length</code> , <code>cps</code>	<code>instr.desc</code> , <code>instr.settings</code> , <code>linearized</code>
<code>source_spct</code>	<code>w.length</code> , <code>s.e.irrad</code> <code>w.length</code> , <code>s.q.irrad</code>	<code>time.unit</code> , <code>bswf</code> <code>time.unit</code> , <code>bswf</code>
<code>filter_spct</code>	<code>w.length</code> , <code>Tfr</code> <code>w.length</code> , <code>A</code>	<code>Tfr.type</code> <code>Tfr.type</code>
<code>reflector_spct</code>	<code>w.length</code> , <code>Rfr</code>	<code>Rfr.type</code>
<code>object_spct</code>	<code>w.length</code> , <code>Tfr</code> , <code>Rfr</code>	<code>Tfr.type</code> , <code>Rfr.type</code>
<code>response_spct</code>	<code>w.length</code> , <code>s.e.response</code> <code>w.length</code> , <code>s.q.response</code>	<code>time.unit</code> <code>time.unit</code>
<code>chroma_spct</code>	<code>w.length</code> , <code>x</code> , <code>y</code> , <code>z</code>	

such as normalization or re-scaling. Although sanity tests are applied at the time of object creation, to a large extent the responsibility of ensuring that the numbers provided as argument to object constructors comply with expectations remains with the users of the packages.

In addition to the classes for storing individual spectra, classes for storing collections of spectra are defined. These classes are derived from class `list` and can contain member spectra of different lengths and measured at different wavelength values.

We give in this vignette brief descriptions and examples of the use of different classes, methods, functions and operators. We start with the simplest and most frequently used methods.

### 3.1 Classes

The package defines several classes intended to be used to store different types of spectral data. They are all derived from `generic_spct`, which in turn is derived from `data.frame` and internally created using `dplyr::data.frame`. Table 1 lists them. Attributes are used in objects of these classes to keep *metadata* such as information about units of expression.

The *design* imposes that data from different observations are never present as different *data columns*, if present, additional data columns represent different properties from the same observation event. In other words, the storage format is ‘tidy’ as defined by Hadley Wickham. In most cases, one spectral object

should correspond to one spectral observation, but some functions are compatible or can be used to create spectral objects where the spectral data from different observations are stored “longitudinally” and “tagged” with a factor with a level for each observation event. These observations must use consistent units of expression and attribute values. This long format is useful, for example, when producing plots with package ‘ggplot2’.

### 3.2 Data assumptions

An assumption of the package is that wavelengths are always expressed in nanometres ( $1 \text{ nm} = 1 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ ). If the data to be analysed uses different units for wavelengths, e.g. Ångstrom ( $1 \text{ Å} = 1 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ ), the values need to be re-scaled before creating objects of the spectral classes. The same applies to all spectral quantities, as there is an expectation in every case, of using base SI units for expression. Table 2 lists the units of expression for the different variables listed in Table 1 and the metadata attributes that may determine variations in the expression of the quantities.

Energy irradiance is assumed to be expressed in  $\text{W m}^{-2}$  and photon irradiances in  $\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , that is to say using second as unit for time. This is the default, but it is possible to set the unit for time to day in the case of `source_spct` objects.

The default time unit used is *second*, but *day* and *exposure* can be used by supplying the arguments “`day`” or “`exposure`”<sup>1</sup> to a parameter of the constructor of `source_spct` objects. In addition to these character constants objects of class `lubridate:duration` are also accepted.

The attributes are normally set when a spectral object is created, either using default values or with values supplied as arguments to the constructor. However, methods for quering and setting most of these attributes are also available.

Not respecting the expectations about data inputs or setting erroneous values in the metadata attributes will yield completely wrong results if calculations are attempted! It is extremely important to make sure that the wavelengths are in nanometres as this is what all functions expect. If wavelength values are in the wrong units, the action-spectra weights and quantum to/from energy units conversions will be wrongly calculated, and the values returned by most functions wrong, without warning. Errors in some cases will be triggered at the time of object creation as the data input to constructors is tested to be within the expected range of values, which in the case of some quantities frequently allows detection of mistakes in the use unit scaling factors.

<sup>1</sup>The meaning of “`exposure`” is the total exposure time, in other words, fluence instead of irradiance.

**Table 2:** Variables used for spectral data and their units of expression: A: as stored in objects of the spectral classes, B: also recognized by the set family of functions for spectra and automatically converted. `time.unit` accepts in addition to the character strings listed in the table, objects of classes `lubridate::duration` and `period`, in addition numeric values are interpreted as seconds. `exposure.time` accepts these same values, but not the character strings.

Variables	Unit of expression	Attribute value
<b>A: stored</b>		
<code>w.length</code>	nm	
<code>counts</code>	n	
<code>cps</code>	$n s^{-1}$	
<code>s.e.irrad</code>	$W m^{-2} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "second"</code>
<code>s.e.irrad</code>	$J m^{-2} d^{-1} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "day"</code>
<code>s.e.irrad</code>	varies	<code>time.unit = duration</code>
<code>s.q.irrad</code>	$mol m^{-2} s^{-1} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "second"</code>
<code>s.q.irrad</code>	$mol m^{-2} d^{-1} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "day"</code>
<code>s.q.irrad</code>	$mol m^{-2} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "exposure"</code>
<code>s.q.irrad</code>	varies	<code>time.unit = duration</code>
<code>Tfr</code>	[0,1]	<code>Tfr.type = "total"</code>
<code>Tfr</code>	[0,1]	<code>Tfr.type = "internal"</code>
<code>A</code>	a.u.	<code>Tfr.type = "internal"</code>
<code>Rfr</code>	[0,1]	<code>Rfr.type = "total"</code>
<code>Rfr</code>	[0,1]	<code>Rfr.type = "specular"</code>
<code>s.e.response</code>	$x J^{-1} s^{-1} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "second"</code>
<code>s.e.response</code>	$x J^{-1} d^{-1} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "day"</code>
<code>s.e.response</code>	$x J^{-1} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "exposure"</code>
<code>s.e.response</code>	varies	<code>time.unit = duration</code>
<code>s.q.response</code>	$x mol^{-1} s^{-1} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "second"</code>
<code>s.q.response</code>	$x mol^{-1} d^{-1} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "day"</code>
<code>s.q.response</code>	$x mol^{-1} nm^{-1}$	<code>time.unit = "exposure"</code>
<code>s.q.response</code>	varies	<code>time.unit = duration</code>
<code>x, y, z</code>	[0,1]	
<b>B: converted</b>		
<code>wl</code> → <code>w.length</code>	nm	
<code>wavelength</code> → <code>w.length</code>	nm	
<code>Tpc</code> → <code>Tfr</code>	[0,100]	<code>Tfr.type = "total"</code>
<code>Tpc</code> → <code>Tfr</code>	[0,100]	<code>Tfr.type = "internal"</code>
<code>Rpc</code> → <code>Rfr</code>	[0,100]	<code>Rfr.type = "total"</code>
<code>Rpc</code> → <code>Rfr</code>	[0,100]	<code>Rfr.type = "specular"</code>
<code>counts.per.second</code> → <code>cps</code>	$n s^{-1}$	

If spectral irradiance data is in  $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{nm}^{-1}$ , and the wavelength in nm, as is the case for many Macam spectroradiometers, the data can be used directly and functions in the package will return irradiances in  $\text{W m}^{-2}$ .

If, for example, the spectral irradiance data output by a spectroradiometer is expressed in  $\text{mW m}^{-2} \text{nm}^{-1}$ , and the wavelengths are in Ångstrom then to obtain correct results when using any of the packages in the suite, we need to rescale the data when creating a new object.

```
# not run
my.spct <- source_spct(w.length = wavelength/10, s.e.irrad = irrad/1000)
```

In the example above, we take advantage of the behaviour of the S language: an operation between a scalar and vector, is equivalent to applying this operation to each element of the vector. Consequently, in the code above, each value from the vector of wavelengths is divided by 10, and each value in the vector of spectral irradiances is divided by 1000.

### 3.3 Querying the class

Before giving examples of how to construct objects to store spectral data we show how to query the class of an object, and how to query the class of a spectrum. Consistently with R, the package provides 'is' functions for querying the type of spectra objects. The only 'unusual' function provided as another name for `is.generic_spct` is `is.any_spct()`.

```
is.any_spct(sun.spct)
## [1] TRUE

is.generic_spct(sun.spct)
## [1] TRUE

is.source_spct(sun.spct)
## [1] TRUE
```

In addition function `class_spc()` returns directly the spectrum-related class attributes. It filters out from the output of `class()` the underlying classes inherited.

```
class_spc(sun.spct)
## [1] "source_spct" "generic_spct"

class(sun.spct)
## [1] "source_spct" "generic_spct" "tbl_df"      "tbl"
## [5] "data.frame"
```

### 3.4 Construction

There are basically two different approaches to the creation of spectra by users, a constructor similar to `data.frame` constructor that takes vectors as arguments, and a constructor that converts `list` objects into spectral objects, which works similarly to `as.data.frame` from base R. In contrast to the data frame constructors spectral constructor require the variables or the vector arguments to be suitably named so that they can be recognized. As data frames and spectral objects are also lists, they are acceptable arguments.

Here we briefly describe the ‘as’ constructor functions for spectra. In the first example we create an object to store spectral irradiance data for ‘light source’, by first creating a data frame, and creating the spectral object as a copy of it. In the example below we supply a single value, 1, for the spectral irradiance. This value gets recycled as is normal in R, but of course in real use it is more usual to supply a vector of the same length as the `w.length` vector.

```
my.df <- data.frame(w.length = 400:410, s.e.irrad = 1)
my.spct <- as.source_spct(my.df)
class(my.spct)

## [1] "source_spct" "generic_spct" "tbl_df"      "tbl"
## [5] "data.frame"

class(my.df)

## [1] "data.frame"

my.spct

## Object: source_spct [11 x 2]
## Wavelength range 400 to 410 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)    (dbl)
## 1     400         1
## 2     401         1
## 3     402         1
## 4     403         1
## 5     404         1
## 6     405         1
## 7     406         1
## 8     407         1
## 9     408         1
## 10    409         1
## 11    410         1
```

We can make a ‘generic\_spct’ copy of any spectrum object.

```
my.g.spct <- as.generic_spct(my.spct)
class(my.g.spct)

## [1] "generic_spct" "tbl_df"      "tbl"      "data.frame"
```

When constructing spectral objects from numeric vectors the names of the arguments are meaningful and convey information on the nature of the spectral data and basis of expression.

```
source_spct(w.length = 300:305, s.e.irrad = 1)

## Object: source_spct [6 x 2]
## Wavelength range 300 to 305 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)      (dbl)
## 1     300         1
## 2     301         1
## 3     302         1
## 4     303         1
## 5     304         1
## 6     305         1
```

```
z <- 300:305
y <- 2
source_spct(w.length = z, s.e.irrad = y)

## Object: source_spct [6 x 2]
## Wavelength range 300 to 305 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)      (dbl)
## 1     300         2
## 2     301         2
## 3     302         2
## 4     303         2
## 5     304         2
## 6     305         2
```

```
w.length <- 300:305
s.e.irrad <- 1
source_spct(w.length, s.e.irrad)

## Object: source_spct [6 x 2]
## Wavelength range 300 to 305 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)      (dbl)
## 1     300         1
## 2     301         1
## 3     302         1
## 4     303         1
## 5     304         1
## 6     305         1
```

The different constructors have additional arguments to be used in setting non-default values for the attributes. These arguments have the same name as

the attributes. Here we used the data frame created in the first chunk of the section.

```
my.d.spct <- as.source_spct(my.df, time.unit = "day")
```

Argument `strict.range` can be used to override or make more strict the validation of the data values.

```
source_spct(w.length = 300:305, s.e.irrad = -1)

## Warning in range.check(x, strict.range = strict.range): Negative spectral
## energy irradiance values; minimum s.e.irrad = -1

## Object: source_spct [6 x 2]
## Wavelength range 300 to 305 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)    (dbl)
## 1     300     -1
## 2     301     -1
## 3     302     -1
## 4     303     -1
## 5     304     -1
## 6     305     -1

source_spct(w.length = 300:305, s.e.irrad = -1, strict.range = NULL)

## Object: source_spct [6 x 2]
## Wavelength range 300 to 305 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)    (dbl)
## 1     300     -1
## 2     301     -1
## 3     302     -1
## 4     303     -1
## 5     304     -1
## 6     305     -1
```

Finally argument `comment` can be used to add a comment to the data at the time of construction.

```
my.cm.spct <- source_spct(w.length = 300:305, s.e.irrad = 1,
                          comment = "This is a comment")
comment(my.cm.spct)

## [1] "This is a comment"
```

### 3.5 Special attributes

Spectral objects have several attributes used to store metadata, such as the time unit used or type of spectral quantity. Some attributes are meaningful for

all the classes of spectra defined in the package. These are *time of measurement* using attribute "when.measured", *place of measurement* using attribute "where.measured" and free-text *comments*. One can set and get comments stored in spectra by means of base R's `comment()` and `comment() <-` functions. Some of the functions in this package append additional information to comments or merge comments.

Functions `setWhenMeasured()` and `getWhenMeasured()` are used for setting or getting a date as a POSIXct value. This format is compatible with many functions from package `lubridate`.

```
my.spct <- sun.spct
setWhenMeasured(my.spct, NULL)
getWhenMeasured(my.spct)

## [1] NA

setWhenMeasured(my.spct, ymd_hms("2015-10-31 22:55:00", tz = "EET"))
getWhenMeasured(my.spct)

## [1] "2015-10-31 20:55:00 UTC"
```

Functions `setWhereMeasured()` and `getWhereMeasured()` are used for setting or getting a geocode as a `data.frame` value. This format is compatible with function `geocode()` from package `ggmap`. It is also possible, to simply pass latitude and longitude coordinates, as shown below. The returned value is always a data frame with columns "lon" and "lat".

```
setWhereMeasured(my.spct, NULL)
getWhereMeasured(my.spct)

##   lon lat
## 1  NA  NA

setWhereMeasured(my.spct, lat = 60, lon = -10)
getWhereMeasured(my.spct)

##   lon lat
## 1 -10  60

getWhereMeasured(my.spct)$lon

## [1] -10

my.spct

## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2015-10-31 20:55:00 UTC
## Measured at 60 N, -10 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000         0         0
```

```
## 2 280.9231      0      0
## 3 281.8462      0      0
## 4 282.7692      0      0
## 5 283.6923      0      0
## 6 284.6154      0      0
## 7 285.5385      0      0
## 8 286.4615      0      0
## 9 287.3846      0      0
## 10 288.3077     0      0
## ..      ...      ...      ...
```

Similar functions exist for other attributes which are not shared by all spectral classes. Spectral objects may have several other attributes used to store metadata, such as the time unit used. There functions available for querying and setting the state if these attributes. `is_` functions return a logical value, and `get` functions return the values of the attributes themselves. In addition `set` functions can be used to set the value attributes, but many of the `set` functions are very rarely needed in user code.

The attributes described below are set automatically, and consequently function `setBSWFUsed()` and other *set* functions for these attributes are mainly of use to programmers extending the package. One exception is when a wrong value has been assigned by mistake and needs to be overwritten.

For example function `is_effective()` returns `TRUE` if the spectral data has been weighted with a BSWF. The corresponding `getBSWFUsed()` function can be used, in this case to retrieve the name of the BSWF that was used when generating the data. Here we demonstrate with one example, where we use two different `waveband` objects—constructed on-the-fly with constructor function—, defining a range of wavelengths.

```
is_effective(sun.spct)

## [1] FALSE

is_effective(sun.spct * waveband(c(400, 700)))

## [1] FALSE
```

Sometimes it may be desired to change the time unit used for expressing spectral irradiance or spectral response, and this can be achieved with the *conversion* function `convertTimeUnit`. This function both converts spectral data to the new unit of expression and sets the `time.unit` attribute, preserving the validity of the data object.

```
ten.minutes.spct <-
  convertTimeUnit(sun.spct, time.unit = duration(10, "minutes"))
ten.minutes.spct

## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
```

```

## Time unit 600s (~10 minutes)
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0      0
## 2 280.9231      0      0
## 3 281.8462      0      0
## 4 282.7692      0      0
## 5 283.6923      0      0
## 6 284.6154      0      0
## 7 285.5385      0      0
## 8 286.4615      0      0
## 9 287.3846      0      0
## 10 288.3077     0      0
## ..      ...      ...      ...

getTimeUnit(ten.minutes.spct)

## [1] "600s (~10 minutes)"

```

Spectral objects created with earlier (pre-release) versions of this package are missing some attributes. For this reason ‘summary’ and ‘plot’ functions may not work as expected with them. These *old* objects can be updated by adding the missing attribute using functions `setTimeUnit`, `setBSWFUsed`, `setTfrType` and `setRfrType`. However, in many cases function `update_spct` can be used to set the missing attributes to default values, or the scripts re-run to rebuild the data objects from raw data.

## 4 Collections of spectra

### 4.1 Classes

The package defines several classes intended to be used to store *collections* of different types of spectral data. They are all derived from `generic_mspct`, which in turn is derived from `list`. Table 3 lists them.

Objects of these classes, except for those of class `generic_mspct`, can contain members belonging to one of the classes. Being all other spectral object classes derived from `generic_spct`, `generic_mspct` objects can contain heterogeneous collections of spectra. In all cases, there are no restrictions on the lengths, wavelength range and/or wavelength step size, or attributes other than `class` of the contained spectra. Mimicking R’s arrays and matrices, a `dim` attribute is always present and `dim` methods are provided. These allows the storage of time series of spectral data, or (hyper)spectral image data, or even higher dimensional spectral data. The handling of 1D and 2D spectral collections is already implemented in the summary methods. Handling of 3D and higher dimensional data can be implemented in the future without changing the class definition.

**Table 3:** Classes for collections of spectral objects. Objects of class `generic_mspct` can have member objects of any class derived from `generic_spct` and can be heterogeneous. Attributes can be queried and set with the normal R methods of the same names. See table 1 for the attributes used in individual member spectra of collections.

Name	Member objects	Attributes
<code>generic_mspct</code>	<code>generic_spct</code>	<code>names</code> , <code>dim</code> , <code>comment</code>
<code>raw_mspct</code>	<code>raw_spct</code>	<code>names</code> , <code>dim</code> , <code>comment</code>
<code>cps_mspct</code>	<code>cps_spct</code>	<code>names</code> , <code>dim</code> , <code>comment</code>
<code>source_mspct</code>	<code>source_spct</code>	<code>names</code> , <code>dim</code> , <code>comment</code>
<code>filter_mspct</code>	<code>filter_spct</code>	<code>names</code> , <code>dim</code> , <code>comment</code>
<code>reflector_mspct</code>	<code>reflector_spct</code>	<code>names</code> , <code>dim</code> , <code>comment</code>
<code>object_mspct</code>	<code>object_spct</code>	<code>names</code> , <code>dim</code> , <code>comment</code>
<code>response_mspct</code>	<code>response_spct</code>	<code>names</code> , <code>dim</code> , <code>comment</code>
<code>chroma_mspct</code>	<code>chroma_spct</code>	<code>names</code> , <code>dim</code> , <code>comment</code>

By having implemented `dim`, also methods `ncol` and `nrow` are available as they use `dim` internally. Array-like subscripting is **not** implemented.

## 4.2 Construction

### 4.2.1 Constructors

We can construct a collection using a list of spectral objects as a starting point, in this case the spectral transmittance for two glass filters.

```
two_suns.mspct <- source_mspct(list(sun1 = sun.spct, sun2 = sun.spct))
two_suns.mspct

## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: sun1 ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0          0
## 2 280.9231      0          0
## 3 281.8462      0          0
## 4 282.7692      0          0
## 5 283.6923      0          0
## 6 284.6154      0          0
## 7 285.5385      0          0
## 8 286.4615      0          0
## 9 287.3846      0          0
## 10 288.3077     0          0
## ..          ...          ...
## --- Member: sun2 ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
```

```

## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0      0
## 2 280.9231      0      0
## 3 281.8462      0      0
## 4 282.7692      0      0
## 5 283.6923      0      0
## 6 284.6154      0      0
## 7 285.5385      0      0
## 8 286.4615      0      0
## 9 287.3846      0      0
## 10 288.3077     0      0
## ..      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---

```

We can also create heterogeneous collections, but this reduces the number of methods that can be used on the resulting collection.

```

mixed.mspect <- generic_mspect(list(filter = clear.mspect, source = sun.mspect))
class(mixed.mspect)

## [1] "generic_mspect" "list"

lapply(mixed.mspect, class_mspect)

## $filter
## [1] "filter_mspect" "generic_mspect"
##
## $source
## [1] "source_mspect" "generic_mspect"

```

#### 4.2.2 Using ‘as’ functions

The as functions for collections of spectra, not only change the class of the collection object, but also apply the corresponding as functions to the member objects. They copy the original objects and then convert the copy, which is returned.

```

two_gen.mspect <- as_generic_mspect(two_suns.mspect)
class(two_gen.mspect)

## [1] "generic_mspect" "list"

lapply(two_gen.mspect, class_mspect)

## $sun1
## [1] "source_mspect" "generic_mspect"
##
## $sun2
## [1] "source_mspect" "generic_mspect"

```

### 4.2.3 Converting ‘tidy’ data

Spectral objects containing multiple spectra identified by a factor (class of the argument is replicated to collection members).

```
two_suns.spct <- rbindspct(list(a = sun.spct, b = sun.spct / 2))
subset2mspct(two_suns.spct)

## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: a ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0          0
## 2 280.9231      0          0
## 3 281.8462      0          0
## 4 282.7692      0          0
## 5 283.6923      0          0
## 6 284.6154      0          0
## 7 285.5385      0          0
## 8 286.4615      0          0
## 9 287.3846      0          0
## 10 288.3077     0          0
## ..          ...          ...
## --- Member: b ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0          0
## 2 280.9231      0          0
## 3 281.8462      0          0
## 4 282.7692      0          0
## 5 283.6923      0          0
## 6 284.6154      0          0
## 7 285.5385      0          0
## 8 286.4615      0          0
## 9 287.3846      0          0
## 10 288.3077     0          0
## ..          ...          ...
##
## --- END ---
```

Data frame containing ‘tidy’ spectral data (target class and index variable need to be supplied as arguments).

```
test1.df <- data.frame(w.length = rep(200:210, 2),
                      s.e.irrad = rep(c(1, 2), c(11, 11)),
                      spectrum = factor(rep(c("A", "B"), c(11,11))))
subset2mspct(test1.df, member.class = "source_spct", idx.var = "spectrum")

## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
```

```

## --- Member: A ---
## Object: source_spct [11 x 2]
## Wavelength range 200 to 210 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)      (dbl)
## 1      200         1
## 2      201         1
## 3      202         1
## 4      203         1
## 5      204         1
## 6      205         1
## 7      206         1
## 8      207         1
## 9      208         1
## 10     209         1
## 11     210         1
## --- Member: B ---
## Object: source_spct [11 x 2]
## Wavelength range 200 to 210 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)      (dbl)
## 1      200         2
## 2      201         2
## 3      202         2
## 4      203         2
## 5      204         2
## 6      205         2
## 7      206         2
## 8      207         2
## 9      208         2
## 10     209         2
## 11     210         2
##
## --- END ---

```

To convert a ‘tidy’ data frame into a long form spectral object we need to pass the number of spectra through parameter `multiple.wl` to override the usual check for unique wavelength values.

```

setSourceSpct(test1.df, multiple.wl = 2L)
test1.df

## Object: source_spct [22 x 3]
## containing 2 spectra in long form
## Wavelength range 200 to 210 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad spectrum
##   (int)      (dbl)  (fctr)
## 1      200         1      A
## 2      201         1      A
## 3      202         1      A
## 4      203         1      A

```

```
## 5      204      1      A
## 6      205      1      A
## 7      206      1      A
## 8      207      1      A
## 9      208      1      A
## 10     209      1      A
## ..     ...      ...     ...
```

#### 4.2.4 Converting ‘untidy’ data frames

Data frame containing ‘untidy’ or ‘wide’ spectral data (class is determined by the function used, columns which are not `numeric` are skipped).

```
test2.df <- data.frame(w.length = 200:210, A = 1, B = 2, z = "A")
split2source_mspct(test2.df)
```

```
## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: A ---
## Object: source_spct [11 x 2]
## Wavelength range 200 to 210 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)    (dbl)
## 1      200         1
## 2      201         1
## 3      202         1
## 4      203         1
## 5      204         1
## 6      205         1
## 7      206         1
## 8      207         1
## 9      208         1
## 10     209         1
## 11     210         1
## --- Member: B ---
## Object: source_spct [11 x 2]
## Wavelength range 200 to 210 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (int)    (dbl)
## 1      200         2
## 2      201         2
## 3      202         2
## 4      203         2
## 5      204         2
## 6      205         2
## 7      206         2
## 8      207         2
## 9      208         2
## 10     209         2
## 11     210         2
##
## --- END ---
```

```

split2source_mspct(test2.df, spct.data.var = "s.q.irrad")

## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: A ---
## Object: source_spct [11 x 2]
## Wavelength range 200 to 210 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.q.irrad
##   (int)    (dbl)
## 1     200      1
## 2     201      1
## 3     202      1
## 4     203      1
## 5     204      1
## 6     205      1
## 7     206      1
## 8     207      1
## 9     208      1
## 10    209      1
## 11    210      1
## --- Member: B ---
## Object: source_spct [11 x 2]
## Wavelength range 200 to 210 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.q.irrad
##   (int)    (dbl)
## 1     200      2
## 2     201      2
## 3     202      2
## 4     203      2
## 5     204      2
## 6     205      2
## 7     206      2
## 8     207      2
## 9     208      2
## 10    209      2
## 11    210      2
##
## --- END ---

```

### 4.3 Querying the class

`is.` functions are defined for these classes. R's `class` method can also be used.

```

is.source_mspct(two_suns.mspct)

## [1] TRUE

class(two_suns.mspct)

## [1] "source_mspct" "generic_mspct" "list"

```

In addition to using `class` to query the class of the collection, we can use base R's `lapply` together with `class` or `class_spct` to query the class of each of the members of the collection.

```
is.filter_mspct(mixed.mspct)

## [1] FALSE

is.any_mspct(mixed.mspct)

## [1] TRUE

class(mixed.mspct)

## [1] "generic_mspct" "list"

lapply(mixed.mspct, class_spct)

## $filter
## [1] "filter_spct"  "generic_spct"
##
## $source
## [1] "source_spct"  "generic_spct"

lapply(mixed.mspct, class)

## $filter
## [1] "filter_spct"  "generic_spct" "tbl_df"      "tbl"
## [5] "data.frame"
##
## $source
## [1] "source_spct"  "generic_spct" "tbl_df"      "tbl"
## [5] "data.frame"
```

#### 4.4 Extract, replace and combine

R's extraction and replacement methods have specializations for collections of spectra and can be used with the same syntax and functionality as for R lists. However they test the class and validity of the returned objects and replacement members.

Methods `'['`, and `'[<-'`, extract and replace 'parts' of the collection, respectively. Even when only one member is extracted, the returned value is a collection of spectra. The expected replacement value is also, always a collection of spectra.

```
two_suns.mspct[1]

## Object: source_mspct [1 x 1]
```

```

## --- Member: sun1 ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit is
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0          0
## 2  280.9231      0          0
## 3  281.8462      0          0
## 4  282.7692      0          0
## 5  283.6923      0          0
## 6  284.6154      0          0
## 7  285.5385      0          0
## 8  286.4615      0          0
## 9  287.3846      0          0
## 10 288.3077      0          0
## ..      ...      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---

```

```
two_suns.mspct[2:1]
```

```

## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: sun2 ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit is
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0          0
## 2  280.9231      0          0
## 3  281.8462      0          0
## 4  282.7692      0          0
## 5  283.6923      0          0
## 6  284.6154      0          0
## 7  285.5385      0          0
## 8  286.4615      0          0
## 9  287.3846      0          0
## 10 288.3077      0          0
## ..      ...      ...      ...
## --- Member: sun1 ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit is
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0          0
## 2  280.9231      0          0

```

```
## 3 281.8462      0      0
## 4 282.7692      0      0
## 5 283.6923      0      0
## 6 284.6154      0      0
## 7 285.5385      0      0
## 8 286.4615      0      0
## 9 287.3846      0      0
## 10 288.3077     0      0
## ..      ...      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---
```

```
two_suns.mspct[1:2] <- two_suns.mspct[2:1]
```

Methods ‘[[‘, \$ and ‘[[<-‘, extract and replace individual members of the collection, respectively. They always return or expect objects of one of the spectral classes.

```
two_suns.mspct[[1]]
```

```
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0      0
## 2 280.9231      0      0
## 3 281.8462      0      0
## 4 282.7692      0      0
## 5 283.6923      0      0
## 6 284.6154      0      0
## 7 285.5385      0      0
## 8 286.4615      0      0
## 9 287.3846      0      0
## 10 288.3077     0      0
## ..      ...      ...      ...
```

```
two_suns.mspct$sun1
```

```
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0      0
```

```

## 2 280.9231      0      0
## 3 281.8462      0      0
## 4 282.7692      0      0
## 5 283.6923      0      0
## 6 284.6154      0      0
## 7 285.5385      0      0
## 8 286.4615      0      0
## 9 287.3846      0      0
## 10 288.3077     0      0
## ..      ...      ...      ...

two_suns.mspct[["sun1"]]

## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit is
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0      0
## 2 280.9231      0      0
## 3 281.8462      0      0
## 4 282.7692      0      0
## 5 283.6923      0      0
## 6 284.6154      0      0
## 7 285.5385      0      0
## 8 286.4615      0      0
## 9 287.3846      0      0
## 10 288.3077     0      0
## ..      ...      ...      ...

```

```

two_suns.mspct[["sun1"]] <- sun.spct * 2
two_suns.mspct[["sun2"]] <- NULL
two_suns.mspct

## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: sun1 ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit is
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## 5 283.6923      0
## 6 284.6154      0
## 7 285.5385      0
## 8 286.4615      0
## 9 287.3846      0

```

```
## 10 288.3077      0
## ..      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---
```

We can use the combine method `c()` with collections of spectra (but not to create new collections from individual spectra).

```
c(two_suns.mspect, mixed.mspect)

## Object: generic_mspect [3 x 1]
## --- Member: sun1 ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)   (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## 5  283.6923      0
## 6  284.6154      0
## 7  285.5385      0
## 8  286.4615      0
## 9  287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077      0
## ..      ...      ...
## --- Member: filter ---
## Object: filter_spct [4 x 2]
## Wavelength range 100 to 5000 nm, step 1 to 4898 nm
##
##   w.length  Tfr
##   (dbl) (dbl)
## 1    100    1
## 2    101    1
## 3   4999    1
## 4   5000    1
## --- Member: source ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)   (dbl)   (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0      0
## 2  280.9231      0      0
## 3  281.8462      0      0
## 4  282.7692      0      0
## 5  283.6923      0      0
## 6  284.6154      0      0
## 7  285.5385      0      0
```

**Table 4:** Apply functions for collections of spectra. Key: v., value returned by ‘apply’ function; f.v., value returned by the applied function (argument `.fun`). In the table `generic_mspct` and `generic_spct` indicate objects of these classes or any class derived from them. The exact class of the collection of spectra object returned will be determined by the class(es) of the values returned by the applied function.

‘apply’ function	first arg. class	v. class	f.v. class	f.v. length	f.v. dims
<code>msmsply</code>	<code>generic_mspct</code>	<code>generic_mspct</code>	<code>generic_spct</code>	1	any
<code>msdply</code>	<code>generic_mspct</code>	<code>data.frame</code>	<code>numeric</code>	$1 \dots n$	1
<code>mslply</code>	<code>generic_mspct</code>	<code>list</code>	<code>any</code>	any	any
<code>msaply</code>	<code>generic_mspct</code>	<code>vector</code>	<code>any simple</code>	1	0
<code>msaply</code>	<code>generic_mspct</code>	<code>matrix</code>	<code>any simple</code>	$2 \dots n$	$2 \dots n$
<code>concolve_each</code>	<code>generic_mspct</code>	<code>generic_mspct</code>	<code>generic_spct</code>	1	any

```
## 8 286.4615      0      0
## 9 287.3846      0      0
## 10 288.3077     0      0
## ..      ...      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---
```

## 4.5 Transform or *apply* functions

For our ‘apply’ functions we follow the naming convention used in package `plyr`, but using `ms` as prefix for `mspct` objects. The ‘apply’ functions implemented in the ‘photobiology’ package are `msmsply`, `msdply`, `mslply` and `msaply` which both accepts a collections of spectra as first argument and return a collection of spectra, a data frame, a list, or an array respectively (Table 4).

Functions `msmsply()`, `msdply` and `mslply` can be used to apply a function to each member spectrum in a collection. The ‘apply’ function to use depends on the return value of the applied function.

In the case of `msmsply()` the applied function is expected to return a ‘transformed’ spectrum as another object of class `generic_spct` or a class derived from it. The value returned by `msmsply` is a collection of spectra, of a type determined by the class(es) of the member spectra in the new collection.

We start with a simple example in which we add a constant to each spectrum in the collection

```
two.mspct <- source_mspct(list(A = sun.spct * 1, B = sun.spct * 2))
msmsply(two.mspct, `+`, 0.1)

## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: A ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
```

```

##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0.1
## 2  280.9231      0.1
## 3  281.8462      0.1
## 4  282.7692      0.1
## 5  283.6923      0.1
## 6  284.6154      0.1
## 7  285.5385      0.1
## 8  286.4615      0.1
## 9  287.3846      0.1
## 10 288.3077      0.1
## ..      ...      ...
## --- Member: B ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit is
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0.1
## 2  280.9231      0.1
## 3  281.8462      0.1
## 4  282.7692      0.1
## 5  283.6923      0.1
## 6  284.6154      0.1
## 7  285.5385      0.1
## 8  286.4615      0.1
## 9  287.3846      0.1
## 10 288.3077      0.1
## ..      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---

```

and continue with a more complex example in which we trim each spectrum

```

msmsply(two.mspsct, trim_wl, range = c(281, 500), fill = NA)

## Object: source_mspsct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: A ---
## Object: source_spct [525 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 1.023182e-12 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit is
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      NA
## 2  280.9231      NA
## 3  281.0000      NA
## 4  281.0000       0
## 5  281.8462       0
## 6  282.7692       0
## 7  283.6923       0

```

```

## 8 284.6154      0
## 9 285.5385      0
## 10 286.4615     0
## ..      ...      ...
## --- Member: B ---
## Object: source_spct [525 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 1.023182e-12 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      NA
## 2 280.9231      NA
## 3 281.0000      NA
## 4 281.0000      0
## 5 281.8462      0
## 6 282.7692      0
## 7 283.6923      0
## 8 284.6154      0
## 9 285.5385      0
## 10 286.4615     0
## ..      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---

```

In the second example we pass two arguments by name to the applied function. The number of arguments is not fixed, but the spectrum will be always passed as the first argument to the function.

In the case of `msdply()` the applied function is expected to return an R object of the same length for each of the member spectra.

```

msdply(two.mspect, max)

## Source: local data frame [2 x 2]
##
##      spct.idx max.wl
##      (fctr)  (dbl)
## 1          A      800
## 2          B      800

ranges.df <- msdply(two.mspect, range)
ranges.df

## Source: local data frame [2 x 3]
##
##      spct.idx min.wl max.wl
##      (fctr)  (dbl)  (dbl)
## 1          A      280      800
## 2          B      280      800

cat(comment(ranges.df))

## Applied function: 'range'.

```

```
msdply(two.mspect, range, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [2 x 3]
##
##   spct.idx min.wl max.wl
##   (fctr)   (dbl) (dbl)
## 1       A     280   800
## 2       B     280   800
```

In the case of `mslply()` the applied function is expected to return an R object of any length, possibly variable among members.

```
str(mslply(two.mspect, names))
```

```
## List of 2
## $ A: chr [1:2] "w.length" "s.e.irrad"
## $ B: chr [1:2] "w.length" "s.e.irrad"
## - attr(*, "comment")= chr "Applied function: 'names'.\n"
```

In the case of `msapply()` the applied function is expected to return an R object of length 1, although a list with dimensions will be returned for longer return values.

```
str(msapply(two.mspect, max))
```

```
## atomic [1:2] 800 800
## - attr(*, "comment")= chr "Applied function: 'max'.\n"
```

```
str(msapply(two.mspect, range))
```

```
## num [1:2, 1:2] 280 280 800 800
## - attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
## ..$ : NULL
## ..$ : chr [1:2] "1" "2"
## - attr(*, "comment")= chr "Applied function: 'range'.\n"
```

## 4.6 Convolution

By convolution we normally mean the multiplication value by value at matching wavelengths of two spectra. The function described in this section facilitates this and similar operations among collections of spectra. An example use case could be the convolution of spectral irradiance by spectral transmittance for all combinations of light sources and filters in a collection of source spectra and a collection of filter spectra.

Default operator (or function) is that for multiplication, either one or both of the two first arguments must be a collection of spectra. When only one argument is a collection of spectra, the other one can be a spectrum, or even a numeric vector. For multiplication the order of the operands does not affect the returned value. With operators or functions for non-transitive operations the order does matter.

```

convolve_each(two.mspct, sun.spct)

## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: A ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## 5 283.6923      0
## 6 284.6154      0
## 7 285.5385      0
## 8 286.4615      0
## 9 287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077     0
## ..      ...      ...
## --- Member: B ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## 5 283.6923      0
## 6 284.6154      0
## 7 285.5385      0
## 8 286.4615      0
## 9 287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077     0
## ..      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---

```

```

convolve_each(sun.spct, two.mspct)

## Object: source_mspct [2 x 1]
## --- Member: A ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0

```

```

## 5 283.6923      0
## 6 284.6154      0
## 7 285.5385      0
## 8 286.4615      0
## 9 287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077     0
## ..          ...
## --- Member: B ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit is
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## 5 283.6923      0
## 6 284.6154      0
## 7 285.5385      0
## 8 286.4615      0
## 9 287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077     0
## ..          ...
##
## --- END ---

```

```

another_two.mspect <- two.mspect
names(another_two.mspect) <- c("a", "b")
convolve_each(another_two.mspect, two.mspect)

## Object: source_mspect [2 x 2]
## --- Member: a_A ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit is
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## 5 283.6923      0
## 6 284.6154      0
## 7 285.5385      0
## 8 286.4615      0
## 9 287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077     0
## ..          ...
## --- Member: a_B ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit is
##

```

```

##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## 5  283.6923      0
## 6  284.6154      0
## 7  285.5385      0
## 8  286.4615      0
## 9  287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077      0
## ..      ...      ...
## --- Member: b_A ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## 5  283.6923      0
## 6  284.6154      0
## 7  285.5385      0
## 8  286.4615      0
## 9  287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077      0
## ..      ...      ...
## --- Member: b_B ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## 5  283.6923      0
## 6  284.6154      0
## 7  285.5385      0
## 8  286.4615      0
## 9  287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077      0
## ..      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---

```

The function `convolve_each` will use other operators or functions and even pass additional named arguments when these are supplied as arguments.

```

convolve_each(two.mspect, sun.spct, oper = `+`)
## Object: source_mspect [2 x 1]

```

```

## --- Member: A ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## 5 283.6923      0
## 6 284.6154      0
## 7 285.5385      0
## 8 286.4615      0
## 9 287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077     0
## ..          ...
## --- Member: B ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## 5 283.6923      0
## 6 284.6154      0
## 7 285.5385      0
## 8 286.4615      0
## 9 287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077     0
## ..          ...
##
## --- END ---

```

There are cases where functions `convolve_each()` and `msmapply()` can be both used, but there are also cases where their differences matter. An example is convolving two collections of spectra, a case where only `convolve_each()` can be used. In contrast, when one of the arguments is not a spectrum or a collection of spectra, `msmapply()` should be used instead.

## 4.7 Attributes

Some of the `set` and `get` functions used with attributes have method definitions for collections of spectra. Some examples follow.

```

getWhenMeasured(two.mspect)

## Source: local data frame [2 x 2]
##
##   spct.idx      when.measured
##   (fctr)        (time)
## 1           A 2010-06-22 09:51:00
## 2           B 2010-06-22 09:51:00

setWhenMeasured(two.mspect, ymd("2015-10-31", tz = "EET"))
getWhenMeasured(two.mspect)

## Source: local data frame [2 x 2]
##
##   spct.idx      when.measured
##   (fctr)        (time)
## 1           A 2015-10-30 22:00:00
## 2           B 2015-10-30 22:00:00

setWhenMeasured(two.mspect,
  list(ymd_hm("2015-10-31 10:00", tz = "EET"),
        ymd_hm("2015-10-31 11:00", tz = "EET")))
getWhenMeasured(two.mspect)

## Source: local data frame [2 x 2]
##
##   spct.idx      when.measured
##   (fctr)        (time)
## 1           A 2015-10-31 08:00:00
## 2           B 2015-10-31 09:00:00

two.mspect

## Object: source_mspect [2 x 1]
## --- Member: A ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2015-10-31 08:00:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit is
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## 5 283.6923      0
## 6 284.6154      0
## 7 285.5385      0
## 8 286.4615      0
## 9 287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077     0
## ..          ...
## --- Member: B ---
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm

```

```

## Measured on 2015-10-31 09:00:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## 5  283.6923      0
## 6  284.6154      0
## 7  285.5385      0
## 8  286.4615      0
## 9  287.3846      0
## 10 288.3077      0
## ..      ...      ...
##
## --- END ---

```

Other methods available are `getWhereMeasured` and `setWhereMeasured`.

## 5 Wavebands

When a range of wavelengths or a range of wavelengths plus a spectral weighting function (SWF) is needed for radiation summaries or transformations, methods, operators and functions defined in package 'photobiology' use `waveband` objects to store these data. A few other bits of information can be included to fine-tune calculations. The waveband definitions do NOT describe whether input spectral irradiances are photon or energy based, nor whether the output irradiance will be based on photon or energy units. All waveband objects belong to the S3 class `waveband`.

### 5.1 Construction

When defining a waveband which uses a SWF, a function can be supplied either based on energy effectiveness, on photon effectiveness, or one function for each one. If only one function is supplied the other one is built automatically, but if performance is a concern it is better to provide two separate functions. Another case when you might want to enter the same function twice, is if you are using an absorptance spectrum as SWF, as the percent of radiation absorbed will be independent of whether photon or energy units are used for the spectral irradiance.

To create a waveband object we use constructor function `waveband`, and optionally giving a name to it.

```

PAR <- waveband(c(400, 700), wb.name = "PAR")
UVA <- waveband(c(315, 400), wb.name = "UVA")
UVB <- waveband(c(280, 315), wb.name = "UVB")
UVC <- waveband(c(100, 280), wb.name = "UVC")

```

```
UV <- waveband(c(100, 400), wb.name = "UV")
UV_bands <- list(UVC, UVB, UVA)
```

When including a BSWF, we supply, one or two versions of functions returning the weights as a function of wavelength. Several such functions are defined in package 'photobiologyWavebands' as well as constructors using them. Here we give three examples of how equivalent wavebands can be defined based on a SWF. Although the constructor is smart enough to derive the missing function when only one function is supplied, performance may suffer.

```
CIE_e_fun <-
function(w.length){
  CIE.energy <- numeric(length(w.length))
  CIE.energy[w.length <= 298] <- 1
  CIE.energy[(w.length > 298) & (w.length <= 328)] <-
    10^(0.094*(298-w.length[(w.length > 298) & (w.length <= 328)]))
  CIE.energy[(w.length > 328) & (w.length <= 400)] <-
    10^(0.015*(139-w.length[(w.length > 328) & (w.length <= 400)]))
  CIE.energy[w.length > 400] <- 0
  return(CIE.energy)
}
```

```
CIE <- waveband(c(250, 400), weight = "SWF",
  SWF.e.fun = CIE_e_fun, SWF.norm = 298)
```

The first argument to `waveband()` does not need to be a numeric vector of length two. Any R object of a class that supplies a `range()` method definition that can be interpreted as a range of wavelengths in nanometres can be used. As a consequence, when wanting to construct a waveband covering the whole range of a spectrum one can simply supply the spectrum as argument, or to construct an unweighted waveband which covers exactly the same range of wavelengths as an existing effective (weighted) waveband, one can supply a waveband object as an argument.

```
waveband(sun.spct)

## Total
## low (nm) 280
## high (nm) 800
## weighted none
```

## 5.2 Querying the class

The function `is.waveband` can be used to query any R object. This function returns a logical value.

```
is.waveband(PAR)

## [1] TRUE
```

Above, we demonstrate that `PAR` is a waveband object, the function `photobiologyWavebands::PAR()` is a waveband constructor returning a waveband object. See package 'photobiologyWavebands' for details on pre-defined waveband constructors for frequently used wavelength ranges and biological spectral weighting functions (BSWFs).

### 5.3 Retrieving properties

The function `is_effective` can be used to query any R object.

```
is_effective(waveband(c(400,500)))  
## [1] FALSE
```

## 6 Collections of wavebands

In the current implementation there is no special class used for storing collections of waveband objects. We simply use base R's `list` class.

### 6.1 Construction

#### 6.1.1 List constructor

Just base R's functions used to create a list object.

```
wavebands <- list(waveband(c(300,400)), waveband(c(400,500)))  
wavebands  
  
## [[1]]  
## range.300.400  
## low (nm) 300  
## high (nm) 400  
## weighted none  
##  
## [[2]]  
## range.400.500  
## low (nm) 400  
## high (nm) 500  
## weighted none
```

#### 6.1.2 Special constructor

The function `split_bands` can be used to generate lists of unweighted wavebands in two different ways: a) it can be used to split a range of wavelengths given by an R object into a series of adjacent wavebands, or b) with a list of objects returning ranges, it can be used to create non-adjacent and even overlapping wavebands.

The code chunk bellow shows an example of two variations of case a). With the default value for `length.out` of `NULL` each numerical value in the input is taken as a wavelength (nm) at the boundary between adjacent wavebands. If a numerical value is supplied to `length.out`, then the whole wavelength range of the input is split into this number of equally spaced adjacent wavebands.

```
split_bands(c(200, 225, 300))

## $wb1
## range.200.225
## low (nm) 200
## high (nm) 225
## weighted none
##
## $wb2
## range.225.300
## low (nm) 225
## high (nm) 300
## weighted none

split_bands(c(200, 225, 300), length.out = 2)

## $wb1
## range.200.250
## low (nm) 200
## high (nm) 250
## weighted none
##
## $wb2
## range.250.300
## low (nm) 250
## high (nm) 300
## weighted none
```

In both examples above, the output is a list of two wavebands, but the ‘split’ boundaries are at a different wavelength. The chunk bellow gives a few more examples of the use of case a).

```
split_bands(sun.spct, length.out = 2)

## $wb1
## range.280.540
## low (nm) 280
## high (nm) 540
## weighted none
##
## $wb2
## range.540.800
## low (nm) 540
## high (nm) 800
## weighted none

split_bands(PAR, length.out = 2)

## $wb1
```

```

## range.400.550
## low (nm) 400
## high (nm) 550
## weighted none
##
## $wb2
## range.550.700
## low (nm) 550
## high (nm) 700
## weighted none

split_bands(c(200, 800), length.out = 3)

## $wb1
## range.200.400
## low (nm) 200
## high (nm) 400
## weighted none
##
## $wb2
## range.400.600
## low (nm) 400
## high (nm) 600
## weighted none
##
## $wb3
## range.600.800
## low (nm) 600
## high (nm) 800
## weighted none

```

Now we demonstrate case b). This case is handled by recursion, so each list element can be anything that is a valid input to the function, including a nested list. However, the returned value is always a flat list of wavebands.

```

split_bands(list(A = c(200, 300), B = c(400, 500), C = c(250, 350)))

## $A
## range.200.300
## low (nm) 200
## high (nm) 300
## weighted none
##
## $B
## range.400.500
## low (nm) 400
## high (nm) 500
## weighted none
##
## $C
## range.250.350
## low (nm) 250
## high (nm) 350
## weighted none

split_bands(list(c(100, 150, 200), c(800, 825)))

```

```

## $wb.a
## range.100.150
## low (nm) 100
## high (nm) 150
## weighted none
##
## $<NA>
## range.150.200
## low (nm) 150
## high (nm) 200
## weighted none
##
## $wb.b
## range.800.825
## low (nm) 800
## high (nm) 825
## weighted none

```

In case b) if we supply a numeric value to `length.out`, this value is used recursively for each element of the list.

```
split_bands(UV_bands, length.out = 2)
```

```

## $wb.a
## range.100.190
## low (nm) 100
## high (nm) 190
## weighted none
##
## $<NA>
## range.190.280
## low (nm) 190
## high (nm) 280
## weighted none
##
## $wb.b
## range.280.297.5
## low (nm) 280
## high (nm) 298
## weighted none
##
## $<NA>
## range.297.5.315
## low (nm) 298
## high (nm) 315
## weighted none
##
## $wb.c
## range.315.357.5
## low (nm) 315
## high (nm) 358
## weighted none
##
## $<NA>
## range.357.5.400
## low (nm) 358

```

```
## high (nm) 400
## weighted none

split_bands(list(c(100, 150, 200), c(800, 825)), length.out = 1)

## $wb.a
## range.100.200
## low (nm) 100
## high (nm) 200
## weighted none
##
## $wb.b
## range.800.825
## low (nm) 800
## high (nm) 825
## weighted none
```

## 7 Object ‘inspection’ methods

### 7.1 print()

The `print()` method for spectra is based on the method defined in package `dplyr`, consequently, it is possible to use the options from this package to control printing. In the code chunk below, `dplyr.print_max`, the number of rows in the spectral object above which only `dplyr.print_min` rows are printed, are both set to 5, instead of the default 20 and 10, to avoid excessive clutter in our examples.

```
options(dplyr.print_max = 4)
options(dplyr.print_min = 4)
```

For explicit calls to `print()` its argument `n` can be used to control the number of lines printed. If `n` is set to `Inf` the whole spectrum is always printed. The output differs from that of the `print()` method from package ‘`dplyr`’ in that additional metadata specific to spectra are shown.

```
print(sun.spct, n = 3)
```

Specialized `print()` methods for collections of spectra and for `waveband` objects are also defined.

### 7.2 summary()

The `summary()` method for spectra is based on base R’s `summary()` method for data frames, and accepts the same arguments. The main difference is that the attributes containing metadata and dimensions of the original spectrum object are copied to the summary object.

**Table 5:** Binary operators and operands. Validity and class of result. All operations marked 'Y' are allowed, those marked 'N' are forbidden and return NA and issue a warning. Operators %/% and %% follow /.

e1	+	-	*	/	^	e2	value
raw_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	raw_spct	raw_spct
cps_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	cps_spct	cps_spct
source_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	source_spct	source_spct
filter_spct (T)	N	N	Y	Y	N	filter_spct	filter_spct
filter_spct (A)	Y	Y	N	N	N	filter_spct	filter_spct
reflector_spct	N	N	Y	Y	N	reflector_spct	reflector_spct
object_spct	N	N	N	N	N	object_spct	--
response_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	response_spct	response_spct
chroma_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	chroma_spct	chroma_spct
raw_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	numeric	raw_spct
cps_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	numeric	cps_spct
source_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	numeric	source_spct
filter_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	numeric	filter_spct
reflector_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	numeric	reflector_spct
object_spct	N	N	N	N	N	numeric	--
response_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	numeric	response_spct
chroma_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	numeric	chroma_spct
source_spct	N	N	Y	Y	N	response_spct	response_spct
source_spct	N	N	Y	Y	N	filter_spct (T)	source_spct
source_spct	N	N	Y	Y	N	filter_spct (A)	source_spct
source_spct	N	N	Y	Y	N	reflector_spct	source_spct
source_spct	N	N	N	N	N	object_spct	--
source_spct	N	N	Y	N	N	waveband (no BSWF)	source_spct
source_spct	N	N	Y	N	N	waveband (BSWF)	source_spct

```
summary(sun.spct)
```

Specialized `print()` methods for summaries of spectra are defined. The output differs from that of the `print()` method from base R in that additional metadata specific to spectra are shown.

## 8 Transformations: using operators

### 8.1 Binary operators

The basic maths operators have definitions for spectra. It is possible to sum, subtract, multiply and divide spectra. These operators can be used even if the spectral data is on different arbitrary sets of wavelengths. Operators by default use values expressed in energy units. Only certain operations are meaningful for a given combination of objects belonging to different classes, and meaningless combinations return NA also issuing a warning (see Table 5). By default operations are carried out on spectral energy irradiance for `source_spct` objects and transmittance for `filter_spct` objects.

```
sun.spct * sun.spct

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

When meaningful, operations between different spectra are also allowed. For example, it is possible to simulate the effect of a filter on a light source by multiplying (or convolving) the two spectra.

```
sun.spct * polyester.spct

## Object: source_spct [533 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.07692308 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.0000      0
## 4  281.8462      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

If we have two layers of the filter, this can be approximated using either of these two statements.

```
sun.spct * polyester.spct * polyester.spct

## Object: source_spct [533 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.07692308 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.0000      0
## 4  281.8462      0
## ..      ...      ...

sun.spct * polyester.spct^2

## Object: source_spct [533 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.07692308 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
```

```
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.0000      0
## 4  281.8462      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

Operators are also defined for operations between a spectrum and a numeric vector (with normal recycling).

```
sun.spct * 2

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...

2 * sun.spct

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...

sun.spct * c(0,1)

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

There is one special case, for `chroma_spct`: if the numeric operand has length three, containing three *named* values ‘x’, ‘y’ and ‘z’, the corresponding value is used for each of the chromaticity ‘columns’ in the `chroma_spct`. Un-named values or differently named values are not treated specially.

Operators are also defined for operations between an spectrum and a `waveband` object. The next to code chunks demonstrate how the class of the result depends on whether the `waveband` object describes a range of wavelengths or a range of wavelengths plus a BSWF.

```
sun.spct * UVB

## Object: source_spct [37 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 315 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

```
sun.spct * CIE
```

And of course these operations can be combined into more complex statements, including parentheses, when needed. The example below estimates the difference in effective spectral irradiance according to the CIE98 definition, between sunlight and sunlight filtered with a polyester film. Of course, the result is valid only for the solar spectral data used, which corresponds to Southern Finland.

```
sun.spct * CIE - sun.spct * polyester.spct * CIE

## Object: source_spct [133 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 400 nm, step 0.07692308 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
## Data weighted using 'range.250.400.wtd' BSWF
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.0000      0
## 4  281.8462      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

## 8.2 Unary operators and maths functions

The most common maths functions, as well as unary minus and plus, are also implemented for spectral objects (see Table 6).

**Table 6:** Unary operators and maths functions for spectra. Classes for which they are implemented and class of the result. All operations marked 'Y' are allowed, those marked 'N' are not implemented and return NA and issue a warning. Additional supported functions: log2, log10, sin, cos, tan, asin, acos, atan, sinpi, cospi, tanpi, signif, floor, ceiling, trunc, sign, abs.

e1	+, -	log, exp	trig.	round	sqrt	value
raw_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	raw_spct
cps_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	cps_spct
source_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	source_spct
filter_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	filter_spct
reflector_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	reflector_spct
object_spct	N	N	N	N	N	--
response_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	response_spct
chroma_spct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	chroma_spct

```

-sun.spct

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...

sqrt(sun.spct)

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...

```

### 8.3 Options

Table 7 lists all the recognized options affecting maths operators and functions, and their default values. Within the suite all functions have a default value

**Table 7:** Options recognized by functions in the 'photobiology' package and the values they can take.

Option	values, <u>default</u>	function
<b>Base R</b>		
digits	7	$d - 3$ used by <code>summary</code>
photobiology.radiation.unit	"energy"	output ( $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{nm}^{-1}$ )
	"photon"	output ( $\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{nm}^{-1}$ )
photobiology.filter.qty	"transmittance"	output (/1)
	"absorptance"	output (/1)
	"absorbance"	output (a.u. $\log_{10}$ base)
photobiology.strict.range	NA	skip range test
	TRUE	trigger and error
	<u>FALSE</u>	trigger a warning
photobiology.waveband.trim	FALSE	exclude
	<u>TRUE</u>	trim or exclude
photobiology.use.cached.mult	<u>FALSE</u>	do not cache intermediate results
	TRUE	cache intermediate results

which is used when the options are undefined. Options are set using base R's function `options`, and queried with functions `options` and `getOption`.

The behaviour of the operators defined in this package depends on the value of two global options. For example, if we would like the operators to operate on spectral photon irradiance and return spectral photon irradiance instead of spectral energy irradiance, this behaviour can be set, and will remain active until unset or reset.

```
options(photobiology.radiation.unit = "photon")
sun.spct * UVB

## Object: source_spct [37 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 315 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...

options(photobiology.radiation.unit = "energy")
sun.spct * UVB

## Object: source_spct [37 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 315 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
```

**Table 8:** Transformation methods for spectra. Key: + available, – not available, f available in the future.

methods	raw/cps	source	response	filter	reflector	object	chroma
merge	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
rbindspct	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
e2q, q2e	–	+	+	–	–	–	–
A2T, T2A	–	–	–	+	–	–	–
subset	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
clip.wl	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
trim.wl	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
(trim.spct)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
interpolate.wl	–	+	+	+	+	+	+
(interpolate.spct)	–	+	+	+	+	+	+
fscale	+	+	+	+	+	–	–
fshift	+	+	+	+	+	–	–
normalize	+	+	+	+	+	–	–
clean	–	+	+	+	+	–	–
<i>math operators</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>math functions</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
tag	–	+	+	+	+	+	+
untag	–	+	+	+	+	+	+

```
## w.length s.e.irrad
## (dbl) (dbl)
## 1 280.0000 0
## 2 280.9231 0
## 3 281.8462 0
## 4 282.7692 0
## .. ... ..
```

The other options listed in Table 7 can be set similarly, to unset any option, they can be given a NULL value.

## 9 Transformations: methods and functions

In this section we describe methods and functions that take one or more spectral objects, and in some cases also waveband objects, as arguments and return another spectral object (Table 8) or that take a collection of spectral objects, and in some cases also waveband objects, as arguments and return a collection of spectral objects (Table 9).

### 9.1 Manipulating spectra

Sometimes, especially for plotting, we may want to row-bind spectra. When the aim is that the returned object retains its class and other attributes like the time unit. Package 'photobiology' provides function `rbindspct` for row-binding spectra, with the necessary checks for consistency of the bound spectra.

```
# STOPGAP
shade.spct <- sun.spct
```

By default an ID factor named `spct.idx` is added allow to identify the source of the observations after the binding. If the supplied list has named members,

**Table 9:** Transformation methods for collections of spectra. Key: + available, – not available, **ms** use `msmsply()` or `convolve_each()` to apply function or operator to collection members.

methods	raw/cps	source	response	filter	reflector	object	chroma
<code>convolve_each</code>	–	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>msmsply</code>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>msdply</code>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>mslply</code>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>msaply</code>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>rbindspect</code>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>c</code>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>math operators</i>	ms	ms	ms	ms	ms	ms	ms
<i>math functions</i>	ms	ms	ms	ms	ms	ms	ms
<code>e2q, q2e</code>	–	+	+	–	–	–	–
<code>A2T, T2A</code>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<code>clip_wl</code>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>trim_wl</code>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>(trim.mspect)</code>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>interpolate_wl</code>	–	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>(interpolate.mspect)</code>	–	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>fscale</code>	+	+	+	+	+	–	–
<code>fshift</code>	+	+	+	+	+	–	–
<code>normalize</code>	+	+	+	+	+	–	–
<code>clean</code>	–	+	+	+	+	–	–
<code>tag</code>	–	+	+	+	+	+	+
<code>untag</code>	–	+	+	+	+	+	+

then these names are used as factor levels. If a character value is supplied to as `idfactor` argument, this is used as name for the factor.

```
rbindspect(list(sun.spct, shade.spct))

## Object: source_spct [1,044 x 4]
## containing 2 spectra in long form
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad spct.idx s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl) (fctr)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0 spct_1      0
## 2 280.9231      0 spct_1      0
## 3 281.8462      0 spct_1      0
## 4 282.7692      0 spct_1      0
## ..          ...      ...      ...

rbindspect(list(A = sun.spct, B = shade.spct), idfactor = "site")

## Object: source_spct [1,044 x 4]
## containing 2 spectra in long form
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad site s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl) (fctr)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0 A      0
## 2 280.9231      0 A      0
## 3 281.8462      0 A      0
## 4 282.7692      0 A      0
## ..          ...      ...      ...
```

Special *Extract* methods for spectral objects have been implemented. These are used by default and preserve the attributes used by this package, except when the returned value is a single column from the spectral object.

```
sun.spct[1:10, ]

## Object: source_spct [10 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 288.30769 nm, step 0.9230769 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0          0
## 2  280.9231      0          0
## 3  281.8462      0          0
## 4  282.7692      0          0
## ..      ...      ...      ...

sun.spct[1:10, 1]

## [1] 280.0000 280.9231 281.8462 282.7692 283.6923 284.6154 285.5385
## [8] 286.4615 287.3846 288.3077

sun.spct[1:10, 1, drop = TRUE]

## [1] 280.0000 280.9231 281.8462 282.7692 283.6923 284.6154 285.5385
## [8] 286.4615 287.3846 288.3077

sun.spct[1:10, "w.length", drop = TRUE]

## [1] 280.0000 280.9231 281.8462 282.7692 283.6923 284.6154 285.5385
## [8] 286.4615 287.3846 288.3077
```

In contrast to `trim_spct`, `subset` never interpolates or inserts *hinges*. On the other hand, the `subset` argument accepts any logical expression and can be consequently used to do subsetting, for example, based on factors. Both `subset()` and `trim()` methods preserve attributes.

```
subset(sun.spct, s.e.irrad > 0.2)

## Object: source_spct [475 x 3]
## Wavelength range 324 to 800 nm, step 1 to 3 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad   s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1    324 0.2075508 5.621282e-07
## 2    325 0.2168055 5.890059e-07
## 3    326 0.2774416 7.560580e-07
## 4    327 0.2851096 7.793375e-07
## ..      ...      ...      ...

subset(sun.spct, w.length > 600)
```

```
## Object: source_spct [200 x 3]
## Wavelength range 601 to 800 nm, step 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad   s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1      601 0.6295837 3.162962e-06
## 2      602 0.6305890 3.173284e-06
## 3      603 0.6360329 3.205995e-06
## 4      604 0.6578140 3.321284e-06
## ..      ...      ...      ...

subset(sun.spct, c(TRUE, rep(FALSE, 99)))

## Object: source_spct [6 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 779 nm, step 99 to 100 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad   s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1      280 0.0000000 0.000000e+00
## 2      379 0.4131498 1.308919e-06
## 3      479 0.7536975 3.017857e-06
## 4      579 0.6474340 3.133575e-06
## ..      ...      ...      ...
```

R's Extract methods `$` and `[[ ]]` can be used to extract whole columns. Replace methods `$<-` and `[[<-` have definitions for spectral objects, which allow their safe use. They work identically to those for data frames but check the validity of the spectra after the replacement.

## 9.2 Conversions between radiation units

The functions `e2q` and `q2e` can be used on source spectra to convert spectral energy irradiance into spectral photon irradiance and vice versa. A second optional argument sets the action with `"add"` and `"replace"` as possible values. By default these functions use normal reference semantics.

```
e2q(sun.spct, "add")

## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0          0
## 2  280.9231      0          0
## 3  281.8462      0          0
## 4  282.7692      0          0
## ..      ...      ...      ...

e2q(sun.spct, "replace")
```

```
## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

For `filter_spct` objects functions `T2A` and `A2T` allow conversion between spectral transmittance and spectral absorbance and vice versa.

### 9.3 Normalizing a spectrum

Function `normalize` permits normalizing a spectrum to a value of one at an arbitrary wavelength (nm) or to the wavelength of either the maximum or the minimum spectral value. It supports the different spectral classes, we use a `source_spct` object as an example.

```
normalize(sun.spct)

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
## Spectral data normalized to 1 at 451 nm
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

Which is equivalent to supplying "max" as argument to `norm`, it is also possible to give a range within which the maximum should be searched.

```
normalize(sun.spct, range = PAR, norm = "max")

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
## Spectral data normalized to 1 at 451 nm
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
```

```
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

It is also possible to normalize to an arbitrary wavelength within the range of the data, even if it is not one of the wavelength values present in the spectral object, as interpolation is used when needed.

```
normalize(sun.spct, norm = 600.3)

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
## Spectral data normalized to 1 at 600.3 nm
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

## 9.4 Rescaling a spectrum

Function `fscale()` rescales a spectrum by dividing each spectral data value by a value calculated with a function (`f`) selected by a character string ("total" or "mean"), or an actual R function which can accept the spectrum object supplied as its first argument.

```
fscale(sun.spct)

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
## Rescaled to 'mean' = 1
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad
##      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...

fscale(sun.spct, f = "total")
```

```

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
## Rescaled to 'total' = 1
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...

fscale(sun.spct, range = PAR, f = irradi)

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
## Rescaled to 'a user supplied R function' = 1
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      0
## 2  280.9231      0
## 3  281.8462      0
## 4  282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...

```

In the third example, the spectral data is rescaled so that the corresponding photosynthetically-active irradiance is equal to one.

## 9.5 Shifting the zero of the spectral data scale

Function `fshift()` shifts the zero of the scale of a spectrum by subtracting from each spectral data value a value calculated with a function (`f`) selected by a character string ("mean", "min" or "max"), or an actual R function which can accept the spectrum object supplied as its first argument. The `range` argument selects a region of the spectrum to be used as *reference* in the calculation of the summary.

```

fshift(sun.spct, range = UVB, f = "mean")

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length  s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)

```

```

## 1 280.0000 -0.01841458
## 2 280.9231 -0.01841458
## 3 281.8462 -0.01841458
## 4 282.7692 -0.01841458
## ..      ...      ...

fshift(sun.spct, range = c(280,290), f = "min")

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...

```

In the first example, the spectral data shifted so that the mean spectral irradiance becomes zero for the UV-B region. In the second example the minimum value in the range of wavelengths between 280 nm and 290 nm is used as zero reference for the scale.

## 9.6 Replacing off-range spectral data values

Method `clean()` should be used with care as off-range values stem almost always from calibration errors or measuring noise. This function allows one to replace such values, but in many cases a zero shift or rescaling could be the option to be preferred. Even when the off-range values are the result of random noise, replacing them with the boundary values can cause bias, by censoring the data. Here we create *artificial* off-range values by subtracting a constant from each spectrum.

```

clean(sun.spct - 0.01, range = c(280.5, 282))

## Object: source_spct [522 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000  -0.01
## 2 280.9231   0.00
## 3 281.8462   0.00
## 4 282.7692  -0.01
## ..      ...      ...

```

```

clean(polyester.spct - 0.053)

## Warning in range_check(x, strict.range = strict.range): Off-range
transmittance values [-0.05...0.87] instead of [0..1]

## Object: filter_spct [611 x 2]
## Wavelength range 190 to 800 nm, step 1 nm
##
##   w.length  Tfr
##   (int) (dbl)
## 1      190     0
## 2      191     0
## 3      192     0
## 4      193     0
## ..      ...     ...

```

## 9.7 Wavelength interpolation

Converting spectra available at a given set of wavelengths values to a different one, is frequently needed when operating with several spectra of different origin. One can increase the *apparent* resolution by interpolation, and reduce it by local averaging or smoothing and resampling. The same function works on all `spct` objects, interpolating every column except `w.length` and replacing in this last column the old wavelength values with the new ones supplied as argument. The optional argument `fill.value` control what value is assigned to wavelengths in the new data that are outside the range of the old wavelengths.

```

interpolate_wl(sun.spct, seq(400, 500, by = 0.1))

## Object: source_spct [1,001 x 3]
## Wavelength range 400 to 500 nm, step 0.1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad  s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1      400.0 0.6081049 2.033314e-06
## 2      400.1 0.6099118 2.039879e-06
## 3      400.2 0.6117187 2.046445e-06
## 4      400.3 0.6135257 2.053010e-06
## ..      ...      ...

```

## 9.8 Trimming and clipping

### 9.8.1 Method `clip_wl()`

Sometimes it is desirable to change the range of wavelengths included in a spectrum. If we are interested in a given part of the spectrum, there is no need to do calculations or plotting the whole spectrum. To select part a spectrum based on a range of wavelengths we may use the `clip_wl` method.

The range of wavelengths expressed in nanometres can be given as numeric vector of length two.

```
clip_wl(sun.spct, range = c(400, 402))

## Object: source_spct [3 x 3]
## Wavelength range 400 to 402 nm, step 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad   s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1     400 0.6081049 2.033314e-06
## 2     401 0.6261742 2.098967e-06
## 3     402 0.6497388 2.183388e-06

clip_wl(sun.spct, range = c(400, NA))

## Object: source_spct [401 x 3]
## Wavelength range 400 to 800 nm, step 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad   s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1     400 0.6081049 2.033314e-06
## 2     401 0.6261742 2.098967e-06
## 3     402 0.6497388 2.183388e-06
## 4     403 0.6207287 2.091091e-06
## ..     ...     ...     ...
```

As for `trim_wl()` the range can be also supplied as a `waveband` object, or any other object for which `range()` returns a numeric range. Even a different spectrum object is acceptable.

```
clip_wl(sun.spct, range = UVA)

## Object: source_spct [86 x 3]
## Wavelength range 315 to 400 nm, step 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad   s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1     315 0.1127901 2.969940e-07
## 2     316 0.1020587 2.695897e-07
## 3     317 0.1487690 3.942191e-07
## 4     318 0.1413919 3.758526e-07
## ..     ...     ...     ...
```

The result can be a spectrum of length zero.

```
clip_wl(sun.spct, range = c(100, 200))

## Object: source_spct [0 x 3]
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
## Variables not shown: w.length (dbl), s.e.irrad (dbl), s.q.irrad (dbl)
```

### 9.8.2 Method trim\_wl()

Sometimes, we need more flexibility. We may want to replace the observed values outside a certain range or expand the range of wavelengths, filling the expansion of all other variables with a certain value (i.e. a number, or NA.). In contrast to *clipping* (or functionally equivalent, indexing, or subsetting), *trimming* ensures that there will be spectral data returned at the boundaries of the trimmed region. These values are obtained by interpolation when they are not already present in the data.

More flexibility is available in method `trim_wl()`, to which we can supply arguments `range`, `use.hinges`, and `fill`. By default interpolation is used at the boundaries of the `range`.

```
trim_wl(sun.spct, c(282.5, NA))

## Object: source_spct [520 x 3]
## Wavelength range 282.5 to 800 nm, step 0.2692308 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 282.5000         0         0
## 2 282.7692         0         0
## 3 283.6923         0         0
## 4 284.6154         0         0
## ..      ...      ...      ...

clip_wl(sun.spct, c(282.5, NA))

## Object: source_spct [519 x 3]
## Wavelength range 282.76923 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 282.7692         0         0
## 2 283.6923         0         0
## 3 284.6154         0         0
## 4 285.5385         0         0
## ..      ...      ...      ...
```

As for `clip_wl()` the range can be also supplied as a `waveband` object, or any other object for which `range()` returns a numeric range. Even a different spectrum object is acceptable.

```
trim_wl(sun.spct, PAR)

## Object: source_spct [301 x 3]
## Wavelength range 400 to 700 nm, step 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad   s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1     400 0.6081049 2.033314e-06
## 2     401 0.6261742 2.098967e-06
## 3     402 0.6497388 2.183388e-06
## 4     403 0.6207287 2.091091e-06
## ..     ...     ...     ...
```

The default for `fill` is `NULL` which results in deletion values outside the trimmed region. However, it is possible to supply a different argument, to be used to replace the off-range data values.

```
trim_wl(sun.spct, c(281.5, NA), fill = NA)

## Object: source_spct [524 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 1.023182e-12 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1  280.0000      NA      NA
## 2  280.9231      NA      NA
## 3  281.5000      NA      NA
## 4  281.5000       0       0
## ..     ...     ...     ...
```

Furthermore, when `fill` is not `NULL`, expansion is possible.

```
trim_wl(sun.spct, c(275, NA), fill = 0)

## Object: source_spct [529 x 3]
## Wavelength range 275 to 800 nm, step 1.023182e-12 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1  275.0000       0       0
## 2  275.8333       0       0
## 3  276.6667       0       0
## 4  277.5000       0       0
## ..     ...     ...     ...
```

By default interpolation at the boundaries is used, but setting `use.hinges` to `FALSE` results in clipping, a behaviour similar to that of `clip_wl` only if `fill == NULL`.

```
trim_wl(sun.spct, c(281.5, NA), fill = NA)

## Object: source_spct [524 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 1.023182e-12 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      NA         NA
## 2 280.9231      NA         NA
## 3 281.5000      NA         NA
## 4 281.5000      0          0
## ..      ...      ...      ...

trim_wl(sun.spct, c(281.5, NA), fill = NA, use.hinges = FALSE)

## Object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      NA         NA
## 2 280.9231      NA         NA
## 3 281.8462      0          0
## 4 282.7692      0          0
## ..      ...      ...      ...
```

When `use.hinges == TRUE` and expansion or replacement is done, two observations are inserted at each boundary, differing in wavelength by  $1 \times 10^{-12}$  nm to prevent rounding errors in later calculations.

### 9.8.3 Functions `trim_spct` and `trim_wl`

Functions `trim_spct` and `trim_wl` are not generic, and add even more flexibility, but `trim_wl` should be preferred in user scripts.

## 9.9 Convolution weights

It is very instructive to look at weighted spectral data to understand how effective irradiances are calculated. Plotting effective spectral irradiance data can be very instructive when analysing the interaction of photoreceptors and ambient radiation. It can also illustrate what a large effect that small measuring errors can have on the estimated effective irradiances or exposures when SWFs have a steep slope.

### 9.9.1 Individual spectra

The multiplication operator is defined for operations between a `source_spct` and a `waveband`, so this is the easiest way of doing the calculations.

```
sun.spct * CIE

## Object: source_spct [122 x 2]
## Wavelength range 280 to 400 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
## Data weighted using 'range.250.400.wtd' BSWF
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0
## 2 280.9231      0
## 3 281.8462      0
## 4 282.7692      0
## ..      ...      ...
```

### 9.9.2 Vectors

It is also possible to use vectors.

```
weighted.s.e.irrad <-
  with(sun.spct,
    s.e.irrad * calc_multipliers(w.length, CIE)
  )
```

## 9.10 Tagging with bands and colours

We call tagging, to the process of adding reference information to spectral data. For example we can add a factor indicating regions or bands in the spectrum. We can add also information on the colour, as seen by humans, for each observed value, or for individual regions or bands of the spectrum. In most cases this additional information is used for annotations when plotting the spectral data.

### 9.10.1 Individual spectra

The function `tag` can be used to tag different parts of a spectrum according to wavebands.

```
tag(sun.spct, PAR, byref = FALSE)

## Object: source_spct [524 x 6]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 1.023182e-12 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad wl.color wb.color  wb.f
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)    (chr)    (chr) (fctr)
## 1 280.0000      0          0 #000000    NA    NA
```

```

## 2 280.9231      0      0 #000000      NA      NA
## 3 281.8462      0      0 #000000      NA      NA
## 4 282.7692      0      0 #000000      NA      NA
## ..      ...      ...      ...      ...      ...

tag(sun.spct, UV_bands, byref = FALSE)

## Object: source_spct [524 x 6]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 1.023182e-12 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##      w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad wl.color wb.color  wb.f
##      (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)    (chr)  (chr) (fctr)
## 1 280.0000      0      0 #000000  black  UVB
## 2 280.9231      0      0 #000000  black  UVB
## 3 281.8462      0      0 #000000  black  UVB
## 4 282.7692      0      0 #000000  black  UVB
## ..      ...      ...      ...      ...      ...

```

The added factor and colour data can be used for further processing or for plotting. Information about the tagging and wavebands is stored in an attribute `tag.attr` in every tagged spectrum, this yields a more compact output and keeps a ‘trace’ of the tagging.

```

tg.sun.spct <- tag(sun.spct, PAR, byref = FALSE)
attr(tg.sun.spct, "spct.tags")

## $time.unit
## [1] "second"
##
## $wb.key.name
## [1] "Bands"
##
## $wl.color
## [1] TRUE
##
## $wb.color
## [1] TRUE
##
## $wb.num
## [1] 1
##
## $wb.colors
## [1] "#735B57"
##
## $wb.names
## [1] "PAR"
##
## $wb.list
## $wb.list[[1]]
## PAR
## low (nm) 400
## high (nm) 700
## weighted none

```

Additional functions are available which return a tagged spectrum and take as input a list of wavebands, but no spectral data. They ‘build’ a spectrum from the data in the wavebands, and are useful for plotting the boundaries of wavebands.

```

wb2tagged_spct(UV_bands)

## Object: generic_spct [8 x 12]
## Wavelength range 100 to 400 nm, step 9.947598e-13 to 180 nm
##
##   w.length counts  cps s.e.irrad s.q.irrad  Tfr  Rfl s.e.response
##   (dbl)  (dbl) (dbl)  (dbl)  (dbl) (dbl) (dbl) (dbl)  (dbl)
## 1     100     0   0      0      0   0   0   0      0
## 2     100     0   0      0      0   0   0   0      0
## 3     280     0   0      0      0   0   0   0      0
## 4     280     0   0      0      0   0   0   0      0
## ..     ...   ...   ...      ...   ...   ...   ...   ...
## Variables not shown: wl.color (chr), wb.color (chr), wb.f (fctr), y (dbl)

wb2rect_spct(UV_bands)

## Object: generic_spct [3 x 15]
## Wavelength range 190 to 357.5 nm, step 60 to 107.5 nm
##
##   w.length counts  cps s.e.irrad s.q.irrad  Tfr  Rfl s.e.response
##   (dbl)  (dbl) (dbl)  (dbl)  (dbl) (dbl) (dbl) (dbl)  (dbl)
## 1   190.0     0   0      0      0   0   0   0      0
## 2   297.5     0   0      0      0   0   0   0      0
## 3   357.5     0   0      0      0   0   0   0      0
## Variables not shown: wl.color (chr), wb.color (chr), wb.name (chr), wb.f
##   (fctr), wl.high (dbl), wl.low (dbl), y (dbl)

```

Function `wb2tagged_spct` returns a tagged spectrum, with two rows for each waveband, corresponding to the low and high wavelength boundaries, while function `wb2rect_spct` returns a spectrum with only one row per waveband, with `w.length` set to its midpoint but with additional columns `xmin` and `xmax` corresponding to the low and high wavelength boundaries of the wavebands.

Function `is_tagged` can be used to query if an spectrum is tagged or not, and function `untag` removes the tags.

```

tg.sun.spct

## Object: source_spct [524 x 6]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 1.023182e-12 to 1 nm
## Time unit is
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad wl.color wb.color  wb.f
##   (dbl)  (dbl)  (dbl)  (chr)  (chr) (fctr)
## 1  280.0000     0      0 #000000  NA  NA
## 2  280.9231     0      0 #000000  NA  NA
## 3  281.8462     0      0 #000000  NA  NA
## 4  282.7692     0      0 #000000  NA  NA
## ..     ...   ...      ...   ...   ...
## Variables not shown: wl.high (dbl), wl.low (dbl), y (dbl)

is_tagged(tg.sun.spct)

```

```
## [1] TRUE

untag(tg.sun.spct)

## Object: source_spct [524 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 1.023182e-12 to 1 nm
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)    (dbl)    (dbl)
## 1 280.0000      0         0
## 2 280.9231      0         0
## 3 281.8462      0         0
## 4 282.7692      0         0
## ..      ...      ...      ...

is_tagged(tg.sun.spct)

## [1] TRUE
```

In the chunk above, we can see how this works, using in this case the default `byref = TRUE` which adds the tags in place, or “by reference”, to the `spct` object supplied as argument.

## 10 Summaries

Summaries can be calculated both from individual spectral objects (Table 10) and from collections of spectral objects (Table 11). They return a *simpler* object than the spectral data in their arguments. For example a vector of numeric values, possibly of length one, in the case of individual spectra, or a data frame containing one row of summary data for each spectrum the collection of multiple spectra supplied as argument.

### 10.1 Summary

Specialized definitions of `summary` and the corresponding `print` methods are available for spectral objects. Attributes `"what.measured"`, `"when.measured"` and `"where.measured"` are included in the summary print out only if set in the spectral object summarized.

```
summary(sun.spct)

## Summary of object: source_spct [522 x 3]
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit: 1s
##
##   w.length      s.e.irrad      s.q.irrad
## Min.   :280.0   Min.   :0.0000   Min.   :0.000e+00
## 1st Qu.:409.2   1st Qu.:0.4115   1st Qu.:1.980e-06
```

**Table 10:** Summary methods for spectra. Key: + available, – not available.

methods	raw/cps	source	response	filter	reflector	object	chroma
irrad	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
e.irrad	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
q.irrad	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
fluence	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
e.fluence	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
q.fluence	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
e.ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
q.ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
qe.ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
eq.ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
response	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
e.response	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
q.response	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
transmittance	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
absorbance	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
absorbance	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
reflectance	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
range	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
min	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
max	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
stepsize	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
spread	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
midpoint	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
labels	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
summary	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
peaks	-	+	+	+	+	(+)	(+)
valleys	-	+	+	+	+	(+)	(+)
integrate_spect	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
average_spect	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
color	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 11:** Summary methods for collections of spectra. Key: + available, – not available, **ms** use `msmapply()` to apply function to collection members, **d** use `msdply()`, **l** use `mslply` to apply function to collection members, **a** use `msapply` to apply function to collection members.

methods	raw/cps	source	response	filter	reflector	object	chroma
f_mspect	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
irrad	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
e.irrad	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
q.irrad	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
fluence	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
e.fluence	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
q.fluence	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
e.ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
q.ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
qe.ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
eq.ratio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
response	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
e.response	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
q.response	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
transmittance	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
absorbance	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
absorbance	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
reflectance	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
range	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
min	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
max	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
stepsize	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
spread	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
midpoint	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
labels	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
summary	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
peaks	-	+	+	+	+	(+)	(+)
valleys	-	+	+	+	+	(+)	(+)
integrate_spect	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l
average_spect	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l	a, d, l
color	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

```
## Median :539.5 Median :0.5799 Median :2.929e-06
## Mean :539.5 Mean :0.5160 Mean :2.407e-06
## 3rd Qu.:669.8 3rd Qu.:0.6664 3rd Qu.:3.154e-06
## Max. :800.0 Max. :0.8205 Max. :3.375e-06
```

```
summary(two_suns.spct)

## Summary of object: source_spct [1,044 x 4]
## containg 2 spectra in long form
## Wavelength range 280 to 800 nm, step 0.9230769 to 1 nm
## Time unit: 1s
##
##      w.length      s.e.irrad      spct.idx      s.q.irrad
## Min. :280.0 Min. :0.0000 a:522 Min. :0.000e+00
## 1st Qu.:409.0 1st Qu.:0.2471 b:522 1st Qu.:1.159e-06
## Median :539.5 Median :0.3494 Median :1.580e-06
## Mean :539.5 Mean :0.3870 Mean :1.806e-06
## 3rd Qu.:670.0 3rd Qu.:0.5799 3rd Qu.:2.928e-06
## Max. :800.0 Max. :0.8205 Max. :3.375e-06
```

## 10.2 Wavelength

### 10.2.1 Individual spectra

The ‘usual’ and a couple of new summary functions are available for spectra, but redefined to return wavelength based summaries in nanometres (nm).

```
range(sun.spct)

## [1] 280 800

min(sun.spct)

## [1] 280

max(sun.spct)

## [1] 800

midpoint(sun.spct)

## [1] 540

spread(sun.spct)

## [1] 520

stepsize(sun.spct)

## [1] 0.9230769 1.0000000
```

## 10.2.2 Collections of spectra

Most frequently used summary methods are implemented for collections of spectra. See Table 11 where methods that need to be applied with functions `msapply`, `msdply` or `mapply` to members in a collection and obtain the results in an array (vector, or matrix), a data frame or a list object are indicated. In many cases depending of the class desired for the result, one can chose a suitable ‘apply’ function, and sometimes it is best to use such a function, even when the corresponding method is implemented for collections of spectra.

Collections of spectra can be useful not only for time-series of spectra or spectral images, but also when dealing with a small group of related spectra. In the example below we show how to use a collection of spectra for calculating summaries. The spectra in a collection do **not** need to have been measured at the same wavelength values, or have the same number of rows or even of columns. Consequently, in many cases applying the wavelength summary functions described above to collections of spectra can be useful. The value returned is a data frame, with a number of data columns equal to the length of the returned value by the corresponding method for individual spectra.

```
filters.mspect <- filter_mspect(list(none = clear.spct,
                                   pet = polyester.spct,
                                   yellow = yellow_gel.spct))
range(filters.mspect)

## Source: local data frame [3 x 3]
##
##   spct.idx min.wl max.wl
##   (fctr)   (dbl) (dbl)
## 1     none    100  5000
## 2     pet     190   800
## 3  yellow    190   800
```

## 10.3 Peaks and valleys

### 10.3.1 Individual spectra

Functions `peaks` and `valleys` take spectra as first argument and return a subset of the spectral object data corresponding to local maxima and local minima of the measured variable. `span` defines the width of the ‘window’ used as a number of observations.

```
peaks(sun.spct, span = 51)

## Object: source_spct [3 x 2]
## Wavelength range 451 to 747 nm, step 44 to 252 nm
```

```

## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)   (dbl)
## 1     451 0.8204633
## 2     495 0.7899872
## 3     747 0.5025733

valleys(sun.spct, span = 51)

## Object: source_spct [9 x 2]
## Wavelength range 358 to 761 nm, step 30 to 72 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)   (dbl)
## 1     358 0.2544907
## 2     393 0.2422023
## 3     431 0.4136900
## 4     487 0.6511654
## ..     ...     ...

```

In the case of `source_spct` and `response_spct` methods `unit.out` can be used to force peaks to be searched using either energy or photon based spectral irradiance. The default is energy, or the option `"photobiology.radiation.unit"` if set.

```

peaks(sun.spct, span = 51, unit.out = "photon")

## Object: source_spct [7 x 2]
## Wavelength range 451 to 754 nm, step 36 to 90 nm
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length   s.q.irrad
##   (dbl)     (dbl)
## 1     451 3.093155e-06
## 2     495 3.268822e-06
## 3     531 3.374912e-06
## 4     621 3.355564e-06
## ..     ...     ...

```

It is possible to approximately set the width of the windows in nanometres by using function `step_size`. However, here we simply use an odd number of wavelengths ‘steps’.

```

peaks(sun.spct, span = 21)

## Object: source_spct [18 x 2]
## Wavelength range 354 to 774 nm, step 11 to 51 nm

```

```
## Measured on 2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC
## Measured at 60.20942 N, 24.96424 E
## Time unit 1s
##
##   w.length s.e.irrad
##   (dbl)   (dbl)
## 1      354 0.3758625
## 2      366 0.4491898
## 3      378 0.4969714
## 4      416 0.6761818
## ..      ...      ...
```

Low level functions `find_peaks`, `get_peaks` and `get_valleys` take numeric vectors as arguments.

### 10.3.2 Collections of spectra

We can use `msmsply()` to extract the peaks of a collection of spectra.

```
msmsply(filters.mspct, peaks, span = 11)

## Object: filter_mspct [3 x 1]
## --- Member: none ---
## Object: filter_spct [0 x 2]
##
## Variables not shown: w.length (dbl), Tfr (dbl)
## --- Member: pet ---
## Object: filter_spct [8 x 2]
## Wavelength range 453 to 648 nm, step 6 to 76 nm
##
##   w.length  Tfr
##   (int) (dbl)
## 1      453 0.926
## 2      503 0.926
## 3      579 0.921
## 4      609 0.919
## ..      ...  ...
## --- Member: yellow ---
## Object: filter_spct [5 x 2]
## Wavelength range 642 to 755 nm, step 8 to 64 nm
##
##   w.length  Tfr
##   (int) (dbl)
## 1      642 0.8980
## 2      706 0.9005
## 3      714 0.9005
## 4      744 0.9015
## ..      ...  ...
##
## --- END ---
```

Two of the filters in the collection do not have peaks, and a spectrum object of length zero is returned for them.

## 10.4 Irradiance

### 10.4.1 Individual spectra

The code using `spct` objects is simple, to integrate the whole spectrum we can use

```
irrad(sun.spct)

##      Total
## 269.1249
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"
```

and, to integrate a range of wavelengths, in the example, photosynthetically active radiation, we use the waveband `PAR` we earlier defined.

```
irrad(sun.spct, PAR)

##      PAR
## 196.6343
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"
```

It is also valid to pass as argument for `w.band` a numeric range representing wavelengths in nanometres.

```
irrad(sun.spct, c(400, 700))

## range.400.700
##      196.6343
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"
```

The default for `irrad`, when no argument `unit.out` is supplied, is to return the irradiance value in energy irradiance units, unless the R option `photobiology.radiation.unit` is set.

Functions `e_irrad` and `q_irrad` save some typing, and always return the same type of spectral irradiance quantity, independently of global option `photobiology.radiation.unit`.

```
e_irrad(sun.spct, PAR) # W m-2

##      PAR
## 196.6343
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"
```

```

q_irrad(sun.spct, PAR) * 1e6 #  $\mu\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$ 

##      PAR
## 894.1352
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "photon irradiance total"

```

It is also possible to supply a time unit to use as basis of expression for the returned value, but be aware that conversion into a longer time unit is only valid for sources like lamps, which have an output that remains constant in time.

```

irrad(sun.spct, PAR, time.unit = "hour")

##      PAR
## 707883.4
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "hour"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"

irrad(sun.spct, PAR, time.unit = duration(8, "hours"))

##      PAR
## 5663067
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "28800s (~8 hours)"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"

```

Using a shorter time unit than the original, yields an average value re-expressed on a new time unit base.

```

irrad(sun.daily.spct, PAR, time.unit = "second")

##      PAR
## 92.16251
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"

```

Lists of wavebands are also accepted as argument.

```

e_irrad(sun.spct, UV_bands) #  $\text{W m}^{-2}$ 

##      UVB      UVA
## 0.6445105 27.9842061
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"

```

These functions have an additional argument `quantity`, with default `"total"`, which can take values controlling the output. The value `"total"` yields **irradiance** in  $\text{W m}^{-2}$ , integrated over wavelengths for each waveband, while `"average"` yields the mean **spectral irradiance** within each waveband in  $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{nm}^{-1}$ . The value `"contribution"` is relative to the irradiance for the whole spectrum, expressed as a fraction of one, while the value `"relative"` is relative to the sum of the irradiances for the different wavebands given as argument, also expressed as a fraction of one.

```

irrad(sun.spct, UV_bands, quantity = "total")

##          UVB          UVA
## 0.6445105 27.9842061
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"

irrad(sun.spct, UV_bands, quantity = "contribution")

##          UVB          UVA
## 0.002394838 0.103982226
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance contribution"

irrad(sun.spct, UV_bands, quantity = "relative")

##          UVB          UVA
## 0.02251273 0.97748727
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance relative"

irrad(sun.spct, UV_bands, quantity = "average")

##          UVB          UVA
## 0.01841458 0.32922595
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance average"

```

### 10.4.2 Collections of spectra

Collections of spectra can be useful not only for time-series of spectra or spectral images, but also when dealing with a small group of related spectra. In the example below we show how to use a collection of spectra for estimating irradiances under different filters set up in sunlight.

We reuse collection of filter spectra `filters.mspct` from section 10.2.2 on page 67.

```
names(filters.mspct)
## [1] "none" "pet" "yellow"
```

We then convolve each filter's spectral transmittance by the spectral irradiance of the light source

```
filtered_sun <- convolve_each(filters.mspct, sun.spct)
irrad(filtered_sun, list(UVA, PAR))

## Source: local data frame [3 x 3]
##
##   spct.idx  irrad_UVA irrad_PAR
##   (fctr)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1   none 27.98420611 196.6343
## 2   pet 22.98282851 181.0213
## 3 yellow 0.03726539 106.9680
```

The code above can also be written as a single statement

```
irrad(convolve_each(filters.mspct, sun.spct), list(UVA, PAR))

## Source: local data frame [3 x 3]
##
##   spct.idx  irrad_UVA irrad_PAR
##   (fctr)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1   none 27.98420611 196.6343
## 2   pet 22.98282851 181.0213
## 3 yellow 0.03726539 106.9680
```

It is also possible to use an 'apply' function. Syntax parallels that of base R's and package `plyr`'s. See sections 4.5 and 4.6 for more details.

One thing to remember, is that operators in R are just normal functions with special names and call syntax. They can also be called with the usual function call syntax by enclosing their *name* in backquotes. We use this to pass as argument the multiplication operator `'*'` in a call to `mmsply` which returns, in this case, a `source_multi_spct` object. After this we just call the `irrad` method on the *collection of spectra* and obtain the result as a data frame with one row per spectrum and one column by waveband.

```
filtered_sun <- mmsply(filters.mspct, `*`, sun.spct)
irrad(filtered_sun, list(UVA, PAR))

## Source: local data frame [3 x 3]
##
##   spct.idx  irrad_UVA irrad_PAR
##   (fctr)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1   none 27.98420611 196.6343
## 2   pet 22.98282851 181.0213
## 3 yellow 0.03726539 106.9680
```

### 10.4.3 Numeric vectors

The code using numeric vectors is more complicated, but adds some additional flexibility for tweaking performance. Under normal circumstances it is easier to use the functions described above.

Function `irradiance` takes an array of wavelengths (sorted in strictly increasing order), and the corresponding values of spectral irradiance. By default the input is assumed to be in energy units, but parameter `unit.in` can be used to change this default. The type of unit used for the returned quantity is set by `unit.out` with no default. The behaviour with respect to wavebands is as described above for spectral objects. The functions `photon_irradiance()` and `energy_irradiance()`, just call `irradiance()` with the `unit.out` set to "photon" or "energy" respectively.

The functions taking numerical vectors as arguments can be used with data stored as vectors, or using `with` with data frames, data tables, lists, and spectra objects.

```
with(sun.spct, photon_irradiance(w.length, s.e.irrad, PAR))

##          PAR
## 0.0008941352
```

The recommended practice is to use `with`, as above.

## 10.5 Fluence

### 10.5.1 Individual spectra

The calculation of fluence values (time-integrated irradiance) is identical to that for irradiance, except that a `exposure.time` argument needs to be supplied. The exposure time must be a `lubridate::duration`, but any argument accepted by `as.duration` can also be used. Functions `fluence`, `e_fluence` and `q_fluence` correspond to `irrad`, `e_irrad` and `q_irrad`,

```
fluence(sun.spct, exposure.time = duration(1, "hours"))

##      Total
## 968849.6
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy fluence (J m-2)"
## attr(,"exposure.duration")
## [1] "3600s (~1 hours)"

fluence(sun.spct, exposure.time = 3600) # seconds

## converting 'time.unit' 3600 into a lubridate::duration

##      Total
## 968849.6
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy fluence (J m-2)"
## attr(,"exposure.duration")
## [1] 3600
```

and, to obtain the photon fluence for a range of wavelengths, in the example, photosynthetically active radiation, we use the PAR waveband object earlier defined, for 25 minutes of exposure.

```
e_fluence(sun.spct, PAR, exposure.time = duration(25, "minutes"))

##      PAR
## 294951.4
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy fluence (J m-2)"
## attr(,"exposure.duration")
## [1] "1500s (~25 minutes)"
```

## 10.6 Photon and energy ratios

### 10.6.1 Individual spectra

The functions described here, in their simplest use, calculate a ratio between two wavebands. The function `q_ratio` returning photon ratios. However both waveband parameters can take lists of wavebands as arguments, with normal recycling rules in effect. The corresponding function `e_ratio` returns energy ratios.

```
q_ratio(sun.spct, UVB, PAR)

## UVB: PAR(q:q)
## 0.001873724
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "q:q ratio"

q_ratio(sun.spct,
        list(UVC, UVB, UVA,
             UV))

##      UVB: Total(q:q)      UVA: Total(q:q)  UV.tr.lo: Total(q:q)
##      0.001334593         0.067567343         0.068901936
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "q:q ratio"

q_ratio(sun.spct,
        UVB,
        list(UV, PAR))

## UVB: UV.tr.lo(q:q)      UVB: PAR(q:q)
##      0.019369458         0.001873724
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "q:q ratio"
```

Function `qe_ratio`, has only one waveband parameter, and returns the ‘photon’ to ‘energy’ ratio, while its complement `eq_ratio` returns the ‘energy’ to ‘photon’ ratio.

```
qe_ratio(sun.spct, list(UVB, PAR))

##      q:e( UVB)      q:e( PAR)
## 2.599434e-06 4.547199e-06
## attr("radiation.unit")
## [1] "q:e ratio"
```

## 10.6.2 Collections of spectra

```
q_ratio(filtered_sun, list(UVB, UVA, PAR))

## Source: local data frame [3 x 4]
##
##   spct.idx q_ratio_UVB:Total(q:q) q_ratio_UVA:Total(q:q)
##   (fctr)      (dbl)              (dbl)
## 1   none      1.334593e-03         0.0675673430
## 2   pet       3.700698e-05         0.0614239749
## 3   yellow    2.540715e-06         0.0001339225
## Variables not shown: q_ratio_PAR:Total(q:q) (dbl)
```

## 10.6.3 Vectors

The function `waveband_ratio()` takes basically the same parameters as `irradiance`, but two waveband definitions instead of one, and two `unit.out` definitions instead of one. This is the base function used in all the vector based ‘ratio’ functions in the ‘photobiology’ package.

Similar functions `photon_ratio()`, `energy_ratio()`, and `photons_energy_ratio` return the other ratios described above. In contrast to the functions described in the previous section, these functions only accept individual waveband definitions (not lists of them).

To calculate the photon ratio between UVB and PAR photon irradiance in these two regions we use.

```
with(sun.data,
     photon_ratio(w.length, s.e.irrad, UVB, PAR))

## [1] 0.00187372
```

## 10.7 Normalized difference indexes

### 10.8 Individual spectra

These indexes are frequently used to summarize reflectance data, for example in remote sensing the NDVI (normalized difference vegetation index). Here we give an *unusual* example to demonstrate that function `normalized_diff_ind()` can be used to calculate, or define any similar index.

```
normalized_diff_ind(sun.spct,
                    waveband(c(400, 700)), waveband(c(700, 1100)),
                    irradiad)

## NDI irradiad [ 400.700 ] - [ 700.1100 ]
##                                0.6352382
```

## 10.9 Transmittance, reflectance, absorptance and absorbance

### 10.9.1 Individual spectra

The functions `transmittance`, `absorptance` and `absorbance` take `filter_spct` as argument, while function `reflectance` takes `reflector_spct` objects as argument. Functions `transmittance`, `reflectance` and `absorptance` are also implemented for `object_spct`. These functions return as default an average value for these quantities **assuming** a light source with a flat spectral energy output, but this can be changed as described above for `irradiad()`.

```
transmittance(polyester.spct, list(UVB, UVA, PAR))

##          UVB          UVA          PAR
## 0.007671429 0.782682353 0.920245000
## attr(,"Tfr.type")
## [1] "total"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "transmittance average"
```

It is more likely that we would like to calculate these values with reference to light of a certain spectral quality. This needs to be calculated by hand, which is not difficult.

```
irradiad(sun.spct * polyester.spct, list(UVB, UVA, PAR, wb.trim = TRUE)) /
  irradiad(sun.spct, list(UVB, UVA, PAR, wb.trim = TRUE))

##          UVB          UVA          PAR
## 0.02506541 0.82127856 0.92059898
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy irradiance total"
```

### 10.9.2 Collections of spectra

Here we construct a collection of filter spectra, and then we calculate the transmittance of these filters for two wavebands, obtaining the results as a data frame, with one row per filter, and one column per waveband. We reuse once more `filters.mspct` from section 10.2.2 on page 67.

```
transmittance(filters.mspect, list(UVA, PAR))

## Source: local data frame [3 x 3]
##
##   spct.idx transmittance_UVA transmittance_PAR
##   (fctr)      (dbl)          (dbl)
## 1   none      1.000000000      1.0000000
## 2   pet       0.782682353      0.9202450
## 3   yellow    0.001601353      0.5655132
```

## 10.10 Integrated response

### 10.10.1 Individual spectra

The functions `response`, `e_response` and `q_response` take `response_spct` objects as arguments, and return the integrated value for each waveband (integrated over wavelength) **assuming** a light source with a flat spectral energy or photon output respectively. If no waveband is supplied as argument, the whole spectrum is integrated.

```
response(photodiode.spct)

## Total
## 25.37446
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy response total"
```

When a waveband, or list of wavebands, is supplied the response is calculated for the wavebands.

```
e_response(photodiode.spct, list(UVB, UVA))

## UVB UVA
## 0.7002548 5.9818181
## attr(,"time.unit")
## [1] "second"
## attr(,"radiation.unit")
## [1] "energy response total"
```

This function has an additional argument `quantity`, with default `"total"`, as described for `irrad()`.

### 10.10.2 Collections of spectra

```
sensors <- response_mspect(list(GaAsP = photodiode.spct,
                               CCD = ccd.spct))
response(sensors, list(UVB, UVA, PAR), quantity = "contribution")
```

```
## Source: local data frame [2 x 4]
##
##   spct.idx response_UVB response_UVA response_PAR.tr.hi
##   (fctr)      (dbl)      (dbl)      (dbl)
## 1   GaAsP    0.02759684  0.23574173    0.7152528
## 2    CCD    0.02146115  0.06323201    0.4098033
```

## 10.11 Integration over wavelengths

When we need to integrate some *non-standard* numeric variable stored in a spectral object we can use functions `integrate_spct` or `average_spct`.

### 10.11.1 Calculation from individual spectra

We can integrate the values of arbitrary numeric columns other than `w.length` in an spectral object. All spectral classes are derived from `generic_spct`, so the examples in this section apply to objects of any of the derived spectral classes as well.

```
integrate_spct(sun.spct)

##      e.irrad      q.irrad
## 2.691249e+02 1.255336e-03
```

The function `average_spct` integrates every column holding numeric values from a spectrum object, except for `w.length`, and divides the result by the *spread* or width of the wavelength range integrated, returning a value expressed in the same units as the spectral data.

```
average_spct(sun.spct)

##      e.irrad      q.irrad
## 5.175479e-01 2.414107e-06
```

## 11 Astronomy

### 11.1 Position of the sun

In photobiology research we sometimes need to calculate the position on the sun at arbitrary locations and positions. The function `sun_angles` returns the azimuth in degrees eastwards, altitude in degrees above the horizon, solar disk diameter in degrees and sun to earth distance in astronomical units. The time should be a `POSIXct` vector, possibly of length one, and it is easiest to use package `lubridate` for working with time and dates.

```
sun_angles(now(), lat = 34, lon = 0)
```

```

## $time
## [1] "2016-05-19 22:44:47 EEST"
##
## $longitude
## [1] 0
##
## $latitude
## [1] 34
##
## $azimuth
## [1] 301.9794
##
## $elevation
## [1] -9.403298
##
## $diameter
## [1] 0.5269328
##
## $distance
## [1] 1.011894

sun_angles(ymd_hms("2014-01-01 0:0:0", tz = "UTC"))

## $time
## [1] "2014-01-01 UTC"
##
## $longitude
## [1] 0
##
## $latitude
## [1] 0
##
## $azimuth
## [1] 181.9507
##
## $elevation
## [1] -66.96255
##
## $diameter
## [1] 0.5422513
##
## $distance
## [1] 0.9833078

```

When spectra contain suitable metadata, the position of the sun for the spectral irradiance data measurement can be easily obtained.

```

sun_angles(getWhenMeasured(sun.spct), geocode = getWhereMeasured(sun.spct))

## $time
## [1] "2010-06-22 09:51:00 UTC"
##
## $longitude
## [1] 24.96424
##
## $latitude

```

```
## [1] 60.20942
##
## $azimuth
## [1] 168.1455
##
## $elevation
## [1] 52.82587
##
## $diameter
## [1] 0.5246387
##
## $distance
## [1] 1.016318
```

The object to be supplied as argument for `geocode` is a data frame with variables `lon` and `lat`. This matches the return value of function `ggmap::geocode()`, function that can be used to find the coordinates using any ‘address’ entered as a character string understood by the Google maps API. We will not demonstrate this below, but all functions taking `lat` and `lon` arguments described can alternatively be supplied a `geocode` argument instead of separate latitude and longitude numeric values.

## 11.2 Times of sunrise, solar noon and sunset

Functions `sunrise_time`, `sunset_time`, `noon_time`, `day_length` and `night_length` have all the same parameter signature. In addition, function `day_night` returns a list containing all the quantities returned by the other functions. They are all vectorized for the `date` parameter.

We create a vector of dates to use in the examples—default time zone of `ymd` is UTC or GMT.

```
dates <- seq(from = ymd("2015-03-01"), to = ymd("2015-07-1"), length.out = 3)
```

Default latitude is zero (the Equator), the default longitude is zero (Greenwich), and default time zone for the functions in the `photobiology` package is "UTC". Be also aware that for summer dates the times are expressed accordingly. In the examples below this can be recognized for example, by the time zone being reported as EEST instead of EET for Eastern Europe.

```
noon_time(dates, tz = "UTC", lat = 60)

## [1] "2015-03-01 12:12:39 UTC" "2015-05-01 11:57:27 UTC"
## [3] "2015-07-01 12:03:50 UTC"

noon_time(dates, tz = "CET", lat = 60)

## [1] "2015-03-01 13:12:39 CET" "2015-05-01 13:57:27 CEST"
## [3] "2015-07-01 14:03:50 CEST"
```

```

day_night(dates, lat = 60)

## $day
## [1] "2015-03-01" "2015-05-01" "2015-07-01"
##
## $sunrise
## [1] "2015-03-01 07:06:26 UTC" "2015-05-01 04:06:51 UTC"
## [3] "2015-07-01 02:52:50 UTC"
##
## $noon
## [1] "2015-03-01 12:12:39 UTC" "2015-05-01 11:57:27 UTC"
## [3] "2015-07-01 12:03:50 UTC"
##
## $sunset
## [1] "2015-03-01 17:19:30 UTC" "2015-05-01 19:49:05 UTC"
## [3] "2015-07-01 21:14:09 UTC"
##
## $daylength
## [1] 10.21778 15.70382 18.35536
##
## $nightlength
## [1] 13.782215 8.296180 5.644636

```

The default for `date` is the current day.

```

sunrise_time(lat = 60)

## [1] "2016-05-19 03:21:44 UTC"

```

Both latitude and longitude can be supplied, but be aware that if the returned value is desired in the local time coordinates, the time zone should match the longitude.

```

sunrise_time(today(tz = "UTC"), tz = "UTC", lat = 60, lon = 0)

## [1] "2016-05-19 03:21:44 UTC"

sunrise_time(today(tz = "EET"), tz = "EET", lat = 60, lon = 25)

## [1] "2016-05-19 04:41:52 EEST"

```

Southern hemisphere latitudes as well as longitudes to the West of the Greenwich meridian should be supplied as negative numbers.

```

sunrise_time(dates, lat = 60)

## [1] "2015-03-01 07:06:26 UTC" "2015-05-01 04:06:51 UTC"
## [3] "2015-07-01 02:52:50 UTC"

sunrise_time(dates, lat = -60)

## [1] "2015-03-01 05:18:13 UTC" "2015-05-01 07:47:52 UTC"
## [3] "2015-07-01 09:14:28 UTC"

```

The angle used in the twilight calculation can be supplied, either as the name of a standard definition, or as an angle in degrees (negative for sun positions below the horizon). Positive angles can be used when the time of sun occlusion behind a building, mountain, or other obstacle needs to be calculated.

```
sunrise_time(today(tz = "EET"), tz = "EET", lat = 60, lon = 25,
             twilight = "civil")

## [1] "2016-05-19 03:25:11 EEST"

sunrise_time(today(tz = "EET"), tz = "EET", lat = 60, lon = 25,
             twilight = -10)

## [1] "2016-05-19 01:44:01 EEST"

sunrise_time(today(tz = "EET"), tz = "EET", lat = 60, lon = 25,
             twilight = +12)

## [1] "2016-05-19 06:34:17 EEST"
```

Parameter `unit.out` can be used to obtain the returned value expressed as time-of-day in hours, minutes, or seconds since midnight.

```
sunrise_time(today(tz = "EET"), tz = "EET", lat = 60, lon = 25,
             unit.out = "hour")

## [1] 4.698009
```

Functions `day_length` and `night_length` return by default the length of time in hours.

```
day_length(dates, lat = 60)

## [1] 10.21778 15.70382 18.35536

night_length(dates, lat = 60)

## [1] 13.782215 8.296180 5.644636
```

Function `day_night` returns a list.

```
day_night(dates, lat = 60)

## $day
## [1] "2015-03-01" "2015-05-01" "2015-07-01"
##
## $sunrise
## [1] "2015-03-01 07:06:26 UTC" "2015-05-01 04:06:51 UTC"
## [3] "2015-07-01 02:52:50 UTC"
##
## $noon
## [1] "2015-03-01 12:12:39 UTC" "2015-05-01 11:57:27 UTC"
## [3] "2015-07-01 12:03:50 UTC"
##
```

```

## $sunset
## [1] "2015-03-01 17:19:30 UTC" "2015-05-01 19:49:05 UTC"
## [3] "2015-07-01 21:14:09 UTC"
##
## $daylength
## [1] 10.21778 15.70382 18.35536
##
## $nightlength
## [1] 13.782215 8.296180 5.644636

day_night(dates, lat = 60, unit.out = "hour")

## $day
## [1] "2015-03-01" "2015-05-01" "2015-07-01"
##
## $sunrise
## [1] 7.107340 4.114251 2.880713
##
## $noon
## [1] 12.21107 11.95760 12.06399
##
## $sunset
## [1] 17.32512 19.81807 21.23608
##
## $daylength
## [1] 10.21778 15.70382 18.35536
##
## $nightlength
## [1] 13.782215 8.296180 5.644636

```

## 12 RGB colours

Two functions allow calculation of simulated colour of light sources as R colour definitions. Three different functions are available, one for monochromatic light taking as argument wavelength values, and one for polychromatic light taking as argument spectral energy irradiances and the corresponding wave length values. The third function can be used to calculate a representative RGB colour for a band of the spectrum represented as a range of wavelength, based on the assumption of a flat energy irradiance across the range. By default CIE coordinates for *typical* human vision are used, but the functions have a parameter that can be used for supplying a different chromaticity definition.

Examples for monochromatic light:

```

w_length2rgb(550) # green

## wl.550.nm
## "#00FF00"

w_length2rgb(630) # red

## wl.630.nm
## "#FF0000"

```

```
w_length2rgb(c(550, 630, 380, 750)) # vectorized
## wl.550.nm wl.630.nm wl.380.nm wl.750.nm
## "#00FF00" "#FF0000" "#000000" "#000000"
```

Examples for wavelength ranges:

```
w_length_range2rgb(c(400,700))
## 400-700 nm
## "#735B57"
```

Examples for spectra as vectors, in this case for the solar spectrum:

```
with(sun.spct, s_e_irrad2rgb(w.length, s.e.irrad))
## [1] "#544F4B"
with(sun.spct, s_e_irrad2rgb(w.length, s.e.irrad, sens = ciexyzCMF2.spct))
## [1] "#544F4B"
```

Examples with `source_spct` objects.

```
rgb_spct(sun.spct)
## [1] "#544F4B"
rgb_spct(sun.spct, sens = ciexyzCMF2.spct)
## [1] "#544F4B"
```

And also a `color` method for `source_spct`.

```
color(sun.spct)
## source CMF
## "#544F4B"
color(sun.spct * yellow_gel.spct)
## source CMF
## "#946000"
```

## 13 Optimizing performance

When developing package 'photobiology' quite a lot of effort was spent in optimizing performance, especially of the functions accepting vectors as arguments, as in one of our experiments, we need to process several hundred thousands of measured spectra. The defaults should provide good performance in most

cases, however, some further improvements are achievable, when a series of different calculations are done on the same spectrum, or when a series of spectra measured at exactly the same wavelengths are used for calculating weighted irradiances or exposures.

In the case of doing calculations repeatedly on the same spectrum, a small improvement in performance can be achieved by setting the parameter `check.spectrum = FALSE` for all but the first call to `irradiance()`, or `photon.irradiance()`, or `energy.irradiance()`, or the equivalent function for ratios. It is also possible to set this parameter to `FALSE` in all calls, and do the check beforehand by explicitly calling `check_spectrum()`.

In the case of calculating weighted irradiances on many spectra having exactly the same wavelength values, then a significant improvement in the performance can be achieved by setting `use.cached.mult = TRUE`, as this reuses the multipliers calculated during successive calls based on the same waveband. However, to achieve this increase in performance, the tests to ensure that the wavelength values have not changed, have to be kept to the minimum. Currently only the length of the wavelength array is checked, and the cached values discarded and recalculated if the length changes. For this reason, this is not the default, and when using caching the user is responsible for making sure that the array of wavelengths has not changed between calls.

You can use the package `microbenchmark` to time the code and find the ‘regions’ that slow it down. I have used it, and also I have used profiling to optimize the code for speed. The choice of defaults is based on what is best when processing a moderate number of spectra, say less than a few hundreds, as opposed to many thousands.

## 14 Example data

A few example spectra are included in this package for use in examples and vignettes, and testing (Tables 12 and 13).

**Table 12:** Data sets included in the package: spectra. The CIE standard illuminant data in this package are normalized to one at  $\lambda = 560$  nm, while in the CIE standard they are normalized to 100 at the same wavelength.

Object	class	units	data description
sun.spct	source_spct	$\text{W m}^{-2} \text{nm}^{-1}$	solar spectral irradiance
sun.daily.spct	source_spct	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1} \text{nm}^{-1}$	solar spectral exposure
sun.data	data.frame	$\text{W m}^{-2} \text{nm}^{-1}$	solar spectral irradiance
sun.daily.data	data.frame	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1} \text{nm}^{-1}$	solar spectral exposure
D65.illuminant.spct	source_spct	(norm. 560 nm)	CIE standard
A.illuminant.spct	source_spct	(norm. 560 nm)	CIE standard
clear.spct	filter_spct	fraction	ideal transparent filter
opaque.spct	filter_spct	fraction	ideal opaque filter
polyester.spct	filter_spct	fraction	plastic film
yellow_gel.spct	filter_spct	fraction	theatrical “gel” filter
clear_body.spct	object_spct	fraction	ideal transparent body
black_body.spct	object_spct	fraction	ideal black body
white_body.spct	object_spct	fraction	ideal white body
photodiode.spct	response_spct	A / W	typical Si photodiode
ccd.spct	response_spct	A / W	typical CCD array
filter_cps.mspect	cps_spct	counts / s	example “raw” data

**Table 13:** Data sets included in the package: chromaticity data

Object	class	data description
cixyzCC2.spct	chroma_spct	human chromaticity coordinates $2^\circ$
cixyzCC10.spct	chroma_spct	human chromaticity coordinates $10^\circ$
cixyzCMF2.spct	chroma_spct	human colour matching function $2^\circ$
cixyzCMF10.spct	chroma_spct	human colour matching function $10^\circ$
ciev2.spct	chroma_spct	human luminous efficiency $2^\circ$
ciev10.spct	chroma_spct	human luminous efficiency $10^\circ$
beesxyzCMF.spct	chroma_spct	bee colour matching function