

# Package ‘cellularautomata’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Cellular Automata

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**Description** Create cellular automata from 'Wolfram' rules. Allows the creation of 'Wolfram' style plots, as well as of animations. Easy to create multiple plots, for example the output of a rule with different initial states, or the output of many different rules from the same state. The output of a cellular automaton is given as a matrix, making it easy to try to explore the possibility of predicting its time evolution using various statistical tools available in R.

Wolfram S. (2002, ISBN:1579550088) ``A New Kind of Science".

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ca *Create Cellular Automaton*

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**Description**

Create Cellular Automaton

**Usage**

```
ca(wolframrule, initialstate, steps = 100, ncols = 101, wrap = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

wolframrule	integer identifying the algorithm according to Wolfram numbering
initialstate	a vector setting up the initial state
steps	integer specifying for how long to run the algorithm
ncols	how many columns to have. If 'initialstate' is specified, 'ncols' is calculated as 'length(initialstate)'. If 'initialstate' is not specified, it is defined as a 1 in the middle of zeros. For instance, with the default 'ncols = 11', the 'initialstate' is a vector of 5 zeros, 1, and another 5 zeros.
wrap	boolean, default is TRUE. Whether it uses a circular wrap at the end and beginning of lines. If FALSE it puts empty slots on the first and last columns.

**Value**

an object of class 'c("cellular\_automaton", "matrix")'

**Author(s)**

Adapted from code by Nicola Procopio

**References**

<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cellular\\_automaton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cellular_automaton)>

**Examples**

```
# Wolfram's rule 30
ca(30)

# Wolfram's rule 126 with a random initial state
ca(126,
  initialstate = sample(c(0, 1), size = 100, replace = TRUE),
  steps = 100)
```

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```
plot.cellular_automata
```

*Plot a cellular automaton*

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## Description

Plot a cellular automaton

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cellular_automata'
plot(
  x,
  time_flow = "down",
  circle = FALSE,
  title = paste("Rule: ", attr(x, "wolfram_rule")),
  animate = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

x	A cellular automaton, usually previously defined by 'ca()'.
time_flow	String: "down" (default) or "up". Whether time flow is represented as going from top-to-bottom or bottom-to-top.
circle	Whether to make the plot circular. Default is FALSE.
title	Title of the plot. Use 'NULL' to remove.
animate	Whether to return a ganimate object instead of a static ggplot. Default FALSE.
...	Not used (included for consistency with the 'plot' generic).

## Value

A ggplot of the visual representation of the cellular automaton, or a ganimate object.

## Examples

```
ca(30) |> plot()
ca(30, ncols = 100, steps = 100) |> plot()
ca(45, ncols = 100, steps = 100) |> plot()
ca(86, ncols = 100, steps = 100) |> plot()

# use a random initial state
ca(126,
  initialstate = sample(c(0, 1), size = 100, replace = TRUE),
  steps = 100) |>
plot()
```

wolfram\_rule      *Create the rule for a specific Wolfram number*

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**Description**

Create the rule for a specific Wolfram number

**Usage**

```
wolfram_rule(rule)
```

**Arguments**

rule                  the Wolfram rule

**Value**

a vector with 8 elements defining the responses to: (111), (110), (101), (100), (011), (010), (001), (000) on the previous row

**Examples**

```
# get the definition of rule 30
wolfram_rule(30)
```

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wolfram\_rule\_def      *Plot the definition of a Wolfram rule*

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**Description**

Plot the definition of a Wolfram rule

**Usage**

```
wolfram_rule_def(rule)
```

**Arguments**

rule                  integer, the Wolfram rule

**Value**

a ggplot object defining the rule

**Examples**

```
wolfram_rule_def(30)
```

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