

# Package ‘stratcols’

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as_stratcol	<i>define stratigraphic column</i>
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### Description

defines an S3 object `stratcol` representing a stratigraphic column. Does not check for the validity of the constructed object. For this, use `is_stratcol`

### Usage

```
as_stratcol(thickness, facies, L_unit = NULL, base = 0)
```

### Arguments

thickness	numeric vector, bed thicknesses
facies	vector, facies code of beds (numeric or character)
L_unit	length unit of bed thickness
base	position of lowest bed boundary

### Value

an object of S3 class `stratcol`

### See Also

[is\\_stratcol\(\)](#) to check for validity

**Examples**

```
n_beds = 10
# 10 beds with thickness between 0.1 and 1 m
thickness = runif(n_beds, 0.1, 1)
# alternations of sand and shale
fa = rep(c("sand", "shale"), 5)
# length unit
L_unit = "m"
base = 2 # start section at 2 m height
s = as_stratcol(thickness, fa, L_unit, base)
```

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bed_thickness	<i>extract bed thicknesses</i>
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**Description**

extracts bed thicknesses from stratigraphic column

**Usage**

```
bed_thickness(s)
```

**Arguments**

s                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Value**

a numeric vector of bed thicknesses

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
thickness = bed_thickness(s)
hist(thickness, main = "Bed thickness", xlab = paste0("Thickness (m)"))
```

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facies_names	<i>extract facies names from stratigraphic column</i>
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**Description**

extract facies names from stratigraphic column

**Usage**

```
facies_names(s)
```

**Arguments**

s                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Value**

vector of facies names for each bed

**See Also**

[unique\\_facies\\_names\(\)](#) to get a list of unique facies names

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
facies = facies_names(s)
print(facies)
```

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facies_repetitions	<i>have successive beds identical facies?</i>
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**Description**

have successive beds identical facies?

**Usage**

```
facies_repetitions(s)
```

**Arguments**

s                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Value**

TRUE or FALSE. Do at least two successive beds have the same facies?

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
facies_repetitions(s) # returns FALSE
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "sand", "shale", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
facies_repetitions(s) # returns TRUE
```

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get_base	<i>find base of stratigraphic column</i>
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**Description**

find base of stratigraphic column

**Usage**

```
get_base(s)
```

**Arguments**

s                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Value**

A number, position of lowest bed boundary in the stratigraphic column

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m", base = 2)
get_base(s) # returns 2
```

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get_L_unit	<i>extract length unit from stratigraphic columns</i>
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**Description**

extract length unit from stratigraphic columns

**Usage**

```
get_L_unit(s)
```

**Arguments**

s                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Value**

string or NULL, the length unit of the stratigraphic column

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
get_L_unit(s) # returns "m"
```

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get_mom	<i>Markov order metric (Burgess 2016)</i>
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**Description**

Markov order metric (Burgess 2016)

**Usage**

```
get_mom(m)
```

**Arguments**

m                    a facies transition matrix

**Value**

scalar, the Markov order metric introduced in Burgess (2016), <https://doi.org/10.2110/jsr.2016.10>

**References**

Burgess, Peter. 2016. "Identifying Ordered Strata: Evidence, Methods, and Meaning." *Journal of Sedimentary Research*. doi:10.2110/jsr.2016.10

**See Also**

[transition\\_matrix\(\)](#) to estimate the facies transition matrix from a stratigraphic column, [get\\_rom\(\)](#) to get the runs order metric

**Examples**

```
#see vignette for an extended example and explanation via
# vignette("stratorder")
# uniform bed thickness, ordered facies
s = as_stratcol(thickness = runif(30), fa = rep(c(1,2,3), 10))
s = shuffle_col(s, allow_rep = TRUE) # randomize order of beds, allowing for repetitions
plot(s)
s_merged = merge_beds(s, mode = "identical facies")
plot(s_merged)
s_ord_names = order_facies_names(s_merged)
plot(s_ord_names)
m = transition_matrix(s_ord_names)
get_mom(m)
```

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get\_rom

*runs order metric (Burgess 2016)*


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**Description**

Determines the run order metric introduced in Burgess (2016), <https://doi.org/10.2110/jsr.2016.10>

**Usage**

```
get_rom(s, strictly = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

s	stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)
strictly	logical. Does bed thickness need to be strictly increasing (>) or not (>=) to be counted as thickening?

**Value**

a number, the runs order metric (rom)

**References**

Burgess, Peter. 2016. "Identifying Ordered Strata: Evidence, Methods, and Meaning." *Journal of Sedimentary Research*. doi:10.2110/jsr.2016.10

**See Also**

[get\\_mom\(\)](#) to get the Markov order metric

## Examples

```
#see vignette for an extended example, bootstrapping methods and explanation via
# vignette("stratorder")
s = as_stratcol(thickness = runif(90), facies = rep(c(1,2,3), 30))
plot(s)
get_rom(s) # returns a number, the runs order metric
```

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is_stratcol	<i>is a valid stratigraphic column?</i>
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## Description

determines if x is a valid stratcol object

## Usage

```
is_stratcol(x)
```

## Arguments

x                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

## Value

logical - is the object a valid stratcol object?

## See Also

[as\\_stratcol\(\)](#) to define stratcol objects

## Examples

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
is_stratcol(s) # returns TRUE
s$fa = NULL # break stratcolumn object
is_stratcol(s) # returns FALSE
```



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merge_beds	<i>merge beds in stratigraphic column</i>
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**Description**

merge beds in stratigraphic column

**Usage**

```
merge_beds(s, mode = "identical facies", ...)
```

**Arguments**

s	stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)
mode	character. criteria for merging. currently only "identical facies" is implemented
...	other parameters. currently not used

**Value**

a stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "sand", "shale", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
merge_beds(s, mode = "identical facies")
facies = facies_names(s) # returns "sand" "shale" as the two sandy beds are merged
```

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no_beds	<i>number of beds</i>
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**Description**

number of beds

**Usage**

```
no_beds(s)
```

**Arguments**

s	stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)
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**Value**

integer, the number of beds

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
no_beds(s) # returns 4
```

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no_facies	<i>number of distinct facies</i>
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**Description**

number of distinct facies

**Usage**

```
no_facies(s)
```

**Arguments**

s                    stratigraphic column

**Value**

an integer

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order_facies_names	<i>order facies names according to appearance</i>
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**Description**

enumerates the facies according to their order of appearance (counting from the bottom of the section). To be applied to stratigraphic columns before get\_mom is called. Replaces the facies codes by integer numbers

**Usage**

```
order_facies_names(s)
```

**Arguments**

s                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Value**

a stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "clay"), L_unit = "m")
s = order_facies_names(s)
plot(s)
```

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plot.stratcol	<i>basic plotting of stratigraphic columns</i>
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**Description**

wraps around Stratigrapher::litholog() to plot a stratigraphic column. The beds are plotted as polygons, the boundaries as horizontal lines.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'stratcol'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)
...	further plotting options. ignored

**Value**

invisible NULL

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c(1,2,3,1.5), L_unit = "m")
# facies codes are used as hardness
plot(s)
```

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print.stratcol	<i>print stratigraphic column to console</i>
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**Description**

print stratigraphic column to console

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'stratcol'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)  
 ...                  other parameters (currently ignored)

**Value**

invisible NULL, prints to the console

**See Also**

[summary.stratcol\(\)](#) for a summary of a stratigraphic column

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
print(s)
```

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rename_facies	<i>rename_facies</i>
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**Description**

replaces old facies names with new ones

**Usage**

```
rename_facies(s, new_names, old_names = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

s                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)  
 new\_names          new facies names  
 old\_names          NULL or a list of old facies names. If NULL, all old facies names will be used

**Value**

stratigraphic column (a stratcol object) with renamed facies

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
s = rename_facies(s, new_names = c("sandy", "shaly"))
```

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set_L_unit	<i>set length unit of strat column</i>
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**Description**

set length unit of strat column

**Usage**

```
set_L_unit(s, L_unit)
```

**Arguments**

s	stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)
L_unit	string or NULL, the length unit

**Value**

a stratigraphic column (stratcol object) with length unit added

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"))
s = set_L_unit(s, "m")
get_L_unit(s) # returns "m"
```

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shuffle_col	<i>rearrange stratigraphic column</i>
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**Description**

rearrange stratigraphic column

**Usage**

```
shuffle_col(s, allow_rep = TRUE, max_no_swaps = 10^5)
```

**Arguments**

s	stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)
allow_rep	logical. Are repetitions in facies allowed?
max_no_swaps	integer. If allow rep is FALSE, what is the number of permutations used to shuffle the column?

**Value**

a stratcol object, the rearranged stratigraphic column

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("clay", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
s = shuffle_col(s, allow_rep = TRUE)
facies_names(s) # returns a random permutation of the facies
```

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summary.stratcol	<i>summarize stratigraphic column</i>
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**Description**

summarize stratigraphic column

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'stratcol'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)
...	further parameters (currently ignored)

**Value**

invisible NULL. prints to the console

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m", base = 2)
summary(s)
```

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total_thickness	<i>get total thickness</i>
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**Description**

get total thickness

**Usage**

```
total_thickness(s, ...)
```

**Arguments**

s	stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)
...	other parameters (currently ignored)

**Value**

scalar, total thickness of stratigraphic column

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
total_thickness(s) # returns 2.5
```

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total_thickness.stratcol	<i>get total thickness of stratigraphic column</i>
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**Description**

get total thickness of stratigraphic column

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'stratcol'
total_thickness(s, ...)
```

**Arguments**

s	stratigraphic column
...	other parameters

**Value**

scalar, thickness of column

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transition\_matrix      *transition frequency matrix from strat. column*

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**Description**

transition frequency matrix from strat. column

**Usage**

```
transition_matrix(s)
```

**Arguments**

s                      stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Value**

a matrix of S3 class fa\_tran\_mat (facies transition matrix). Has dimension names "from" and "to", and facies as row/column names.

**See Also**

[trans\\_count\\_matrix\(\)](#) for the facies transition matrix with raw transition counts

[get\\_mom\(\)](#) to get the Markov order of the transition matrix

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trans\_count\_matrix      *facies transition count matrix*

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**Description**

determines the number of facies transitions in a stratigraphic column and stores the output in a matrix

**Usage**

```
trans_count_matrix(s, ...)
```

**Arguments**

s                      stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

...                    other parameters. currently ignored

**Value**

a transition count matrix of S3 class fa\_tran\_mat\_c



**See Also**

[transition\\_matrix\(\)](#) for the facies transition matrix with transition frequencies

**Examples**

```
#stratigraphic column with 90 beds
s = as_stratcol(thickness = runif(90), facies = rep(c(1,2,3), 30))
m = trans_count_matrix(s)
```

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unique\_facies\_names    *return unique facies names from a stratigraphic column*

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**Description**

return unique facies names from a stratigraphic column

**Usage**

```
unique_facies_names(s)
```

**Arguments**

s                    stratigraphic column (a stratcol object)

**Value**

a vector of unique facies names in the stratigraphic column

**See Also**

[facies\\_names\(\)](#) to get facies names for each bed

**Examples**

```
s = as_stratcol(c(0.5, 1, 0.3, 0.7), c("sand", "shale", "sand", "shale"), L_unit = "m")
unique_facies = unique_facies_names(s) # returns c("sand", "shale")
```

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