

A guide to the **line style** arguments for R graphics

R has four line style arguments: line width, line end style, line join style, and line type. These graphical arguments and their parameters are described within the documentation for the `par()` function of the graphics package.

All four arguments can be set in `plot()`. Only line width and line type can be set in `gplot()`.

lwd

positive number

line width

may be set to any positive number (default = 1)

```
plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lwd=0.5)
```

```
plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lwd=1)
```

```
plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lwd=3.5)
```

lend

line end style

three styles, specified by either their integer or name (default = "round")

0 "round"

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plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lwd=5, lend=0)
```

1 "butt"

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plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lwd=5, lend=1)
```

2 "square"

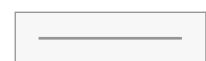
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plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lwd=5, lend=2)
```



round



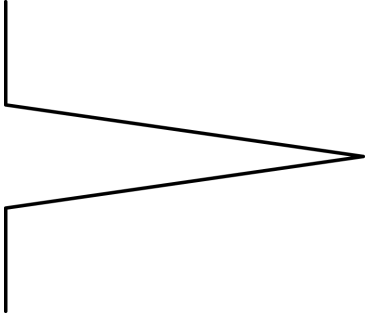
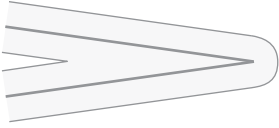
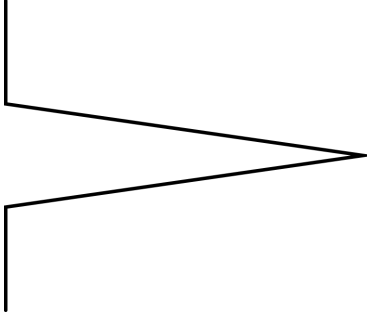
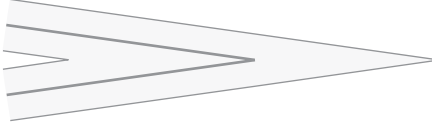
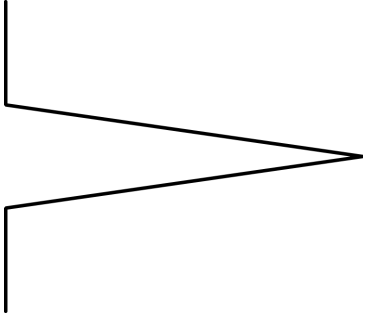
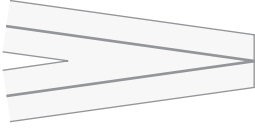
butt



square

ljoin*line join style*

three styles, specified by either their integer or name (default = "round")

0	"round"			<pre>plot(c(0, 0, 4, 0, 0), c(0, 1, 1.5, 2, 3), type="l", lwd=5, axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, ljoin="round")</pre>
1	"mitre"			<pre>plot(c(0, 0, 4, 0, 0), c(0, 1, 1.5, 2, 3), type="l", lwd=5, axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, ljoin="mitre")</pre>
2	"bevel"			<pre>plot(c(0, 0, 4, 0, 0), c(0, 1, 1.5, 2, 3), type="l", lwd=5, axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, ljoin="bevel")</pre>

lty*line type*

seven pre-set styles, specified by either their integer or name (default = "solid")

0 "blank" `plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty=0)`

1 "solid" `plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty=1)`

2 "dashed" `plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty=2)`

3 "dotted" `plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty=3)`

4 "dotdash" `plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty=4)`

5 "longdash" `plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty=5)`

6 "twodash" `plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty=6)`

string

patterns of on/off can also be specified with strings of 2, 4, 6, or 8 characters (non-zero hexadecimal characters, 1–9 and a–f)

the pre-set styles are "dashed" = "44", "dotted" = "13", "dotdash" = "1343", "longdash" = "73", "twodash" = "2262"

`plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty="24")`

`plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty="1342")`