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**as_Set**  
*Convert Named Vector to Set*

**Description**

Convert Named Vector to Set

**Usage**

```r
as_Set(A)
```
as_vector

Arguments

A A named vector or matrix to build a new Set.

Value

A Set object.

Examples

A <- c(a = 0.1, b = 0.2, p = 0.3, q = 0)

as_Set(A)

Description

Convert Set to vector

Usage

as_vector(v)

Arguments

v A Set to convert to vector.

Value

A vector.

Examples

A <- c(a = 0.1, b = 0.2, p = 0.3, q = 0)

v <- as_Set(A)

A2 <- as_vector(v)

all(A == A2)
Data for Differential Diagnosis for Schizophrenia

Description
A subset of the COBRE dataset has been retrieved, by querying SchizConnect for 105 patients with neurological and clinical symptoms, collecting also their corresponding diagnosis.

Usage
cobre32

Format
A matrix with 105 rows and 32 columns. Column names are related to different scales for depression and Schizophrenia:

- **COSAS_n** The *Simpson-Angus Scale*, 7 items to evaluate Parkinsonism-like alterations, related to schizophrenia, in an individual.
- **FICAL_n** The *Calgary Depression Scale for Schizophrenia*, 9 items (attributes) assessing the level of depression in schizophrenia, differentiating between positive and negative aspects of the disease.
- **SCIDII_n** The *Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-III-R Personality Disorders*, with 14 variables related to the presence of signs affecting personality.
- **dx_ss** if TRUE, the diagnosis is strict schizophrenia.
- **dx_other** if TRUE, the diagnosis is other than schizophrenia, including schizoaffective, bipolar disorder and major depression.

In summary, the dataset consists in the previous 30 attributes related to signs or symptoms, and 2 attributes related to diagnosis (these diagnoses are mutually exclusive, thus only one of them is assigned to each patient). This makes a dataset with 105 objects (patients) and 32 attributes to explore. The symptom attributes are multi-valued.

Thus, according to the specific scales used, all attributes are fuzzy and graded. For a given attribute (symptom), the available grades range from *absent* to *extreme*, with *minimal*, *mild*, *moderate*, *moderate severe* and *severe* in between.

These fuzzy attributes are mapped to values in the interval [0, 1].

Source
Description

A subset of the COBRE dataset has been retrieved, by querying SchizConnect for 105 patients with neurological and clinical symptoms, collecting also their corresponding diagnosis.

Usage
cobre61

Format

A matrix with 105 rows and 61 columns. Column names are related to different scales for depression and Schizophrenia:

- **COSAS_n** The Simpson-Angus Scale, 7 items to evaluate Parkinsonism-like alterations, related to schizophrenia, in an individual.
- **FIPAN_n** The Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale, a set of 29 attributes measuring different aspects and symptoms in schizophrenia.
- **FICAL_n** The Calgary Depression Scale for Schizophrenia, 9 items (attributes) assessing the level of depression in schizophrenia, differentiating between positive and negative aspects of the disease.
- **SCIDII_n** The Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-III-R Personality Disorders, with 14 variables related to the presence of signs affecting personality.
- **dx_ss** if TRUE, the diagnosis is strict schizophrenia.
- **dx_other** it TRUE, the diagnosis is other than schizophrenia, including schizoaffective, bipolar disorder and major depression.

In summary, the dataset consists in the previous 59 attributes related to signs or symptoms, and 2 attributes related to diagnosis (these diagnoses are mutually exclusive, thus only one of them is assigned to each patient). This makes a dataset with 105 objects (patients) and 61 attributes to explore. The symptom attributes are multi-valued.

Thus, according to the specific scales used, all attributes are fuzzy and graded. For a given attribute (symptom), the available grades range from absent to extreme, with minimal, mild, moderate, moderate severe and severe in between.

These fuzzy attributes are mapped to values in the interval [0, 1].

Source

Concept

R6 class for a fuzzy concept with sparse internal representation

Description

This class implements the data structure and methods for fuzzy concepts.

Methods

Public methods:

• Concept$new()
• Concept$get_extent()
• Concept$get_intent()
• Concept$print()
• Concept$to_latex()
• Concept$clone()

Method new(): Creator for objects of class Concept

Usage:
Concept$new(extent, intent)

Arguments:
extent (Set) The extent of the concept.
intent (Set) The intent of the concept.

Returns: An object of class Concept.

Method get_extent(): Internal Set for the extent

Usage:
Concept$get_extent()

Returns: The Set representation of the extent.

Method get_intent(): Internal Set for the intent

Usage:
Concept$get_intent()

Returns: The Set representation of the intent.

Method print(): Prints the concept to console

Usage:
Concept$print()

Returns: A string with the elements of the set and their grades between brackets.

Method to_latex(): Write the concept in LaTeX format

Usage:
ConceptLattice

```r
Concept$to_latex(print = TRUE)
Arguments:
print (logical) Print to output?
Returns: The fuzzy concept in LaTeX.

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.
Usage:
Concept$clone(deep = FALSE)
Arguments:
deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

Examples

```r
# Build a formal context and find its concepts
fc_planets <- FormalContext$new(planets)
fcp_planets$find_concepts()

# Print the first three concepts
fc_planets$concepts[1:3]

# Select the first concept:
C <- fc_planets$concepts$sub(1)

# Get its extent and intent
C$get_extent()
C$get_intent()
```

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**ConceptLattice**

*R6 class for a concept lattice*

**Description**

This class implements the data structure and methods for concept lattices.

**Super class**

`fcaR::ConceptSet -> ConceptLattice`

**Methods**

Public methods:

- `ConceptLattice$new()`
- `ConceptLattice$plot()`
- `ConceptLattice$sublattice()`
- `ConceptLattice$top()`
Method `new()`: Create a new `ConceptLattice` object.

Usage:
`ConceptLattice$new(extents, intents, objects, attributes, I = NULL)`

Arguments:
- `extents` (dgCMatrix) The extents of all concepts
- `intents` (dgCMatrix) The intents of all concepts
- `objects` (character vector) Names of the objects in the formal context
- `attributes` (character vector) Names of the attributes in the formal context
- `I` (dgCMatrix) The matrix of the formal context

Returns: A new `ConceptLattice` object.

Method `plot()`: Plot the concept lattice

Usage:
`ConceptLattice$plot(object_names = TRUE, to_latex = FALSE, ...)`

Arguments:
- `object_names` (logical) If TRUE, plot object names, otherwise omit them from the diagram.
- `to_latex` (logical) If TRUE, export the plot as a `tikzpicture` environment that can be included in a LaTeX file.
- `...` Other parameters to be passed to the `tikzDevice` that renders the lattice in LaTeX, or for the figure caption. See Details.

Details: Particular parameters that control the size of the `tikz` output are: width, height (both in inches), and pointsize (in points), that should be set to the font size used in the documentclass header in the LaTeX file where the code is to be inserted. If a caption is provided, the whole `tikz` picture will be wrapped by a `figure` environment and the caption set.

Returns: If `to_latex` is FALSE, it returns nothing, just plots the graph of the concept lattice. Otherwise, this function returns the LaTeX code to reproduce the concept lattice.

Method `sublattice()`: Sublattice

Usage:
`ConceptLattice$sublattice(...)`
Arguments:
... See Details.

Details: As argument, one can provide both integer indices or Concepts, separated by commas. The corresponding concepts are used to generate a sublattice.

Returns: The generated sublattice as a new ConceptLattice object.

Method top(): Top of a Lattice

Usage:
ConceptLattice$top()

Returns: The top of the Concept Lattice

Examples:
fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
fc$find_concepts()
fc$concepts$top()

Method bottom(): Bottom of a Lattice

Usage:
ConceptLattice$bottom()

Returns: The bottom of the Concept Lattice

Examples:
fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
fc$find_concepts()
fc$concepts$bottom()

Method join_irreducibles(): Join-irreducible Elements

Usage:
ConceptLattice$join_irreducibles()

Returns: The join-irreducible elements in the concept lattice.

Method meet_irreducibles(): Meet-irreducible Elements

Usage:
ConceptLattice$meet_irreducibles()

Returns: The meet-irreducible elements in the concept lattice.

Method decompose(): Decompose a concept as the supremum of meet-irreducible concepts

Usage:
ConceptLattice$decompose(C)

Arguments:
C A list of Concepts

Returns: A list, each field is the set of meet-irreducible elements whose supremum is the corresponding element in C.
**Method** supremum(): Supremum of Concepts  
*Usage:*  
ConceptLattice$supremum(...)  
*Arguments:*  
... See Details.  
*Details:* As argument, one can provide both integer indices or Concepts, separated by commas. The corresponding concepts are used to compute their supremum in the lattice.  
*Returns:* The supremum of the list of concepts.

**Method** infimum(): Infimum of Concepts  
*Usage:*  
ConceptLattice$infimum(...)  
*Arguments:*  
... See Details.  
*Details:* As argument, one can provide both integer indices or Concepts, separated by commas. The corresponding concepts are used to compute their infimum in the lattice.  
*Returns:* The infimum of the list of concepts.

**Method** subconcepts(): Subconcepts of a Concept  
*Usage:*  
ConceptLattice$subconcepts(C)  
*Arguments:*  
C (numeric or SparseConcept) The concept to which determine all its subconcepts.  
*Returns:* A list with the subconcepts.

**Method** superconcepts(): Superconcepts of a Concept  
*Usage:*  
ConceptLattice$superconcepts(C)  
*Arguments:*  
C (numeric or SparseConcept) The concept to which determine all its superconcepts.  
*Returns:* A list with the superconcepts.

**Method** lower_neighbours(): Lower Neighbours of a Concept  
*Usage:*  
ConceptLattice$lower_neighbours(C)  
*Arguments:*  
C (SparseConcept) The concept to which find its lower neighbours  
*Returns:* A list with the lower neighbours of C.

**Method** upper_neighbours(): Upper Neighbours of a Concept  
*Usage:*
ConceptLat
tice

ConceptLattice$upper_neighbours(C)

Arguments:
C (SparseConcept) The concept to which find its upper neighbours

Returns: A list with the upper neighbours of C.

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:
ConceptLattice$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

dee
p Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

# Build a formal context
fc_planets <- FormalContext$new(planets)

# Find the concepts
fc_planets$find_concepts()

# Find join- and meet- irreducible elements
fc_planets$concepts$join_irreducibles()
fc_planets$concepts$meet_irreducibles()

# Get concept support
fc_planets$concepts$support()

# Method `ConceptLattice$top`
# -----------------------------------------------
fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
f
c$find_concepts()
f
c$concepts$top()

# Method `ConceptLattice$bottom`
# -----------------------------------------------
fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
f
c$find_concepts()
f
c$concepts$bottom()
**ConceptSet**  
*R6 class for a set of concepts*

**Description**
This class implements the data structure and methods for concept sets.

**Methods**

**Public methods:**
- `ConceptSet$new()`  
- `ConceptSet$size()`  
- `ConceptSet$is_empty()`  
- `ConceptSet$extents()`  
- `ConceptSet$intents()`  
- `ConceptSet$print()`  
- `ConceptSet$to_latex()`  
- `ConceptSet$to_list()`  
- `ConceptSet$()`  
- `ConceptSet$sub()`  
- `ConceptSet$support()`  
- `ConceptSet$clone()`

**Method** `new()`: Create a new `ConceptLattice` object.

*Usage:*
```r
ConceptSet$new(extents, intents, objects, attributes, I = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*
- `extents` (dgCMatrix) The extents of all concepts  
- `intents` (dgCMatrix) The intents of all concepts  
- `objects` (character vector) Names of the objects in the formal context  
- `attributes` (character vector) Names of the attributes in the formal context  
- `I` (dgCMatrix) The matrix of the formal context

*Returns:* A new `ConceptLattice` object.

**Method** `size()`: Size of the Lattice

*Usage:*
```r
ConceptSet$size()
```

*Returns:* The number of concepts in the lattice.

**Method** `is_empty()`: Is the lattice empty?

*Usage:*
```r
ConceptSet$is_empty()
```
Returns: TRUE if the lattice has no concepts.

**Method** extents(): Concept Extents

Usage:
```
ConceptSet$extents()
```

Returns: The extents of all concepts, as a dgCMatrix.

**Method** intents(): Concept Intents

Usage:
```
ConceptSet$intents()
```

Returns: The intents of all concepts, as a dgCMatrix.

**Method** print(): Print the Concept Set

Usage:
```
ConceptSet$print()
```

Returns: Nothing, just prints the concepts

**Method** to_latex(): Write in LaTeX

Usage:
```
ConceptSet$to_latex(print = TRUE, ncols = 1, numbered = TRUE, align = TRUE)
```

Arguments:
- **print** (logical) Print to output?
- **ncols** (integer) Number of columns of the output.
- **numbered** (logical) Number the concepts?
- **align** (logical) Align objects and attributes independently?

Returns: The LaTeX code to list all concepts.

**Method** to_list(): Returns a list with all the concepts

Usage:
```
ConceptSet$to_list()
```

Returns: A list of concepts.

**Method** [(): Subsets a ConceptSet

Usage:
```
ConceptSet$[(indices)
```

Arguments:
- **indices** (numeric or logical vector) The indices of the concepts to return as a list of Concepts.
  
  It can be a vector of logicals where TRUE elements are to be retained.

Returns: Another ConceptSet.

**Method** sub(): Individual Concepts

Usage:
```
ConceptSet$sub(index)
```
equivalencesRegistry

Arguments:
  index (numeric) The index of the concept to return.

Returns: The Concept.

Method support(): Get support of each concept

Usage:
  ConceptSet$support()

Returns: A vector with the support of each concept.

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:
  ConceptSet$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:
  deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

# Build a formal context
fc_planets <- FormalContext$new(planets)

# Find the concepts
fc_planets$find_concepts()

# Find join- and meet- irreducible elements
fc_planets$concepts$join_irreducibles()
fcc_planets$concepts$meet_irreducibles()

equivalencesRegistry

Description

Equivalence Rules Registry

Usage

equivalencesRegistry

Format

An object of class equivalence_registry (inherits from registry) of length 6.

Details

This is a registry that stores the equivalence rules that can be applied using the apply_rules() method in an ImplicationSet.

One can obtain the list of available equivalence operators by: equivalencesRegistry$get_entry_names()
fcaR: Tools for Formal Concept Analysis

Description

The aim of this package is to provide tools to perform fuzzy formal concept analysis (FCA) from within R. It provides functions to load and save a Formal Context, extract its concept lattice and implications. In addition, one can use the implications to compute semantic closures of fuzzy sets and, thus, build recommendation systems.

Details

The fcaR package provides data structures which allow the user to work seamlessly with formal contexts and sets of implications. More explicitly, three main classes are implemented, using the R6 object-oriented-programming paradigm in R:

- **FormalContext** encapsulates the definition of a formal context \((G, M, I)\), being \(G\) the set of objects, \(M\) the set of attributes and \(I\) the (fuzzy) relationship matrix, and provides methods to operate on the context using FCA tools.
- **ImplicationSet** represents a set of implications over a specific formal context.
- **ConceptLattice** represents the set of concepts and their relationships, including methods to operate on the lattice.

Two additional helper classes are implemented:

- **Set** is a class solely used for visualization purposes, since it encapsulates in sparse format a (fuzzy) set.
- **Concept** encapsulates internally both extent and intent of a formal concept as Set. Since fcaR is an extension of the data model in the arules package, most of the methods and classes implemented interoperates with the main S4 classes in arules (transactions and rules).

References


Examples

```r
# Build a formal context
fc_planets <- FormalContext$new(planets)

# Find its concepts and implications
fc_planets$find_implications()

# Print the extracted implications
fc_planets$implications
```

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**fcaR_options**

`Set or get options for fcaR`

**Description**

Set or get options for fcaR

**Usage**

`fcaR_options(...)`

**Arguments**

`...` Option names to retrieve option values or `[key]=[value]` pairs to set options.

**Supported options**

The following options are supported

- `decimal_places(numeric;2)` The number of decimal places to show when printing or exporting to L\TeX{} sets, implications, concepts, etc.
- `latex_size(character;"normalsize")` Size to use when exporting to LaTeX.
- `reduced\_lattice(logical;TRUE)` Plot the reduced concept lattice?
Description

This class implements the data structure and methods for formal contexts.

Public fields

- I: The table of the formal context as a matrix.
- attributes: The attributes of the formal context.
- objects: The objects of the formal context.
- grades_set: The set of degrees (in [0, 1]) the whole set of attributes can take.
- expanded_grades_set: The set of degrees (in [0, 1]) each attribute can take.
- concepts: The concept lattice associated to the formal context as a `ConceptLattice`.
- implications: A set of implications on the formal context as an `ImplicationSet`.

Methods

**Public methods:**

- `FormalContext$new()`
- `FormalContext$is_empty()`
- `FormalContext$scale()`
- `FormalContext$get_scales()`
- `FormalContext$background_knowledge()`
- `FormalContext$dual()`
- `FormalContext$intent()`
- `FormalContext$uparrow()`
- `FormalContext$extent()`
- `FormalContext$downarrow()`
- `FormalContext$closure()`
- `FormalContext$obj_concept()`
- `FormalContext$att_concept()`
- `FormalContext$is_concept()`
- `FormalContext$is_closed()`
- `FormalContext$clarify()`
- `FormalContext$reduce()`
- `FormalContext$standardize()`
- `FormalContext$find_concepts()`
- `FormalContext$find_implications()`
- `FormalContext$to_transactions()`
Method `new()`: Creator for the Formal Context class

Usage:
```r
FormalContext$new(I, filename, remove_const = FALSE)
```

Arguments:
- `I` (numeric matrix) The table of the formal context.
- `filename` (character) Path of a file to import.
- `remove_const` (logical) If TRUE, remove constant columns. The default is FALSE.

Details: Columns of I should be named, since they are the names of the attributes of the formal context.
If no I is used, the resulting FormalContext will be empty and not usable unless for loading a previously saved one. In this case, one can provide a filename to import. Only RDS, CSV and CXT files are currently supported.

Returns: An object of the FormalContext class.

Method `is_empty()`: Check if the FormalContext is empty

Usage:
```r
FormalContext$is_empty()
```

Returns: TRUE if the FormalContext is empty, that is, has not been provided with a matrix, and FALSE otherwise.

Method `scale()`: Scale the context

Usage:
```r
FormalContext$scale(attributes, type, ...)
```

Arguments:
- `attributes` The attributes to scale
- `type` Type of scaling.
- `...`

Details: The types of scaling are implemented in a registry, so that `scalingRegistry$get_entries()` returns all types.

Returns: The scaled formal context

Examples:
filename <- system.file("contexts", "aromatic.csv", package = "fcaR")
fc <- FormalContext$new(filename)
fcscale("nitro", "ordinal", comparison = `>=`, values = 1:3)
fcscale("OS", "nominal", c("O", "S"))
fcscale(attributes = "ring", type = "nominal")

Method get_scales(): Scales applied to the formal context

Usage:
FormalContext$get_scales(attributes = names(private$scales))

Arguments:
attributes (character) Name of the attributes for which scales (if applied) are returned.

Returns: The scales that have been applied to the specified attributes of the formal context. If no attributes are passed, then all applied scales are returned.

Examples:
filename <- system.file("contexts", "aromatic.csv", package = "fcaR")
f <- FormalContext$new(filename)
fcscale("nitro", "ordinal", comparison = `>=`, values = 1:3)
fcscale("OS", "nominal", c("O", "S"))
fcscale(attributes = "ring", type = "nominal")
f$get_scales()

Method background_knowledge(): Background knowledge of a scaled formal context

Usage:
FormalContext$background_knowledge()

Returns: An ImplicationSet with the implications extracted from the application of scales.

Examples:
filename <- system.file("contexts", "aromatic.csv", package = "fcaR")
f <- FormalContext$new(filename)
fcscale("nitro", "ordinal", comparison = `>=`, values = 1:3)
fcscale("OS", "nominal", c("O", "S"))
fcscale(attributes = "ring", type = "nominal")
f$background_knowledge()

Method dual(): Get the dual formal context

Usage:
FormalContext$dual()

Returns: A FormalContext where objects and attributes have interchanged their roles.

Method intent(): Get the intent of a fuzzy set of objects

Usage:
FormalContext(intent(S))

Arguments:
S (Set) The set of objects to compute the intent for.
FormalContext

Returns: A Set with the intent.

**Method** uparrow(): Get the intent of a fuzzy set of objects

*Usage:*
FormalContext$uparrow(S)

*Arguments:*
S (Set) The set of objects to compute the intent for.

*Returns: A Set with the intent.*

**Method** extent(): Get the extent of a fuzzy set of attributes

*Usage:*
FormalContext$extent(S)

*Arguments:*
S (Set) The set of attributes to compute the extent for.

*Returns: A Set with the intent.*

**Method** downarrow(): Get the extent of a fuzzy set of attributes

*Usage:*
FormalContext$downarrow(S)

*Arguments:*
S (Set) The set of attributes to compute the extent for.

*Returns: A Set with the intent.*

**Method** closure(): Get the closure of a fuzzy set of attributes

*Usage:*
FormalContext$closure(S)

*Arguments:*
S (Set) The set of attributes to compute the closure for.

*Returns: A Set with the closure.*

**Method** obj_concept(): Object Concept

*Usage:*
FormalContext$obj_concept(object)

*Arguments:*
object (character) Name of the object to compute its associated concept

*Returns: The object concept associated to the object given.*

**Method** att_concept(): Attribute Concept

*Usage:*
FormalContext$att_concept(attribute)

*Arguments:*

attribute (character) Name of the attribute to compute its associated concept

Returns: The attribute concept associated to the attribute given.

**Method** is_concept(): Is a Concept?

*Usage:*
FormalContext$\text{is\_concept}(C)

*Arguments:*
C A Concept object

*Returns: * TRUE if C is a concept.

**Method** is_closed(): Testing closure of attribute sets

*Usage:*
FormalContext$\text{is\_closed}(S)

*Arguments:*
S A Set of attributes

*Returns: * TRUE if the set S is closed in this formal context.

**Method** clarify(): Clarify a formal context

*Usage:*
FormalContext$\text{clarify}(copy = FALSE)

*Arguments:*
copy (logical) If TRUE, a new FormalContext object is created with the clarified context, otherwise the current one is overwritten.

*Returns: * The clarified FormalContext.

**Method** reduce(): Reduce a formal context

*Usage:*
FormalContext$\text{reduce}(copy = FALSE)

*Arguments:*
copy (logical) If TRUE, a new FormalContext object is created with the clarified and reduced context, otherwise the current one is overwritten.

*Returns: * The clarified and reduced FormalContext.

**Method** standardize(): Build the Standard Context

*Usage:*
FormalContext$\text{standardize}()

*Details: * All concepts must be previously computed.

*Returns: * The standard context using the join- and meet- irreducible elements.

**Method** find_concepts(): Use Ganter Algorithm to compute concepts

*Usage:*
FormalContext$\text{find\_concepts}(\text{verbose} = FALSE)
Arguments:
verbose (logical) TRUE will provide a verbose output.
Returns: A list with all the concepts in the formal context.

Method find_implications(): Use modified Ganter algorithm to compute both concepts and implications
Usage:
FormalContext$find_implications(save_concepts = TRUE, verbose = FALSE)
Arguments:
save_concepts (logical) TRUE will also compute and save the concept lattice. FALSE is usually faster, since it only computes implications.
verbose (logical) TRUE will provide a verbose output.
Returns: Nothing, just updates the internal fields concepts and implications.

Method to_transactions(): Convert the formal context to object of class transactions from the arules package
Usage:
FormalContext$to_transactions()
Returns: A transactions object.

Method save(): Save a FormalContext to RDS or CXT format
Usage:
FormalContext$save(filename = tempfile(fileext = ".rds"))
Arguments:
filename (character) Path of the file where to store the FormalContext.
Details: The format is inferred from the extension of the filename.
Returns: Invisibly the current FormalContext.

Method load(): Load a FormalContext from a file
Usage:
FormalContext$load(filename)
Arguments:
filename (character) Path of the file to load the FormalContext from.
Details: Currently, only RDS, CSV and CXT files are supported.
Returns: The loaded FormalContext.

Method dim(): Dimensions of the formal context
Usage:
FormalContext$dim()
Returns: A vector with (number of objects, number of attributes).

Method print(): Prints the formal context
Usage:
FormalContext$print()

Returns: Prints information regarding the formal context.

Method to_latex(): Write the context in LaTeX format

Usage:
FormalContext$to_latex(
  table = TRUE,
  label = "",
  caption = "",
  fraction = c("none", "frac", "dfrac", "sfrac")
)

Arguments:
table (logical) If TRUE, surrounds everything between \begin{table} and \end{table}.
label (character) The label for the table environment.
caption (character) The caption of the table.
fraction (character) If none, no fractions are produced. Otherwise, if it is frac, dfrac or sfrac, decimal numbers are represented as fractions with the corresponding LaTeX typesetting.

Returns: A table environment in LaTeX.

Method incidence(): Incidence matrix of the formal context

Usage:
FormalContext$incidence()

Returns: The incidence matrix of the formal context

Examples:
fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
fc$incidence()

Method plot(): Plot the formal context table

Usage:
FormalContext$plot(to_latex = FALSE, ...)

Arguments:
to_latex (logical) If TRUE, export the plot as a tikzpicture environment that can be included in a LaTeX file.
... Other parameters to be passed to the tikzDevice that renders the lattice in LaTeX, or for the figure caption. See Details.

Details: Particular parameters that control the size of the tikz output are: width, height (both in inches), and fontsize (in points), that should be set to the font size used in the documentclass header in the LaTeX file where the code is to be inserted.

If a caption is provided, the whole tikz picture will be wrapped by a figure environment and the caption set.

Returns: If to_latex is FALSE, it returns nothing, just plots the graph of the formal context. Otherwise, this function returns the LaTeX code to reproduce the formal context plot.
Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:
FormalContext$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:
deep Whether to make a deep clone.

References


Examples

# Build and print the formal context
fc_planets <- FormalContext$new(planets)
print(fc_planets)

# Define a set of attributes
S <- Set$new(attributes = fc_planets$attributes)
S$assign(moon = 1, large = 1)

# Compute the closure of S
Sc <- fc_planets$closure(S)
# Is Sc a closed set?
fcs_planets$is_closed(Sc)

# Clarify and reduce the formal context
fc2 <- fc_planets$reduce(TRUE)

# Find implications
fc_planets$find_implications()

# Read a formal context from CSV
filename <- system.file("contexts", "airlines.csv", package = "fcaR")
fc <- FormalContext$new(filename)

# Read a formal context from a CXT file
filename <- system.file("contexts", "lives_in_water.cxt", package = "fcaR")
fc <- FormalContext$new(filename)

## ------------------------------------------------
## Method `FormalContext$scale`
## ------------------------------------------------
```r
filename <- system.file("contexts", "aromatic.csv", package = "fcaR")
fc <- FormalContext$new(filename)
fc$scale("nitro", "ordinal", comparison = "\geq", values = 1:3)
fcscale("OS", "nominal", c("O", "S"))
fcscale(attributes = "ring", type = "nominal")

### Method 'FormalContext$get_scales'

### Method 'FormalContext$background_knowledge'

### Method 'FormalContext$incidence'

fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
fcinccidence()
```

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**ImplicationSet**

*R6 Class for Set of implications*

**Description**

This class implements the structure needed to store implications and the methods associated.

**Methods**

**Public methods:**

- `ImplicationSet$new()`
- `ImplicationSet$get_attributes()`
- `ImplicationSet$[()`

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• `ImplicationSet$to_arules()`
• `ImplicationSet$add()`
• `ImplicationSet$cardinality()`
• `ImplicationSet$is_empty()`
• `ImplicationSet$size()`
• `ImplicationSet$closure()`
• `ImplicationSet$recommend()`
• `ImplicationSet$apply_rules()`
• `ImplicationSet$to_basis()`
• `ImplicationSet$print()`
• `ImplicationSet$to_latex()`
• `ImplicationSet$get_LHS_matrix()`
• `ImplicationSet$get_RHS_matrix()`
• `ImplicationSet$filter()`
• `ImplicationSet$support()`
• `ImplicationSet$clone()`

**Method** `new()`: Initialize with an optional name

*Usage:*

`ImplicationSet$new(...)`

*Arguments:*

... See Details.

*Details:* Creates and initialize a new `ImplicationSet` object. It can be done in two ways: `initialize(name, attributes, lhs, rhs)` or `initialize(rules)`

In the first way, the only mandatory argument is `attributes` (character vector) which is a vector of names of the attributes on which we define the implications. Optional arguments are: `name` (character string), name of the implication set, `lhs` (a `dgCMatrix`), initial LHS of the implications stored and the analogous `rhs`.

The other way is used to initialize the `ImplicationSet` object from a `rules` object from package `arules`.

*Returns:* A new `ImplicationSet` object.

**Method** `get_attributes()`: Get the names of the attributes

*Usage:*

`ImplicationSet$get_attributes()`

*Returns:* A character vector with the names of the attributes used in the implications.

**Method** `[]()`: Get a subset of the implication set

*Usage:*

`ImplicationSet$[(idx)`

*Arguments:*

`idx` (integer or logical vector) Indices of the implications to extract or remove. If logical vector, only TRUE elements are retained and the rest discarded.
Returns: A new ImplicationSet with only the rules given by the idx indices (if all idx > 0 and all but idx if all idx < 0).

Method to_arules(): Convert to arules format

Usage:
ImplicationSet$to_arules(quality = TRUE)

Arguments:
quality (logical) Compute the interest measures for each rule?

Returns: A rules object as used by package arules.

Method add(): Add a precomputed implication set

Usage:
ImplicationSet$add(...)

Arguments:

... An ImplicationSet object, a rules object, or a pair lhs, rhs of Set objects or dgCMatrix.

The implications to add to this formal context.

Returns: Nothing, just updates the internal implications field.

Method cardinality(): Cardinality: Number of implications in the set

Usage:
ImplicationSet$cardinality()

Returns: The cardinality of the implication set.

Method is_empty(): Empty set

Usage:
ImplicationSet$is_empty()

Returns: TRUE if the set of implications is empty, FALSE otherwise.

Method size(): Size: number of attributes in each of LHS and RHS

Usage:
ImplicationSet<size()>

Returns: A vector with two components: the number of attributes present in each of the LHS and RHS of each implication in the set.

Method closure(): Compute the semantic closure of a fuzzy set with respect to the implication set

Usage:
ImplicationSet$closure(S, reduce = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)

Arguments:
S (a Set object) Fuzzy set to compute its closure. Use class Set to build it.
reduce (logical) Reduce the implications using simplification logic?
verbose (logical) Show verbose output?
Returns: If reduce == FALSE, the output is a fuzzy set corresponding to the closure of S. If reduce == TRUE, a list with two components: closure, with the closure as above, and implications, the reduced set of implications.

Method recommend(): Generate a recommendation for a subset of the attributes

Usage:
ImplicationSet$recommend(S, attribute_filter)

Arguments:
S (a vector) Vector with the grades of each attribute (a fuzzy set).
attribute_filter (character vector) Names of the attributes to get recommendation for.

Returns: A fuzzy set describing the values of the attributes in attribute_filter within the closure of S.

Method apply_rules(): Apply rules to remove redundancies

Usage:
ImplicationSet$apply_rules(
  rules = c("composition", "generalization"),
  batch_size = 25000L,
  parallelize = FALSE,
  reorder = FALSE
)

Arguments:
rules (character vector) Names of the rules to use. See details.
batch_size (integer) If the number of rules is large, apply the rules by batches of this size.
parallelize (logical) If possible, should we parallelize the computation among different batches?
reorder (logical) Should the rules be randomly reordered previous to the computation?

Details: Currently, the implemented rules are "generalization", "simplification", "reduction" and "composition".

Returns: Nothing, just updates the internal matrices for LHS and RHS.

Method to_basis(): Convert Implications to Canonical Basis

Usage:
ImplicationSet$to_basis()

Returns: The canonical basis of implications obtained from the current ImplicationSet

Method print(): Print all implications to text

Usage:
ImplicationSet/print()

Returns: A string with all the implications in the set.

Method to_latex(): Export to LaTeX

Usage:
ImplicationSet$to_latex(
  print = TRUE,
  ncols = 1,
  numbered = TRUE,
  numbers = seq(self$cardinality())
)

Arguments:
print (logical) Print to output?
ncols (integer) Number of columns for the output.
numbered (logical) If TRUE (default), implications will be numbered in the output.
numbers (vector) If numbered, use these elements to enumerate the implications. The default is to enumerate 1, 2, ..., but can be changed.

Returns: A string in LaTeX format that prints nicely all the implications.

Method get_LHS_matrix(): Get internal LHS matrix

Usage:
ImplicationSet$get_LHS_matrix()

Returns: A sparse matrix representing the LHS of the implications in the set.

Method get_RHS_matrix(): Get internal RHS matrix

Usage:
ImplicationSet$get_RHS_matrix()

Returns: A sparse matrix representing the RHS of the implications in the set.

Method filter(): Filter implications by attributes in LHS and RHS

Usage:
ImplicationSet$filter(
  lhs = NULL,
  not_lhs = NULL,
  rhs = NULL,
  not_rhs = NULL,
  drop = FALSE
)

Arguments:
lhs (character vector) Names of the attributes to filter the LHS by. If NULL, no filtering is done on the LHS.
not_lhs (character vector) Names of the attributes to not include in the LHS. If NULL (the default), it is not considered at all.
rhs (character vector) Names of the attributes to filter the RHS by. If NULL, no filtering is done on the RHS.
not_rhs (character vector) Names of the attributes to not include in the RHS. If NULL (the default), it is not considered at all.
drop (logical) Remove the rest of attributes in RHS?
**Returns**: An `ImplicationSet` that is a subset of the current set, only with those rules which has the attributes in lhs and rhs in their LHS and RHS, respectively.

**Method** `support()`: Compute support of each implication

*Usage:*

```r
ImplicationSet$support()
```

*Returns*: A vector with the support of each implication

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```r
ImplicationSet$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

- `deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

**References**


**Examples**

```r
# Build a formal context
fc_planets <- FormalContext$new(planets)

# Find its implication basis
fc_planets$find_implications()

# Print implications
fc_planets$implications

# Cardinality and mean size in the ruleset
fc_planets$implications$cardinality()
sizes <- fc_planets$implications$size()
colMeans(sizes)

# Simplify the implication set
fc_planets$implications$apply_rules("simplification")
```
**parse_implication**

**Parses a string into an implication**

**Description**

Parses a string into an implication

**Usage**

```r
text <- "parse_implication(string, attributes)"
```

**Arguments**

- **string** (character) The string to be parsed
- **attributes** (character vector) The attributes’ names

**Value**

Two vectors as sparse matrices representing the LHS and RHS of the implication

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**parse_implications**

**Parses several implications given as a string**

**Description**

Parses several implications given as a string

**Usage**

```r
text <- "parse_implications(input)"
```

**Arguments**

- **input** (character) The string with the implications or a file containing the implications

**Details**

The format for the input file is:

- Every implication in its own line or separated by semicolon (;)
- Attributes are separated by commas (,)
- The LHS and RHS of each implication are separated by an arrow (->)

**Value**

An ImplicationSet
Examples

```r
input <- system.file("implications", "ex_implications", package = "fcaR")
imps <- parse_implications(input)
```

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**Description**

This dataset records some properties of the planets in our solar system.

**Usage**

```r
planets
```

**Format**

A matrix with 9 rows (the planets) and 7 columns, representing additional features of the planets:

- `small` 1 if the planet is small, 0 otherwise.
- `medium` 1 if the planet is medium-sized, 0 otherwise.
- `large` 1 if the planet is large, 0 otherwise.
- `near` 1 if the planet belongs in the inner solar system, 0 otherwise.
- `far` 1 if the planet belongs in the outer solar system, 0 otherwise.
- `moon` 1 if the planet has a natural moon, 0 otherwise.
- `no_moon` 1 if the planet has no moon, 0 otherwise.

**Source**

Scaling Registry

Description
Scaling Registry

Usage
scalingRegistry

Format
An object of class scaling_registry (inherits from registry) of length 6.

Details
This is a registry that stores the implemented scales that can be applied using the scale() method in a FormalContext.

One can obtain the list of available equivalence operators by: scalingRegistry$get_entry_names()

Set
R6 class for a fuzzy set with sparse internal representation

Description
This class implements the data structure and methods for fuzzy sets.

Methods
Public methods:

- Set$new()
- Set$assign()
- Set$()
- Set$cardinal()
- Set$vector()
- Set$attributes()
- Set$length()
- Set$print()
- Set$to_latex()
- Set$clone()

Method new(): Creator for objects of class Set
Usage:
Set$new(attributes, M = NULL, ...)

Arguments:
attributes (character vector) Names of the attributes that will be available in the fuzzy set.
M (numeric vector or column Matrix) Values (grades) to be assigned to the attributes.
... key = value pairs, where the value value is assigned to the key attribute name.

Details: If M is omitted and no pair key = value, the fuzzy set is the empty set. Later, one can use the assign method to assign grades to any of its attributes.

Returns: An object of class Set.

Method assign(): Assign grades to attributes in the set

Usage:
Set$assign(attributes = c(), values = c(), ...)

Arguments:
attributes (character vector) Names of the attributes to assign a grade to.
values (numeric vector) Grades to be assigned to the previous attributes.
... key = value pairs, where the value value is assigned to the key attribute name.

Details: One can use both of: $assign(A = 1, B = 0.3) $assign(attributes = c(A, B), values = c(1, 0.3)).

Method [()]: Get elements by index

Usage:
Set$[(indices)

Arguments:
indices (numeric, logical or character vector) The indices of the elements to return. It can be a vector of logicals where TRUE elements are to be retained.

Returns: A Set but with only the required elements.

Method cardinal(): Cardinal of the Set

Usage:
Set$cardinal()

Returns: the cardinal of the Set, counted as the sum of the degrees of each element.

Method get_vector(): Internal Matrix

Usage:
Set$get_vector()

Returns: The internal sparse Matrix representation of the set.

Method get_attributes(): Attributes defined for the set

Usage:
Set$get_attributes()

Returns: A character vector with the names of the attributes.
**Method** `length()`: Number of attributes

*Usage:*

```r
Set$length()
```

*Returns*: The number of attributes that are defined for this fuzzy set.

**Method** `print()`: Prints the set to console

*Usage:*

```r
Set$print(eol = TRUE)
```

*Arguments:*

- `eol` (logical) If `TRUE`, adds an end of line to the output.

*Returns*: A string with the elements of the set and their grades between brackets.

**Method** `to_latex()`: Write the set in LaTeX format

*Usage:*

```r
Set$to_latex(print = TRUE)
```

*Arguments:*

- `print` (logical) Print to output?

*Returns*: The fuzzy set in LaTeX.

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```r
Set$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

- `deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

**Examples**

```r
S <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
S$assign(A = 1)
print(S)
S$to_latex()

S <- Set$new(c("A", "B", "C"), C = 1, B = 0.5)
S
```
Description

The dataset vegas is the binary translation of the Las Vegas Strip dataset (@moro2017stripping), which records more than 500 TripAdvisor reviews of hotels in Las Vegas Strip. The uninformative attributes (such as the user continent or the weekday of the review) are removed.

Usage

vegas

Format

A matrix with 504 rows and 25 binary columns. Column names are related to different features of the hotels:

**Period of Stay** 4 categories are present in the original data, which produces as many binary variables: Period of stay=Dec-Feb, Period of stay=Mar-May, Period of stay=Jun-Aug and Period of stay=Sep-Nov.

**Traveler type** Five binary categories are created from the original data: Traveler type=Business, Traveler type=Couples, Traveler type=Families, Traveler type=Friends and Traveler type=Solo.

**Pool, Gym, Tennis court, Spa, Casino, Free internet** Binary variables for the services offered by each destination hotel

**Stars** Five binary variables are created, according to the number of stars of the hotel, Stars=3, Stars=3.5, Stars=4, Stars=4.5 and Stars=5.

**Score** The score assigned in the review, from Score=1 to Score=5.

Source


Description

Intersection (Logical AND) of Fuzzy Sets

Usage

S1 %&% S2
Arguments

S1 A Set
S2 A Set

Details

Both S1 and S2 must be Sets.

Value

Returns the intersection of S1 and S2.

Examples

# Build two sparse sets
S <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
S$assign(A = 1, B = 1)
T <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
T$assign(A = 1, C = 1)

# Intersection
S %&% T

%entails%

Entailment between implication sets

Description

Entailment between implication sets

Usage

imps %entails% imps2

Arguments

imps (ImplicationSet) A set of implications.
imps2 (ImplicationSet) A set of implications which is tested to check if it follows semantically from imps.

Value

A logical vector, where element k is TRUE if the k-th implication in imps2 follows from imps.
Examples

fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
fc$find_implications()
imps <- fc$implications[1:4]$clone()
imps %entails% imps2

Equality in Sets and Concepts

Description

Equality in Sets and Concepts

Usage

C1 %==% C2

Arguments

C1 A Set or Concept
C2 A Set or Concept

Details

Both C1 and C2 must be of the same class.

Value

Returns TRUE if C1 is equal to C2.

Examples

# Build two sparse sets
S <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
S$assign(A = 1)
T <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
T$assign(A = 1)

# Test whether S and T are equal
S %==% T
Description

Difference in Sets

Usage

\[ S1 \ %-% \ S2 \]

Arguments

- \( S1 \): A Set
- \( S2 \): A Set

Details

Both \( S1 \) and \( S2 \) must be Sets.

Value

Returns the difference \( S1 - S2 \).

Examples

```r
# Build two sparse sets
S <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
S$assign(A = 1, B = 1)
T <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
T$assign(A = 1)

# Difference
S %-% T
```

%holds_in%

Implications that hold in a Formal Context

Description

Implications that hold in a Formal Context

Usage

\[ \text{imps} \ %\text{holds_in}\ % fc \]
Arguments

imps (ImplicationSet) The set of implications to test if hold in the formal context.
fc (FormalContext) A formal context where to test if the implications hold.

Value

A logical vector, indicating if each implication holds in the formal context.

Examples

fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
fc$find_implications()
imps <- fc$implications$clone()
imps %holds_in% fc

%<=%  Partial Order in Sets and Concepts

Description

Partial Order in Sets and Concepts

Usage

C1 %<=% C2

Arguments

C1 A Set or Concept
C2 A Set or Concept

Details

Both C1 and C2 must be of the same class.

Value

Returns TRUE if concept C1 is subconcept of C2 or if set C1 is subset of C2.
Examples

# Build two sparse sets
S <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
S$assign(A = 1)
T <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
T$assign(A = 1, B = 1)

# Test whether S is subset of T
S %<=% T

Description

Union (Logical OR) of Fuzzy Sets

Usage

S1 %|% S2

Arguments

S1 A Set
S2 A Set

Details

Both S1 and S2 must be Sets.

Value

Returns the union of S1 and S2.

Examples

# Build two sparse sets
S <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
S$assign(A = 1, B = 1)
T <- Set$new(attributes = c("A", "B", "C"))
T$assign(C = 1)

# Union
S %|% T
%respects%  
*Check if Set or FormalContext respects an ImplicationSet*

**Description**

Check if Set or FormalContext respects an ImplicationSet

**Usage**

```r
set %respects% imps
```

**Arguments**

- **set**  
  (list of Sets, or a FormalContext) The sets of attributes to check whether they respect the ImplicationSet.

- **imps**  
  (ImplicationSet) The set of implications to check.

**Value**

A logical matrix with as many rows as Sets and as many columns as implications in the ImplicationSet. A TRUE in element (i, j) of the result means that the i-th Set respects the j-th implication of the ImplicationSet.

**Examples**

```r
fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
fcs$find_implications()
imps <- fc$implications$clone()
fc %respects% imps
```

%~%  
*Equivalence of sets of implications*

**Description**

Equivalence of sets of implications

**Usage**

```r
imps %~% imps2
```

**Arguments**

- **imps**  
  A ImplicationSet.

- **imps2**  
  Another ImplicationSet.
Value

TRUE of and only if imps and imps2 are equivalent, that is, if every implication in imps follows from imps2 and vice versa.

Examples

fc <- FormalContext$new(planets)
f$find_implications()
imps <- fc$implications$clone()
imps2 <- imps$clone()
imps2$apply_rules(c("simp", "rsimp"))
imps %~% imps2
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