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all_groups_identical

Test if two grouping factors contain the same groups.

Description
Checks whether two grouping factors contain the same groups, looking only at the group members, allowing for different group names / identifiers.

Usage
all_groups_identical(x, y)

Arguments
x, y
Two grouping factors (vectors/factors with group identifiers) to compare.

Details
Both factors are sorted by x. A grouping factor is created with new groups starting at the values in y which differ from the previous row (i.e. group() with method = "l_starts" and n = "auto"). A similar grouping factor is created for x, to have group identifiers range from 1 to the number of groups. The two generated grouping factors are tested for equality.

Value
Whether all groups in x are the same in y, memberwise. (logical)

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See Also
Other grouping functions: fold, group_factor, group, partition, splt
Examples

# Attach groupdata2
library(groupdata2)

# Same groups, different identifiers
x1 <- c(1,1,2,2,3,3)
x2 <- c(2,2,1,1,4,4)
all_groups_identical(x1, x2) # TRUE

# Same groups, different identifier types
x1 <- c(1,1,2,2,3,3)
x2 <- c("a", "a", "b", "b", "c", "c")
all_groups_identical(x1, x2) # TRUE

# Not same groups
# Note that all groups must be the same to return TRUE
x1 <- c(1,1,2,2,3,3)
x2 <- c(1,2,2,3,3,3)
all_groups_identical(x1, x2) # FALSE

# Different number of groups
x1 <- c(1,1,2,2,3,3)
x2 <- c(1,1,2,2,2)
all_groups_identical(x1, x2) # FALSE

balance

Balance groups by up- and downsampling.

Description

Uses up- and/or downsampling to fix the group sizes to the min, max, mean, or median group size or to a specific number of rows. Has a range of methods for balancing on ID level.

Usage

balance(data, size, cat_col, id_col = NULL, id_method = "n_ids",
mark_new_rows = FALSE, new_rows_col_name = ".new_row")

Arguments

data          Data frame.
size          Size to fix group sizes to. Can be a specific number, given as a whole number, or one of the following strings: "min", "max", "mean", "median".

number:       Fix each group to have the size of the specified number of row. Uses downsampling for groups with too many rows and upsampling for groups with too few rows.

min:          Fix each group to have the size of smallest group in the dataset. Uses downsampling on all groups that have too many rows.
**max**: Fix each group to have the size of largest group in the dataset. Uses upsampling on all groups that have too few rows.

**mean**: Fix each group to have the mean group size in the dataset. The mean is rounded. Uses downsampling for groups with too many rows and upsampling for groups with too few rows.

**median**: Fix each group to have the median group size in the dataset. The median is rounded. Uses downsampling for groups with too many rows and upsampling for groups with too few rows.

cat_col Name of categorical variable to balance by. (Character)
id_col Name of factor with IDs. (Character)
  IDs are considered entities, e.g. allowing us to add or remove all rows for an ID. How this is used is up to the id_method.
  E.g. If we have measured a participant multiple times and want make sure that we keep all these measurements. Then we would either remove/add all measurements for the participant or leave in all measurements for the participant.

id_method Method for balancing the IDs. (Character)

n_ids, n_rows_c, distributed, or nested.

**n_ids (default)**: Balances on ID level only. It makes sure there are the same number of IDs for each category. This might lead to a different number of rows between categories.

**n_rows_c**: Attempts to level the number of rows per category, while only removing/adding entire IDs. This is done in 2 steps:
  1. If a category needs to add all its rows one or more times, the data is repeated.
  2. Iteratively, the ID with the number of rows closest to the lacking/excessive number of rows is added/removed. This happens until adding/removing the closest ID would lead to a size further from the target size than the current size. If multiple IDs are closest, one is randomly sampled.

**distributed**: Distributes the lacking/excess rows equally between the IDs. If the number to distribute can not be equally divided, some IDs will have 1 row more/less than the others.

**nested**: Calls balance() on each category with IDs as cat_col.
  I.e. if size is "min", IDs will have the size of the smallest ID in their category.

mark_new_rows Add column with 1s for added rows, and 0s for original rows. (Logical)

new_rows_col_name Name of column marking new rows. Defaults to ".new_row".

**Details**

**Without** id_col: Upsampling is done with replacement for added rows, while the original data remains intact. Downsampling is done without replacement, meaning that rows are not duplicated but only removed.

**With** id_col: See id_method description.
Value

Data frame with added and/or deleted rows. Ordered by cat_col and (potentially) id_col.

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See Also

Other sampling functions: `downsample`, `upsample`

Examples

```r
# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)

# Create data frame
df <- data.frame(
  "participant" = factor(c(1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5)),
  "diagnosis" = factor(c(0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)),
  "trial" = c(1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4),
  "score" = sample(c(1:100), 13)
)

# Using balance() with specific number of rows
balance(df, 3, cat_col="diagnosis")

# Using balance() with min
balance(df, "min", cat_col="diagnosis")

# Using balance() with max
balance(df, "max", cat_col="diagnosis")

# Using balance() with id_method "n_ids"
# With column specifying added rows
balance(df, "max", cat_col="diagnosis",
       id_col="participant", id_method="n_ids",
       mark_new_rows = TRUE)

# Using balance() with id_method "n_rows_c"
# With column specifying added rows
balance(df, "max", cat_col="diagnosis",
       id_col="participant", id_method="n_rows_c",
       mark_new_rows = TRUE)

# Using balance() with id_method "distributed"
# With column specifying added rows
balance(df, "max", cat_col="diagnosis",
       id_col="participant", id_method="distributed",
       mark_new_rows = TRUE)

# Using balance() with id_method "nested"
```
differs_from_previous

Find values in a vector that differ from the previous value.

Description

Finds values, or indices of values, that differ from the previous value by some threshold(s).

Operates with both a positive and a negative threshold. Depending on direction, it checks if the difference to the previous value is:

- greater than or equal to the positive threshold.
- less than or equal to the negative threshold.

Usage

differs_from_previous(data, col = NULL, threshold = NULL, direction = "both", return_index = FALSE, include_first = FALSE, factor_conversion_warning = TRUE)

Arguments

data  Data frame or Vector
N.B. If checking a factor, it is converted to a character vector. This means that factors can only be used when threshold is NULL. Conversion will generate a warning, which can be turned off by setting factor_conversion_warning to FALSE.
col Name of column to find values that differ in. Used when data is data frame. (Character)
threshold Threshold to check difference to previous value to.
NULL, numerical scalar or numerical vector with length 2.

**NULL**: Checks if the value is different from the previous value. Ignores direction.
N.B. Works for both numerical and character vectors.

**Numerical scalar**: Positive number.
Negative threshold is the negated number.
N.B. Only works for numerical vectors.

**Numerical vector with length 2**: Given as c(negative threshold, positive threshold).
Negative threshold must be a negative number and positive threshold must be a positive number.
N.B. Only works for numerical vectors.


**differs_from_previous**

direction    both, positive or negative. (character)
  
  both: Checks whether the difference to the previous value is
  • greater than or equal to the positive threshold.
  • less than or equal to the negative threshold.
  
  positive: Checks whether the difference to the previous value is
  • greater than or equal to the positive threshold.
  
  negative: Checks whether the difference to the previous value is
  • less than or equal to the negative threshold.

return_index  Return indices of values that differ. (Logical)
include_first Whether to include first element in vector in output. (Logical)
factor_conversion_warning Generate warning when converting factor to character. (Logical)

Value

Vector with either differing values or indices of differing values.

Author(s)

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See Also

Other l_starts tools: find_missing_starts, find_starts, group_factor, group

Examples

# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)

# Create a data frame
df <- data.frame('a' = c('a', 'a', 'b', 'b', 'c', 'c'),
  'n' = c(1,3,6,2,2,4))

# Get differing values in column 'a' with no threshold.
# This will simply check, if it is different to the previous value or not.
differs_from_previous(df, col = 'a')

# Get indices of differing values in column 'a' with no threshold.
differs_from_previous(df, col = 'a', return_index = TRUE)

# Get values, that are 2 or more greater than the previous value
differs_from_previous(df, col = 'n', threshold=2, direction="positive")

# Get values, that are 4 or more less than the previous value
differs_from_previous(df, col = 'n', threshold=4, direction="negative")

# Get values, that are either 2 or more greater than the previous value
# or 4 or more less than the previous value

differs_from_previous(df, col = 'n', threshold=c(-4,2), direction="both")
**downsample**

*Downsampling of rows in a data frame.*

**Description**

Uses random downsampling to fix the group sizes to the smallest group in the data frame.

Wraps `balance()`.

**Usage**

```r
downsample(data, cat_col, id_col = NULL, id_method = "n_ids")
```

**Arguments**

- `data`  
  Data frame.

- `cat_col`  
  Name of categorical variable to balance by. (Character)

- `id_col`  
  Name of factor with IDs. (Character)

  IDs are considered entities, e.g. allowing us to add or remove all rows for an ID. How this is used is up to the `id_method`.

  E.g. If we have measured a participant multiple times and want make sure that we keep all these measurements. Then we would either remove/add all measurements for the participant or leave in all measurements for the participant.

- `id_method`  
  Method for balancing the IDs. (Character)

  - `n_ids` (default): Balances on ID level only. It makes sure there are the same number of IDs for each category. This might lead to a different number of rows between categories.

  - `n_rows_c`: Attempts to level the number of rows per category, while only removing/adding entire IDs. This is done in 2 steps:
    1. If a category needs to add all its rows one or more times, the data is repeated.
    2. Iteratively, the ID with the number of rows closest to the lacking/excessive number of rows is added/removed. This happens until adding/removing the closest ID would lead to a size further from the target size than the current size. If multiple IDs are closest, one is randomly sampled.

  - `distributed`: Distributes the lacking/excess rows equally between the IDs. If the number to distribute can not be equally divided, some IDs will have 1 row more/less than the others.

  - `nested`: Calls `balance()` on each category with IDs as `cat_col`. I.e. if size is "min", IDs will have the size of the smallest ID in their category.
**Details**

**Without id_col:** Downsampling is done without replacement, meaning that rows are not duplicated but only removed.

**With id_col:** See id_method description.

**Value**

Data frame with some rows removed. Ordered by cat_col and (potentially) id_col.

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**See Also**

Other sampling functions: `balance, upsample`

**Examples**

```r
# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)

# Create data frame
df <- data.frame(
  "participant" = factor(c(1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5)),
  "diagnosis" = factor(c(0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)),
  "trial" = c(1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4),
  "score" = sample(c(1:100), 13)
)

# Using downsample()
downsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis")

# Using downsample() with id_method "n_ids"
# With column specifying added rows
downsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis",
           id_col="participant", id_method="n_ids")

# Using downsample() with id_method "n_rows_c"
# With column specifying added rows
downsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis",
           id_col="participant", id_method="n_rows_c")

# Using downsample() with id_method "distributed"
downsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis",
           id_col="participant", id_method="distributed")

# Using downsample() with id_method "nested"
downsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis",
           id_col="participant",
           id_method="nested")
```
**find_missing_starts**

*Find start positions that cannot be found in data.*

**Description**

Tells you which values and (optionally) skip_to numbers that are recursively removed when using the `l_starts` method with `remove_missing_starts` set to TRUE.

**Usage**

```r
find_missing_starts(data, n, starts_col = NULL, 
    return_skip_numbers = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `data`  
  Data frame or Vector
- `n`  
  List of starting positions.
  
  Skip values by `c(value, skip_to_number)` where `skip_to_number` is the nth appearance of the value in the vector.
  
  See `group_factor` for explanations and examples of using the `l_starts` method.
- `starts_col`  
  Name of column with values to match when data is a data frame. Pass 'index' to use row names. (Character)
- `return_skip_numbers`  
  Return `skip_to_numbers` along with values (Logical).

**Value**

List of start values and `skip_to_numbers` or vector of the start values. Returns NULL if no values found.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

Other `l_starts` tools: `differs_from_previous, find_starts, group_factor, group`
find_starts

Examples

```r
# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)

# Create a data frame
df <- data.frame(a = c('a','a','b','b','c','c'))

# Create list of starts
starts <- c("a", "e", "b", "d", "c")

# Find missing starts with skip_to numbers
find_missing_starts(df, starts, starts_col = 'a')

# Find missing starts without skip_to numbers
find_missing_starts(df, starts, starts_col = 'a',
return_skip_numbers = FALSE)
```

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find_starts 

Find start positions of groups in data.

Description

Finds values or indices of values that are not the same as the previous value. E.g. to use with the l_starts method.

Wraps differs_from_previous().

Usage

```r
find_starts(data, col = NULL, return_index = FALSE,
factor_conversion_warning = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data  
Data frame or Vector

N.B. If checking a factor, it is converted to a character vector. Conversion will generate a warning, which can be turned off by setting factor_conversion_warning to FALSE.

col  
Name of column to find starts in. Used when data is data frame. (Character)

return_index  
Return indices of starts. (Logical)

factor_conversion_warning  
Generate warning when converting factor to character. (Logical)

Value

Vector with either start values or indices of start values.
Author(s)

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See Also

Other l_starts tools: differs_from_previous, find_missing_starts, group_factor, group

Examples

# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)

# Create a data frame
df <- data.frame('a' = c('a','a','b','b','c','c'))

# Get start values for new groups in column 'a'
find_starts(df, col = 'a')

# Get indices of start values for new groups
# in column 'a'
find_starts(df, col = 'a',
return_index = TRUE)

## Use found starts with l_starts method
# Notice: This is equivalent to n = 'auto'
# with l_starts method

# Get start values for new groups in column 'a'
starts <- find_starts(df, col = 'a')

# Use starts in group() with 'l_starts' method
group(df, n = starts, method = 'l_starts',
starts_col = 'a')

# Similar but with indices instead of values

# Get indices of start values for new groups
# in column 'a'
starts_ind <- find_starts(df, col = 'a',
return_index = TRUE)

# Use starts in group() with 'l_starts' method
group(df, n = starts_ind, method = 'l_starts',
starts_col = 'index')
fold

*Create balanced folds for cross-validation.*

**Description**

Divides data into groups by a range of methods. Balances a given categorical variable and/or numerical variable between folds and keeps (if possible) all data points with a shared ID (e.g. participant_id) in the same fold. Can create multiple unique fold columns for repeated cross-validation.

**Usage**

```r
fold(data, k = 5, cat_col = NULL, num_col = NULL, id_col = NULL, 
method = "n_dist", id_aggregation_fn = sum, 
extreme_pairing_levels = 1, num_fold_cols = 1, 
unique_fold_cols_only = TRUE, max_iters = 5, 
handle_existing_fold_cols = "keep_warn", parallel = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- **data**
  Data frame or vector.

- **k**
  *Dependent on method.*
  Number of folds (default), fold size, with more (see method).
  Given as whole number or percentage ($0 < n < 1$).

- **cat_col**
  Name of categorical variable to balance between folds.
  E.g. when predicting a binary variable (a or b), we usually want both classes represented in every fold.
  N.B. If also passing an id_col, cat_col should be constant within each ID.

- **num_col**
  Name of numerical variable to balance between folds.
  N.B. When used with id_col, values for each ID are aggregated using id_aggregation_fn before being balanced.
  N.B. When passing num_col, the method parameter is ignored.

- **id_col**
  Name of factor with IDs. This will be used to keep all rows that share an ID in the same fold (if possible).
  E.g. If we have measured a participant multiple times and want to see the effect of time, we want to have all observations of this participant in the same fold.

- **method**
  `n_dist`, `n_fill`, `n_last`, `n_rand`, `greedy`, or `staircase`.
  **Notice:** examples are sizes of the generated groups based on a vector with 57 elements.

  - **n_dist (default):** Divides the data into a specified number of groups and distributes excess data points across groups (e.g. 11, 11, 12, 11, 12).
    *n* is number of groups

  - **n_fill:** Divides the data into a specified number of groups and fills up groups with excess data points from the beginning (e.g. 12, 12, 11, 11, 11).
    *n* is number of groups
**n_last**: Divides the data into a specified number of groups. It finds the most equal group sizes possible, using all data points. Only the last group is able to differ in size (e.g. 11, 11, 11, 11, 13).

*n* is number of groups

**n_rand**: Divides the data into a specified number of groups. Excess data points are placed randomly in groups (only 1 per group) (e.g. 12, 11, 11, 11, 12).

*n* is number of groups

**greedy**: Divides up the data greedily given a specified group size (e.g. 10, 10, 10, 10, 7).

*n* is group size

**staircase**: Uses step size to divide up the data. Group size increases with 1 step for every group, until there is no more data (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20, 7).

*n* is step size

**id_aggregation_fn**

Function for aggregating values in `num_col` for each ID, before balancing `num_col`. N.B. Only used when `num_col` and `id_col` are both specified.

**extreme_pairing_levels**

How many levels of extreme pairing to do when balancing folds by a numerical column (i.e. `num_col` is specified).

**Extreme pairing**: Rows/pairs are ordered as smallest, largest, second smallest, second largest, etc. If `extreme_pairing_levels > 1`, this is done "recursively" on the extreme pairs. See "Details/num_col" for more.

N.B. Larger values work best with large datasets. If set too high, the result might not be stochastic. Always check if an increase actually makes the folds more balanced. See example.

**num_fold_cols**

Number of fold columns to create. Useful for repeated cross-validation.

If `num_fold_cols > 1`, columns will be named "`.folds_1"", "`.folds_2"", etc. Otherwise simply "`.folds"".

N.B. If `unique_fold_cols_only` is TRUE, we can end up with fewer columns than specified, see `max_iters`.

N.B. If data has existing fold columns, see `handle_existing_fold_cols`.

**unique_fold_cols_only**

Check if fold columns are identical and keep only unique columns.

As the number of column comparisons can be time consuming, we can run this part in parallel. See `parallel`.

N.B. We can end up with fewer columns than specified in `num_fold_cols`, see `max_iters`.

N.B. Only used when `num_fold_cols > 1` or data has existing fold columns.

**max_iters**

Maximum number of attempts at reaching `num_fold_cols` unique fold columns.

When only keeping unique fold columns, we risk having fewer columns than expected. Hence, we repeatedly create the missing columns and remove those that are not unique. This is done until we have `num_fold_cols` unique fold columns or we have attempted `max_iters` times. In some cases, it is not possible to create `num_fold_cols` unique combinations of the dataset, e.g. when specifying `cat_col`, `id_col` and `num_col`. `max_iters` specifies when to stop trying. Note that we can end up with fewer columns than specified in `num_fold_cols`.

N.B. Only used `num_fold_cols > 1`. 
handle_existing_fold_cols
How to handle existing fold columns. Either "keep_warn", "keep", or "remove".
To add extra fold columns, use "keep" or "keep_warn". Note that existing fold columns might be renamed.
To replace the existing fold columns, use "remove".

parallel
Whether to parallelize the fold column comparisons, when unique_fold_cols_only is TRUE.
Requires a registered parallel backend. Like doParallel::registerDoParallel.

Details

cat_col:
1. Data is subset by cat_col.
2. Subsets are grouped and merged.

id_col:
1. Groups are created from unique IDs.

num_col:
1. Rows are shuffled.
   Note that this will only affect rows with the same value in num_col.
2. Extreme pairing 1: Rows are ordered as smallest, largest, second smallest, second largest, etc. Each pair get a group identifier.
3. If extreme_pairing_levels > 1: The group identifiers are reordered as smallest, largest, second smallest, second largest, etc., by the sum of num_col in the represented rows. These pairs (of pairs) get a new set of group identifiers, and the process is repeated extreme_pairing_levels-2 times. Note that the group identifiers at the last level will represent $2^{extreme_pairing_levels}$ rows, why you should be careful when choosing that setting.
4. The final group identifiers are folded, and the fold identifiers are transferred to the rows.

N.B. When doing extreme pairing of an unequal number of rows, the row with the smallest value is placed in a group by itself, and the order is instead: smallest, second smallest, largest, third smallest, second largest, etc.

cat_col AND id_col:
1. Data is subset by cat_col.
2. Groups are created from unique IDs in each subset.
3. Subsets are merged.

cat_col AND num_col:
1. Data is subset by cat_col.
2. Subsets are grouped by num_col.
3. Subsets are merged such that the largest group (by sum of num_col) from the first category is merged with the smallest group from the second category, etc.

num_col AND id_col:
1. Values in num_col are aggregated for each ID, using id_aggregation_fn.
2. The IDs are grouped, using the aggregated values as "num_col".
3. The groups of the IDs are transferred to the rows.

cat_col AND num_col AND id_col:
1. Values in num_col are aggregated for each ID, using id_aggregation_fn.
2. IDs are subset by cat_col.
3. The IDs in each subset are grouped, by using the aggregated values as "num_col".
4. The subsets are merged such that the largest group (by sum of the aggregated values) from
   the first category is merged with the smallest group from the second category, etc.
5. The groups of the IDs are transferred to the rows.

Value
Data frame with grouping factor for subsetting in cross-validation.

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See Also
partition for balanced partitions
Other grouping functions: all_groups_identical, group_factor, group, partition, splt

Examples

# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)
library(dplyr)

# Create data frame
df <- data.frame(
  "participant" = factor(rep(c('1','2', '3', '4', '5', '6'), 3)),
  "age" = rep(sample(c(1:100), 6), 3),
  "diagnosis" = rep(c('a', 'b', 'a', 'a', 'b', 'b'), 3),
  "score" = sample(c(1:100), 3*6))
df <- df %>% arrange(participant)
df$session <- rep(c('1','2', '3'), 6)

# Using fold()

## Without balancing
df_folded <- fold(df, 3, method = 'n_dist')

## With cat_col
df_folded <- fold(df, 3, cat_col = 'diagnosis',
                   method = 'n_dist')

## With id_col
df_folded <- fold(df, 3, id_col = 'participant',
## Create groups from your data.

Divides data into groups by a range of methods. Creates a grouping factor with 1s for group 1, 2s for group 2, etc. Returns a data frame grouped by the grouping factor for easy use in `>%>%` pipelines.
Usage

```r
group(data, n, method = "n_dist", starts_col = NULL,
      force_equal = FALSE, allow_zero = FALSE, return_factor = FALSE,
      descending = FALSE, randomize = FALSE, col_name = ".groups",
      remove_missing_starts = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- `data` : Data frame or vector.
- `n` : Dependent on method.
  - Number of groups (default), group size, list of group sizes, list of group starts,
    step size or prime number to start at. See method.
  - Passed as whole number(s) and/or percentage(s) \((0 < n < 1)\) and/or character.
- `method` : `greedy`, `n_dist`, `n_fill`, `n_last`, `n_rand`, `l_sizes`, `l_starts`, `staircase`, or
  `primes`.
  Notice: examples are sizes of the generated groups based on a vector with 57
  elements.
  - `greedy`: Divides up the data greedily given a specified group size \((e.g. 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 7)\).
    \(n\) is group size
  - `n_dist` (default): Divides the data into a specified number of groups and
    distributes excess data points across groups \((e.g. 11, 11, 12, 11, 12)\).
    \(n\) is number of groups
  - `n_fill`: Divides the data into a specified number of groups and fills up groups
    with excess data points from the beginning \((e.g. 12, 12, 11, 11, 11)\).
    \(n\) is number of groups
  - `n_last`: Divides the data into a specified number of groups. It finds the most
equal group sizes possible, using all data points. Only the last group is able to
differ in size \((e.g. 11, 11, 11, 11, 13)\).
    \(n\) is number of groups
  - `n_rand`: Divides the data into a specified number of groups. Excess data
    points are placed randomly in groups (only 1 per group) \((e.g. 12, 11, 11, 11, 12)\).
    \(n\) is number of groups
  - `l_sizes`: Divides up the data by a list of group sizes. Excess data points are
    placed in an extra group at the end. \((e.g. n = list(0.2, 0.3) outputsgroupswithsizes(11, 17, 29))\).
    \(n\) is a list of group sizes
  - `l_starts`: Starts new groups at specified values of vector.
    \(n\) is a list of starting positions. Skip values by c\(\text{value, skip_to_number}\) where
    skip_to_number is the nth appearance of the value in the vector. Groups automatically
    start from first data point.
    E.g. \(n = c(1, 3, 7, 25, 50) outputsgroupswithsizes(2, 4, 18, 25, 8)\).
    To skip: `givenvector(c("a", "e", "o", "a", "e", "o"), n = list("a", "e", c("o", 2)) outputsgroupswithsizes(2, 4, 18, 25, 8)).`
    If passing \(n = \text{"auto"}\) the starting positions are automatically found with `find_starts()`.
- `starts_col` :
- `force_equal` :
- `allow_zero` :
- `return_factor` :
- `descending` :
- `randomize` :
- `col_name` :
- `remove_missing_starts` :
**staircase:** Uses step size to divide up the data. Group size increases with 1 step for every group, until there is no more data (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20, 7).

n is step size

**primes:** Uses prime numbers as group sizes. Group size increases to the next prime number until there is no more data. (e.g. 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 4).

n is the prime number to start at

starts_col Name of column with values to match in method l_starts when data is a data frame. Pass 'index' to use row names. (Character)

force_equal Create equal groups by discarding excess data points. Implementation varies between methods. (Logical)

allow_zero Whether n can be passed as 0. (Logical)

return_factor Return only grouping factor. (Logical)

descending Change direction of method. (Not fully implemented) (Logical)

randomize Randomize the grouping factor (Logical)

col_name Name of added grouping factor

remove_missing_starts Recursively remove elements from the list of starts that are not found. For method l_starts only. (Logical)

Value

Data frame grouped by new grouping factor

Author(s)

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See Also

Other grouping functions: all_groups_identical, fold, group_factor, partition, splt

Other staircase tools: %primes%, %staircase%, group_factor

Other l_starts tools: differs_from_previous, find_missing_starts, find_starts, group_factor

Examples

```r
# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)
library(dplyr)

# Create data frame
df <- data.frame("x" = c(1:12),
"species" = rep(c("cat", "pig", "human"), 4),
"age" = sample(c(1:100), 12))

# Using group()
df_grouped <- group(df, 5, method = 'n_dist')
```
# Using group() with dplyr pipeline to get mean age
df_means <- df %>%
  group(5, method = 'n_dist') %>%
dplyr::summarise(mean_age = mean(age))

# Using group_factor() with l_starts
# "c('pig',2)" skips to the second appearance of
# "pig" after the first appearance of "cat"
df_grouped <- group(df,
  list('cat', c('pig',2), 'human'),
  method = 'l_starts',
  starts_col = 'species')

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**groupdata2**

**groupdata2: A package for creating groups from data**

Description

Methods for dividing data into groups. Create balanced partitions and cross-validation folds. Perform time series windowing and general grouping and splitting of data. Balance existing groups with up- and downsampling.

Details

The groupdata2 package provides six main functions: group, group_factor, splt, partition, fold, and balance.

**group**

Create groups from your data.

Divides data into groups by a range of methods. Creates a grouping factor with 1s for group 1, 2s for group 2, etc. Returns a data frame grouped by the grouping factor for easy use in dplyr pipelines.

Go to **group**

**group_factor**

Create grouping factor for subsetting your data.

Divides data into groups by a range of methods. Creates and returns a grouping factor with 1s for group 1, 2s for group 2, etc.

Go to **group_factor**

**splt**

Split data by a range of methods.

Divides data into groups by a range of methods. Splits data by these groups.

Go to **splt**
**group_factor**

*Create grouping factor for subsetting your data.*

**Description**

Divides data into groups by a range of methods. Creates and returns a grouping factor with 1s for group 1, 2s for group 2, etc.

**Usage**

```
group_factor(data, n, method = "n_dist", starts_col = NULL,
             force_equal = FALSE, allow_zero = FALSE, descending = FALSE,
             randomize = FALSE, remove_missing_starts = FALSE)
```
Arguments

**data**
Data frame or vector.

**n**
Dependent on method.
Number of groups (default), group size, list of group sizes, list of group starts, step size or prime number to start at. See method.
Passed as whole number(s) and/or percentage(s) (0 < n < 1) and/or character.
Method `l_starts` allows 'auto'.

**method**
greedy, n_dist, n_fill, n_last, n_rand, l_sizes, l_starts, staircase, or primes.

Notice: examples are sizes of the generated groups based on a vector with 57 elements.

**greedy:** Divides up the data greedily given a specified group size *(e.g. 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 7)*. 
n is group size

**n_dist (default):** Divides the data into a specified number of groups and distributes excess data points across groups *(e.g. 11, 11, 12, 11, 12).*
n is number of groups

**n_fill:** Divides the data into a specified number of groups and fills up groups with excess data points from the beginning *(e.g. 12, 12, 11, 11, 11).*
n is number of groups

**n_last:** Divides the data into a specified number of groups. It finds the most equal group sizes possible, using all data points. Only the last group is able to differ in size *(e.g. 11, 11, 11, 11, 13).*
n is number of groups

**n_rand:** Divides the data into a specified number of groups. Excess data points are placed randomly in groups (only 1 per group) *(e.g. 12, 11, 11, 11, 12).*
n is number of groups

**l_sizes:** Divides up the data by a list of group sizes. Excess data points are placed in an extra group at the end. *(e.g. n = list(0.2, 0.3) outputsgroupswithsizes(11, 17, 29)).
n is a list of group sizes

**l_starts:** Starts new groups at specified values of vector.
n is a list of starting positions. Skip values by c(value, skip_to_number) where skip_to_number is the nth appearance of the value in the vector. Groups automatically start from first data point.
E.g. n = c(1, 3, 7, 25, 50) outputsgroupswithsizes(2, 4, 18, 25, 8).
To skip: giventhevector("a", "e", "o", "a", "e", "o") n = list("a", "e", c("o", 2)) outputsgroupswithsizes(11, 17, 29)
If passing n = 'auto' the starting positions are automatically found with find_starts().

**staircase:** Uses step size to divide up the data. Group size increases with 1 step for every group, until there is no more data *(e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20, 7).*
n is step size

**primes:** Uses prime numbers as group sizes. Group size increases to the next prime number until there is no more data. *(e.g. 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 4).*
n is the prime number to start at
starts_col  Name of column with values to match in method l_starts when data is a data frame. Pass 'index' to use row names. (Character)
force_equal  Create equal groups by discarding excess data points. Implementation varies between methods. (Logical)
allow_zero  Whether n can be passed as 0. (Logical)
descending  Change direction of method. (Not fully implemented) (Logical)
randomize  Randomize the grouping factor (Logical)
remove_missing_starts  Recursively remove elements from the list of starts that are not found. For method l_starts only. (Logical)

Value
Grouping factor with 1s for group 1, 2s for group 2, etc.

Author(s)
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See Also
Other grouping functions: all_groups_identical, fold, group, partition, split
Other staircase tools: %primes%, %staircase%, group
Other l_starts tools: differs_from_previous, find_missing_starts, find_starts, group

Examples
# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)
library(dplyr)

# Create a data frame
df <- data.frame("x"=c(1:12),
"species" = rep(c('cat','pig', 'human'), 4),
"age" = sample(c(1:100), 12))

# Using group_factor() with n_dist
groups <- group_factor(df, 5, method = 'n_dist')
df$groups <- groups

# Using group_factor() with greedy
groups <- group_factor(df, 5, method = 'greedy')
df$groups <- groups

# Using group_factor() with l_sizes
groups <- group_factor(df, list(0.2, 0.3), method = 'l_sizes')
df$groups <- groups

# Using group_factor() with l_starts
groups <- group_factor(df, list('cat', c('pig',2), 'human'),
method = 'l_starts', starts_col = 'species')
df$groups <- groups

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**partition**

Create balanced partitions.

**Description**

Splits data into partitions. Balances a given categorical variable and/or numerical variable between partitions and keeps (if possible) all data points with a shared ID (e.g. participant_id) in the same partition.

**Usage**

```r
partition(data, p = 0.2, cat_col = NULL, num_col = NULL,
         id_col = NULL, id_aggregation_fn = sum, extreme_pairing_levels = 1,
         force_equal = FALSE, list_out = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- **data**
  Data frame or vector.
- **p**
  List or vector of partition sizes. Given as whole number(s) and/or percentage(s) ($0 < n < 1$). E.g. c(0.2, 0.1).
- **cat_col**
  Name of categorical variable to balance between partitions. E.g. when training and testing a model for predicting a binary variable (a or b), we usually want both classes represented in both the training set and the test set. N.B. If also passing an id_col, cat_col should be constant within each ID.
- **num_col**
  Name of numerical variable to balance between partitions. N.B. When used with id_col, values in num_col for each ID are aggregated using id_aggregation_fn before being balanced.
- **id_col**
  Name of factor with IDs. Used to keep all rows that share an ID in the same partition (if possible). E.g. If we have measured a participant multiple times and want to see the effect of time, we want to have all observations of this participant in the same partition.
- **id_aggregation_fn**
  Function for aggregating values in num_col for each ID, before balancing num_col. N.B. Only used when num_col and id_col are both specified.
- **extreme_pairing_levels**
  How many levels of extreme pairing to do when balancing partitions by a numerical column (i.e. num_col is specified). **Extreme pairing**: Rows/pairs are ordered as smallest, largest, second smallest, second largest, etc. If extreme_pairing_levels > 1, this is done "recursively" on the extreme pairs. See "Details/num_col" for more.
N.B. Larger values work best with large datasets. If set too high, the result might not be stochastic. Always check if an increase actually makes the partitions more balanced. See example.

**force_equal**  
Discard excess data. (Logical)

**list_out**  
Return partitions in a list. (Logical)

**Details**

**cat_col:**
1. Data is subset by `cat_col`.
2. Subsets are partitioned and merged.

**id_col:**
1. Partitions are created from unique IDs.

**num_col:**
1. Rows are shuffled.  
   *Note* that this will only affect rows with the same value in `num_col`.  
2. Extreme pairing 1: Rows are ordered as smallest, largest, second smallest, second largest, etc. Each pair get a group identifier.  
3. If `extreme_pairing_levels > 1`: The group identifiers are reordered as smallest, largest, second smallest, second largest, etc., by the sum of `num_col` in the represented rows. These pairs (of pairs) get a new set of group identifiers, and the process is repeated `extreme_pairing_levels-2` times. Note that the group identifiers at the last level will represent $2^{\text{extreme_pairing_levels}}$ rows, why you should be careful when choosing that setting.  
4. The final group identifiers are shuffled, and their order is applied to the full dataset.  
5. The ordered dataset is split by the sizes in `p`.  

N.B. When doing extreme pairing of an unequal number of rows, the row with the largest value is placed in a group by itself, and the order is instead: smallest, second largest, second smallest, third largest, ..., largest.

**cat_col AND id_col:**
1. Data is subset by `cat_col`.  
2. Partitions are created from unique IDs in each subset.  
3. Subsets are merged.

**cat_col AND num_col:**
1. Data is subset by `cat_col`.  
2. Subsets are partitioned by `num_col`.  
3. Subsets are merged.

**num_col AND id_col:**
1. Values in `num_col` are aggregated for each ID, using `id_aggregation_fn`.  
2. The IDs are partitioned, using the aggregated values as "`num_col`".  
3. The partition identifiers are transferred to the rows of the IDs.
**cat_col AND num_col AND id_col:**
1. Values in num_col are aggregated for each ID, using id_aggregation_fn.
2. IDs are subset by cat_col.
3. The IDs for each subset are partitioned, by using the aggregated values as "num_col".
4. The partition identifiers are transferred to the rows of the IDs.

**Value**

If list_out is TRUE:

A list of partitions where partitions are data frames.

If list_out is FALSE:

A data frame with grouping factor for subsetting.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

Other grouping functions: all_groups_identical, fold, group_factor, group.splt

**Examples**

```r
# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)
library(dplyr)

# Create data frame
df <- data.frame(
  "participant" = factor(rep(c('1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6'), 3)),
  "age" = rep(sample(c(1:100), 6), 3),
  "diagnosis" = rep(c('a', 'b', 'a', 'a', 'b', 'b'), 3),
  "score" = sample(c(1:100), 3*6))
df <- df %>% arrange(participant)
df$session <- rep(c('1', '2', '3'), 6)

# Using partition()
# Without balancing
partitions <- partition(df, c(0.2,0.3))

# With cat_col
partitions <- partition(df, c(0.5), cat_col = 'diagnosis')

# With id_col
partitions <- partition(df, c(0.5), id_col = 'participant')

# With num_col
partitions <- partition(df, c(0.5), num_col = 'score')
```
# With cat_col and id_col
partitions <- partition(df, c(0.5), cat_col = 'diagnosis',
    id_col = 'participant')

# With cat_col, num_col and id_col
partitions <- partition(df, c(0.5), cat_col = 'diagnosis',
    num_col = "score",
    id_col = 'participant')

# Return data frame with grouping factor
# with list_out = FALSE
partitions <- partition(df, c(0.5), list_out = FALSE)

# Check if additional extreme_pairing_levels
# improve the numerical balance
set.seed(2) # try with seed 1 as well
partitions_1 <- partition(df, c(0.5), num_col = 'score',
    extreme_pairing_levels = 1,
    list_out = FALSE)
partitions_1 %>%
    dplyr::group_by(.partitions) %>%
    dplyr::summarise(sum_score = sum(score),
        mean_score = mean(score))
set.seed(2) # try with seed 1 as well
partitions_2 <- partition(df, c(0.5), num_col = 'score',
    extreme_pairing_levels = 2,
    list_out = FALSE)
partitions_2 %>%
    dplyr::group_by(.partitions) %>%
    dplyr::summarise(sum_score = sum(score),
        mean_score = mean(score))

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**split**  
*Split data by a range of methods.*

**Description**

Divides data into groups by a range of methods. Splits data by these groups.

**Usage**

```r
split(data, n, method = "n_dist", starts_col = NULL,
    force_equal = FALSE, allow_zero = FALSE, descending = FALSE,
    randomize = FALSE, remove_missing_starts = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- **data**  
  Data frame or vector.
dependent on method.

Number of groups (default), group size, list of group sizes, list of group starts, step size or prime number to start at. See method.
Passed as whole number(s) and/or percentage(s) (0 < n < 1) and/or character.
Method l_starts allows 'auto'.

method

- greedy, n_dist, n_fill, n_last, n_rand, l_sizes, l_starts, staircase, or primes.

Notice: examples are sizes of the generated groups based on a vector with 57 elements.

- greedy: Divides up the data greedily given a specified group size (e.g. 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 7).
n is group size

- n_dist (default): Divides the data into a specified number of groups and distributes excess data points across groups (e.g. 11, 11, 12, 11, 12).
n is number of groups

- n_fill: Divides the data into a specified number of groups and fills up groups with excess data points from the beginning (e.g. 12, 12, 11, 11, 11).
n is number of groups

- n_last: Divides the data into a specified number of groups. It finds the most equal group sizes possible, using all data points. Only the last group is able to differ in size (e.g. 11, 11, 11, 11, 13).
n is number of groups

- n_rand: Divides the data into a specified number of groups. Excess data points are placed randomly in groups (only 1 per group) (e.g. 12, 11, 11, 11, 12).
n is number of groups

- l_sizes: Divides up the data by a list of group sizes. Excess data points are placed in an extra group at the end. (e.g. n = list(0.2, 0.3) outputsgroupswithsizes(11, 17, 29)).
n is a list of group sizes

- l_starts: Starts new groups at specified values of vector.
n is a list of starting positions. Skip values by c(value, skip_to_number) where skip_to_number is the nth appearance of the value in the vector. Groups automatically start from first data point.
E.g. n = c(1, 3, 7, 25, 50) outputsgroupswithsizes(2, 4, 18, 25, 8).
To skip: givenvector("a", "e", "o", "a", "e", "o"), n = list("a", "e", c("o", 2)) outputsgroupswithsizes(11, 17, 29).
If passing n = 'auto' the starting positions are automatically found with find_starts().

- staircase: Uses step size to divide up the data. Group size increases with 1 step for every group, until there is no more data (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20, 7).
n is step size

- primes: Uses prime numbers as group sizes. Group size increases to the next prime number until there is no more data. (e.g. 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 4).
n is the prime number to start at

starts_col Name of column with values to match in method l_starts when data is a data frame. Pass 'index' to use row names. (Character)

force_equal Create equal groups by discarding excess data points. Implementation varies between methods. (Logical)
upsample

allow_zero  Whether n can be passed as 0. (Logical)
descending  Change direction of method. (Not fully implemented) (Logical)
randomeize  Randomize the grouping factor (Logical)
remove_missing_starts  Recursively remove elements from the list of starts that are not found. For method l_starts only. (Logical)

Value

List of the split data

Author(s)

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See Also

Other grouping functions: all_groups_identical, fold, group_factor, group, partition

Examples

# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)
library(dplyr)

# Create data frame
df <- data.frame("x"=c(1:12),
"species" = rep(c("cat","pig","human"), 4),
"age" = sample(c(1:100), 12))

# Using splt()
df_list <- splt(df, 5, method = "n_dist")

Description

Uses random upsampling to fix the group sizes to the largest group in the data frame.
Wraps balance().

Usage

upsample(data, cat_col, id_col = NULL, id_method = "n_ids",
mark_new_rows = FALSE, new_rows_col_name = ".new_row")
Arguments

- **data**: Data frame.
- **cat_col**: Name of categorical variable to balance by. (Character)
- **id_col**: Name of factor with IDs. (Character)
  - IDs are considered entities, e.g. allowing us to add or remove all rows for an ID. How this is used is up to the `id_method`.
- **id_method**: Method for balancing the IDs. (Character)
  - **n_ids (default)**: Balances on ID level only. It makes sure there are the same number of IDs for each category. This might lead to a different number of rows between categories.
  - **n_rows_c**: Attempts to level the number of rows per category, while only removing/adding entire IDs. This is done in 2 steps:
    1. If a category needs to add all its rows one or more times, the data is repeated.
    2. Iteratively, the ID with the number of rows closest to the lacking/excessive number of rows is added/removed. This happens until adding/removing the closest ID would lead to a size further from the target size than the current size. If multiple IDs are closest, one is randomly sampled.
  - **distributed**: Distributes the lacking/excess rows equally between the IDs. If the number to distribute can not be equally divided, some IDs will have 1 row more/less than the others.
  - **nested**: Calls `balance()` on each category with IDs as `cat_col`. I.e. if size is "min", IDs will have the size of the smallest ID in their category.
- **mark_new_rows**: Add column with 1s for added rows, and 0s for original rows. (Logical)
- **new_rows_col_name**: Name of column marking new rows. Defaults to ".new_row".

Details

- **Without id_col**: Upsampling is done with replacement for added rows, while the original data remains intact.
- **With id_col**: See `id_method` description.

Value

Data frame with added rows. Ordered by `cat_col` and (potentially) `id_col`.

Author(s)

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See Also

Other sampling functions: `balance`, `downsample`

Examples

```r
# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)

# Create data frame
df <- data.frame(
  "participant" = factor(c(1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5)),
  "diagnosis" = factor(c(0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)),
  "trial" = c(1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4),
  "score" = sample(c(1:100), 13)
)

# Using upsample()
upsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis")

# Using upsample() with id_method "n_ids"
# With column specifying added rows
upsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis",
         id_col="participant", id_method="n_ids",
         mark_new_rows = TRUE)

# Using upsample() with id_method "n_rows_c"
# With column specifying added rows
upsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis",
         id_col="participant", id_method="n_rows_c",
         mark_new_rows = TRUE)

# Using upsample() with id_method "distributed"
# With column specifying added rows
upsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis",
         id_col="participant", id_method="distributed",
         mark_new_rows = TRUE)

# Using upsample() with id_method "nested"
# With column specifying added rows
upsample(df, cat_col="diagnosis",
         id_col="participant", id_method="nested",
         mark_new_rows = TRUE)
```

### Description

When using the primes method, the last group might not have the size of the associated prime number if there are not enough elements left. Use `%primes%` to find this remainder.
Usage

size %primes% start_at

Arguments

size          Size to group (Integer)
start_at      Prime to start at (Integer)

Value

Remainder (Integer). Returns 0 if the last group has the size of the associated prime number.

Author(s)

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See Also

Other staircase tools: %staircase%, group_factor, group
Other remainder tools: %staircase%

Examples

# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)

100 %primes% 2

%staircase%  Find remainder from staircase method.

Description

When using the staircase method, the last group might not have the size of the second last group + step size. Use %staircase% to find this remainder.

Usage

size %staircase% step_size

Arguments

size          Size to staircase (Integer)
step_size     Step size (Integer)
Value

Remainder (Integer). Returns 0 if the last group has the size of the second last group + step size.

Author(s)

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See Also

Other staircase tools: %primes%, group_factor, group
Other remainder tools: %primes%

Examples

```r
# Attach packages
library(groupdata2)

100 %staircase% 2

# Finding remainder with value 0
size = 150
for (step_size in c(1:30)){
  if(size %staircase% step_size == 0){
    print(step_size)
  }
}
```
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