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Quote variables to create a list of unevaluated expressions for later evaluation.

**Description**

This function is similar to `~` in that it is used to capture the name of variables, not their current value. This is used throughout plyr to specify the names of variables (or more complicated expressions).

**Usage**

```
.(..., .env = parent.frame())
```

**Arguments**

- `...` unevaluated expressions to be recorded. Specify names if you want the set the names of the resultant variables
- `.env` environment in which unbound symbols in ... should be evaluated. Defaults to the environment in which . was executed.

**Details**

Similar tricks can be performed with `substitute`, but when functions can be called in multiple ways it becomes increasingly tricky to ensure that the values are extracted from the correct frame. Substitute tricks also make it difficult to program against the functions that use them, while the quoted class provides as.quoted.character to convert strings to the appropriate data structure.

**Value**

list of symbol and language primitives
Examples

\[
\begin{align*}
(a, b, c) \\
(first = a, second = b, third = c) \\
(a \cdot 2, b - d, \log(c)) \\
as.quoted(- a + b + c) \\
as.quoted(a - b + c) \\
as.quoted(c(\"a\", \"b\", \"c\")) \\
\end{align*}
\]

# Some examples using ddply - look at the column names
ddply(mtcars, "cyl", each(nrow, ncol))
ddply(mtcars, ~ cyl, each(nrow, ncol))
ddply(mtcars, .(cyl), each(nrow, ncol))
ddply(mtcars, .(log(cyl)), each(nrow, ncol))
ddply(mtcars, .(logcyl = log(cyl)), each(nrow, ncol))
ddply(mtcars, .(vs + am), each(nrow, ncol))
ddply(mtcars, .(vsam = vs + am), each(nrow, ncol))

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**aaply**  
*Split array, apply function, and return results in an array.*

**Description**

For each slice of an array, apply function, keeping results as an array.

**Usage**

```r
aaply(
  .data, 
  .margins, 
  .fun = NULL, 
  ..., 
  .expand = TRUE, 
  .progress = "none", 
  .inform = FALSE, 
  .drop = TRUE, 
  .parallel = FALSE, 
  .paropts = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- **.data**: matrix, array or data frame to be processed
- **.margins**: a vector giving the subscripts to split up data by. 1 splits up by rows, 2 by columns and c(1,2) by rows and columns, and so on for higher dimensions
- **.fun**: function to apply to each piece
- **...**: other arguments passed on to .fun
### aaply

- **.expand** if .data is a data frame, should output be 1d (expand = FALSE), with an element for each row; or nd (expand = TRUE), with a dimension for each variable.
- **.progress** name of the progress bar to use, see `create_progress_bar`
- **.inform** produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
- **.drop** should extra dimensions of length 1 in the output be dropped, simplifying the output. Defaults to TRUE
- **.parallel** if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach
- **.paropts** a list of additional options passed into the `foreach` function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

### Details

This function is very similar to `apply`, except that it will always return an array, and when the function returns >1 d data structures, those dimensions are added on to the highest dimensions, rather than the lowest dimensions. This makes aaply idempotent, so that aaply(input, X, identity) is equivalent to `aperm(input, X)`.

### Value

If results are atomic with same type and dimensionality, a vector, matrix or array; otherwise, a list-array (a list with dimensions)

### Warning

Contrary to `alply` and `adply`, passing a data frame as first argument to aaply may lead to unexpected results such as huge memory allocations.

### Input

This function splits matrices, arrays and data frames by dimensions

### Output

If there are no results, then this function will return a vector of length 0 (vector()).

### References


### See Also

Other array input: `a_ply()`, `adply()`, `alply()`
Other array output: `daply()`, `laply()`, `maply()`
Examples

```r
dim(ozone)
aaply(ozone, 1, mean)
aaply(ozone, 1, mean, .drop = FALSE)
aaply(ozone, 3, mean)
aaply(ozone, c(1,2), mean)

dim(aaply(ozone, c(1,2), mean))
dim(aaply(ozone, c(1,2), mean, .drop = FALSE))

aaply(ozone, 1, each(min, max))
aaply(ozone, 3, each(min, max))

standardise <- function(x) (x - min(x)) / (max(x) - min(x))
aaply(ozone, 3, standardise)
aaply(ozone, 1:2, standardise)

aaply(ozone, 1:2, diff)
```

adply

Split array, apply function, and return results in a data frame.

Description

For each slice of an array, apply function then combine results into a data frame.

Usage

```r
adply(
  .data, .margins, .fun = NULL, ..., .expand = TRUE, .progress = "none", .inform = FALSE, .parallel = FALSE, .paropts = NULL, .id = NA
)
```

Arguments

- `.data` matrix, array or data frame to be processed
- `.margins` a vector giving the subscripts to split up data by. 1 splits up by rows, 2 by columns and c(1,2) by rows and columns, and so on for higher dimensions
- `.fun` function to apply to each piece
... other arguments passed on to .fun

.expand if .data is a data frame, should output be 1d (expand = FALSE), with an element for each row; or nd (expand = TRUE), with a dimension for each variable.

.progress name of the progress bar to use, see create_progress_bar

.inform produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging

.parallel if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach

.paropts a list of additional options passed into the foreach function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

.id name(s) of the index column(s). Pass NULL to avoid creation of the index column(s). Omit or pass NA to use the default names "X1", "X2", .... Otherwise, this argument must have the same length as .margins.

Value

A data frame, as described in the output section.

Input

This function splits matrices, arrays and data frames by dimensions

Output

The most unambiguous behaviour is achieved when .fun returns a data frame - in that case pieces will be combined with rbind.fill. If .fun returns an atomic vector of fixed length, it will be rbinded together and converted to a data frame. Any other values will result in an error.

If there are no results, then this function will return a data frame with zero rows and columns (data.frame()).

References


See Also

Other array input: a_ply(), aaply(), alply()

Other data frame output: ddply(), ldply(), mdply()
alply

Split array, apply function, and return results in a list.

Description

For each slice of an array, apply function then combine results into a list.

Usage

alply(
  .data,
  .margins,
  .fun = NULL,
  ...,  
  .expand = TRUE,
  .progress = "none",
  .inform = FALSE,
  .parallel = FALSE,
  .paropts = NULL,
  .dims = FALSE
)

Arguments

.data matrix, array or data frame to be processed
.margins a vector giving the subscripts to split up data by. 1 splits up by rows, 2 by columns and c(1,2) by rows and columns, and so on for higher dimensions
.fun function to apply to each piece
... other arguments passed on to .fun
.expand if .data is a data frame, should output be 1d (expand = FALSE), with an element for each row; or nd (expand = TRUE), with a dimension for each variable.
.progress name of the progress bar to use, see create_progress_bar
.inform produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
.parallel if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach
.paropts a list of additional options passed into the foreach function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.
.dims if TRUE, copy over dimensions and names from input.

Details

The list will have "dims" and "dimnames" corresponding to the margins given. For instance alply(x, c(3,2), ...) where x has dims c(4,3,2) will give a result with dims c(2,3).

alply is somewhat similar to apply for cases where the results are not atomic.
arrange

Value

list of results

Input

This function splits matrices, arrays and data frames by dimensions

Output

If there are no results, then this function will return a list of length 0 (\texttt{list()}).

References


See Also

Other array input: \texttt{a\_ply()}, \texttt{aaply()}, \texttt{adply()}
Other list output: \texttt{dlply()}, \texttt{llply()}, \texttt{mlply()}

Examples

\texttt{alply(ozone, 3, quantile)}
\texttt{alply(ozone, 3, function(x) table(round(x)))}

Student's T-test

null hypothesis

This function tests whether the means of two groups are statistically different from each other.

Usage

\texttt{t.test(x, y)}

Arguments

\texttt{x} \hspace{1cm} \texttt{y}

See Also

\texttt{t.test}
Examples

# sort mtcars data by cylinder and displacement
mtcars[with(mtcars, order(cyl, disp)), ]
# Same result using arrange: no need to use with(), as the context is implicit
# NOTE: plyr functions do NOT preserve row.names
arrange(mtcars, cyl, disp)
# Let's keep the row.names in this example
myCars = cbind(vehicle=row.names(mtcars), mtcars)
arrange(myCars, cyl, disp)
# Sort with displacement in descending order
arrange(myCars, cyl, desc(disp))

---

as.data.frame.function

Make a function return a data frame.

Description

Create a new function that returns the existing function wrapped in a data.frame with a single column, value.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'function'
as.data.frame(x, row.names, optional, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` function to make return a data frame
- `row.names` necessary to match the generic, but not used
- `optional` necessary to match the generic, but not used
- `...` necessary to match the generic, but not used

Details

This is useful when calling *dply* functions with a function that returns a vector, and you want the output in rows, rather than columns. The value column is always created, even for empty inputs.
as.quoted

*Convert input to quoted variables.*

**Description**

Convert characters, formulas and calls to quoted .variables

**Usage**

```r
as.quoted(x, env = parent.frame())
```

**Arguments**

- `x` input to quote
- `env` environment in which unbound symbols in expression should be evaluated. Defaults to the environment in which `as.quoted` was executed.

**Details**

This method is called by default on all plyr functions that take a .variables argument, so that equivalent forms can be used anywhere.

Currently conversions exist for character vectors, formulas and call objects.

**Value**

a list of quoted variables

**See Also**

.

**Examples**

```r
as.quoted(c("a", "b", "log(d)"))
as.quoted(a - b + log(d))
```
a_ply

Split array, apply function, and discard results.

Description

For each slice of an array, apply function and discard results

Usage

a_ply(
  .data,
  .margins,
  .fun = NULL,
  ..., 
  .expand = TRUE,
  .progress = "none",
  .inform = FALSE,
  .print = FALSE,
  .parallel = FALSE,
  .paropts = NULL
)

Arguments

.data matrix, array or data frame to be processed
.margins a vector giving the subscripts to split up data by. 1 splits up by rows, 2 by columns and c(1,2) by rows and columns, and so on for higher dimensions
.fun function to apply to each piece
... other arguments passed on to .fun
.expand if .data is a data frame, should output be 1d (expand = FALSE), with an element for each row; or nd (expand = TRUE), with a dimension for each variable.
.progress name of the progress bar to use, see create_progress_bar
.inform produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
.print automatically print each result? (default: FALSE)
.parallel if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach
.paropts a list of additional options passed into the foreach function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

Value

Nothing
Input

This function splits matrices, arrays and data frames by dimensions

Output

All output is discarded. This is useful for functions that you are calling purely for their side effects like displaying plots or saving output.

References


See Also

Other array input: aaply(), adply(), alply()
Other no output: d_ply(), l_ply(), m_ply()

baseball

Yearly batting records for all major league baseball players

Description

This data frame contains batting statistics for a subset of players collected from http://www.baseball-databank.org/. There are a total of 21,699 records, covering 1,228 players from 1871 to 2007. Only players with more 15 seasons of play are included.

Usage

baseball

Format

A 21699 x 22 data frame

Variables

Variables:

- id, unique player id
- year, year of data
- stint
- team, team played for
- lg, league
- g, number of games
- ab, number of times at bat
• r, number of runs
• h, hits, times reached base because of a batted, fair ball without error by the defense
• X2b, hits on which the batter reached second base safely
• X3b, hits on which the batter reached third base safely
• hr, number of home runs
• rbi, runs batted in
• sb, stolen bases
• cs, caught stealing
• bb, base on balls (walk)
• so, strike outs
• ibb, intentional base on balls
• hbp, hits by pitch
• sh, sacrifice hits
• sf, sacrifice flies
• gidp, ground into double play

References
http://www.baseball-databank.org/

Examples
baberuth <- subset(baseball, id == "ruthba01")
baberuth$cyear <- baberuth$year - min(baberuth$year) + 1

calculate_cyear <- function(df) {
  mutate(df,
    cyear = year - min(year),
    cpercent = cyear / (max(year) - min(year))
  )
}

baseball <- ddply(baseball, .(id), calculate_cyear)
baseball <- subset(baseball, ab >= 25)

model <- function(df) {
  lm(rbi / ab ~ cyear, data=df)
}
model(baberuth)
models <- dlply(baseball, .(id), model)
Column-wise function.

Description

Turn a function that operates on a vector into a function that operates column-wise on a data.frame.

Usage

colwise(.fun, .cols = true, ...)
catcolwise(.fun, ...)
umcolwise(.fun, ...)

Arguments

.fun function
.cols either a function that tests columns for inclusion, or a quoted object giving which columns to process
... other arguments passed on to .fun

Details

catcolwise and numcolwise provide version that only operate on discrete and numeric variables respectively.

Examples

# Count number of missing values
nmissing <- function(x) sum(is.na(x))

# Apply to every column in a data frame
colwise(nmissing)(baseball)
# This syntax looks a little different. It is shorthand for the following:
f <- colwise(nmissing)
f(baseball)

# This is particularly useful in conjunction with dply
ddply(baseball, .(year), colwise(nmissing))

# To operate only on specified columns, supply them as the second argument. Many different forms are accepted.
ddply(baseball, .(year), colwise(nmissing, .(sb, cs, so)))
ddply(baseball, .(year), colwise(nmissing, c("sb", "cs", "so")))
ddply(baseball, .(year), colwise(nmissing, ~ sb + cs + so))
# Alternatively, you can specify a boolean function that determines
# whether or not a column should be included
ddply(baseball, .(year), colwise(nmissing, is.character))
ddply(baseball, .(year), colwise(nmissing, is.numeric))
ddply(baseball, .(year), colwise(nmissing, is.discrete))

# These last two cases are particularly common, so some shortcuts are
# provided:
ddply(baseball, .(year), numcolwise(nmissing))
ddply(baseball, .(year), catcolwise(nmissing))

# You can supply additional arguments to either colwise, or the function
# it generates:
numcolwise(mean)(baseball, na.rm = TRUE)
numcolwise(mean, na.rm = TRUE)(baseball)

count  

\textit{Count the number of occurrences.}

\textbf{Description}

Equivalent to \texttt{as.data.frame(table(x))}, but does not include combinations with zero counts.

\textbf{Usage}

\texttt{count(df, vars = NULL, wt_var = NULL)}

\textbf{Arguments}

- \texttt{df} data frame to be processed
- \texttt{vars} variables to count unique values of
- \texttt{wt_var} optional variable to weight by - if this is non-NULL, count will sum up the value of this variable for each combination of id variables.

\textbf{Details}

Speed-wise count is competitive with \texttt{table} for single variables, but it really comes into its own when summarising multiple dimensions because it only counts combinations that actually occur in the data.

Compared to \texttt{table + as.data.frame}, count also preserves the type of the identifier variables, instead of converting them to characters/ factors.

\textbf{Value}

a data frame with label and freq columns

\textbf{See Also}

\texttt{table} for related functionality in the base package
create_progress_bar

Examples

# Count of each value of "id" in the first 100 cases
count(baseball[1:100,], vars = "id")
# Count of ids, weighted by their "g" loading
count(baseball[1:100,], vars = "id", wt_var = "g")
count(baseball[1:100,], vars = "id", wt_var = "g")
# Count of times each player appeared in each of the years they played
count(count(baseball[1:100,], c("id", "year"), "id", "freq")
count(count(baseball[1:100,], c("id", "year"), "id", "freq")

create_progress_bar Create progress bar.

Description

Create progress bar object from text string.

Usage

create_progress_bar(name = "none", ...)

Arguments

name type of progress bar to create
... other arguments passed onto progress bar function

Details

Progress bars give feedback on how apply step is proceeding. This is mainly useful for long running functions, as for short functions, the time taken up by splitting and combining may be on the same order (or longer) as the apply step. Additionally, for short functions, the time needed to update the progress bar can significantly slow down the process. For the trivial examples below, using the tk progress bar slows things down by a factor of a thousand.

Note the that progress bar is approximate, and if the time taken by individual function applications is highly non-uniform it may not be very informative of the time left.

There are currently four types of progress bar: "none", "text", "tk", and "win". See the individual documentation for more details. In plyr functions, these can either be specified by name, or you can create the progress bar object yourself if you want more control over its appearance. See the examples.

See Also

progress_none, progress_text, progress_tk, progress_win
Examples

# No progress bar
l_ply(1:100, identity, .progress = "none")

## Not run:
# Use the Tcl/Tk interface
l_ply(1:100, identity, .progress = "tk")

## End(Not run)
# Text-based progress (|======|)
l_ply(1:100, identity, .progress = "text")
# Choose a progress character, run a length of time you can see
l_ply(1:10000, identity, .progress = progress_text(char = "."))

daply

Description

For each subset of data frame, apply function then combine results into an array. daply with a function that operates column-wise is similar to aggregate. To apply a function for each row, use aaply with .margins set to 1.

Usage

daply(
  .data,
  .variables,
  .fun = NULL,
  ...,
  .progress = "none",
  .inform = FALSE,
  .drop_i = TRUE,
  .drop_o = TRUE,
  .parallel = FALSE,
  .paropts = NULL
)

Arguments

.data            data frame to be processed
.variables       variables to split data frame by, as quoted variables, a formula or character vector
.fun             function to apply to each piece
...              other arguments passed on to .fun
.progress        name of the progress bar to use, see create_progress_bar
.inform          produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
.drop_i should combinations of variables that do not appear in the input data be preserved (FALSE) or dropped (TRUE, default)

.drop_o should extra dimensions of length 1 in the output be dropped, simplifying the output. Defaults to TRUE

.parallel if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach

.paropts a list of additional options passed into the `foreach` function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

Value

if results are atomic with same type and dimensionality, a vector, matrix or array; otherwise, a list-array (a list with dimensions)

Input

This function splits data frames by variables.

Output

If there are no results, then this function will return a vector of length 0 (vector(0)).

References


See Also

Other array output: `aaply()`, `laply()`, `maply()`

Other data frame input: `dply()`, `ddply()`, `dlply()`

Examples

dply(baseball, .(year), nrow)

# Several different ways of summarising by variables that should not be # included in the summary
dply(baseball[, c(2, 6:9)], .(year), colwise(mean))
dply(baseball[, 6:9], .(baseball$year), colwise(mean))
dply(baseball, .(year), function(df) colwise(mean)(df[, 6:9]))
**ddply**

*Split data frame, apply function, and return results in a data frame.*

**Description**

For each subset of a data frame, apply function then combine results into a data frame. To apply a function for each row, use `adply` with `.margins` set to 1.

**Usage**

```r
ddply(
  .data, 
  .variables, 
  .fun = NULL, 
  ..., 
  .progress = "none", 
  .inform = FALSE, 
  .drop = TRUE, 
  .parallel = FALSE, 
  .paropts = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- `.data` data frame to be processed
- `.variables` variables to split data frame by, as `as.quoted` variables, a formula or character vector
- `.fun` function to apply to each piece
- `...` other arguments passed on to `.fun`
- `.progress` name of the progress bar to use, see `create_progress_bar`
- `.inform` produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
- `.drop` should combinations of variables that do not appear in the input data be preserved (FALSE) or dropped (TRUE, default)
- `.parallel` if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by `foreach`
- `.paropts` a list of additional options passed into the `foreach` function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the `.export` and `.packages` arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

**Value**

A data frame, as described in the output section.
ddply

Input
This function splits data frames by variables.

Output
The most unambiguous behaviour is achieved when \texttt{.fun} returns a data frame - in that case pieces will be combined with \texttt{rbind.fill}. If \texttt{.fun} returns an atomic vector of fixed length, it will be \texttt{rbind}ed together and converted to a data frame. Any other values will result in an error.

If there are no results, then this function will return a data frame with zero rows and columns (\texttt{data.frame()}).

References

See Also
\texttt{tapply} for similar functionality in the base package
Other data frame input: \texttt{dply()}, \texttt{daply()}, \texttt{dlply()}
Other data frame output: \texttt{adply()}, \texttt{ldply()}, \texttt{mdply()}

Examples
# Summarize a dataset by two variables
dfx <- data.frame(
  group = c(rep('A', 8), rep('B', 15), rep('C', 6)),
  sex = sample(c("M", "F"), size = 29, replace = TRUE),
  age = runif(n = 29, min = 18, max = 54)
)

# Note the use of the '. ' function to allow
# group and sex to be used without quoting
ddply(dfx, .(group, sex), summarize,
  mean = round(mean(age), 2),
  sd = round(sd(age), 2))

# An example using a formula for .variables
ddply(baseball[1:100,], ~ year, nrow)
# Applying two functions; nrow and ncol
ddply(baseball, .(lg), c("nrow", "ncol"))

# Calculate mean runs batted in for each year
rbi <- ddply(baseball, .(year), summarise,
  mean_rbi = mean(rbi, na.rm = TRUE))
# Plot a line chart of the result
plot(mean_rbi ~ year, type = "l", data = rbi)

# make new variable career_year based on the
# start year for each player (id)
base2 <- ddply(baseball, .(id), mutate,
  career_year = year - min(year) + 1
)

defaults <- ddply(baseball, .(id), mutate,
  career_year = year - min(year) + 1
)

defaults (x, y)

Arguments

x list of values
y defaults

desc (x)

Arguments

x vector to transform

Examples

desc(1:10)
desc(factor(letters))
first_day <- seq(as.Date("1910/1/1"), as.Date("1920/1/1"), "years")
desc(first_day)
dlply

*Split data frame, apply function, and return results in a list.*

Description

For each subset of a data frame, apply function then combine results into a list. dlply is similar to *by* except that the results are returned in a different format. To apply a function for each row, use *alply* with `.margins` set to 1.

Usage

```r
dlply(
  .data, 
  .variables, 
  .fun = NULL, 
  ..., 
  .progress = "none", 
  .inform = FALSE, 
  .drop = TRUE, 
  .parallel = FALSE, 
  .paropts = NULL
)
```

Arguments

- `.data` data frame to be processed
- `.variables` variables to split data frame by, as *as.quoted* variables, a formula or character vector
- `.fun` function to apply to each piece
- `...` other arguments passed on to `.fun`
- `.progress` name of the progress bar to use, see *create_progress_bar*
- `.inform` produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
- `.drop` should combinations of variables that do not appear in the input data be preserved (FALSE) or dropped (TRUE, default)
- `.parallel` if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach
- `.paropts` a list of additional options passed into the *foreach* function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the `.export` and `.packages` arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

Value

list of results
Input

This function splits data frames by variables.

Output

If there are no results, then this function will return a list of length 0 (list()).

References


See Also

Other data frame input: dply(), daply(), ddply()
Other list output: alply(), llply(), mlply()

Examples

linmod <- function(df) {
  lm(rbi ~ year, data = mutate(df, year = year - min(year)))
}
models <- dply(baseball, .(id), linmod)
models[[1]]

coef <- ldply(models, coef)
with(coef, plot("(Intercept)", year))
qual <- laply(models, function(mod) summary(mod)$r.squared)
hist(qual)

---

dply

Split data frame, apply function, and discard results.

Description

For each subset of a data frame, apply function and discard results. To apply a function for each row, use a_ply with .margins set to 1.

Usage

dply(
  .data,
  .variables,
  .fun = NULL,
  ...,
  .progress = "none",
  .inform = FALSE,
  .drop = TRUE,
)
Arguments

.data data frame to be processed
.variables variables to split data frame by, as as.quoted variables, a formula or character vector
.fun function to apply to each piece
... other arguments passed on to .fun
.progress name of the progress bar to use, see create_progress_bar
.inform produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
.drop should combinations of variables that do not appear in the input data be preserved (FALSE) or dropped (TRUE, default)
.print automatically print each result? (default: FALSE)
.parallel if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach
.paropts a list of additional options passed into the foreach function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

Value

Nothing

Input

This function splits data frames by variables.

Output

All output is discarded. This is useful for functions that you are calling purely for their side effects like displaying plots or saving output.

References


See Also

Other data frame input: daply(), ddply(), dlply()
Other no output: a_ply(), l_ply(), m_ply()
each

Aggregate multiple functions into a single function.

Description

Combine multiple functions into a single function returning a named vector of outputs. Note: you cannot supply additional parameters for the summary functions.

Usage

```
each(...)```

Arguments

```
... functions to combine. each function should produce a single number as output```

See Also

`summarise` for applying summary functions to data.

Examples

```
# Call min() and max() on the vector 1:10
each(min, max)(1:10)
# This syntax looks a little different. It is shorthand for the
# the following:
f<- each(min, max)
f(1:10)
# Three equivalent ways to call min() and max() on the vector 1:10
each("min", "max")(1:10)
each(c("min", "max")(1:10)
each(c(min, max))(1:10)
# Call length(), min() and max() on a random normal vector
each(length, mean, var)(rnorm(100))```

failwith

Fail with specified value.

Description

Modify a function so that it returns a default value when there is an error.

Usage

```
failwith(default = NULL, f, quiet = FALSE)```
Arguments

default  default value
f        function
quiet    all error messages be suppressed?

Value

a function

See Also

try_default

Examples

f <- function(x) if (x == 1) stop("Error!") else 1
## Not run:
f(1)
f(2)
## End(Not run)
safef <- failwith(NULL, f)
safef(1)
safef(2)

here  Capture current evaluation context.

Description

This function captures the current context, making it easier to use *ply with functions that do special evaluation and need access to the environment where dply was called from.

Usage

here(f)

Arguments

f  a function that does non-standard evaluation

Author(s)

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Examples

df <- data.frame(a = rep(c("a","b"), each = 10), b = 1:20)
f1 <- function(label) {
  ddply(df, "a", mutate, label = paste(label, b))
}
## Not run: f1("name:")
# Doesn't work because mutate can't find label in the current scope

f2 <- function(label) {
  ddply(df, "a", here(mutate), label = paste(label, b))
}
f2("name:")
# Works :)
Join two data frames together.

Description

Join, like merge, is designed for the types of problems where you would use a sql join.

Usage

join(x, y, by = NULL, type = "left", match = "all")

Arguments

x data frame
y data frame
by character vector of variable names to join by. If omitted, will match on all common variables.
type type of join: left (default), right, inner or full. See details for more information.
match how should duplicate ids be matched? Either match just the "first" matching row, or match "all" matching rows. Defaults to "all" for compatibility with merge, but "first" is significantly faster.

Details

The four join types return:

- **inner**: only rows with matching keys in both x and y
- **left**: all rows in x, adding matching columns from y
- **right**: all rows in y, adding matching columns from x
- **full**: all rows in x with matching columns in y, then the rows of y that don’t match x.

Note that from plyr 1.5, join will (by default) return all matches, not just the first match, as it did previously.

Unlike merge, preserves the order of x no matter what join type is used. If needed, rows from y will be added to the bottom. Join is often faster than merge, although it is somewhat less featureful - it currently offers no way to rename output or merge on different variables in the x and y data frames.

Examples

```r
first <- ddply(baseball, "id", summarise, first = min(year))
system.time(b2 <- merge(baseball, first, by = "id", all.x = TRUE))
system.time(b3 <- join(baseball, first, by = "id"))

b2 <- arrange(b2, id, year, stint)
b3 <- arrange(b3, id, year, stint)
stopifnot(all.equal(b2, b3))
```
### join_all

*Recursively join a list of data frames.*

**Description**

Recursively join a list of data frames.

**Usage**

```r
join_all(dfs, by = NULL, type = "left", match = "all")
```

**Arguments**

- `dfs`  A list of data frames.
- `by`   character vector of variable names to join by. If omitted, will match on all common variables.
- `type`  type of join: left (default), right, inner or full. See details for more information.
- `match` how should duplicate ids be matched? Either match just the "first" matching row, or match "all" matching rows. Defaults to "all" for compatibility with merge, but "first" is significantly faster.

**Examples**

```r
dfs <- list(
a = data.frame(x = 1:10, a = runif(10)),
b = data.frame(x = 1:10, b = runif(10)),
c = data.frame(x = 1:10, c = runif(10))
)
join_all(dfs)
jjoin_all(dfs, "x")
```

### laply

*Split list, apply function, and return results in an array.*

**Description**

For each element of a list, apply function then combine results into an array.
Usage

```r
laply(
  .data,
  .fun = NULL,
  ..., 
  .progress = "none",
  .inform = FALSE,
  .drop = TRUE,
  .parallel = FALSE,
  .paropts = NULL
)
```

Arguments

- `.data` list to be processed
- `.fun` function to apply to each piece
- `...` other arguments passed on to `.fun`
- `.progress` name of the progress bar to use, see `create_progress_bar`
- `.inform` produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
- `.drop` should extra dimensions of length 1 in the output be dropped, simplifying the output. Defaults to `TRUE`
- `.parallel` if `TRUE`, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by `foreach`
- `.paropts` a list of additional options passed into the `foreach` function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the `.export` and `.packages` arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

Details

`laply` is similar in spirit to `sapply` except that it will always return an array, and the output is transposed with respect `sapply` - each element of the list corresponds to a row, not a column.

Value

if results are atomic with same type and dimensionality, a vector, matrix or array; otherwise, a list-array (a list with dimensions)

Input

This function splits lists by elements.

Output

If there are no results, then this function will return a vector of length 0 (`vector(0)`).
ldply

References

See Also
Other list input: 1_ply(), ldply(), llply()
Other array output: aaply(), daply(), maply()

Examples
```r
laply(baseball, is.factor)
# cf
ldply(baseball, is.factor)
colwise(is.factor)(baseball)

laply(seq_len(10), identity)
laply(seq_len(10), rep, times = 4)
laply(seq_len(10), matrix, nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
```

ldply

Split list, apply function, and return results in a data frame.

Description
For each element of a list, apply function then combine results into a data frame.

Usage
```r
ldply(
  .data, .fun = NULL,
  ..., .progress = "none",
  .inform = FALSE,
  .parallel = FALSE,
  .paropts = NULL,
  .id = NA
)
```

Arguments
```
data list to be processed
.fun function to apply to each piece
... other arguments passed on to .fun
.progress name of the progress bar to use, see create_progress_bar
```
.inform produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging.

.parallel if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach.

.paropts a list of additional options passed into the foreach function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

.id name of the index column (used if .data is a named list). Pass NULL to avoid creation of the index column. For compatibility, omit this argument or pass NA to avoid converting the index column to a factor; in this case, ".id" is used as column name.

Value
A data frame, as described in the output section.

Input
This function splits lists by elements.

Output
The most unambiguous behaviour is achieved when .fun returns a data frame - in that case pieces will be combined with rbind.fill. If .fun returns an atomic vector of fixed length, it will be rbinded together and converted to a data frame. Any other values will result in an error.

If there are no results, then this function will return a data frame with zero rows and columns (data.frame()).

References

See Also
Other list input: l_ply(), laply(), llply()
Other data frame output: adply(), ddply(), mdply()
Usage

\[
\text{llply}(\text{.iterator, .fun = NULL, ...})
\]

Arguments

- \text{.iterator} \quad \text{iterator object}
- \text{.fun} \quad \text{function to apply to each piece}
- \ldots \quad \text{other arguments passed on to .fun}

Warning

Deprecated, do not use in new code.

See Also

- \text{plyr-deprecated}

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\text{llply} \quad \text{Split list, apply function, and return results in a list.}

Description

For each element of a list, apply function, keeping results as a list.

Usage

\[
\text{llply}(\text{.data, \fun = NULL, \ldots, .progress = "none", .inform = FALSE, .parallel = FALSE, .paropts = NULL})
\]

Arguments

- \text{.data} \quad \text{list to be processed}
- \text{.fun} \quad \text{function to apply to each piece}
- \ldots \quad \text{other arguments passed on to .fun}
- \text{.progress} \quad \text{name of the progress bar to use, see \text{create_progress_bar}}
- \text{.inform} \quad \text{produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging}
- \text{.parallel} \quad \text{if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach}
.paropts a list of additional options passed into the `foreach` function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the `.export` and `.packages` arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

Details

`llply` is equivalent to `lapply` except that it will preserve labels and can display a progress bar.

Value

list of results

Input

This function splits lists by elements.

Output

If there are no results, then this function will return a list of length 0 (`list()`).

References


See Also

Other list input: `lply()`, `laply()`, `ldply()`
Other list output: `alply()`, `dlply()`, `mlply()`

Examples

```r
llply(llply(mtcars, round), table)
llply(baseball, summary)
# Examples from ??lapply
x <- list(a = 1:10, beta = exp(-3:3), logic = c(TRUE,FALSE,FALSE,TRUE))
llply(x, mean)
llply(x, quantile, probs = 1:3/4)
```


# l_ply

## Description

For each element of a list, apply function and discard results

## Usage

```r
l_ply(
  .data,
  .fun = NULL,
  ...,
  .progress = "none",
  .inform = FALSE,
  .print = FALSE,
  .parallel = FALSE,
  .paropts = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

- **.data** list to be processed
- **.fun** function to apply to each piece
- **...** other arguments passed on to `.fun`
- **.progress** name of the progress bar to use, see `create_progress_bar`
- **.inform** produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
- **.print** automatically print each result? (default: FALSE)
- **.parallel** if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by `foreach`
- **.paropts** a list of additional options passed into the `foreach` function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the `.export` and `.packages` arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

## Value

Nothing

## Input

This function splits lists by elements.

## Output

All output is discarded. This is useful for functions that you are calling purely for their side effects like displaying plots or saving output.
maply

References


See Also

Other list input: `lapply()`, `ldply()`, `llply()`
Other no output: `a_ply()`, `d_ply()`, `m_ply()`

Examples

```r
l_ply(llply(mtcars, round), table, .print = TRUE)
l_ply(baseball, function(x) print(summary(x)))
```

Description

Call a multi-argument function with values taken from columns of a data frame or array, and combine results into an array

Usage

```r
maply(
  .data,
  .fun = NULL,
  ..., .expand = TRUE,
  .progress = "none",
  .inform = FALSE,
  .drop = TRUE,
  .parallel = FALSE,
  .paropts = NULL
)
```

Arguments

- `.data` matrix or data frame to use as source of arguments
- `.fun` function to apply to each piece
- `...` other arguments passed on to `.fun`
- `.expand` should output be 1d (expand = FALSE), with an element for each row; or nd (expand = TRUE), with a dimension for each variable.
- `.progress` name of the progress bar to use, see `create_progress_bar`
produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging.

- **.drop**: should extra dimensions of length 1 in the output be dropped, simplifying the output. Defaults to TRUE.

- **.parallel**: if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach.

- **.paropts**: a list of additional options passed into the foreach function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

### Details

The m*ply functions are the plyr version of mapply, specialised according to the type of output they produce. These functions are just a convenient wrapper around a*ply with margins = 1 and .fun wrapped in splat.

### Value

- if results are atomic with same type and dimensionality, a vector, matrix or array; otherwise, a list-array (a list with dimensions)

### Input

- Call a multi-argument function with values taken from columns of an data frame or array

### Output

- If there are no results, then this function will return a vector of length 0 (vector()).

### References


### See Also

- Other multiple arguments input: m_ply(), mdply(), mlply()
- Other array output: aaply(), daply(), laply()

### Examples

- `maply(cbind(mean = 1:5, sd = 1:5), rnorm, n = 5)`
- `maply(expand.grid(mean = 1:5, sd = 1:5), rnorm, n = 5)`
- `maply(cbind(1:5, 1:5), rnorm, n = 5)`
**mapvalues**

*Replace specified values with new values, in a vector or factor.*

**Description**

Item in x that match items from will be replaced by items in to, matched by position. For example, items in x that match the first element in from will be replaced by the first element of to.

**Usage**

mapvalues(x, from, to, warn_missing = TRUE)

**Arguments**

- **x**
  - the factor or vector to modify
- **from**
  - a vector of the items to replace
- **to**
  - a vector of replacement values
- **warn_missing**
  - print a message if any of the old values are not actually present in x

**Details**

If x is a factor, the matching levels of the factor will be replaced with the new values.

The related revalue function works only on character vectors and factors, but this function works on vectors of any type and factors.

**See Also**

revalue to do the same thing but with a single named vector instead of two separate vectors.

**Examples**

```r
x <- c("a", "b", "c")
mapvalues(x, c("a", "c"), c("A", "C"))

# Works on factors
y <- factor(c("a", "b", "c", "a"))
mapvalues(y, c("a", "c"), c("A", "C"))

# Works on numeric vectors
z <- c(1, 4, 5, 9)
mapvalues(z, from = c(1, 5, 9), to = c(10, 50, 90))
```
**match_df**

*Extract matching rows of a data frame.*

**Description**

Match works in the same way as join, but instead of return the combined dataset, it only returns the matching rows from the first dataset. This is particularly useful when you’ve summarised the data in some way and want to subset the original data by a characteristic of the subset.

**Usage**

```r
match_df(x, y, on = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: data frame to subset.
- `y`: data frame defining matching rows.
- `on`: variables to match on - by default will use all variables common to both data frames.

**Details**

`match_df` shares the same semantics as `join`, not `match`:

- the match criterion is `==`, not `identical`.
- it doesn’t work for columns that are not atomic vectors
- if there are no matches, the row will be omitted

**Value**

a data frame

**See Also**

`join` to combine the columns from both `x` and `y` and `match` for the base function selecting matching items

**Examples**

```r
# count the occurrences of each id in the baseball dataframe, then get the subset with a freq >25
longterm <- subset(count(baseball, "id"), freq > 25)
# longterm
# id  freq
# 30  ansonca01  27
# 48  bainehe01  27
# ...
# Select only rows from these longterm players from the baseball dataframe
```
# (match would default to match on shared column names, but here was explicitly set "id")
bb_longterm <- match_df(baseball, longterm, on="id")
bb_longterm[1:5,]

mdply

Call function with arguments in array or data frame, returning a data frame.

Description

Call a multi-argument function with values taken from columns of an data frame or array, and combine results into a data frame

Usage

mdply(
  .data,
  .fun = NULL,
  ...,
  .expand = TRUE,
  .progress = "none",
  .inform = FALSE,
  .parallel = FALSE,
  .paropts = NULL
)

Arguments

.data matrix or data frame to use as source of arguments
.fun function to apply to each piece
... other arguments passed on to .fun
.expand should output be 1d (expand = FALSE), with an element for each row; or nd (expand = TRUE), with a dimension for each variable.
.progress name of the progress bar to use, see create_progress_bar
.inform produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
.parallel if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach
.paropts a list of additional options passed into the foreach function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

Details

The m*ply functions are the plyr version of mapply, specialised according to the type of output they produce. These functions are just a convenient wrapper around a*ply with margins = 1 and .fun wrapped in splat.
Value

A data frame, as described in the output section.

Input

Call a multi-argument function with values taken from columns of an data frame or array

Output

The most unambiguous behaviour is achieved when .fun returns a data frame - in that case pieces will be combined with `rbind.fill`. If .fun returns an atomic vector of fixed length, it will be `rbinded` together and converted to a data frame. Any other values will result in an error.

If there are no results, then this function will return a data frame with zero rows and columns (`data.frame()`).

References


See Also

Other multiple arguments input: `m_ply()`, `maply()`, `mlply()`

Other data frame output: `adply()`, `ddply()`, `ldply()`

Examples

```r
mdply(data.frame(mean = 1:5, sd = 1:5), rnorm, n = 2)
mdply(expand.grid(mean = 1:5, sd = 1:5), rnorm, n = 2)
mdply(cbind(mean = 1:5, sd = 1:5), rnorm, n = 5)
mdply(cbind(mean = 1:5, sd = 1:5), as.data.frame(rnorm), n = 5)
```

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`mlply`  
*Call function with arguments in array or data frame, returning a list.*

Description

Call a multi-argument function with values taken from columns of an data frame or array, and combine results into a list.
**Usage**

\[
\text{mlply(}
\text{.data,}
\text{.fun = NULL,}
\text{...}
\text{.expand = TRUE,}
\text{.progress = "none",}
\text{.inform = FALSE,}
\text{.parallel = FALSE,}
\text{.paropts = NULL}
\text{)}
\]

**Arguments**

- **.data**: matrix or data frame to use as source of arguments
- **.fun**: function to apply to each piece
- **...**: other arguments passed on to .fun
- **.expand**: should output be 1d (expand = FALSE), with an element for each row; or nd (expand = TRUE), with a dimension for each variable.
- **.progress**: name of the progress bar to use, see `create_progress_bar`
- **.inform**: produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
- **.parallel**: if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by `foreach`
- **.paropts**: a list of additional options passed into the `foreach` function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the `.export` and `.packages` arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

**Details**

The `m*ply` functions are the `plyr` version of `mapply`, specialised according to the type of output they produce. These functions are just a convenient wrapper around `a*ply` with `margins = 1` and `.fun` wrapped in `splat`.

**Value**

list of results

**Input**

Call a multi-argument function with values taken from columns of an data frame or array

**Output**

If there are no results, then this function will return a list of length 0 (`list()`)
References


See Also

Other multiple arguments input: `m_ply()`, `maply()`, `mdply()`
Other list output: `alply()`, `dlply()`, `llply()`

Examples

```r
mlply(cbind(1:4, 4:1), rep)
mlply(cbind(1:4, times = 4:1), rep)

mlply(cbind(1:4, 4:1), seq)
mlply(cbind(1:4, length = 4:1), seq)
mlply(cbind(1:4, by = 4:1), seq, to = 20)
```

---

`mutate` | *Mutate a data frame by adding new or replacing existing columns.*

Description

This function is very similar to `transform` but it executes the transformations iteratively so that later transformations can use the columns created by earlier transformations. Like transform, unnamed components are silently dropped.

Usage

`mutate(.data, ...)`

Arguments

.data | the data frame to transform

... | named parameters giving definitions of new columns.

Details

Mutate seems to be considerably faster than transform for large data frames.

See Also

`subset`, `summarise`, `arrange`. For another somewhat different approach to solving the same problem, see `within`. 
Examples

# Examples from transform
mutate(airquality, Ozone = -Ozone)
mutate(airquality, new = -Ozone, Temp = (Temp - 32) / 1.8)

# Things transform can't do
mutate(airquality, Temp = (Temp - 32) / 1.8, OzT = Ozone / Temp)

# mutate is rather faster than transform
system.time(transform(baseball, avg_ab = ab / g))
system.time(mutate(baseball, avg_ab = ab / g))

---

m Ply

Call function with arguments in array or data frame, discarding results.

Description

Call a multi-argument function with values taken from columns of an data frame or array, and discard results into a list.

Usage

m Ply(
    .data,
    .fun = NULL,
    ..., 
    .expand = TRUE,
    .progress = "none",
    .inform = FALSE,
    .print = FALSE,
    .parallel = FALSE,
    .paropts = NULL
)

Arguments

.data matrix or data frame to use as source of arguments
.fun function to apply to each piece
... other arguments passed on to .fun
.expand should output be 1d (expand = FALSE), with an element for each row; or nd (expand = TRUE), with a dimension for each variable.
.progress name of the progress bar to use, see create_progress_bar
.inform produce informative error messages? This is turned off by default because it substantially slows processing speed, but is very useful for debugging
.print automatically print each result? (default: FALSE)
if TRUE, apply function in parallel, using parallel backend provided by foreach

a list of additional options passed into the foreach function when parallel computation is enabled. This is important if (for example) your code relies on external data or packages: use the .export and .packages arguments to supply them so that all cluster nodes have the correct environment set up for computing.

Details

The m*ply functions are the plyr version of mapply, specialised according to the type of output they produce. These functions are just a convenient wrapper around a*ply with margins = 1 and .fun wrapped in splat.

Value

Nothing

Input

Call a multi-argument function with values taken from columns of an data frame or array

Output

All output is discarded. This is useful for functions that you are calling purely for their side effects like displaying plots or saving output.

References


See Also

Other multiple arguments input: maply(), mdply(), mply()
Other no output: a_ply(), d_ply(), l_ply()

name_rows

Toggle row names between explicit and implicit.

Description

Plyr functions ignore row names, so this function provides a way to preserve them by converting them to an explicit column in the data frame. After the plyr operation, you can then apply name_rows again to convert back from the explicit column to the implicit rownames.

Usage

name_rows(df)
Arguments

df a data.frame, with either rownames, or a column called .rownames.

Examples

name_rows(mtcars)
name_rows(name_rows(mtcars))

df <- data.frame(a = sample(10))
arrange(df, a)
arrange(name_rows(df), a)
name_rows(arrange(name_rows(df), a))

ozone Monthly ozone measurements over Central America.

Description

This data set is a subset of the data from the 2006 ASA Data expo challenge, https://community.amstat.org/jointscsg-section/dataexpo/dataexpo2006. The data are monthly ozone averages on a very coarse 24 by 24 grid covering Central America, from Jan 1995 to Dec 2000. The data is stored in a 3d area with the first two dimensions representing latitude and longitude, and the third representing time.

Usage

ozone

Format

A 24 x 24 x 72 numeric array

References

https://community.amstat.org/jointscsg-section/dataexpo/dataexpo2006

Examples

value <- ozone[1, 1, ]
time <- 1:72
month <- factor(rep(month.abbr, length = 72), levels = month.abbr)
year <- rep(1:6, each = 12)
deseasf <- function(value) lm(value ~ month - 1)
models <- alply(ozone, 1:2, deseasf)
coefs <- laply(models, coef)
dimnames(coefs)[[3]] <- month.abbr
names(dimnames(coefs))[[3]] <- "month"

deseas <- laply(models, resid)
dimnames(deseas)[[3]] <- 1:72
names(dimnames(deseas))[[3]] <- "time"

dim(coefs)
dim(deseas)

Description

The plyr package is a set of clean and consistent tools that implement the split-apply-combine pattern in R. This is an extremely common pattern in data analysis: you solve a complex problem by breaking it down into small pieces, doing something to each piece and then combining the results back together again.

Details

The plyr functions are named according to what sort of data structure they split up and what sort of data structure they return:

a array
l list
d data.frame
m multiple inputs
r repeat multiple times
_ nothing

So `ddply` takes a data frame as input and returns a data frame as output, and `lply` takes a list as input and returns nothing as output.

Row names

By design, no plyr function will preserve row names - in general it is too hard to know what should be done with them for many of the operations supported by plyr. If you want to preserve row names, use `name_rows` to convert them into an explicit column in your data frame, perform the plyr operations, and then use `name_rows` again to convert the column back into row names.
**Helpers**

Plyr also provides a set of helper functions for common data analysis problems:

- **arrange**: re-order the rows of a data frame by specifying the columns to order by
- **mutate**: add new columns or modifying existing columns, like `transform`, but new columns can refer to other columns that you just created.
- **summarise**: like `mutate` but create a new data frame, not preserving any columns in the old data frame.
- **join**: an adaption of `merge` which is more similar to SQL, and has a much faster implementation if you only want to find the first match.
- **match_df**: a version of `join` that instead of returning the two tables combined together, only returns the rows in the first table that match the second.
- **colwise**: make any function work colwise on a dataframe
- **rename**: easily rename columns in a data frame
- **round_any**: round a number to any degree of precision
- **count**: quickly count unique combinations and return return as a data frame.

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**plyr-deprecated**  
*Deprecated Functions in Package plyr*

**Description**

These functions are provided for compatibility with older versions of `plyr` only, and may be defunct as soon as the next release.

**Details**

- liply
- isplit2

**progress_text**  
*Text progress bar.*

**Description**

A textual progress bar

**Usage**

`progress_text(style = 3, ...)`
progress_time

Arguments

style style of text bar, see Details section of `txtProgressBar`

... other arguments passed on to `txtProgressBar`

Details

This progress bar displays a textual progress bar that works on all platforms. It is a thin wrapper around the built-in `setTxtProgressBar` and can be customised in the same way.

See Also

Other progress bars: `progress_none()`, `progress_time()`, `progress_tk()`, `progress_win()`

Examples

```r
lply(1:100, identity, .progress = "text")
lply(1:100, identity, .progress = progress_text(char = "-"))
```

Description

A textual progress bar that estimates time remaining. It displays the estimated time remaining and, when finished, total duration.

Usage

`progress_time()`

See Also

Other progress bars: `progress_none()`, `progress_text()`, `progress_tk()`, `progress_win()`

Examples

```r
lply(1:100, function(x) Sys.sleep(.01), .progress = "time")
```
progress_tk

Graphical progress bar, powered by Tk.

Description
A graphical progress bar displayed in a Tk window

Usage
progress_tk(title = "plyr progress", label = "Working...", ...)

Arguments
- title: window title
- label: progress bar label (inside window)
- ...: other arguments passed on to tkProgressBar

Details
This graphical progress will appear in a separate window.

See Also
tkProgressBar for the function that powers this progress bar
Other progress bars: progress_none(), progress_text(), progress_time(), progress_win()

Examples
## Not run:
l_ply(1:100, identity, .progress = "tk")
l_ply(1:100, identity, .progress = progress_tk(width=400))
l_ply(1:100, identity, .progress = progress_tk(label=""))

## End(Not run)

progress_win

Graphical progress bar, powered by Windows.

Description
A graphical progress bar displayed in a separate window

Usage
progress_win(title = "plyr progress", ...)

Arguments

- `title` window title
- ... other arguments passed on to `winProgressBar`

Details

This graphical progress only works on Windows.

See Also

`winProgressBar` for the function that powers this progress bar

Other progress bars: `progress_none()`, `progress_text()`, `progress_time()`, `progress_tk()`

Examples

```r
if(exists("winProgressBar")) {
  l_ply(1:100, identity, .progress = "win")
  l_ply(1:100, identity, .progress = progress_win(title="Working..."))
}
```

---

raply  

Replicate expression and return results in an array.

Description

Evaluate expression n times then combine results into an array

Usage

`raply(.n, .expr, .progress = "none", .drop = TRUE)`

Arguments

- `.n` number of times to evaluate the expression
- `.expr` expression to evaluate
- `.progress` name of the progress bar to use, see `create_progress_bar`
- `.drop` should extra dimensions of length 1 be dropped, simplifying the output. Defaults to TRUE

Details

This function runs an expression multiple times, and combines the result into a data frame. If there are no results, then this function returns a vector of length 0 (`vector(0)`). This function is equivalent to `replicate`, but will always return results as a vector, matrix or array.
**Value**

if results are atomic with same type and dimensionality, a vector, matrix or array; otherwise, a list-array (a list with dimensions)

**References**


**Examples**

```r
raply(100, mean(runif(100)))
raply(100, each(mean, var)(runif(100)))

raply(10, runif(4))
rply(10, matrix(runif(4), nrow=2))

# See the central limit theorem in action
hist(raply(1000, mean(rexp(10))))
hist(raply(1000, mean(rexp(100))))
hist(raply(1000, mean(rexp(1000))))
```

---

**rbind.fill**  
*Combine data.frames by row, filling in missing columns.*

**Description**

rbinds a list of data frames filling missing columns with NA.

**Usage**

`rbind.fill(...)`

**Arguments**

...  
input data frames to row bind together. The first argument can be a list of data frames, in which case all other arguments are ignored. Any NULL inputs are silently dropped. If all inputs are NULL, the output is NULL.

**Details**

This is an enhancement to `rbind` that adds in columns that are not present in all inputs, accepts a list of data frames, and operates substantially faster.

Column names and types in the output will appear in the order in which they were encountered.

Unordered factor columns will have their levels unified and character data bound with factors will be converted to character. POSIXct data will be converted to be in the same time zone. Array and matrix columns must have identical dimensions after the row count. Aside from these there are no general checks that each column is of consistent data type.
Value

a single data frame

See Also

Other binding functions: `rbind.fill.matrix()`

Examples

```r
rbind.fill(mtcars[c("mpg", "wt")], mtcars[c("wt", "cyl")])
```

---

### rbind.fill.matrix

*Bind matrices by row, and fill missing columns with NA.*

**Description**

The matrices are bound together using their column names or the column indices (in that order of precedence.) Numeric columns may be converted to character beforehand, e.g., using `format`. If a matrix doesn’t have column names, the column number is used. Note that this means that a column with name "1" is merged with the first column of a matrix without name and so on. The returned matrix will always have column names.

**Usage**

```r
rbind.fill.matrix(...)  
```

**Arguments**

```r
...  
```

the matrices to `rbind`. The first argument can be a list of matrices, in which case all other arguments are ignored.

**Details**

Vectors are converted to 1-column matrices.

Matrices of factors are not supported. (They are anyways quite inconvenient.) You may convert them first to either numeric or character matrices. If a matrices of different types are merged, then normal conversion precedence will apply.

Row names are ignored.

**Value**

a matrix with column names

**Author(s)**

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See Also

`rbind`, `cbind`, `rbind.fill`

Other binding functions: `rbind.fill()`

Examples

```r
A <- matrix(1:4, 2)
B <- matrix(6:11, 2)
A
B
rbind.fill.matrix(A, B)

colnames(A) <- c(3, 1)
A
rbind.fill.matrix(A, B)

rbind.fill.matrix(A, 99)
```

dply

Replicate expression and return results in a data frame.

Description

Evaluate expression n times then combine results into a data frame

Usage

```r
dply(.n, .expr, .progress = "none", .id = NA)
```

Arguments

- `.n` number of times to evaluate the expression
- `.expr` expression to evaluate
- `.progress` name of the progress bar to use, see `create_progress_bar`
- `.id` name of the index column. Pass NULL to avoid creation of the index column. For compatibility, omit this argument or pass NA to use ".n" as column name.

Details

This function runs an expression multiple times, and combines the result into a data frame. If there are no results, then this function returns a data frame with zero rows and columns (`data.frame()`). This function is equivalent to `replicate`, but will always return results as a data frame.

Value

a data frame
rename

References


Examples

rdply(20, mean(runif(100)))  
rdply(20, each(mean, var)(runif(100)))  
rdply(20, data.frame(x = runif(2)))

rename

Modify names by name, not position.

Description

Modify names by name, not position.

Usage

rename(x, replace, warn_missing = TRUE, warn_duplicated = TRUE)

Arguments

x          named object to modify
replace    named character vector, with new names as values, and old names as names.
warn_missing print a message if any of the old names are not actually present in x.
warn_duplicated print a message if any name appears more than once in x after the operation. Note: x is not altered: To save the result, you need to copy the returned data into a variable.

Examples

x <- c("a" = 1, "b" = 2, d = 3, 4)  
# Rename column d to "c", updating the variable "x" with the result  
x <- rename(x, replace = c("d" = "c"))  
x  
# Rename column "disp" to "displacement"  
rename(mtcars, c("disp" = "displacement"))
**revalue**

*Replace specified values with new values, in a factor or character vector.*

**Description**

If `x` is a factor, the named levels of the factor will be replaced with the new values.

**Usage**

```r
revalue(x, replace = NULL, warn_missing = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: factor or character vector to modify
- `replace`: named character vector, with new values as values, and old values as names.
- `warn_missing`: print a message if any of the old values are not actually present in `x`

**Details**

This function works only on character vectors and factors, but the related `mapvalues` function works on vectors of any type and factors, and instead of a named vector specifying the original and replacement values, it takes two separate vectors.

**See Also**

`mapvalues` to replace values with vectors of any type

**Examples**

```r
x <- c("a", "b", "c")
revalue(x, c(a = "A", c = "C"))
revalue(x, c("a" = "A", "c" = "C"))

y <- factor(c("a", "b", "c", "a"))
revalue(y, c(a = "A", c = "C"))
```
rlply

Replicate expression and return results in a list.

Description
Evalulate expression n times then combine results into a list

Usage
rlply(.n, .expr, .progress = "none")

Arguments
.n number of times to evaluate the expression
.expr expression to evaluate
.progress name of the progress bar to use, see create_progress_bar

Details
This function runs an expression multiple times, and combines the result into a list. If there are
no results, then this function will return a list of length 0 (list()). This function is equivalent to
replicate, but will always return results as a list.

Value
list of results

References

Examples
mods <- rlply(100, lm(y ~ x, data=data.frame(x=rnorm(100), y=rnorm(100))))
hist(laply(mods, function(x) summary(x)$r.squared))
round_any

Round to multiple of any number.

Description

Round to multiple of any number.

Usage

round_any(x, accuracy, f = round)

Arguments

x numeric or date-time (POSIXct) vector to round
accuracy number to round to; for POSIXct objects, a number of seconds
f rounding function: floor, ceiling or round

Examples

round_any(135, 10)
round_any(135, 100)
round_any(135, 25)
round_any(135, 10, floor)
round_any(135, 100, floor)
round_any(135, 25, floor)
round_any(135, 10, ceiling)
round_any(135, 100, ceiling)
round_any(135, 25, ceiling)

round_any(Sys.time() + 1:10, 5)
round_any(Sys.time() + 1:10, 5, floor)
round_any(Sys.time(), 3600)

r_ply

Replicate expression and discard results.

Description

Evaluate expression n times then discard results

Usage

r_ply(.n, .expr, .progress = "none", .print = FALSE)
Arguments

- `.n`  number of times to evaluate the expression
- `.expr`  expression to evaluate
- `.progress`  name of the progress bar to use, see `create_progress_bar`
- `.print`  automatically print each result? (default: `FALSE`)

Details

This function runs an expression multiple times, discarding the results. This function is equivalent to `replicate`, but never returns anything.

References


Examples

```r
r_ply(10, plot(runif(50)))
r_ply(25, hist(runif(1000)))
```

---

`splat`  `Splat` arguments to a function.

Description

Wraps a function in `do.call`, so instead of taking multiple arguments, it takes a single named list which will be interpreted as its arguments.

Usage

`splat(flat)`

Arguments

- `flat`  function to `splat`

Details

This is useful when you want to pass a function a row of data frame or array, and don’t want to manually pull it apart in your function.

Value

- a function
strip_splits

Examples

hp_per_cyl <- function(hp, cyl, ...) hp / cyl
splat(hp_per_cyl)(mtcars[1,])
splat(hp_per_cyl)(mtcars)

f <- function(mpg, wt, ...) data.frame(mw = mpg / wt)
ddply(mtcars, .(cyl), splat(f))

Description

This is useful when you want to perform some operation to every column in the data frame, except the variables that you have used to split it. These variables will be automatically added back on to the result when combining all results together.

Usage

strip_splits(df)

Arguments

df data frame produced by dply.

Examples

dlply(mtcars, c("vs", "am"))
dlply(mtcars, c("vs", "am"), strip_splits)

summarise

Description

Summarise works in an analogous way to mutate, except instead of adding columns to an existing data frame, it creates a new data frame. This is particularly useful in conjunction with ddply as it makes it easy to perform group-wise summaries.

Usage

summarise(.data, ...)

Arguments

.data the data frame to be summarised
... further arguments of the form var = value
Note

Be careful when using existing variable names; the corresponding columns will be immediately updated with the new data and this can affect subsequent operations referring to those variables.

Examples

# Let's extract the number of teams and total period of time
# covered by the baseball dataframe
summarise(baseball,
  duration = max(year) - min(year),
  nteams = length(unique(team)))

# Combine with ddply to do that for each separate id
ddply(baseball, "id", summarise,
  duration = max(year) - min(year),
  nteams = length(unique(team)))

---

**take**

Take a subset along an arbitrary dimension

Description

Take a subset along an arbitrary dimension

Usage

take(x, along, indices, drop = FALSE)

Arguments

- **x**: matrix or array to subset
- **along**: dimension to subset along
- **indices**: the indices to select
- **drop**: should the dimensions of the array be simplified? Defaults to FALSE which is the opposite of the useful R default.

Examples

x <- array(seq_len(3 * 4 * 5), c(3, 4, 5))
take(x, 3, 1)
take(x, 2, 1)
take(x, 1, 1)
take(x, 3, 1, drop = TRUE)
take(x, 2, 1, drop = TRUE)
take(x, 1, 1, drop = TRUE)
vaggregate

Vector aggregate.

Description
This function is somewhat similar to `tapply`, but is designed for use in conjunction with `id`. It is simpler in that it only accepts a single grouping vector (use `id` if you have more) and uses `vapply` internally, using the `.default` value as the template.

Usage

```r
vaggregate(.value, .group, .fun, ..., .default = NULL, .n = nlevels(.group))
```

Arguments

- `.value` vector of values to aggregate
- `.group` grouping vector
- `.fun` aggregation function
- `...` other arguments passed on to `.fun`
- `.default` default value used for missing groups. This argument is also used as the template for function output.
- `.n` total number of groups

Details
vaggregate should be faster than `tapply` in most situations because it avoids making a copy of the data.

Examples

```r
# Some examples of use borrowed from ?tapply
n <- 17; fac <- factor(rep(1:3, length.out = n), levels = 1:5)
table(fac)
vaggregate(1:n, fac, sum)
vaggregate(1:n, fac, sum, .default = NA_integer_)
vaggregate(1:n, fac, range)
vaggregate(1:n, fac, quantile)
# Unlike tapply, vaggregate does not support multi-d output:
tapply(warpbreaks$breaks, warpbreaks[,-1], sum)
vaggregate(warpbreaks$breaks, id(warpbreaks[,-1]), sum)
```

```r
# But it is about 10x faster
x <- rnorm(1e6)
y1 <- sample.int(10, 1e6, replace = TRUE)
system.time(tapply(x, y1, mean))
system.time(vaggregate(x, y1, mean))
```
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