Package ‘powerjoin’

November 3, 2022

Title  Extensions of 'dplyr' and 'fuzzyjoin' Join Functions
Version  0.1.0
Description  We extend 'dplyr' and 'fuzzyjoin' join functions with features to preprocess the data, apply various data checks, and deal with conflicting columns.
License  MIT + file LICENSE
Encoding  UTF-8
RoxygenNote  7.2.1
Imports  dplyr, glue, rlang, tidyselect, vctrs, purrr, tibble, tidyr, cli, methods
URL  https://github.com/moodymudskipper/powerjoin
BugReports  https://github.com/moodymudskipper/powerjoin/issues
Suggests  testthat (>= 3.0.0)
Config/testthat/edition  3
NeedsCompilation  no
Author  Antoine Fabri [aut, cre],
        Hadley Wickham [ctb] (aut/cre of dplyr,
        <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4757-117X>),
        Romain François [ctb] (aut of dplyr,
        <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-2444-4226>),
        David Robinson [ctb] (aut of fuzzyjoin),
        RStudio [cph, fn] (cph/fnd dplyr)
Maintainer  Antoine Fabri <antoine.fabri@gmail.com>
Repository  CRAN
Date/Publication  2022-11-03 15:20:07 UTC

R topics documented:

check_specs .......................................................... 2
coalectse_xy ....................................................... 3
Build a checklist for power joins

Usage

```r
check_specs(
  implicit_keys = c("inform", "ignore", "warn", "abort"),
  column_conflict = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  duplicate_keys_left = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  duplicate_keys_right = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  unmatched_keys_left = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  unmatched_keys_right = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  missing_key_combination_left = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  missing_key_combination_right = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  inconsistent_factor_levels = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  inconsistent_type = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  grouped_input = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort"),
  na_keys = c("ignore", "inform", "warn", "abort")
)
```

Arguments

- `implicit_keys`: What to do if keys are not given explicitly through the `by` argument
- `column_conflict`: What to do if the join creates a column conflict which is not handled by the `conflict` argument
- `duplicate_keys_left`: What to do if we find duplicate sets of keys in the left table
- `duplicate_keys_right`: What to do if we find duplicate sets of keys in the right table
- `unmatched_keys_left`: What to do if we find unmatched sets of keys in the left table
- `unmatched_keys_right`: What to do if we find unmatched sets of keys in the right table
- `missing_key_combination_left`: What to do if the left table doesn’t contain all key combinations
- `missing_key_combination_right`: What to do if the right table doesn’t contain all key combinations
- `inconsistent_factor_levels`: What to do if the factor levels are inconsistent
- `inconsistent_type`: What to do if the types are inconsistent
- `grouped_input`: What to do if the input is grouped
- `na_keys`: What to do if the keys are missing
coalesce_xy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>missing_key_combination_right</th>
<th>What to do if the right table doesn’t contain all key combinations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>inconsistent_factor_levels</td>
<td>What to do if the key columns from both sides have inconsistent factor levels</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>inconsistent_type</td>
<td>What to do if we joined keys have a different type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>grouped_input</td>
<td>What to do if one or both of the tables are grouped</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>na_keys</td>
<td>What to do if keys contain missing values</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Value

A character vector of class "powerjoin_check"

Examples

check_specs(
  implicit_keys = "ignore",
  grouped_input = "inform",
  column_conflict = "abort",
  na_keys ="warn")

---

coalesce_xy   Coalesce helpers

Description

These are wrappers around dplyr::coalesce, designed for convenient use in the conflict argument of powerjoin’s join functions. coalesce_xy() is just like dplyr::coalesce (except it takes only 2 arguments), coalesce_yx() looks first in y and then in x if y is missing.

Usage

coalesce_xy(x, y)

coalesce_yx(x, y)

Arguments

x A vector

y A vector

Value

A vector

Examples

coalesce_xy(c(NA, 2, 3), c(11, 12, NA))

coalesce_yx(c(NA, 2, 3), c(11, 12, NA))
**full_diagnostic**

*Inform on all potential issues*

**Description**

This is the output of check_specs() with all arguments set to "inform", it’s useful for a complete join diagnostic.

**Usage**

```r
full_diagnostic
```

**Format**

An object of class `powerjoin_check` of length 12.

---

**paste_xy**

*Paste helpers*

**Description**

These are similar to `paste()` but by default ignore NA and empty strings (""). If they are found in a conflicting column we return the value from the other column without using the separator. If both columns have such values we return an empty string.

**Usage**

```r
paste_xy(x, y, sep = " ", na = NULL, ignore_empty = TRUE)
paste_yx(x, y, sep = " ", na = NULL, ignore_empty = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: A vector
- `y`: A vector
- `sep`: separator
- `na`: How to treat NAs, they are ignored by default, if NA the result will be NA, just as with stringr::str_c, if "NA" NAs will be coerced to character just as with `paste()`. Any other string can be used
- `ignore_empty`: Whether to ignore empty strings, to avoid trailing and leading separators

**Value**

A character vector
Examples

```r
paste_xy(letters[1:3], c("d", NA, "))
paste_yx(letters[1:3], c("d", NA, ""))
paste_xy(letters[1:3], c("d", NA, ""), na = NA, ignore_empty = FALSE)
paste_xy(letters[1:3], c("d", NA, ""), na = "NA", ignore_empty = FALSE)
```

Description

Power joins

Usage

```r
power_left_join(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  by = NULL,
  copy = FALSE,
  suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
  keep = NULL,
  na_matches = c("na", "never"),
  check = check_specs(),
  conflict = NULL,
  fill = NULL
)
```

```r
power_right_join(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  by = NULL,
  copy = FALSE,
  suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
  keep = NULL,
  na_matches = c("na", "never"),
  check = check_specs(),
  conflict = NULL,
  fill = NULL
)
```

```r
power_inner_join(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  by = NULL,
  copy = FALSE,
  suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
  keep = NULL,
  na_matches = c("na", "never"),
  check = check_specs(),
  conflict = NULL,
  fill = NULL
)
```
power_left_join

```r
keep = NULL,
na_matches = c("na", "never"),
check = check_specs(),
conflict = NULL,
fill = NULL
)
```

power_full_join(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  by = NULL,
  copy = FALSE,
  suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
  keep = NULL,
  na_matches = c("na", "never"),
  check = check_specs(),
  conflict = NULL,
  fill = NULL
)

Arguments

- **x, y**: A pair of data frames, data frame extensions (e.g. a tibble), or lazy data frames (e.g. from dbplyr or dtplyr). See Methods, below, for more details.
- **by**: As in dplyr, but extended so user can supply a formula or a list of character and formulas. Formulas are used for fuzzy joins and
- **copy**: If x and y are not from the same data source, and copy is TRUE, then y will be copied into the same src as x. This allows you to join tables across srcs, but it is a potentially expensive operation so you must opt into it.
- **suffix**: If there are non-joined duplicate variables in x and y, these suffixes will be added to the output to disambiguate them. Should be a character vector of length 2.
- **keep**: A boolean for compatibility with dplyr, or a value among "left", "right", "both", "none" or "default". See details. The values of the keep parameter work as follow:
  - **NULL** (default): merge keys and name them as the left table's keys, and keep columns used for fuzzy joins from both tables
  - **left**: keep only key columns for left table
  - **right**: keep only key columns for right table
  - **both**: keep key columns from both tables, adding suffix if relevant
  - **none**: drop all key columns from the output
  - **FALSE**: merge keys and name them as the left table's keys, maps to none for fuzzy joins
- **na_matches**: Should NA and NaN values match one another?
  - The default, "na", treats two NA or NaN values as equal, like %in%, match(), merge().
  - Use "never" to always treat two NA or NaN values as different, like joins for database sources, similarly to merge(incomparables = FALSE).

Methods
**power_left_join**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>check</th>
<th>A list created with check_specs()</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>conflict</td>
<td>A function, formula, the special value amongst &quot;patch&quot;, or a named list of such items. If the LHS of the formula is rw the rhs will be applied rowwise. Note that the columns will be subsetted with [ so for list columns .x or .y will refer to length 1 lists and you might sometimes need .x[1] or .y[1].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>fill</td>
<td>Values used to replace missing values originating in unmatched keys, or a named list of such items.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Value**

A data frame

**Examples**

# See README for a more verbose version
library(tibble)
male_penguins <- tribble(
  ~name, ~species, ~island, ~flipper_length_mm, ~body_mass_g,
  "Giordan", "Gentoo", "Biscoe", 222L, 5250L,
  "Lynden", "Adelie", "Torgersen", 190L, 3900L,
  "Reiner", "Adelie", "Dream", 185L, 3650L
)
female_penguins <- tribble(
  ~name, ~species, ~island, ~flipper_length_mm, ~body_mass_g,
  "Alonda", "Gentoo", "Biscoe", 211, 4500L,
  "Ola", "Adelie", "Dream", 190, 3600L,
  "Mishayla", "Gentoo", "Biscoe", 215, 4750L
)

# apply different checks
power_inner_join(
  male_penguins[c("species", "island")],
  female_penguins[c("species", "island")],
  check = check_specs(implicit_keys = "ignore", duplicate_keys_right = "inform")
)

df1 <- tibble(id = 1:3, value = c(10, NA, 30))
df2 <- tibble(id = 2:4, value = c(22, 32, 42))

# handle conflicted columns when joining
power_left_join(df1, df2, by = "id", conflict = `+`)  

# the most frequent use case is to coalesce
power_left_join(df1, df2, by = "id", conflict = coalesce_xy)

# the conflict function is applied colwise by default!
power_left_join(df1, df2, by = "id", conflict = ~ sum(.x, .y, na.rm = TRUE))

# apply conflict function rowwise
power_left_join(df1, df2, by = "id", conflict = rw ~ sum(.x, .y, na.rm = TRUE))
# subset columns without repeating keys
power_inner_join(  
  male_penguins %>% select_keys_and(name),  
  female_penguins %>% select_keys_and(female_name = name),  
  by = c("species", "island")
)

# semi join
power_inner_join(  
  male_penguins,  
  female_penguins %>% select_keys_and(),  
  by = c("species", "island")
)

# aggregate without repeating keys
power_left_join(  
  male_penguins %>% summarize_by_keys(male_weight = mean(body_mass_g)),  
  female_penguins %>% summarize_by_keys(female_weight = mean(body_mass_g)),  
  by = c("species", "island")
)

# pack auxiliary columns without repeating keys
power_left_join(  
  male_penguins %>% pack_along_keys(name = "m"),  
  female_penguins %>% pack_along_keys(name = "f"),  
  by = c("species", "island")
)

# fuzzy join
power_inner_join(  
  male_penguins %>% select_keys_and(male_name = name),  
  female_penguins %>% select_keys_and(female_name = name),  
  by = c(~ .x$flipper_length_mm < .y$flipper_length_mm, ~ .x$body_mass_g > .y$body_mass_g)
)

# fuzzy + equi join
power_inner_join(  
  male_penguins %>% select_keys_and(male_name = name),  
  female_penguins %>% select_keys_and(female_name = name),  
  by = c("island", ~ .x$flipper_length_mm > .y$flipper_length_mm)
)

# define new column without repeating computation
power_inner_join(  
  male_penguins %>% select_keys_and(male_name = name),  
  female_penguins %>% select_keys_and(female_name = name),  
  by = ~ (mass_ratio <- .y$body_mass_g / .x$body_mass_g) > 1.2
)

power_inner_join(  
  male_penguins %>% select_keys_and(male_name = name),  
  female_penguins %>% select_keys_and(female_name = name),  
  by = ~ (mass_ratio <- .y$body_mass_g / .x$body_mass_g) > 1.2,
# preprocess_inputs

keep = "none"
)

# fill unmatched values
df1 <- tibble(id = 1:3)
df2 <- tibble(id = 1:2, value2 = c(2, NA), value3 = c(NA, 3))
power_left_join(df1, df2, by = "id", fill = 0)
power_left_join(df1, df2, by = "id", fill = list(value2 = 0))

# join recursively
df1 <- tibble(id = 1, a = "foo")
df2 <- tibble(id = 1, b = "bar")
df3 <- tibble(id = 1, c = "baz")
power_left_join(list(df1, df2, df3), by = "id")
power_left_join(df1, list(df2, df3), by = "id")

---

**preprocess_inputs**

**Preprocess powerjoin inputs**

## Description

These functions are named after the tidyverse functions `select`, `summarize`, `nest`, `pack`, `pivot_wider` and `pivot_longer` and are designed to avoid repetition of key columns when preprocessing the data for a join. They should only be used in the `x` and `y` arguments of powerjoin join functions. No further transformation should be applied on top of them.

## Usage

- `select_keys_and(.data, ...)`
- `summarize_by_keys(.data, ...)`
- `nest_by_keys(.data, ..., name = NULL)`
- `pack_along_keys(.data, ..., name)`
- `complete_keys(.data)`

## Arguments

- `.data` A data frame to pivot.
- `...` Additional arguments passed on to methods.
- `name` Name of created column

## Details

Unlike their tidyverse counterparts these just add an attribute to the input and don’t reshape it. The join function then preprocesses the inputs using these attributes and the keys.
Value

A data frame identical to the .data but with a "powerjoin_preprocess" attribute to be handled by the join functions

Examples

# in practice you'll mostly use those in join function calls directly
x <- select_keys_and(head(iris, 2), Sepal.Width)
# all it does is add an attribute that will be processed by the join function
attr(x, "powerjoin_preprocess")
# see `?power_left_join` or README for practical examples
Index

* datasets
  full_diagnostic, 4

check_specs, 2
coalesce_xy, 3
coalesce_yx (coalesce_xy), 3
complete_keys (preprocess_inputs), 9

full_diagnostic, 4

match(), 6
merge(), 6

nest_by_keys (preprocess_inputs), 9
pack_along_keys (preprocess_inputs), 9
paste_xy, 4
paste_yx (paste_xy), 4
power_full_join (power_left_join), 5
power_inner_join (power_left_join), 5
power_left_join, 5
power_right_join (power_left_join), 5
preprocess_inputs, 9

select_keys_and (preprocess_inputs), 9
summarize_by_keys (preprocess_inputs), 9