Package 'joyn'

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freq_table

Tabulate simple frequencies

Description

tabulate one variable frequencies

Usage

```
freq_table(x, byvar, digits = 1, na.rm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data frame
 character: name of variable to tabulate. Use Standard evaluation.
 numeric: number of decimal places to display. Default is 1.
 logical: if TRUE remove NAs from calculations. Default is TRUE

Value

data.table with frequencies.

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Examples

full_join

Full join two data frames

Description

This is a joyn wrapper that works in a similar fashion to dplyr::full_join

Usage

```
full_join(
 х,
  у,
  by = intersect(names(x), names(y)),
  copy = FALSE,
  suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
 keep = NULL,
  na_matches = c("na", "never"),
 multiple = "all",
 unmatched = "drop",
  relationship = "one-to-one",
  y_vars_to_keep = TRUE,
  update_values = FALSE,
  update_NAs = update_values,
  reportvar = getOption("joyn.reportvar"),
  reporttype = c("character", "numeric"),
  roll = NULL,
  keep_common_vars = FALSE,
  sort = TRUE,
  verbose = getOption("joyn.verbose"),
)
```

Arguments

```
x data frame: referred to as left in R terminology, or master in Stata terminology.

y data frame: referred to as right in R terminology, or using in Stata terminology.
```

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by

a character vector of variables to join by. If NULL, the default, joyn will do a natural join, using all variables with common names across the two tables. A message lists the variables so that you can check they're correct (to suppress the message, simply explicitly list the variables that you want to join). To join by different variables on x and y use a vector of expressions. For example, by = c("a = b", "z") will use "a" in x, "b" in y, and "z" in both tables.

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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

Should the join keys from both x and y be preserved in the output?

- If NULL, the default, joins on equality retain only the keys from x, while joins on inequality retain the keys from both inputs.
- If TRUE, all keys from both inputs are retained.
- If FALSE, only keys from x are retained. For right and full joins, the data in key columns corresponding to rows that only exist in y are merged into the key columns from x. Can't be used when joining on inequality conditions.

na_matches

Should two NA or two NaN values match?

- "na", the default, treats two NA or two NaN values as equal, like %in%, match(), and merge().
- "never" treats two NA or two NaN values as different, and will never match them together or to any other values. This is similar to joins for database sources and to base::merge(incomparables = NA).

multiple

Handling of rows in x with multiple matches in y. For each row of x:

- "all", the default, returns every match detected in y. This is the same
- "any" returns one match detected in y, with no guarantees on which match will be returned. It is often faster than "first" and "last" if you just need to detect if there is at least one match.
- "first" returns the first match detected in y.
- "last" returns the last match detected in y.

unmatched

How should unmatched keys that would result in dropped rows be handled?

- "drop" drops unmatched keys from the result.
- "error" throws an error if unmatched keys are detected.

unmatched is intended to protect you from accidentally dropping rows during a join. It only checks for unmatched keys in the input that could potentially drop rows.

- For left joins, it checks y.
- For right joins, it checks x.
- For inner joins, it checks both x and y. In this case, unmatched is also allowed to be a character vector of length 2 to specify the behavior for x and y independently.

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relationship

Handling of the expected relationship between the keys of x and y. If the expectations chosen from the list below are invalidated, an error is thrown.

• NULL, the default, doesn't expect there to be any relationship between x and y. However, for equality joins it will check for a many-to-many relationship (which is typically unexpected) and will warn if one occurs, encouraging you to either take a closer look at your inputs or make this relationship explicit by specifying "many-to-many".

See the *Many-to-many relationships* section for more details.

- "one-to-one" expects:
 - Each row in x matches at most 1 row in y.
 - Each row in y matches at most 1 row in x.
- "one-to-many" expects:
 - Each row in y matches at most 1 row in x.
- "many-to-one" expects:
 - Each row in x matches at most 1 row in y.
- "many-to-many" doesn't perform any relationship checks, but is provided to allow you to be explicit about this relationship if you know it exists.

relationship doesn't handle cases where there are zero matches. For that, see unmatched.

y_vars_to_keep

character: Vector of variable names in y that will be kept after the merge. If TRUE (the default), it keeps all the brings all the variables in y into x. If FALSE or NULL, it does not bring any variable into x, but a report will be generated.

update_values

logical: If TRUE, it will update all values of variables in x with the actual of variables in y with the same name as the ones in x. NAs from y won't be used to update actual values in x. Yet, by default, NAs in x will be updated with values in y. To avoid this, make sure to set update_NAs = FALSE

update_NAs

logical: If TRUE, it will update NA values of all variables in x with actual values of variables in y that have the same name as the ones in x. If FALSE, NA values won't be updated, even if update_values is TRUE

reportvar

character: Name of reporting variable. Default is ".joyn". This is the same as variable "_merge" in Stata after performing a merge. If FALSE or NULL, the reporting variable will be excluded from the final table, though a summary of the join will be display after concluding.

reporttype

character: One of "character" or "numeric". Default is "character". If "numeric", the reporting variable will contain numeric codes of the source and the contents of each observation in the joined table. See below for more information.

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keep_common_vars

logical: If TRUE, it will keep the original variable from y when both tables have common variable names. Thus, the prefix "y." will be added to the original name to distinguish from the resulting variable in the joined table.

logical: If TRUE, sort by key variables in by. Default is TRUE. sort

verbose logical: if FALSE, it won't display any message (programmer's option). Default is TRUE.

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... Arguments passed on to joyn

match_type character: one of "m:m", "m:1", "1:m", "1:1". Default is "1:1" since this the most restrictive. However, following Stata's recommendation, it is better to be explicit and use any of the other three match types (See details in *match types sections*).

allow.cartesian logical: Check documentation in official web site. Default is NULL, which implies that if the join is "1:1" it will be FALSE, but if the join has any "m" on it, it will be converted to TRUE. By specifying TRUE of FALSE you force the behavior of the join.

suffixes A character(2) specifying the suffixes to be used for making non-by column names unique. The suffix behaviour works in a similar fashion as the base::merge method does.

```
yvars [Superseded]: use now y_vars_to_keep
keep_y_in_x [Superseded]: use now keep_common_vars
msg_type character: type of messages to display by default
```

na.last logical. If TRUE, missing values in the data are placed last; if FALSE,
 they are placed first; if NA they are removed. na.last=NA is valid only for
 x[order(., na.last)] and its default is TRUE. setorder and setorderv
 only accept TRUE/FALSE with default FALSE.

Value

An data frame of the same class as x. The properties of the output are as close as possible to the ones returned by the dplyr alternative.

See Also

```
Other dplyr alternatives: inner_join(), left_join(), right_join()
```

Examples

get_joyn_options

Get joyn options

Description

This function aims to display and store info on joyn options

Usage

```
get_joyn_options(env = .joynenv, display = TRUE, option = NULL)
```

Arguments

env environment, which is joyn environment by default

display logical, if TRUE displays (i.e., print) info on joyn options and corresponding

default and current values

option character or NULL. If character, name of a specific joyn option. If NULL, all

joyn options

Value

joyn options and values invisibly as a list

See Also

JOYn options functions set_joyn_options()

Examples

```
## Not run:
# display all joyn options, their default and current values
joyn:::get_joyn_options()

# store list of option = value pairs AND do not display info
joyn_options <- joyn:::get_joyn_options(display = FALSE)

# get info on one specific option and store it
joyn.verbose <- joyn:::get_joyn_options(option = "joyn.verbose")

# get info on two specific option
joyn:::get_joyn_options(option = c("joyn.verbose", "joyn.reportvar"))

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

inner_join

Inner join two data frames

Description

This is a joyn wrapper that works in a similar fashion to dplyr::inner_join

Usage

```
inner_join(
 Х,
 у,
 by = intersect(names(x), names(y)),
  copv = FALSE,
  suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
 keep = NULL,
 na_matches = c("na", "never"),
 multiple = "all",
 unmatched = "drop"
  relationship = "one-to-one",
 y_vars_to_keep = TRUE,
  update_values = FALSE,
  update_NAs = update_values,
  reportvar = getOption("joyn.reportvar"),
  reporttype = c("character", "numeric"),
  roll = NULL,
  keep_common_vars = FALSE,
  sort = TRUE,
  verbose = getOption("joyn.verbose"),
)
```

Arguments

Χ

data frame: referred to as *left* in R terminology, or *master* in Stata terminology.

У

data frame: referred to as *right* in R terminology, or *using* in Stata terminology.

by

a character vector of variables to join by. If NULL, the default, joyn will do a natural join, using all variables with common names across the two tables. A message lists the variables so that you can check they're correct (to suppress the message, simply explicitly list the variables that you want to join). To join by different variables on x and y use a vector of expressions. For example, by = c("a = b", "z") will use "a" in x, "b" in y, and "z" in both tables.

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.

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multiple

Handling of rows in x with multiple matches in y. For each row of x:

- "all", the default, returns every match detected in y. This is the same behavior as SQL.
- "any" returns one match detected in y, with no guarantees on which match will be returned. It is often faster than "first" and "last" if you just need to detect if there is at least one match.
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- For right joins, it checks x.
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relationship

Handling of the expected relationship between the keys of x and y. If the expectations chosen from the list below are invalidated, an error is thrown.

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 - Each row in y matches at most 1 row in x.
- "many-to-one" expects:
 - Each row in x matches at most 1 row in y.
- "many-to-many" doesn't perform any relationship checks, but is provided to allow you to be explicit about this relationship if you know it exists.

relationship doesn't handle cases where there are zero matches. For that, see unmatched.

character: Vector of variable names in y that will be kept after the merge. If y_vars_to_keep TRUE (the default), it keeps all the brings all the variables in y into x. If FALSE

or NULL, it does not bring any variable into x, but a report will be generated.

logical: If TRUE, it will update all values of variables in x with the actual of update_values

> variables in y with the same name as the ones in x. NAs from y won't be used to update actual values in x. Yet, by default, NAs in x will be updated with

values in y. To avoid this, make sure to set update_NAs = FALSE

update_NAs logical: If TRUE, it will update NA values of all variables in x with actual values

of variables in y that have the same name as the ones in x. If FALSE, NA values

won't be updated, even if update_values is TRUE

character: Name of reporting variable. Default is ".joyn". This is the same as reportvar

> variable "_merge" in Stata after performing a merge. If FALSE or NULL, the reporting variable will be excluded from the final table, though a summary of

the join will be display after concluding.

character: One of "character" or "numeric". Default is "character". If "nureporttype

> meric", the reporting variable will contain numeric codes of the source and the contents of each observation in the joined table. See below for more informa-

tion.

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keep_common_vars

logical: If TRUE, it will keep the original variable from y when both tables have common variable names. Thus, the prefix "y." will be added to the original name to distinguish from the resulting variable in the joined table.

sort logical: If TRUE, sort by key variables in by. Default is TRUE.

verbose logical: if FALSE, it won't display any message (programmer's option). Default

is TRUE.

Arguments passed on to joyn

match_type character: one of "m:m", "m:1", "1:m", "1:1". Default is "1:1" since this the most restrictive. However, following Stata's recommendation, it is better to be explicit and use any of the other three match types (See details in match types sections).

allow.cartesian logical: Check documentation in official web site. Default is NULL, which implies that if the join is "1:1" it will be FALSE, but if the join has any "m" on it, it will be converted to TRUE. By specifying TRUE of FALSE you force the behavior of the join.

suffixes A character(2) specifying the suffixes to be used for making non-by column names unique. The suffix behaviour works in a similar fashion as the base::merge method does.

yvars [Superseded]: use now y_vars_to_keep

keep_y_in_x [Superseded]: use now keep_common_vars

msg_type character: type of messages to display by default

na.last logical. If TRUE, missing values in the data are placed last; if FALSE, they are placed first; if NA they are removed. na.last=NA is valid only for x[order(., na.last)] and its default is TRUE. setorder and setorderv only accept TRUE/FALSE with default FALSE.

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Value

An data frame of the same class as x. The properties of the output are as close as possible to the ones returned by the dplyr alternative.

See Also

```
Other dplyr alternatives: full_join(), left_join(), right_join()
```

Examples

is_balanced

Is data frame balanced by group?

Description

Check if the data frame is balanced by group of columns, i.e., if it contains every combination of the elements in the specified variables

Usage

```
is_balanced(df, by, return = c("logic", "table"))
```

Arguments

df data frame

by character: variables used to check if df is balanced

return character: either "logic" or "table". If "logic", returns TRUE or FALSE depending on whether data frame is balanced. If "table" returns the unbalanced observations - i.e. the combinations of elements in specified variables not found in input df

Value

logical, if return == "logic", else returns data frame of unbalanced observations

is_id

Examples

is_id

Check if dt is uniquely identified by by variable

Description

report if dt is uniquely identified by by var or, if report = TRUE, the duplicates in by variable

Usage

```
is_id(dt, by, verbose = getOption("joyn.verbose"), return_report = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dt either right of left table by variable to merge by

verbose logical: if TRUE messages will be displayed

return_report logical: if TRUE, returns data with summary of duplicates. If FALSE, returns

logical value depending on whether dt is uniquely identified by by

Value

logical or data.frame, depending on the value of argument return_report

Examples

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```
y = c(11L, 15L, 18L, 20L)) is_id(y1, by = "id")
```

joyn

Join two tables

Description

This is the primary function in the joyn package. It executes a full join, performs a number of checks, and filters to allow the user-specified join.

Usage

```
joyn(
 Х,
 у,
 by = intersect(names(x), names(y)),
 {\tt match\_type} \; = \; c("1:1", \; "1:m", \; "m:1", \; "m:m") \, ,
 keep = c("full", "left", "master", "right", "using", "inner"),
  y_vars_to_keep = TRUE,
  update_values = FALSE,
  update_NAs = update_values,
  reportvar = getOption("joyn.reportvar"),
  reporttype = c("character", "numeric"),
  roll = NULL,
  keep_common_vars = FALSE,
  sort = TRUE,
  verbose = getOption("joyn.verbose"),
  suffixes = getOption("joyn.suffixes"),
  allow.cartesian = deprecated(),
  yvars = deprecated(),
  keep_y_in_x = deprecated(),
 na.last = getOption("joyn.na.last"),
 msg_type = getOption("joyn.msg_type")
)
```

Arguments

x data frame: referred to as *left* in R terminology, or *master* in Stata terminology.
y data frame: referred to as *right* in R terminology, or *using* in Stata terminology.

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a character vector of variables to join by. If NULL, the default, joyn will do a natural join, using all variables with common names across the two tables. A message lists the variables so that you can check they're correct (to suppress the message, simply explicitly list the variables that you want to join). To join by different variables on x and y use a vector of expressions. For example, by = c("a = b", "z") will use "a" in x, "b" in y, and "z" in both tables.

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match_type

character: one of "m:m", "m:1", "1:m", "1:1". Default is "1:1" since this the most restrictive. However, following Stata's recommendation, it is better to be explicit and use any of the other three match types (See details in *match types sections*).

keep

atomic character vector of length 1: One of "full", "left", "master", "right", "using", "inner". Default is "full". Even though this is not the regular behavior of joins in R, the objective of joyn is to present a diagnosis of the join which requires a full join. That is why the default is a a full join. Yet, if "left" or "master", it keeps the observations that matched in both tables and the ones that did not match in x. The ones in y will be discarded. If "right" or "using", it keeps the observations that matched in both tables and the ones that did not match in y. The ones in x will be discarded. If "inner", it only keeps the observations that matched both tables. Note that if, for example, a keep = "left", the joyn() function still executes a full join under the hood and then filters so that only rows the output table is a left join. This behaviour, while inefficient, allows all the diagnostics and checks conducted by joyn.

y_vars_to_keep

character: Vector of variable names in y that will be kept after the merge. If TRUE (the default), it keeps all the brings all the variables in y into x. If FALSE or NULL, it does not bring any variable into x, but a report will be generated.

update_values

logical: If TRUE, it will update all values of variables in x with the actual of variables in y with the same name as the ones in x. **NAs from y won't be used to update actual values in x**. Yet, by default, NAs in x will be updated with values in y. To avoid this, make sure to set update_NAs = FALSE

update_NAs

logical: If TRUE, it will update NA values of all variables in x with actual values of variables in y that have the same name as the ones in x. If FALSE, NA values won't be updated, even if update_values is TRUE

reportvar

character: Name of reporting variable. Default is ".joyn". This is the same as variable "_merge" in Stata after performing a merge. If FALSE or NULL, the reporting variable will be excluded from the final table, though a summary of the join will be display after concluding.

reporttype

character: One of "character" or "numeric". Default is "character". If "numeric", the reporting variable will contain numeric codes of the source and the contents of each observation in the joined table. See below for more information.

roll

double: to be implemented

keep_common_vars

logical: If TRUE, it will keep the original variable from y when both tables have common variable names. Thus, the prefix "y." will be added to the original name to distinguish from the resulting variable in the joined table.

sort

logical: If TRUE, sort by key variables in by. Default is TRUE.

verbose

logical: if FALSE, it won't display any message (programmer's option). Default is TRUE.

suffixes

A character(2) specifying the suffixes to be used for making non-by column names unique. The suffix behaviour works in a similar fashion as the base::merge method does.

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allow.cartesian

logical: Check documentation in official web site. Default is NULL, which implies that if the join is "1:1" it will be FALSE, but if the join has any "m" on it, it will be converted to TRUE. By specifying TRUE of FALSE you force the behavior

of the join.

yvars [Superseded]: use now y_vars_to_keep

keep_y_in_x [Superseded]: use now keep_common_vars

na.last logical. If TRUE, missing values in the data are placed last; if FALSE, they are

placed first; if NA they are removed. na.last=NA is valid only for x[order(., na.last)] and its default is TRUE. setorder and setorderv only accept TRUE/FALSE

with default FALSE.

msg_type character: type of messages to display by default

Value

a data.table joining x and y.

match types

Using the same wording of the Stata manual

1:1: specifies a one-to-one match merge. The variables specified in by uniquely identify single observations in both table.

1:m and m:1: specify *one-to-many* and *many-to-one* match merges, respectively. This means that in of the tables the observations are uniquely identify by the variables in by, while in the other table many (two or more) of the observations are identify by the variables in by

m:m refers to *many-to-many merge*. variables in by does not uniquely identify the observations in either table. Matching is performed by combining observations with equal values in by; within matching values, the first observation in the master (i.e. left or x) table is matched with the first matching observation in the using (i.e. right or y) table; the second, with the second; and so on. If there is an unequal number of observations within a group, then the last observation of the shorter group is used repeatedly to match with subsequent observations of the longer group.

reporttype

If reporttype = "numeric", then the numeric values have the following meaning:

1: row comes from x, i.e. "x" 2: row comes from y, i.e. "y" 3: row from both x and y, i.e. "x & y" 4: row has NA in x that has been updated with y, i.e. "NA updated" 5: row has valued in x that has been updated with y, i.e. "value updated" 6: row from x that has not been updated, i.e. "not updated"

NAs order

NAs are placed either at first or at last in the resulting data.frame depending on the value of getOption("joyn.na.last"). The Default is FALSE as it is the default value of data.table::setorderv.

joyn_msg

Examples

```
# Simple join
library(data.table)
x1 = data.table(id = c(1L, 1L, 2L, 3L, NA_integer_),
t = c(1L, 2L, 1L, 2L, NA\_integer\_),
x = 11:15
y1 = data.table(id = 1:2,
               y = c(11L, 15L)
x2 = data.table(id = c(1, 1, 2, 3, NA),
                t = c(1L, 2L, 1L, 2L, NA\_integer\_),
                x = c(16, 12, NA, NA, 15))
y2 = data.table(id = c(1, 2, 5, 6, 3),
             yd = c(1, 2, 5, 6, 3),
             y = c(11L, 15L, 20L, 13L, 10L),
             x = c(16:20)
joyn(x1, y1, match_type = "m:1")
# Bad merge for not specifying by argument or match_type
joyn(x2, y2)
# good merge, ignoring variable x from y
joyn(x2, y2, by = "id", match_type = "m:1")
# update NAs in x variable form x
joyn(x2, y2, by = "id", update_NAs = TRUE, match_type = "m:1")
# Update values in x with variables from y
joyn(x2, y2, by = "id", update_values = TRUE, match_type = "m:1")
```

joyn_msg

display type of joyn message

Description

display type of joyn message

Usage

```
joyn_msg(msg_type = getOption("joyn.msg_type"), msg = NULL)
```

Arguments

msg_type character: one or more of the following: all, basic, info, note, warn, timing, or
err
msg character vector to be parsed to cli::cli_abort(). Default is NULL. It only
works if "err" %in% msg_type. This is an internal argument.

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Value

returns data frame with message invisibly. print message in console

See Also

```
Messages functions clear_joynenv(), joyn_msgs_exist(), joyn_report(), msg_type_dt(), store_msg(), style(), type_choices()
```

Examples

joyn_report

Print JOYn report table

Description

Print JOYn report table

Usage

```
joyn_report(verbose = getOption("joyn.verbose"))
```

Arguments

verbose

logical: if FALSE, it won't display any message (programmer's option). Default is TRUE.

Value

invisible table of frequencies

See Also

```
Messages functions clear_joynenv(), joyn_msg(), joyn_msgs_exist(), msg_type_dt(), store_msg(), style(), type_choices()
```

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left_join

Left join two data frames

Description

This is a joyn wrapper that works in a similar fashion to dplyr::left_join

Usage

```
left_join(
 Х,
 у,
  by = intersect(names(x), names(y)),
  copy = FALSE,
  suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
 keep = NULL,
  na_matches = c("na", "never"),
 multiple = "all",
 unmatched = "drop",
  relationship = NULL,
  y_vars_to_keep = TRUE,
  update_values = FALSE,
  update_NAs = update_values,
  reportvar = getOption("joyn.reportvar"),
  reporttype = c("character", "numeric"),
  roll = NULL,
  keep_common_vars = FALSE,
  sort = TRUE,
  verbose = getOption("joyn.verbose"),
)
```

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data frame: referred to as *left* in R terminology, or *master* in Stata terminology.

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y by data frame: referred to as *right* in R terminology, or *using* in Stata terminology. a character vector of variables to join by. If NULL, the default, joyn will do a natural join, using all variables with common names across the two tables. A message lists the variables so that you can check they're correct (to suppress the message, simply explicitly list the variables that you want to join). To join by different variables on x and y use a vector of expressions. For example, by = c("a = b", "z") will use "a" in x, "b" in y, and "z" in both tables.

сору

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

- Should the join keys from both x and y be preserved in the output?
 - If NULL, the default, joins on equality retain only the keys from x, while joins on inequality retain the keys from both inputs.
 - If TRUE, all keys from both inputs are retained.
 - If FALSE, only keys from x are retained. For right and full joins, the data in key columns corresponding to rows that only exist in y are merged into the key columns from x. Can't be used when joining on inequality conditions.

na_matches

Should two NA or two NaN values match?

- "na", the default, treats two NA or two NaN values as equal, like %in%, match(), and merge().
- "never" treats two NA or two NaN values as different, and will never match them together or to any other values. This is similar to joins for database sources and to base::merge(incomparables = NA).

multiple

Handling of rows in x with multiple matches in y. For each row of x:

- "all", the default, returns every match detected in y. This is the same behavior as SQL.
- "any" returns one match detected in y, with no guarantees on which match will be returned. It is often faster than "first" and "last" if you just need to detect if there is at least one match.
- "first" returns the first match detected in y.
- "last" returns the last match detected in y.

unmatched

How should unmatched keys that would result in dropped rows be handled?

- "drop" drops unmatched keys from the result.
- "error" throws an error if unmatched keys are detected.

unmatched is intended to protect you from accidentally dropping rows during a join. It only checks for unmatched keys in the input that could potentially drop rows.

- For left joins, it checks y.
- For right joins, it checks x.
- For inner joins, it checks both x and y. In this case, unmatched is also allowed to be a character vector of length 2 to specify the behavior for x and y independently.

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relationship

Handling of the expected relationship between the keys of x and y. If the expectations chosen from the list below are invalidated, an error is thrown.

• NULL, the default, doesn't expect there to be any relationship between x and y. However, for equality joins it will check for a many-to-many relationship (which is typically unexpected) and will warn if one occurs, encouraging you to either take a closer look at your inputs or make this relationship explicit by specifying "many-to-many".

See the Many-to-many relationships section for more details.

- "one-to-one" expects:
 - Each row in x matches at most 1 row in y.
 - Each row in y matches at most 1 row in x.
- "one-to-many" expects:
 - Each row in y matches at most 1 row in x.
- "many-to-one" expects:
 - Each row in x matches at most 1 row in y.
- "many-to-many" doesn't perform any relationship checks, but is provided to allow you to be explicit about this relationship if you know it exists.

relationship doesn't handle cases where there are zero matches. For that, see unmatched.

y_vars_to_keep

character: Vector of variable names in y that will be kept after the merge. If TRUE (the default), it keeps all the brings all the variables in y into x. If FALSE or NULL, it does not bring any variable into x, but a report will be generated.

update_values

logical: If TRUE, it will update all values of variables in x with the actual of variables in y with the same name as the ones in x. NAs from y won't be used to update actual values in x. Yet, by default, NAs in x will be updated with values in y. To avoid this, make sure to set update_NAs = FALSE

update_NAs

logical: If TRUE, it will update NA values of all variables in x with actual values of variables in y that have the same name as the ones in x. If FALSE, NA values won't be updated, even if update_values is TRUE

reportvar

character: Name of reporting variable. Default is ".joyn". This is the same as variable "_merge" in Stata after performing a merge. If FALSE or NULL, the reporting variable will be excluded from the final table, though a summary of the join will be display after concluding.

reporttype

character: One of "character" or "numeric". Default is "character". If "numeric", the reporting variable will contain numeric codes of the source and the contents of each observation in the joined table. See below for more information.

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keep_common_vars

logical: If TRUE, it will keep the original variable from y when both tables have common variable names. Thus, the prefix "y." will be added to the original name to distinguish from the resulting variable in the joined table.

logical: If TRUE, sort by key variables in by. Default is TRUE. sort

verbose

logical: if FALSE, it won't display any message (programmer's option). Default is TRUE.

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match_type character: one of "m:m", "m:1", "1:m", "1:1". Default is "1:1" since this the most restrictive. However, following Stata's recommendation, it is better to be explicit and use any of the other three match types (See details in *match types sections*).

allow.cartesian logical: Check documentation in official web site. Default is NULL, which implies that if the join is "1:1" it will be FALSE, but if the join has any "m" on it, it will be converted to TRUE. By specifying TRUE of FALSE you force the behavior of the join.

suffixes A character(2) specifying the suffixes to be used for making non-by column names unique. The suffix behaviour works in a similar fashion as the base::merge method does.

```
yvars [Superseded]: use now y_vars_to_keep
keep_y_in_x [Superseded]: use now keep_common_vars
msg_type character: type of messages to display by default
```

na.last logical. If TRUE, missing values in the data are placed last; if FALSE,
 they are placed first; if NA they are removed. na.last=NA is valid only for
 x[order(., na.last)] and its default is TRUE. setorder and setorderv
 only accept TRUE/FALSE with default FALSE.

Value

An data frame of the same class as x. The properties of the output are as close as possible to the ones returned by the dplyr alternative.

See Also

Other dplyr alternatives: full_join(), inner_join(), right_join()

Examples

merge

Merge two data frames

Description

This is a joyn wrapper that works in a similar fashion to base::merge and data.table::merge, which is why merge masks the other two.

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Usage

```
merge(
  х,
  у,
  by = NULL,
  by.x = NULL,
 by.y = NULL,
  all = FALSE,
  all.x = all,
  all.y = all,
  sort = TRUE,
  suffixes = c(".x", ".y"),
  no.dups = TRUE,
  allow.cartesian = getOption("datatable.allow.cartesian"),
  match_type = c("m:m", "m:1", "1:m", "1:1"),
  keep_common_vars = TRUE,
)
```

Arguments

x, y data tables. y is coerced to a data.table if it isn't one already.

by A vector of shared column names in x and y to merge on. This defaults to the shared key columns between the two tables. If y has no key columns, this

defaults to the key of x.

by . x, by . y Vectors of column names in x and y to merge on.

all logical; all = TRUE is shorthand to save setting both all.x = TRUE and all.y =

TRUE.

all.x logical; if TRUE, rows from x which have no matching row in y are included. These rows will have 'NA's in the columns that are usually filled with values

from y. The default is FALSE so that only rows with data from both x and y are

included in the output.

all.y logical; analogous to all.x above.

sort logical. If TRUE (default), the rows of the merged data. table are sorted by

setting the key to the by / by.x columns. If FALSE, unlike base R's merge for which row order is unspecified, the row order in x is retained (including retaining the position of missings when all.x=TRUE), followed by y rows that don't match

x (when all.y=TRUE) retaining the order those appear in y.

suffixes A character(2) specifying the suffixes to be used for making non-by col-

umn names unique. The suffix behaviour works in a similar fashion as the

merge.data.frame method does.

no.dups logical indicating that suffixes are also appended to non-by.y column names

in y when they have the same column name as any by.x.

allow.cartesian

See allow.cartesian in [.data.table.

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match_type

character: one of "m:m", "m:1", "1:m", "1:1". Default is "1:1" since this the most restrictive. However, following Stata's recommendation, it is better to be explicit and use any of the other three match types (See details in *match types sections*).

keep_common_vars

logical: If TRUE, it will keep the original variable from y when both tables have common variable names. Thus, the prefix "y." will be added to the original name to distinguish from the resulting variable in the joined table.

... Arguments passed on to joyn

y_vars_to_keep character: Vector of variable names in y that will be kept after the merge. If TRUE (the default), it keeps all the brings all the variables in y into x. If FALSE or NULL, it does not bring any variable into x, but a report will be generated.

reportvar character: Name of reporting variable. Default is ".joyn". This is the same as variable "_merge" in Stata after performing a merge. If FALSE or NULL, the reporting variable will be excluded from the final table, though a summary of the join will be display after concluding.

update_NAs logical: If TRUE, it will update NA values of all variables in x with actual values of variables in y that have the same name as the ones in x. If FALSE, NA values won't be updated, even if update_values is TRUE

update_values logical: If TRUE, it will update all values of variables in x with the actual of variables in y with the same name as the ones in x. NAs from y won't be used to update actual values in x. Yet, by default, NAs in x will be updated with values in y. To avoid this, make sure to set update_NAs = FALSE

verbose logical: if FALSE, it won't display any message (programmer's option). Default is TRUE.

Value

data.table merging x and y

Examples

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possible_ids

Find possible unique identifies of data frame

Description

Identify possible variables uniquely identifying x

Usage

```
possible_ids(
   dt,
   exclude = NULL,
   include = NULL,
   verbose = getOption("possible_ids.verbose")
)
```

Arguments

dt	data frame
exclude	character: Exclude variables to be selected as identifiers. It could be either the name of the variables of one type of the variable prefixed by "_". For instance, "_numeric" or "_character".
include	character: Name of variable to be included, that might belong to the group excluded in the exclude
verbose	logical: If FALSE no message will be displayed. Default is TRUE

Value

list with possible identifiers

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Examples

rename_to_valid

Rename to syntactically valid names

Description

Rename to syntactically valid names

Usage

```
rename_to_valid(name, verbose = getOption("joyn.verbose"))
```

Arguments

name

character: name to be coerced to syntactically valid name

verbose

logical: if FALSE, it won't display any message (programmer's option). Default

is TRUE.

Value

valid character name

Examples

```
joyn:::rename_to_valid("x y")
```

right_join

Right join two data frames

Description

This is a joyn wrapper that works in a similar fashion to dplyr::right_join

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Usage

```
right_join(
 Х,
 у,
 by = intersect(names(x), names(y)),
  copv = FALSE,
  suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
 keep = NULL,
 na_matches = c("na", "never"),
 multiple = "all",
 unmatched = "drop"
  relationship = "one-to-one",
 y_vars_to_keep = TRUE,
  update_values = FALSE,
  update_NAs = update_values,
  reportvar = getOption("joyn.reportvar"),
  reporttype = c("character", "numeric"),
  roll = NULL,
  keep_common_vars = FALSE,
  sort = TRUE,
  verbose = getOption("joyn.verbose"),
)
```

Arguments

Х

data frame: referred to as *left* in R terminology, or *master* in Stata terminology.

У

data frame: referred to as right in R terminology, or using in Stata terminology.

by

a character vector of variables to join by. If NULL, the default, joyn will do a natural join, using all variables with common names across the two tables. A message lists the variables so that you can check they're correct (to suppress the message, simply explicitly list the variables that you want to join). To join by different variables on x and y use a vector of expressions. For example, by = c("a = b", "z") will use "a" in x, "b" in y, and "z" in both tables.

сору

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

Should the join keys from both x and y be preserved in the output?

- If NULL, the default, joins on equality retain only the keys from x, while joins on inequality retain the keys from both inputs.
- If TRUE, all keys from both inputs are retained.
- If FALSE, only keys from x are retained. For right and full joins, the data in key columns corresponding to rows that only exist in y are merged into the key columns from x. Can't be used when joining on inequality conditions.

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na_matches

Should two NA or two NaN values match?

• "na", the default, treats two NA or two NaN values as equal, like %in%, match(), and merge().

• "never" treats two NA or two NaN values as different, and will never match them together or to any other values. This is similar to joins for database sources and to base::merge(incomparables = NA).

multiple

Handling of rows in x with multiple matches in y. For each row of x:

- "all", the default, returns every match detected in y. This is the same behavior as SQL.
- "any" returns one match detected in y, with no guarantees on which match will be returned. It is often faster than "first" and "last" if you just need to detect if there is at least one match.
- "first" returns the first match detected in y.
- "last" returns the last match detected in y.

unmatched

How should unmatched keys that would result in dropped rows be handled?

- "drop" drops unmatched keys from the result.
- "error" throws an error if unmatched keys are detected.

unmatched is intended to protect you from accidentally dropping rows during a join. It only checks for unmatched keys in the input that could potentially drop rows.

- For left joins, it checks y.
- For right joins, it checks x.
- For inner joins, it checks both x and y. In this case, unmatched is also allowed to be a character vector of length 2 to specify the behavior for x and y independently.

relationship

Handling of the expected relationship between the keys of x and y. If the expectations chosen from the list below are invalidated, an error is thrown.

• NULL, the default, doesn't expect there to be any relationship between x and y. However, for equality joins it will check for a many-to-many relationship (which is typically unexpected) and will warn if one occurs, encouraging you to either take a closer look at your inputs or make this relationship explicit by specifying "many-to-many".

See the Many-to-many relationships section for more details.

- "one-to-one" expects:
 - Each row in x matches at most 1 row in y.
 - Each row in y matches at most 1 row in x.
- "one-to-many" expects:
 - Each row in y matches at most 1 row in x.
- "many-to-one" expects:
 - Each row in x matches at most 1 row in y.
- "many-to-many" doesn't perform any relationship checks, but is provided to allow you to be explicit about this relationship if you know it exists.

relationship doesn't handle cases where there are zero matches. For that, see unmatched.

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character: Vector of variable names in y that will be kept after the merge. If y_vars_to_keep TRUE (the default), it keeps all the brings all the variables in y into x. If FALSE

or NULL, it does not bring any variable into x, but a report will be generated.

logical: If TRUE, it will update all values of variables in x with the actual of update_values

variables in y with the same name as the ones in x. NAs from y won't be used to update actual values in x. Yet, by default, NAs in x will be updated with

values in y. To avoid this, make sure to set update_NAs = FALSE

update_NAs logical: If TRUE, it will update NA values of all variables in x with actual values

of variables in y that have the same name as the ones in x. If FALSE, NA values

won't be updated, even if update_values is TRUE

character: Name of reporting variable. Default is ".joyn". This is the same as reportvar

variable "_merge" in Stata after performing a merge. If FALSE or NULL, the reporting variable will be excluded from the final table, though a summary of

the join will be display after concluding.

character: One of "character" or "numeric". Default is "character". If "nureporttype

> meric", the reporting variable will contain numeric codes of the source and the contents of each observation in the joined table. See below for more informa-

tion.

rol1 double: to be implemented

keep_common_vars

logical: If TRUE, it will keep the original variable from y when both tables have common variable names. Thus, the prefix "y." will be added to the original name to distinguish from the resulting variable in the joined table.

sort logical: If TRUE, sort by key variables in by. Default is TRUE.

verbose logical: if FALSE, it won't display any message (programmer's option). Default

is TRUE.

Arguments passed on to joyn

match_type character: one of "m:m", "m:1", "1:m", "1:1". Default is "1:1" since this the most restrictive. However, following Stata's recommendation, it is better to be explicit and use any of the other three match types (See details in match types sections).

allow.cartesian logical: Check documentation in official web site. Default is NULL, which implies that if the join is "1:1" it will be FALSE, but if the join has any "m" on it, it will be converted to TRUE. By specifying TRUE of FALSE you force the behavior of the join.

suffixes A character(2) specifying the suffixes to be used for making non-by column names unique. The suffix behaviour works in a similar fashion as the base::merge method does.

yvars [Superseded]: use now y_vars_to_keep

keep_y_in_x [Superseded]: use now keep_common_vars

msg_type character: type of messages to display by default

na.last logical. If TRUE, missing values in the data are placed last; if FALSE, they are placed first; if NA they are removed. na.last=NA is valid only for x[order(., na.last)] and its default is TRUE. setorder and setorderv only accept TRUE/FALSE with default FALSE.

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Value

An data frame of the same class as x. The properties of the output are as close as possible to the ones returned by the dplyr alternative.

See Also

```
Other dplyr alternatives: full_join(), inner_join(), left_join()
```

Examples

set_joyn_options

Set joyn options

Description

This function is used to change the value of one or more joyn options

Usage

```
set_joyn_options(..., env = .joynenv)
```

Arguments

```
pairs of option = valueenvenvironment, which is joyn environment by default
```

Value

joyn new options and values invisibly as a list

See Also

JOYn options functions get_joyn_options()

Examples

```
joyn:::set_joyn_options(joyn.verbose = FALSE, joyn.reportvar = "joyn_status")
joyn:::set_joyn_options() # return to default options
```

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