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      emerging patterns (Dong (1999) <doi:10.1145/312129.312191>),
      association rules (Agrawal (1994) <a href="https://www.vldb.org/conf/1994/P487.PDF">https://www.vldb.org/conf/1994/P487.PDF</a>) and
      conditional correlations (Hájek (1978) <doi:10.1007/978-3-642-66943-9>).
      Both crisp (Boolean, binary) and fuzzy data are supported.
      It generates conditions in the form of elementary conjunctions, evaluates
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## **Description**

#### [Experimental]

A general function for searching for patterns of custom type. The function allows for the selection of columns of x to be used as condition predicates. The function enumerates all possible conditions in the form of elementary conjunctions of selected predicates, and for each condition, a user-defined callback function f is executed. The callback function is intended to perform some analysis and return an object representing a pattern or patterns related to the condition. dig() returns a list of these returned objects.

The callback function f may have some arguments that are listed in the f argument description. The algorithm provides information about the generated condition based on the present arguments.

Additionally to condition, the function allows for the selection of the so-called *focus* predicates. The focus predicates, a.k.a. *foci*, are predicates that are evaluated within each condition and some additional information is provided to the callback function about them.

dig() allows to specify some restrictions on the generated conditions, such as:

• the minimum and maximum length of the condition (min\_length and max\_length arguments).

• the minimum support of the condition (min\_support argument). Support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset x.

• the minimum support of the focus (min\_focus\_support argument). Support of the focus is the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates AND the focus are TRUE on it. Foci with support lower than min\_focus\_support are filtered out.

#### Usage

```
dig(
  х,
  f,
  condition = everything(),
  focus = NULL,
  disjoint = var_names(colnames(x)),
 min_length = 0,
 max_length = Inf,
 min_support = 0,
 min_focus_support = min_support,
 min_conditional_focus_support = 0,
 max\_support = 1,
  filter_empty_foci = FALSE,
  t_norm = "goguen",
 max_results = Inf,
  verbose = FALSE,
  threads = 1L,
 error_context = list(arg_x = "x", arg_f = "f", arg_condition = "condition", arg_focus =
  "focus", arg_disjoint = "disjoint", arg_min_length = "min_length", arg_max_length =
    "max_length", arg_min_support = "min_support", arg_min_focus_support =
    "min_focus_support", arg_min_conditional_focus_support =
    "min_conditional_focus_support", arg_max_support = "max_support",
  arg_filter_empty_foci = "filter_empty_foci", arg_t_norm = "t_norm", arg_max_results =
    "max_results", arg_verbose = "verbose", arg_threads = "threads",
     call =
    current_env())
)
```

#### **Arguments**

Х

a matrix or data frame. The matrix must be numeric (double) or logical. If x is a data frame then each column must be either numeric (double) or logical.

f

the callback function executed for each generated condition. This function may have some of the following arguments. Based on the present arguments, the algorithm would provide information about the generated condition:

- condition a named integer vector of column indices that represent the predicates of the condition. Names of the vector correspond to column names:
- support a numeric scalar value of the current condition's support;
- indices a logical vector indicating the rows satisfying the condition;

 weights - (similar to indices) weights of rows to which they satisfy the current condition;

- pp a value of a contingency table, condition & focus. pp is a named numeric vector where each value is a support of conjunction of the condition with a foci column (see the focus argument to specify, which columns).
   Names of the vector are foci column names.
- pn a value of a contingency table, condition & neg focus. pn is a named numeric vector where each value is a support of conjunction of the condition with a negated foci column (see the focus argument to specify, which columns are foci) names of the vector are foci column names.
- np a value of a contingency table, neg condition & focus. np is a named numeric vector where each value is a support of conjunction of the negated condition with a foci column (see the focus argument to specify, which columns are foci) names of the vector are foci column names.
- nn a value of a contingency table, neg condition & neg focus. nn is a named numeric vector where each value is a support of conjunction of the negated condition with a negated foci column (see the focus argument to specify, which columns are foci) names of the vector are foci column names.
- foci\_supports (deprecated, use pp instead) a named numeric vector of supports of foci columns (see focus argument to specify, which columns are foci) names of the vector are foci column names.

condition

a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use as condition predicates

focus

a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use as focus predicates

disjoint

an atomic vector of size equal to the number of columns of x that specifies the groups of predicates: if some elements of the disjoint vector are equal, then the corresponding columns of x will NOT be present together in a single condition. If x is prepared with partition(), using the var\_names() function on x's column names is a convenient way to create the disjoint vector.

min\_length

the minimum size (the minimum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated (must be greater or equal to 0). If 0, the empty condition is generated in the first place.

max\_length

The maximum size (the maximum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length of conditions is limited only by the number of available predicates.

min\_support

the minimum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. The support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset x. For logical data, it equals to the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values.

min\_focus\_support

the minimum support of a focus, for the focus to be passed to the callback function. The support of the focus is the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates AND the focus are TRUE on it. For numerical (double)

input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values.

min\_conditional\_focus\_support

the minimum relative support of a focus within a condition. The conditional support of the focus is the relative frequency of rows with focus being TRUE within rows where the condition is TRUE.

 ${\tt max\_support}$ 

the maximum support of a condition to trigger the callback

filter\_empty\_foci

a logical scalar indicating whether to skip conditions, for which no focus remains available after filtering by min\_focus\_support. If TRUE, the condition is passed to the callback function only if at least one focus remains after filtering. If FALSE, the condition is passed to the callback function regardless of the number of remaining foci.

t\_norm

a t-norm used to compute conjunction of weights. It must be one of "goedel" (minimum t-norm), "goguen" (product t-norm), or "lukas" (Lukasiewicz t-norm).

max\_results

the maximum number of generated conditions to execute the callback function on. If the number of found conditions exceeds max\_results, the function stops generating new conditions and returns the results. To avoid long computations during the search, it is recommended to set max\_results to a reasonable positive value. Setting max\_results to Inf will generate all possible conditions.

verbose

a logical scalar indicating whether to print progress messages.

threads

the number of threads to use for parallel computation.

error\_context

a list of details to be used in error messages. This argument is useful when dig() is called from another function to provide error messages, which refer to arguments of the calling function. The list must contain the following elements:

- arg\_x the name of the argument x as a character string
- arg\_f the name of the argument f as a character string
- arg\_condition the name of the argument condition as a character string
- arg\_focus the name of the argument focus as a character string
- arg\_disjoint the name of the argument disjoint as a character string
- arg\_min\_length the name of the argument min\_length as a character string
- arg\_max\_length the name of the argument max\_length as a character string
- arg\_min\_support the name of the argument min\_support as a character string
- arg\_min\_focus\_support the name of the argument min\_focus\_support as a character string
- arg\_max\_support the name of the argument max\_support as a character
- arg\_filter\_empty\_foci the name of the argument filter\_empty\_foci as a character string
- arg\_t\_norm the name of the argument t\_norm as a character string
- arg\_threads the name of the argument threads as a character string
- call an environment in which to evaluate the error messages.

#### Value

A list of results provided by the callback function f.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
partition(), var_names(), dig_grid()
```

```
library(tibble)
# Prepare iris data for use with dig()
d <- partition(iris, .breaks = 2)</pre>
# Call f() for each condition with support >= 0.5. The result is a list
# of strings representing the conditions.
dig(x = d,
   f = function(condition) {
        format_condition(names(condition))
   min_support = 0.5)
# Create a more complex pattern object - a list with some statistics
res \leftarrow dig(x = d,
           f = function(condition, support) {
               list(condition = format_condition(names(condition)),
                    support = support)
           min_support = 0.5)
print(res)
# Format the result as a data frame
do.call(rbind, lapply(res, as_tibble))
# Within each condition, evaluate also supports of columns starting with
# "Species"
res \leftarrow dig(x = d,
           f = function(condition, support, pp) {
               c(list(condition = format_condition(names(condition))),
                 list(condition_support = support),
                 as.list(pp / nrow(d)))
           },
           condition = !starts_with("Species"),
           focus = starts_with("Species"),
           min_support = 0.5,
           min_focus_support = 0)
# Format the result as a tibble
```

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```
do.call(rbind, lapply(res, as_tibble))
# For each condition, create multiple patterns based on the focus columns
res \leftarrow dig(x = d,
           f = function(condition, support, pp) {
               lapply(seq_along(pp), function(i) {
                   list(condition = format_condition(names(condition)),
                         condition_support = support,
                        focus = names(pp)[i],
                        focus_support = pp[[i]] / nrow(d))
               })
           },
           condition = !starts_with("Species"),
           focus = starts_with("Species"),
           min_support = 0.5,
           min_focus_support = 0)
# As res is now a list of lists, we need to flatten it before converting to
# a tibble
res <- unlist(res, recursive = FALSE)</pre>
# Format the result as a tibble
do.call(rbind, lapply(res, as_tibble))
```

dig\_associations

Search for association rules

#### Description

## [Experimental]

Association rules identify conditions (*antecedents*) under which a specific feature (*consequent*) is present very often.

Scheme: A => C

If condition A is satisfied, then the feature C is present very often.

Example: university\_edu & middle\_age & IT\_industry => high\_income

People in *middle age* with *university education* working in IT industry have very likely a *high income*.

Antecedent A is usually a set of predicates, and consequent C is a single predicate.

For the following explanations we need a mathematical function supp(I), which is defined for a set I of predicates as a relative frequency of rows satisfying all predicates from I. For logical data, supp(I) equals to the relative frequency of rows, for which all predicates  $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_n$  from I are TRUE. For numerical (double) input, supp(I) is computed as the mean (over all rows) of truth degrees of the formula i\_1 AND i\_2 AND ... AND i\_n, where AND is a triangular norm selected by the t\_norm argument.

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Association rules are characterized with the following quality measures.

Length of a rule is the number of elements in the antecedent.

Coverage of a rule is equal to supp(A).

Consequent support of a rule is equal to  $supp(\{c\})$ .

Support of a rule is equal to  $supp(A \cup \{c\})$ .

Confidence of a rule is the fraction  $supp(A)/supp(A \cup \{c\})$ .

## Usage

```
dig_associations(
  х,
  antecedent = everything(),
  consequent = everything(),
  disjoint = var_names(colnames(x)),
 min_length = 0L,
 max_length = Inf,
 min_coverage = 0,
 min_support = 0,
 min_confidence = 0,
  contingency_table = FALSE,
 measures = NULL,
  t_norm = "goguen"
 max_results = Inf,
  verbose = FALSE,
  threads = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a matrix or data frame with data to search in. The matrix must be numeric (double) or logical. If x is a data frame then each column must be either numeric

(double) or logical.

antecedent a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use in

the antecedent (left) part of the rules

consequent a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use in

the consequent (right) part of the rules

disjoint an atomic vector of size equal to the number of columns of x that specifies

the groups of predicates: if some elements of the disjoint vector are equal, then the corresponding columns of x will NOT be present together in a single condition. If x is prepared with partition(), using the  $var\_names()$  function

on x's column names is a convenient way to create the disjoint vector.

min\_length the minimum length, i.e., the minimum number of predicates in the antecedent,

of a rule to be generated. Value must be greater or equal to 0. If 0, rules with

empty antecedent are generated in the first place.

max\_length The maximum length, i.e., the maximum number of predicates in the antecedent,

of a rule to be generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length is limited only by

the number of available predicates.

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min\_coverage the minimum coverage of a rule in the dataset x. (See Description for the defi-

nition of coverage.)

min\_support the minimum support of a rule in the dataset x. (See Description for the defini-

tion of *support*.)

the minimum confidence of a rule in the dataset x. (See Description for the min\_confidence

definition of confidence.)

contingency\_table

a logical value indicating whether to provide a contingency table for each rule. If TRUE, the columns pp, pn, np, and nn are added to the output table. These columns contain the number of rows satisfying the antecedent and the consequent, the antecedent but not the consequent, the consequent but not the an-

tecedent, and neither the antecedent nor the consequent, respectively.

a character vector specifying the additional quality measures to compute. If measures NULL, no additional measures are computed. Possible values are "lift", "conviction",

"added\_value". See https://mhahsler.github.io/arules/docs/measures

for a description of the measures.

a t-norm used to compute conjunction of weights. It must be one of "goedel" t\_norm

(minimum t-norm), "goguen" (product t-norm), or "lukas" (Lukasiewicz t-

max\_results the maximum number of generated conditions to execute the callback function

> on. If the number of found conditions exceeds max\_results, the function stops generating new conditions and returns the results. To avoid long computations during the search, it is recommended to set max\_results to a reasonable posi-

tive value. Setting max\_results to Inf will generate all possible conditions.

verbose a logical value indicating whether to print progress messages.

threads the number of threads to use for parallel computation.

## Value

A tibble with found patterns and computed quality measures.

#### Author(s)

Michal Burda

## See Also

```
partition(), var_names(), dig()
```

```
d <- partition(mtcars, .breaks = 2)</pre>
dig_associations(d,
                 antecedent = !starts_with("mpg"),
                 consequent = starts_with("mpg"),
                 min_support = 0.3,
                 min_confidence = 0.8,
                 measures = c("lift", "conviction"))
```

dig\_baseline\_contrasts

Search for conditions that yield in statistically significant one-sample test in selected variables.

# Description

#### [Experimental]

Baseline contrast patterns identify conditions under which a specific feature is significantly different from a given value by performing a one-sample statistical test.

```
Scheme: var != 0 | C
```

Variable var is (in average) significantly different from 0 under the condition C.

```
Example: (measure_error != 0 | measure_tool_A
```

If measuring with measure tool A, the average measure error is significantly different from 0

The baseline contrast is computed using a one-sample statistical test, which is specified by the method argument. The function computes the contrast between all variables specified by the vars argument. Baseline contrasts are computed in sub-data corresponding to conditions generated from the condition columns. Function dig\_baseline\_contrasts() supports crisp conditions only, i.e., the condition columns in x must be logical.

## Usage

```
dig_baseline_contrasts(
  condition = where(is.logical),
  vars = where(is.numeric),
  disjoint = var_names(colnames(x)),
 min_length = 0L,
 max_length = Inf,
 min_support = 0,
 max\_support = 1,
 method = "t",
  alternative = "two.sided",
  h0 = 0,
  conf_level = 0.95,
 max_p_value = 0.05,
 wilcox_exact = FALSE,
 wilcox_correct = TRUE,
 wilcox_tol_root = 1e-04,
 wilcox_digits_rank = Inf,
 max_results = Inf,
  verbose = FALSE,
```

```
threads = 1
```

## **Arguments**

x a matrix or data frame with data to search the patterns in.

condition a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use as condition predicates

vars a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use for

a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use for computation of contrasts

an atomic vector of size equal to the number of columns of x that specifies the groups of predicates: if some elements of the disjoint vector are equal, then the corresponding columns of x will NOT be present together in a single condition. If x is prepared with partition(), using the var\_names() function on x's column names is a convenient way to create the disjoint vector.

the minimum size (the minimum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated (must be greater or equal to 0). If 0, the empty condition is generated in the first place.

The maximum size (the maximum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length of conditions is limited only by the number of available predicates.

the minimum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. The support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset x. For logical data, it equals to the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values.

the maximum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. See argument min\_support for details of what is the support of a condition.

a character string indicating which contrast to compute. One of "t", for parametric, or "wilcox", for non-parametric test on equality in position.

indicates the alternative hypothesis and must be one of "two.sided", "greater" or "less". "greater" corresponds to positive association, "less" to negative association.

a numeric value specifying the null hypothesis for the test. For the "t" method, it is the value of the mean. For the "wilcox" method, it is the value of the median. The default value is 0.

a numeric value specifying the level of the confidence interval. The default value is 0.95.

the maximum p-value of a test for the pattern to be considered significant. If the p-value of the test is greater than max\_p\_value, the pattern is not included in the result.

(used for the "wilcox" method only) a logical value indicating whether the exact p-value should be computed. If NULL, the exact p-value is computed for sample sizes less than 50. See wilcox.test() and its exact argument for more information. Contrary to the behavior of wilcox.test(), the default value is FALSE.

min\_length

disjoint

max\_length

min\_support

max\_support

method

alternative

h0

conf\_level

max\_p\_value

wilcox\_exact

wilcox\_correct (used for the "wilcox" method only) a logical value indicating whether the con-

tinuity correction should be applied in the normal approximation for the p-value, if wilcox\_exact is FALSE. See wilcox.test() and its correct argument for

more information.

wilcox\_tol\_root

(used for the "wilcox" method only) a numeric value specifying the tolerance for the root-finding algorithm used to compute the exact p-value. See wilcox.test() and its tol.root argument for more information.

wilcox\_digits\_rank

(used for the "wilcox" method only) a numeric value specifying the number of digits to round the ranks to. See wilcox.test() and its digits.rank argument

for more information.

max\_results the maximum number of generated conditions to execute the callback function

on. If the number of found conditions exceeds max\_results, the function stops generating new conditions and returns the results. To avoid long computations during the search, it is recommended to set max\_results to a reasonable positive value. Setting max\_results to Inf will generate all possible conditions.

verbose a logical scalar indicating whether to print progress messages.

threads the number of threads to use for parallel computation.

#### Value

A tibble with found patterns in rows. The following columns are always present:

condition the condition of the pattern as a character string in the form {p1 & p2 & ... &

pn} where p1, p2, ..., pn are x's column names.

support the support of the condition, i.e., the relative frequency of the condition in the

dataset x.

var the name of the contrast variable.

estimate the estimated mean or median of variable var.

statistic the statistic of the selected test.
p\_value the p-value of the underlying test.

n the number of rows in the sub-data corresponding to the condition.

conf\_int\_lo the lower bound of the confidence interval of the estimate.

conf\_int\_hi the upper bound of the confidence interval of the estimate.

alternative a character string indicating the alternative hypothesis. The value must be one

of "two.sided", "greater", or "less".

method a character string indicating the method used for the test.

comment a character string with additional information about the test (mainly error mes-

sages on failure).

For the "t" method, the following additional columns are also present (see also t.test()):

df the degrees of freedom of the t test. stderr the standard error of the mean.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
dig_paired_baseline_contrasts(), dig_complement_contrasts(), dig(), dig_grid(), stats::t.test(),
stats::wilcox.test()
```

dig\_complement\_contrasts

Search for conditions that provide significant differences in selected variables to the rest of the data table

## **Description**

#### [Experimental]

Complement contrast patterns identify conditions under which there is a significant difference in some numerical variable between elements that satisfy the identified condition and the rest of the data table.

```
Scheme: (var | C) != (var | not C)
```

There is a statistically significant difference in variable var between group of elements that satisfy condition C and a group of elements that do not satisfy condition C.

```
Example: (life_expectancy | smoker) < (life_expectancy | non-smoker)
```

The life expectancy in people that smoke cigarettes is in average significantly lower than in people that do not smoke.

The complement contrast is computed using a two-sample statistical test, which is specified by the method argument. The function computes the complement contrast in all variables specified by the vars argument. Complement contrasts are computed based on sub-data corresponding to conditions generated from the condition columns and the rest of the data table. Function #' dig\_complement\_contrasts() supports crisp conditions only, i.e., the condition columns in x must be logical.

#### Usage

```
dig_complement_contrasts(
    x,
    condition = where(is.logical),
    vars = where(is.numeric),
    disjoint = var_names(colnames(x)),
    min_length = 0L,
    max_length = Inf,
    min_support = 0,
```

```
max_support = 1 - min_support,
method = "t",
alternative = "two.sided",
h0 = if (method == "var") 1 else 0,
conf_level = 0.95,
max_p_value = 0.05,
t_var_equal = FALSE,
wilcox_exact = FALSE,
wilcox_correct = TRUE,
wilcox_tol_root = 1e-04,
wilcox_digits_rank = Inf,
max_results = Inf,
verbose = FALSE,
threads = 1L
```

#### **Arguments**

x a matrix or data frame with data to search the patterns in.

condition a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use as

condition predicates

vars a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use for

computation of contrasts

disjoint an atomic vector of size equal to the number of columns of x that specifies

the groups of predicates: if some elements of the disjoint vector are equal, then the corresponding columns of x will NOT be present together in a single condition. If x is prepared with partition(), using the  $var\_names()$  function

on x's column names is a convenient way to create the disjoint vector.

min\_length the minimum size (the minimum number of predicates) of the condition to be

generated (must be greater or equal to 0). If 0, the empty condition is generated

in the first place.

max\_length The maximum size (the maximum number of predicates) of the condition to be

generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length of conditions is limited only by

the number of available predicates.

min\_support the minimum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. The

support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset x. For logical data, it equals to the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support

is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values.

max\_support the maximum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. See argument min\_support for details of what is the support of a condition.

method a character string indicating which contrast to compute. One of "t", for para-

metric, or "wilcox", for non-parametric test on equality in position, and "var"

for F-test on comparison of variances of two populations.

alternative indicates the alternative hypothesis and must be one of "two.sided", "greater"

or "less". "greater" corresponds to positive association, "less" to negative

association.

ho a numeric value specifying the null hypothesis for the test. For the "t" method,

it is the difference in means. For the "wilcox" method, it is the difference in medians. For the "var" method, it is the hypothesized ratio of the population

variances. The default value is 1 for "var" method, and 0 otherwise.

conf\_level a numeric value specifying the level of the confidence interval. The default value

is 0.95.

max\_p\_value the maximum p-value of a test for the pattern to be considered significant. If the

p-value of the test is greater than max\_p\_value, the pattern is not included in the

result.

t\_var\_equal (used for the "t" method only) a logical value indicating whether the variances

of the two samples are assumed to be equal. If TRUE, the pooled variance is used to estimate the variance in the t-test. If FALSE, the Welch (or Satterthwaite) approximation to the degrees of freedom is used. See t.test() and its var.equal

argument for more information.

wilcox\_exact (used for the "wilcox" method only) a logical value indicating whether the

exact p-value should be computed. If NULL, the exact p-value is computed for sample sizes less than 50. See wilcox.test() and its exact argument for more information. Contrary to the behavior of wilcox.test(), the default value is

FALSE.

wilcox\_correct (used for the "wilcox" method only) a logical value indicating whether the con-

tinuity correction should be applied in the normal approximation for the p-value, if wilcox\_exact is FALSE. See wilcox.test() and its correct argument for

more information.

wilcox\_tol\_root

(used for the "wilcox" method only) a numeric value specifying the tolerance for the root-finding algorithm used to compute the exact p-value. See

wilcox.test() and its tol.root argument for more information.

wilcox\_digits\_rank

(used for the "wilcox" method only) a numeric value specifying the number of digits to round the ranks to. See wilcox.test() and its digits.rank argument

for more information.

max\_results the maximum number of generated conditions to execute the callback function

on. If the number of found conditions exceeds max\_results, the function stops generating new conditions and returns the results. To avoid long computations during the search, it is recommended to set max\_results to a reasonable posi-

tive value. Setting max\_results to Inf will generate all possible conditions.

verbose a logical scalar indicating whether to print progress messages.

threads the number of threads to use for parallel computation.

#### Value

A tibble with found patterns in rows. The following columns are always present:

condition the condition of the pattern as a character string in the form {p1 & p2 & ... &

pn} where p1, p2, ..., pn are x's column names.

support the support of the condition, i.e., the relative frequency of the condition in the

dataset x.

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var the name of the contrast variable.

estimate the estimate value (see the underlying test.

statistic the statistic of the selected test.
p\_value the p-value of the underlying test.

n\_x the number of rows in the sub-data corresponding to the condition.

n\_y the number of rows in the sub-data corresponding to the negation of the condi-

tion.

conf\_int\_lo the lower bound of the confidence interval of the estimate. conf\_int\_hi the upper bound of the confidence interval of the estimate.

alternative a character string indicating the alternative hypothesis. The value must be one

of "two.sided", "greater", or "less".

method a character string indicating the method used for the test.

comment a character string with additional information about the test (mainly error mes-

sages on failure).

For the "t" method, the following additional columns are also present (see also t.test()):

df the degrees of freedom of the t test.

stderr the standard error of the mean difference.

#### Author(s)

Michal Burda

#### See Also

```
dig_baseline_contrasts(), dig_paired_baseline_contrasts(), dig(), dig_grid(), stats::t.test(),
stats::wilcox.test(), stats::var.test()
```

dig\_correlations

Search for conditional correlations

### **Description**

#### [Experimental]

Conditional correlations are patterns that identify strong relationships between pairs of numeric variables under specific conditions.

Scheme: xvar ~ yvar | C

xvar and yvar highly correlates in data that satisfy the condition C.

Example: study\_time ~ test\_score | hard\_exam

For *hard exams*, the amount of *study time* is highly correlated with the obtained exam's *test score*.

The function computes correlations between all combinations of xvars and yvars columns of x in multiple sub-data corresponding to conditions generated from condition columns.

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# Usage

```
dig_correlations(
 condition = where(is.logical),
 xvars = where(is.numeric),
 yvars = where(is.numeric),
 disjoint = var_names(colnames(x)),
 method = "pearson",
 alternative = "two.sided",
 exact = NULL,
 min_length = 0L,
 max_length = Inf,
 min_support = 0,
 max\_support = 1,
 max_results = Inf,
 verbose = FALSE,
 threads = 1
)
```

# Arguments

X	a matrix or data frame with data to search in.
condition	a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use as condition predicates
xvars	a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use for computation of correlations
yvars	a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use for computation of correlations
disjoint	an atomic vector of size equal to the number of columns of x that specifies the groups of predicates: if some elements of the disjoint vector are equal, then the corresponding columns of x will NOT be present together in a single condition. If x is prepared with partition(), using the var_names() function on x's column names is a convenient way to create the disjoint vector.
method	a character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be used for the test. One of "pearson", "kendall", or "spearman"
alternative	indicates the alternative hypothesis and must be one of "two.sided", "greater" or "less". "greater" corresponds to positive association, "less" to negative association.
exact	a logical indicating whether an exact p-value should be computed. Used for Kendall's <i>tau</i> and Spearman's <i>rho</i> . See stats::cor.test() for more information.
min_length	the minimum size (the minimum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated (must be greater or equal to 0). If 0, the empty condition is generated in the first place.

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The maximum size (the maximum number of predicates) of the condition to be max\_length generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length of conditions is limited only by the number of available predicates. the minimum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. The min\_support support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset x. For logical data, it equals to the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values. the maximum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. See max\_support argument min\_support for details of what is the support of a condition. the maximum number of generated conditions to execute the callback function max\_results on. If the number of found conditions exceeds max\_results, the function stops generating new conditions and returns the results. To avoid long computations during the search, it is recommended to set max\_results to a reasonable positive value. Setting max\_results to Inf will generate all possible conditions. verbose a logical scalar indicating whether to print progress messages.

the number of threads to use for parallel computation.

#### Value

A tibble with found patterns.

#### Author(s)

Michal Burda

threads

#### See Also

```
dig(), stats::cor.test()
```

dig\_grid

dig\_grid

Search for grid-based rules

## **Description**

#### [Experimental]

This function creates a grid column names specified by xvars and yvars (see var\_grid()). After that, it enumerates all conditions created from data in x (by calling dig()) and for each such condition and for each row of the grid of combinations, a user-defined function f is executed on each sub-data created from x by selecting all rows of x that satisfy the generated condition and by selecting the columns in the grid's row.

Function is useful for searching for patterns that are based on the relationships between pairs of columns, such as in dig\_correlations().

#### Usage

```
dig_grid(
  х,
  f,
  condition = where(is.logical),
  xvars = where(is.numeric),
  yvars = where(is.numeric),
  disjoint = var_names(colnames(x)),
  allow = "all",
  na_rm = FALSE,
  type = "crisp"
 min_length = 0L,
 max_length = Inf,
 min_support = 0,
 max\_support = 1,
 max_results = Inf,
 verbose = FALSE,
  threads = 1L,
 error_context = list(arg_x = "x", arg_f = "f", arg_condition = "condition", arg_xvars =
   "xvars", arg_yvars = "yvars", arg_disjoint = "disjoint", arg_allow = "allow",
  arg_na_rm = "na_rm", arg_type = "type", arg_min_length = "min_length", arg_max_length
  = "max_length", arg_min_support = "min_support", arg_max_support = "max_support",
  arg_max_results = "max_results", arg_verbose = "verbose", arg_threads = "threads",
    call = current_env())
)
```

#### Arguments

x a matrix or data frame with data to search in.

f the callback function to be executed for each generated condition. The arguments of the callback function differ based on the value of the type argument (see below):

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> • If type = "crisp" (that is, boolean), the callback function f must accept a single argument pd of type data. frame with single (if yvars == NULL) or two (if yvars != NULL) columns, accessible as pd[[1]] and pd[[2]]. Data frame pd is a subset of the original data frame x with all rows that satisfy the generated condition. Optionally, the callback function may accept an argument nd that is a subset of the original data frame x with all rows that do not satisfy the generated condition.

> • If type = "fuzzy", the callback function f must accept an argument d of type data.frame with single (if yvars == NULL) or two (if yvars != NULL) columns, accessible as d[[1]] and d[[2]], and a numeric argument weights with the same length as the number of rows in d. The weights argument contains the truth degree of the generated condition for each row of d. The truth degree is a number in the interval [0, 1] that represents the degree of satisfaction of the condition in the original data row.

In all cases, the function must return a list of scalar values, which will be converted into a single row of result of final tibble.

condition

a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use as condition predicates. The selected columns must be logical or numeric. If numeric, fuzzy conditions are considered.

xvars

a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns of x, whose names will be used as a domain for combinations use at the first place (xvar)

yvars

NULL or a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns of x, whose names will be used as a domain for combinations use at the second place (yvar)

disjoint

an atomic vector of size equal to the number of columns of x that specifies the groups of predicates: if some elements of the disjoint vector are equal, then the corresponding columns of x will NOT be present together in a single condition. If x is prepared with partition(), using the var\_names() function on x's column names is a convenient way to create the disjoint vector.

allow

a character string specifying which columns are allowed to be selected by xvars and yvars arguments. Possible values are:

- "all" all columns are allowed to be selected
- "numeric" only numeric columns are allowed to be selected

na\_rm

a logical value indicating whether to remove rows with missing values from sub-data before the callback function f is called

type

a character string specifying the type of conditions to be processed. The "crisp" type accepts only logical columns as condition predicates. The "fuzzy" type accepts both logical and numeric columns as condition predicates where numeric data are in the interval [0, 1]. The callback function f differs based on the value of the type argument (see the description of f above).

min\_length

the minimum size (the minimum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated (must be greater or equal to 0). If 0, the empty condition is generated in the first place.

max\_length

the maximum size (the maximum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length of conditions is limited only by the number of available predicates.

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min\_support the minimum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. The

support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset x. For logical data, it equals to the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values.

max\_support the maximum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. See

argument min\_support for details of what is the support of a condition.

max\_results the maximum number of generated conditions to execute the callback function

on. If the number of found conditions exceeds max\_results, the function stops generating new conditions and returns the results. To avoid long computations during the search, it is recommended to set max\_results to a reasonable positive value. Setting max\_results to Inf will generate all possible conditions.

verbose a logical scalar indicating whether to print progress messages.

threads the number of threads to use for parallel computation.

error\_context a list of details to be used in error messages. This argument is useful when

dig\_grid() is called from another function to provide error messages, which refer to arguments of the calling function. The list must contain the following

elements:

• arg\_x - the name of the argument x as a character string

- arg\_condition the name of the argument condition as a character string
- arg\_xvars the name of the argument xvars as a character string
- arg\_yvars the name of the argument yvars as a character string
- call an environment in which to evaluate the error messages.

#### Value

A tibble with found patterns. Each row represents a single call of the callback function f.

#### Author(s)

Michal Burda

#### See Also

dig(), var\_grid(); see also dig\_correlations() and dig\_paired\_baseline\_contrasts(), as they are using this function internally.

```
# call f() for each condition created from column `Species`
dig_grid(crispIris,
         f,
         condition = starts_with("Species"),
         xvars = starts_with("Sepal"),
         yvars = starts_with("Petal"),
         type = "crisp")
# *** Example of fuzzy patterns:
# create fuzzy sets from Sepal columns
fuzzyIris <- partition(iris,</pre>
                       starts_with("Sepal"),
                        .method = "triangle",
                       .breaks = 3)
# a simple callback function that computes a weighted mean of a difference of
# `xvar` and `yvar`
f <- function(d, weights) {</pre>
   list(m = weighted.mean(d[[1]] - d[[2]], w = weights),
         w = sum(weights))
}
# call f() for each fuzzy condition created from column fuzzy sets whose
# names start with "Sepal"
dig_grid(fuzzyIris,
         f,
         condition = starts_with("Sepal"),
         xvars = Petal.Length,
         yvars = Petal.Width,
         type = "fuzzy")
```

dig\_paired\_baseline\_contrasts

Search for conditions that provide significant differences between paired variables

## **Description**

## [Experimental]

Paired baseline contrast patterns identify conditions under which there is a significant difference in some statistical feature between two paired numeric variables.

```
Scheme: (xvar - yvar) != 0 | C
```

There is a statistically significant difference between paired variables xvar and yvar under the condition C.

```
Example: (daily_ice_cream_income - daily_tea_income) > 0 | sunny
```

Under the condition of *sunny weather*, the paired test shows that *daily ice-cream income* is significantly higher than the *daily tea income*.

The paired baseline contrast is computed using a paired version of a statistical test, which is specified by the method argument. The function computes the paired contrast between all pairs of variables, where the first variable is specified by the xvars argument and the second variable is specified by the yvars argument. Paired baseline contrasts are computed in sub-data corresponding to conditions generated from the condition columns. Function dig\_paired\_baseline\_contrasts() supports crisp conditions only, i.e., the condition columns in x must be logical.

## Usage

```
dig_paired_baseline_contrasts(
  condition = where(is.logical),
 xvars = where(is.numeric),
 yvars = where(is.numeric),
 disjoint = var_names(colnames(x)),
 min_length = 0L,
 max_length = Inf,
 min_support = 0,
 max\_support = 1,
 method = "t",
  alternative = "two.sided",
 h0 = 0,
  conf_level = 0.95,
 max_p_value = 1,
  t_var_equal = FALSE,
 wilcox_exact = FALSE,
 wilcox_correct = TRUE,
 wilcox_tol_root = 1e-04,
 wilcox_digits_rank = Inf,
 max_results = Inf,
 verbose = FALSE,
  threads = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

X	a matrix or data frame with data to search the patterns in.
condition	a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use as condition predicates
xvars	a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use for computation of contrasts
yvars	a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to use for computation of contrasts

disjoint an atomic vector of size equal to the number of columns of x that specifies the groups of predicates: if some elements of the disjoint vector are equal, then the corresponding columns of x will NOT be present together in a single condition. If x is prepared with partition(), using the var\_names() function on x's column names is a convenient way to create the disjoint vector. min\_length the minimum size (the minimum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated (must be greater or equal to 0). If 0, the empty condition is generated in the first place. max\_length The maximum size (the maximum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length of conditions is limited only by the number of available predicates. min\_support the minimum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. The support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset x. For logical data, it equals to the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values. the maximum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. See max\_support argument min\_support for details of what is the support of a condition. method a character string indicating which contrast to compute. One of "t", for parametric, or "wilcox", for non-parametric test on equality in position. alternative indicates the alternative hypothesis and must be one of "two.sided", "greater" or "less". "greater" corresponds to positive association, "less" to negative association. a numeric value specifying the null hypothesis for the test. For the "t" method, h0 it is the difference in means. For the "wilcox" method, it is the difference in medians. The default value is 0. conf\_level a numeric value specifying the level of the confidence interval. The default value is 0.95. the maximum p-value of a test for the pattern to be considered significant. If the max\_p\_value p-value of the test is greater than max\_p\_value, the pattern is not included in the (used for the "t" method only) a logical value indicating whether the variances t\_var\_equal of the two samples are assumed to be equal. If TRUE, the pooled variance is used to estimate the variance in the t-test. If FALSE, the Welch (or Satterthwaite) approximation to the degrees of freedom is used. See t.test() and its var.equal argument for more information. wilcox\_exact (used for the "wilcox" method only) a logical value indicating whether the exact p-value should be computed. If NULL, the exact p-value is computed for sample sizes less than 50. See wilcox.test() and its exact argument for more information. Contrary to the behavior of wilcox.test(), the default value is

FALSE.

wilcox\_correct (used for the "wilcox" method only) a logical value indicating whether the continuity correction should be applied in the normal approximation for the p-value, if wilcox\_exact is FALSE. See wilcox.test() and its correct argument for more information.

wilcox\_tol\_root

(used for the "wilcox" method only) a numeric value specifying the tolerance for the root-finding algorithm used to compute the exact p-value. See wilcox.test() and its tol.root argument for more information.

wilcox\_digits\_rank

(used for the "wilcox" method only) a numeric value specifying the number of digits to round the ranks to. See wilcox.test() and its digits.rank argument

for more information.

max\_results the maximum number of generated conditions to execute the callback function

on. If the number of found conditions exceeds max\_results, the function stops generating new conditions and returns the results. To avoid long computations during the search, it is recommended to set max\_results to a reasonable positive value. Setting max\_results to Inf will generate all possible conditions.

verbose a logical scalar indicating whether to print progress messages.

threads the number of threads to use for parallel computation.

#### Value

A tibble with found patterns in rows. The following columns are always present:

condition the condition of the pattern as a character string in the form {p1 & p2 & ... &

pn} where p1, p2, ..., pn are x's column names.

support the support of the condition, i.e., the relative frequency of the condition in the

dataset x.

xvar the name of the first variable in the contrast.

yvar the name of the second variable in the contrast.

estimate the estimated difference of variable var.

statistic the statistic of the selected test.
p\_value the p-value of the underlying test.

n the number of rows in the sub-data corresponding to the condition.

conf\_int\_lo the lower bound of the confidence interval of the estimate.

conf\_int\_hi the upper bound of the confidence interval of the estimate.

alternative a character string indicating the alternative hypothesis. The value must be one

of "two.sided", "greater", or "less".

method a character string indicating the method used for the test.

comment a character string with additional information about the test (mainly error mes-

sages on failure).

For the "t" method, the following additional columns are also present (see also t.test()):

df the degrees of freedom of the t test.

stderr the standard error of the mean difference.

## Author(s)

Michal Burda

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## See Also

```
dig_baseline_contrasts(), dig_complement_contrasts(), dig(), dig_grid(), stats::t.test(),
stats::wilcox.test()
```

#### **Examples**

format\_condition

Format a vector of predicates into a string with a condition

## Description

Function takes a character vector of predicates and returns a formatted condition. The format of the condition is a string with predicates separated by commas and enclosed in curly braces.

## Usage

```
format_condition(condition)
```

## **Arguments**

condition

a character vector of predicates to be formatted

#### Value

a character scalar with a formatted condition

#### Author(s)

Michal Burda

```
format_condition(NULL)  # returns {}
format_condition(c("a", "b", "c"))  # returns {a,b,c}
```

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is_degree	Tests whether the given argument is a numeric value from the interval $\left[0,1\right]$

## **Description**

Tests whether the given argument is a numeric value from the interval [0,1]

# Usage

```
is_degree(x, na_rm = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

x the value to be tested

na\_rm whether to ignore NA values

## Value

TRUE if x is a numeric vector, matrix or array with values between 0 and 1, otherwise, FALSE is returned. If na\_rm is TRUE, NA values are treated as valid values. If na\_rm is FALSE and x contains NA values, FALSE is returned.

## Author(s)

Michal Burda

is\_subset

Determine whether the first vector is a subset of the second vector

# Description

Determine whether the first vector is a subset of the second vector

# Usage

```
is_subset(x, y)
```

#### **Arguments**

x the first vectory the second vector

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## Value

TRUE if x is a subset of y, or FALSE otherwise. x is considered a subset of y if all elements of x are also in y, i.e., if setdiff(x, y) is a vector of length 0.

## Author(s)

Michal Burda

partition

Convert columns of data frame to Boolean or fuzzy sets

## Description

Convert the selected columns of the data frame into either dummy logical columns, or into membership degrees of fuzzy sets, while leaving the remaining columns untouched. Each column selected for transformation typically yields in multiple columns in the output.

## Usage

```
partition(
    .data,
    .what = everything(),
    ...,
    .breaks = NULL,
    .labels = NULL,
    .na = TRUE,
    .keep = FALSE,
    .method = "crisp",
    .right = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

.data	the data frame to be processed
.what	a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns to be transformed
	optional other tidyselect expressions selecting additional columns to be processed
.breaks	for numeric columns, this has to be either an integer scalar or a numeric vector. If .breaks is an integer scalar, it specifies the number of resulting intervals to break the numeric column to (for .method="crisp") or the number of target fuzzy sets (for .method="triangle" or .method="raisedcos). If .breaks is a vector, the values specify the borders of intervals (for .method="crisp") or the breaking points of fuzzy sets.
.labels	character vector specifying the names used to construct the newly created column names. If NULL, the labels are generated automatically.

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.na	if TRUE, an additional logical column is created for each source column that contains NA values. For column named x, the newly created column's name will be x=NA.
.keep	if TRUE, the original columns being transformed remain present in the resulting data frame.
.method	The method of transformation for numeric columns. Either "crisp", "triangle", or "raisedcos" is required.
.right	If .method="crisp", this argument specifies if the intervals should be closed on the right (and open on the left) or vice versa.

#### **Details**

Transformations performed by this function are typically useful as a preprocessing step before using the dig() function or some of its derivatives (dig\_correlations(), dig\_paired\_baseline\_contrasts(), dig\_associations()).

The transformation of selected columns differ based on the type. Concretely:

- logical column x is transformed into pair of logical columns, x=TRUE andx=FALSE;
- **factor** column x, which has levels 11, 12, and 13, is transformed into three logical columns named x=11, x=12, and x=13;
- numeric columnx is transformed accordingly to .method argument:
  - if .method="crisp", the column is first transformed into a factor with intervals as factor levels and then it is processed as a factor (see above);
  - for other .method (triangle or raisedcos), several new columns are created, where each column has numeric values from the interval [0, 1] and represents a certain fuzzy set (either triangular or raised-cosinal). Details of transformation of numeric columns can be specified with additional arguments (.breaks, .labels, .right).

#### Value

A tibble created by transforming .data.

## Author(s)

Michal Burda

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var\_grid

Create a tibble of combinations of selected column names

## Description

xvars and yvars arguments are tidyselect expressions (see tidyselect syntax) that specify the columns of x whose names will be used as a domain for combinations.

If yvars is NULL, the function creates a tibble with one column var enumerating all column names specified by the xvars argument.

If yvars is not NULL, the function creates a tibble with two columns, xvar and yvar, whose rows enumerate all combinations of column names specified by the xvars and yvars argument.

It is allowed to specify the same column in both xvars and yvars arguments. In such a case, the combinations of the same column with itself are removed from the result.

In other words, the function creates a grid of all possible pairs (xx, yy) where  $xx \in xvars$ ,  $yy \in yvars$ , and  $xx \neq yy$ .

## Usage

```
var_grid(
    x,
    xvars = everything(),
    yvars = everything(),
    allow = "all",
    xvar_name = if (quo_is_null(enquo(yvars))) "var" else "xvar",
    yvar_name = "yvar",
    error_context = list(arg_x = "x", arg_xvars = "xvars", arg_yvars = "yvars", arg_allow =
        "allow", arg_xvar_name = "xvar_name", arg_yvar_name = "yvar_name", call =
        current_env())
)
```

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## **Arguments**

X	either a data frame or a matrix
xvars	a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns of x, whose names will be used as a domain for combinations use at the first place (xvar)
yvars	NULL or a tidyselect expression (see tidyselect syntax) specifying the columns of x, whose names will be used as a domain for combinations use at the second place (yvar)
allow	a character string specifying which columns are allowed to be selected by xvars and yvars arguments. Possible values are:
	<ul> <li>"all" - all columns are allowed to be selected</li> </ul>
	• "numeric" - only numeric columns are allowed to be selected
xvar_name	the name of the first column in the resulting tibble.
yvar_name	the name of the second column in the resulting tibble. The column does not exist if yvars is NULL.
error_context	A list of details to be used in error messages. This argument is useful when var_grid() is called from another function to provide error messages, which

- arg\_x the name of the argument x as a character string
- arg\_xvars the name of the argument xvars as a character string

refer to arguments of the calling function. The list must contain the following

- arg\_yvars the name of the argument yvars as a character string
- arg\_allow the name of the argument allow as a character string
- arg\_xvar\_name the name of the xvar column in the output tibble
- arg\_yvar\_name the name of the yvar column in the output tibble
- call an environment in which to evaluate the error messages.

#### Value

if yvars is NULL, the function returns a tibble with a single column (var). If yvars is a non-NULL expression, the function returns two columns (xvar and yvar) with rows enumerating all combinations of column names specified by tidyselect expressions in xvars and yvars arguments.

## Author(s)

Michal Burda

elements:

```
# Create a grid of combinations of all pairs of columns in the CO2 dataset:
var_grid(CO2)

# Create a grid of combinations of all pairs of columns in the CO2 dataset
# such that the first, i.e., `xvar` column is `Plant`, `Type`, or
# `Treatment`, and the second, i.e., `yvar` column is `conc` or `uptake`:
var_grid(CO2, xvars = Plant:Treatment, yvars = conc:uptake)
```

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var\_names

Extract variable names from predicates

## **Description**

The function assumes that x is a vector of predicate names, i.e., a character vector with elements compatible with pattern <varname>=<value>. The function returns the <varname> part of these elements. If the string does not correspond to the pattern <varname>=<value>, i.e., if the equal sign (=) is missing in the string, the whole string is returned.

## Usage

```
var_names(x)
```

## **Arguments**

Χ

A character vector of predicate names.

#### Value

A <varname> part of predicate names in x.

### Author(s)

Michal Burda

#### **Examples**

```
var_names(c("a=1", "a=2", "b=x", "b=y")) # returns c("a", "a", "b", "b")
```

which\_antichain

Return indices of first elements of the list, which are incomparable with preceding elements.

#### **Description**

The function returns indices of elements from the given list x, which are incomparable (i.e., it is neither subset nor superset) with any preceding element. The first element is always selected. The next element is selected only if it is incomparable with all previously selected elements.

## Usage

```
which_antichain(x, distance = 0)
```

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# Arguments

x a list of integerish vectors

distance a non-negative integer, which specifies the allowed discrepancy between com-

pared sets

# Value

an integer vector of indices of selected (incomparable) elements.

# Author(s)

Michal Burda

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