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```
head(concat.split(concat.test, "Likes", drop.col = TRUE))
## sample.size
sample.size(population = 300)
sample.size(population = 300, c.lev = 97)
## stringseed.sampling
stringseed.sampling("Santa Barbara", 1920, 100)
## table2df
table2df(xtabs(cbind(ncases, ncontrols) ~ ., data = esoph),
       as.multitable = TRUE, direction = "wide")[[1]]
head(table2df(xtabs(cbind(ncases, ncontrols) ~ ., data = esoph)))
## aggregate2
aggregate2(ToothGrowth, "len", ".", c("sum", "mean"))
## CBIND
df1 \leftarrow data.frame(A = 1:5, B = letters[1:5])
df2 \leftarrow data.frame(C = 1:3, D = letters[1:3])
df3 \leftarrow data.frame(E = 1:8, F = letters[1:8], G = LETTERS[1:8])
#'CBIND(list(df1, df2, df3))
## FacsToChars
dat <- data.frame(title = c("title1", "title2", "title3"),</pre>
             author = c("author1", "author2", "author3"),
             customerID = c(1, 2, 1))
str(dat)
FacsToChars(dat, overwrite = TRUE)
str(dat)
## makemeNA
# Some sample data
temp <- data.frame(</pre>
V1 = c(1:3),
V2 = c(1, "*", 3),
V3 = c("a", "*", "c"),
V4 = c(".", "*", "3"))
makemeNA(temp, c("*", "."))
```

aggregate2

Perform multiple aggregation functions on grouped data

Description

Base R's aggregate function allows you to specify multiple functions when aggregating. However, the output of such commands is a data.frame where the aggregated "columns" are actually

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matrices. aggregate2 is a basic wrapper around aggregate that outputs a regular data.frame instead.

Usage

```
aggregate2(data, aggs, ids, funs = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

data	Your data.frame
aggs	The variables that need to be aggregated, specified as a character vector.
ids	The variables that serve as grouping variables, specified as a character vector.
funs	The functions that you want to apply, specified as a character vector.
	Further arguments to aggregate. Really only useful for the subset argument.

Note

This function essentially constructs a formula that can be used with aggregate and keeps track of the names of the aggregation functions you have applied to create new variable names. This function is not very useful when the output of FUN would already output a matrix (for example, if FUN = fivenum or FUN = summary). In such cases, it is recommended to use base R's aggregate with a do.call. For example: do.call("data.frame", aggregate(. ~ Species, iris, summary)).

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

See Also

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```
function(x) cbind(sum(x), mean(x))))
str(temp3a)
(temp3b <- aggregate2(ToothGrowth, "len", ".", c("sum", "mean")))
str(temp3b)</pre>
```

CBIND

cbind data. frames with different number of rows

Description

cbind does not work when trying to combine data. frames with differing numbers of rows. This function takes a list of data. frames, identifies how many extra rows are required to make cbind work correctly, and does the combining for you.

Usage

```
CBIND(datalist)
```

Arguments

datalist

A list of data. frames that you want to combine by columns.

Details

The CBIND function also works with nested lists by first "flattening" them using the LinearizeNestedList function by Akhil S Bhel.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

See Also

```
cbind, cbindX, LinearizeNestedList
```

```
# Example data
df1 <- data.frame(A = 1:5, B = letters[1:5])
df2 <- data.frame(C = 1:3, D = letters[1:3])
df3 <- data.frame(E = 1:8, F = letters[1:8], G = LETTERS[1:8])

CBIND(list(df1, df2, df3))

# Nested lists:
test1 <- list(list(df1, df2, df3), df1)
str(test1)

CBIND(test1)</pre>
```

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CensusNames1990	List of first names and surnames to generate random names
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Description

This is the default dataset used by the RandomNames function.

Format

A list of first names and surnames, split by gender and how common the first names are.

References

Genealogy Data: Frequently Occurring Surnames from Census 1990—Names Files: http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/1990surnames/names_files.html

concat.split Split concatenated cells in a data.frame

Description

The concat.split function takes a column with multiple values, splits the values into a list or into separate columns, and returns a new data.frame.

Usage

```
concat.split(data, split.col, sep = ",",
   structure = "compact", mode = NULL, drop.col = FALSE,
   fixed = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	The source data.frame
split.col	The variable that needs to be split; can be specified either by the column number or the variable name.
sep	The character separating each value (defaults to ",").
structure	Can be either "compact", "expanded", or "list". Defaults to "compact". See Details.
mode	Can be either binary or value (where binary is default and it recodes values to 1 or NA, like Boolean data, but without assuming 0 when data is not available). This setting only applies when structure = "expanded"; an warning message will be issued if used with other structures.
drop.col	Logical (whether to remove the original variable from the output or not). Defaults to TRUE.
fixed	Is the input for the sep value fixed, or a regular expression? See Details.

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Details

structure

• "compact" creates as many columns as the maximum length of the resulting split. This is the most useful general-case application of this function.

- When the input is numeric, "expanded" creates as many columns as the maximum value of the input data. This is most useful when converting to mode = "binary".
- "list" creates a single new column that is structurally a list within a data. frame.

fixed When structure = "expanded" or structure = "list", it is possible to supply a a regular expression containing the characters to split on. For example, to split on ",", ";", or "|", you can set sep = ", |; | " or sep = "[,;|]", and fixed = FALSE to split on any of those characters.

Note

If using structure = "compact", the value for sep can only be a single character. See the "Advanced Usage" example of how to specify multiple characters for batch conversion of columns.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

References

- See http://stackoverflow.com/q/10100887/1270695
- The "condensed" setting was inspired by an answer from David Winsemius to a question at Stack Overflow. See: http://stackoverflow.com/a/13924245/1270695

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```
# Let's try splitting some strings... Same syntax
head(concat.split(concat.test, 3, drop.col = TRUE))
# Split up the "Likes column" into a list variable; retain original column
head(concat.split(concat.test, 2, structure = "list", drop.col=FALSE))
# View the structure of the output for the first 10 rows to verify
# that the new column is a list; note the difference between "Likes"
# and "Likes_list".
str(concat.split(concat.test, 2, structure = "list",
 drop.col=FALSE)[1:10, c(2, 5)])
# ADVANCED USAGE ###
# Show just the first few lines, compact structure
# Note that the split characters must be specified
   in the same order that lapply will encounter them
head(do.call(cbind,
           c(concat.test[1],
             lapply(1:(ncol(concat.test)-1),
                    function(x) {
                        splitchars = c(",", ",", ";")
                        concat.split(concat.test[-1][x], 1,
                                     splitchars[x],
                                     drop.col=TRUE)
                                     }))))
```

concat.test

Example dataset with concatenated cells

Description

This is a sample dataset to demonstrate the different features of the concat.split function.

Format

A data frame in which many columns contain concatenated cells

df.sorter

Sort a data. frame by rows or columns

Description

The df.sorter function allows you to sort a data.frame by columns or rows or both. You can also quickly subset data columns by using the var.order argument.

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Usage

```
df.sorter(data, var.order = names(data), col.sort = NULL,
    at.start = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	The source data.frame.
var.order	The new order in which you want the variables to appear. See Details
col.sort	The columns within which there is data that need to be sorted. See Details.
at.start	Should the pattern matching be from the start of the variable name? Defaults to TRUE.

Details

var.order

- Defaults to names (data), which keeps the variables in the original order.
- Variables can be referred to either by a vector of their index numbers or by a vector of the variable name; partial name matching also works, but requires that the partial match identifies similar columns uniquely (see Examples). Basic subsetting can also be done using var.order simply by omitting the variables you want to drop.

col.sort

• Defaults to NULL, which means no sorting takes place. Variables can be referred to either by a vector of their index numbers or by a vector of the variable names; full names must be provided.

Note

If you are sorting both by variables and within the columns and using numeric indexes as opposed to variable names, the col.sort order should be based on the location of the columns in the new data.frame, not the original data.frame.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

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```
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```

```
# Change the variable order, grouping related columns
# Note that you do not need to specify full variable names,
     just enough that the variables can be uniquely identified
head(df.sorter(dat, var.order = c("id", "ti", "cod", "mea", "sco")))
# As above, but sorted by 'times' and then 'id'
head(df.sorter(dat,
             var.order = c("id", "tim", "cod", "mea", "sco"),
             col.sort = c(2, 1))
# Drop 'measure1' and 'measure2', sort by 'times', and 'score1'
head(df.sorter(dat,
             var.order = c("id", "tim", "sco", "cod"),
             col.sort = c(2, 3))
# Just sort by columns, first by 'times' then by 'id'
head(df.sorter(dat, col.sort = c("times", "id")))
# Pattern matching anywhere in the variable name
head(df.sorter(dat, var.order= "co", at.start=FALSE))
```

dfcols.list

Convert the columns of a data.frame to a list

Description

Sometimes, it is useful to have the columns of a data.frame as separate list items or vectors. unlist is useful for creating a single vector, but not for creating multiple vectors. The dfcols.list function is a simple convenience function that allows for such transformations.

Usage

```
dfcols.list(data, vectorize = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data The input data.frame

vectorize Logical. Should the function return a list of single-column data.frames, or a

simple vector of values? Defaults to TRUE.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

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Examples

```
dat <- data.frame(A = c(1:2), B = c(3:4), C = c(5:6))
dfcols.list(dat)
dfcols.list(dat, vectorize = FALSE)</pre>
```

FacsToChars

Convert all factor columns to character columns in a data. frame

Description

Sometimes, we forget to use the stringsAsFactors argument when using read.table and related functions. By default, R converts character columns to factors. Instead of re-reading the data, the FacsToChars function will identify which columns are currently factors, and convert them all to characters.

Usage

```
FacsToChars(mydf, overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

mydf The name of your data.frame

overwrite Logical. Should the current object be overwritten? Defaults to FALSE

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

See Also

```
read.table
```

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```
str(dat_copy) # After applying the function
```

getSize

Get the size of multiple objects in your workspace

Description

This is a convenience wrapper around object.size to get the sizes of multiple objects in your workspace. By default, it will list all the objects in your workspaces, but a specific pattern to match can also be specified.

Usage

```
getSize(pattern = NULL, sort.by = "size")
```

Arguments

pattern The pattern to be used by 1s. Defaults to "*", meaning to match anything.

Should the output be sorted by object size ("size") or name ("name")? Defaults to sort.by = "size".

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

See Also

```
ls, object.size
```

```
AA <- rnorm(10000)
AB <- rnorm(100)
CB <- rnorm(50000)

getSize()
getSize("*B", "name")
getSize("*A", "name")
getSize("^A", "name")
getSize("^A", "size")
```

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LinearizeNestedList Linearize (un-nest) nested lists

Description

Implements a recursive algorithm to linearize nested lists upto any arbitrary level of nesting (limited by R's allowance for recursion-depth). By linearization, it is meant to bring all list branches emanating from any nth-nested trunk upto the top-level trunk such that the return value is a simple non-nested list having all branches emanating from this top-level branch.

Usage

```
LinearizeNestedList(NList, LinearizeDataFrames = FALSE,
  NameSep = "/", ForceNames = FALSE)
```

Arguments

NList The input list

LinearizeDataFrames

Logical. Should columns in data. frames in the list be "linearized" as vectors?

Defaults to FALSE.

NameSep Character to be used when creating names. Defaults to "/" to mimic directory

listings.

ForceNames Logical. Should the present names be discarded and new simplified names be

created? Defaults to FALSE

Details

Since data. frames are essentially lists a boolean option is provided to switch on/off the linearization of data. frames. This has been found desirable in the author's experience.

Also, one would typically want to preserve names in the lists in a way as to clearly denote the association of any list element to its nth-level history. As such we provide a clean and simple method of preserving names information of list elements. The names at any level of nesting are appended to the names of all preceding trunks using the NameSep option string as the seperator. The default "/" has been chosen to mimic the unix tradition of filesystem hierarchies. The default behavior works with existing names at any n-th level trunk, if found; otherwise, coerces simple numeric names corresponding to the position of a list element on the nth-trunk. Note, however, that this naming pattern does not ensure unique names for all elements in the resulting list. If the nested lists had non-unique names in a trunk the same would be reflected in the final list. Also, note that the function does not at all handle cases where *some* names are missing and some are not.

Clearly, preserving the n-level hierarchy of branches in the element names may lead to names that are too long. Often, only the depth of a list element may only be important. To deal with this possibility a boolean option called ForceNames has been provided. ForceNames shall drop all original names in the lists and coerce simple numeric names which simply indicate the position of an element at the nth-level trunk as well as all preceding trunk numbers.

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Author(s)

Akhil S Bhel

References

```
https://sites.google.com/site/akhilsbehl/geekspace/articles/r/linearize_nested_lists_ in r
```

See Also

unlist

Examples

load.scripts.and.data Load all script and data files from specified directories

Description

A convenience function to read all the data files and scripts from specified directories. In general, should only need to specify the directories. Specify directories without trailing slashes.

Usage

```
load.scripts.and.data(path,
  pattern = list(scripts = "*.R$", data = "*.rda$|*.Rdata$"),
  ignore.case = TRUE)
```

Arguments

path A character vector of file paths.

pattern A named list of patterns to match for loading scripts and data files. See "Notes".

ignore.case Logical. Should letter case be considered when searching for data files and script

files? Defaults to FALSE.

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Note

The pre-defined pattern is list(scripts = "*.R\$", data = "*.rda\$|*.Rdata\$"). This should match most conventionally used file extensions for R's native script and data files. Alternative patterns should be specified in the same form.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

Examples

makemeNA

Make certain values in a data. frame NA

Description

Sometimes, after having read in data, one needs to replace certain values by NA. One approach is to use mydf[mydf == "some-character"] <- NA. However, in many cases that results in a data.frame where variables which should be numeric end up as characters or factors if the NA string was a character to begin with. This function is a convenience wrapper around type.convert to address such problems.

Usage

```
makemeNA(mydf, NAStrings, fixed = TRUE,
  overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

mydf A data. frame in which some values need to be converted to NA

NAStrings The values which have been used to represent NA

fixed Logical. Is the NAStrings argument a fixed character (or vector of characters)

or a regular expression? Defaults to TRUE.

overwrite Logical. Should the current object be overwritten? Defaults to FALSE

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

See Also

```
type.convert
```

multi.freq.table

Examples

```
# Some sample data
temp <- data.frame(
V1 = c(1:3),
V2 = c(1, "*", 3),
V3 = c("a", "*", "c"),
V4 = c(".", "*", "3"))
temp
str(temp)

temp1 <- makemeNA(temp, c("*", "."))
temp1
str(temp1)

# Can make anything NA. Useful for -999 type of NA values
makemeNA(temp, "1")</pre>
```

multi.freq.table

 $\it Tabulates\ columns\ from\ a\ data.$ frame $\it containing\ multiple-response\ data$

Description

The multi.freq.table function takes a data.frame containing Boolean responses to multiple response questions and tabulates the number of responses by the possible combinations of answers.

Usage

```
multi.freq.table(data, sep = "", boolean = TRUE,
  factors = NULL, NAto0 = TRUE, basic = FALSE,
  dropzero = TRUE, clean = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	The multiple responses that need to be tabulated.
sep	The desired separator for collapsing the combinations of options; defaults to "" (collapsing with no space between each option name).
boolean	Are you tabulating boolean data (see dat Examples)? Defaults to TRUE.
factors	If you are trying to tabulate non-boolean data, and the data are not factors, you can specify the factors here (see dat2 Examples). Defaults to NULL and is not used when boolean = TRUE.
NAto0	Should NA values be converted to 0? Defaults to TRUE, in which case, the number of valid cases should be the same as the number of cases overall. If set to FALSE, any rows with NA values will be dropped as invalid cases. Only applies when boolean = TRUE.

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basic	Should a basic table of each item, rather than combinations of items, be created? Defaults to FALSE.
dropzero	Should combinations with a frequency of zero be dropped from the final table? Defaults to TRUE. Does not apply when boolean = TRUE.
clean	Should the original tabulated data be retained or dropped from the final table? Defaults to TRUE (drop). Does not apply when boolean = TRUE.

Details

In addition to tabulating the *frequency* (Freq), there are two other columns in the output: *Percent of Responses* (Pct.of.Resp) and *Percent of Cases* (Pct.of.Cases).

Percent of Responses is the frequency divided by the total number of answers provided; this column should sum to 100 table is generated and there are cases where a respondent did not select any option, the Percent of Responses value would be more than 100 frequency divided by the total number of valid cases; this column would most likely sum to more than 100 a basic table is produced since each respondent (case) can select multiple answers, but should sum to 100 other tables.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

References

apply shortcut for creating the Combn column in the output by Justin. See: http://stackoverflow.com/q/11348391/1270695 and http://stackoverflow.com/q/11622660/1270695

```
## ========= ##
## ======= BOOLEAN DATA ======= ##
# Make up some data
set.seed(1)
dat <- data.frame(A = sample(c(0, 1), 20, replace=TRUE),</pre>
             B = sample(c(0, 1, NA), 20,
                        prob=c(.3, .6, .1), replace=TRUE),
             C = sample(c(0, 1, NA), 20,
                        prob=c(.7, .2, .1), replace=TRUE),
             D = sample(c(0, 1, NA), 20,
                       prob=c(.3, .6, .1), replace=TRUE),
             E = sample(c(0, 1, NA), 20,
                        prob=c(.4, .4, .2), replace=TRUE))
# View your data
# How many cases have "NA" values?
table(is.na(rowSums(dat)))
# Apply the function with all defaults accepted
```

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```
multi.freq.table(dat)
# Tabulate only on variables "A", "B", and "D", with a different
# separator, keep any zero frequency values, and keeping the
# original tabulations. There are no solitary "D" responses.
multi.freq.table(dat[c(1, 2, 4)], sep="-", dropzero=FALSE, clean=FALSE)
# As above, but without converting "NA" to "0".
# Note the difference in the number of valid cases.
multi.freq.table(dat[c(1, 2, 4)], NAto0=FALSE,
               sep="-", dropzero=FALSE, clean=FALSE)
# View a basic table.
multi.freq.table(dat, basic=TRUE)
## ======= NON-BOOLEAN DATA ======== ##
# Make up some data
dat2 <- structure(list(Reason.1 = c("one", "one", "two", "one", "two",</pre>
                                 "three", "one", "one", NA, "two"),
                    Reason.2 = c("two", "three", "three", NA, NA,
                                 "two", "three", "two", NA, NA),
                    Reason.3 = c("three", NA, NA, NA, NA,
                                 NA, NA, "three", NA, NA)),
                    .Names = c("Reason.1", "Reason.2", "Reason.3"),
                    class = "data.frame",
                    row.names = c(NA, -10L))
# View your data
dat2
## Not run: # The following will not work.
# The data are not factored.
multi.freq.table(dat2, boolean=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
# Factor create the factors.
multi.freq.table(dat2, boolean=FALSE,
               factors = c("one", "two", "three"))
# And, a basic table.
multi.freq.table(dat2, boolean=FALSE,
               factors = c("one", "two", "three"),
               basic=TRUE)
```

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Description

Renames an object in the workspace, "removing" the orinal object. This does so without creating a copy of the original object. If an object in the workspace currently exists with the new name specified, the function prompts the user to verify that they want to overwrite that object before proceeding.

Usage

```
mv(currentName, newName)
```

Arguments

currentName The current name of the object newName The new name for the object

Author(s)

Rolf Turner

References

A good amount of discussion on when R makes a copy in memory in this discussion thread: https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-help/2008-March/156028.html.

Examples

```
x <- runif(1e7)
ls()
x.add <- tracemem(x)
mv(x, y)
identical(x.add, tracemem(y))
ls()</pre>
```

mySOreputation

Parse your reputation page from any of the Stack Exchange sites

Description

It is very easy to *view* a detailed account of your reputation at any of the Stack Exchange sites by visiting http://"sitename"/reputation (obviously substituting "sitename" for the actual site of interest, for example, http://stackoverflow.com/reputation). However, that format is not very user-friendly if you want to do any analysis with it. This function parses that page into an R data.frame.

Usage

```
mySOreputation(rep_file)
```

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Arguments

rep_file

The path to a text version of your reputation page. Windows and Linux users can copy the text on the page with select all + copy, and simply use "clipboard" instead of saving the contents to a local file.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

References

Values for the "actions" variable determined after visiting http://meta.stackoverflow.com/questions/43004/how-do-i-audit-my-reputation/43005#43005. There is one value not mentioned at that page, coded as action_id == 99 and action == Bonus that corresponds to the bonus that a user gets when they have above a certain reputation and are active on multiple Stack Exchange sites.

Examples

```
## This is a real reputation file,
      but the "question_id" variable is
##
      made up.
rep_file <- system.file("soreputation.txt", package = "mrdwabmisc")</pre>
readLines(rep_file, 15)
mydf <- mySOreputation(rep_file)</pre>
head(mydf, 15)
str(mydf)
plot(mydf$date, cumsum(mydf$rep_change))
## Not run:
library(xts)
mydfx <- xts(mydf$rep_change, mydf$date)</pre>
apply.monthly(mydfx, sum)
plot(apply.monthly(mydfx, sum))
## End(Not run)
```

RandomNames

Generate random names

Description

The RandomNames function uses data from the *Genealogy Data: Frequently Occurring Surnames from Census 1990–Names Files* web page to generate a data.frame with random names.

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Usage

```
RandomNames(N = 100, cat = NULL, gender = NULL,
   MFprob = NULL, dataset = NULL)
```

Arguments

N The number of random names you want. Defaults to 100.

cat Do you want "common" names, "rare" names, names with an "average" fre-

quency, or some combination of these? Should be specified as a character vector (for example, c("rare", "common")). Defaults to NULL, in which case all

names are used as the sample frame.

gender Do you want first names from the "male" dataset, the "female" dataset, or from

all available names? Should be specified as a quoted string (for example, "male"). Defaults to NULL, in which case all available first names are used as the sample

frame.

MFprob What proportion of the sample should be male names and what proportion

should be female? Specify as a numeric vector that sums to 1 (for example, c(.6, .4)). The first number represents the probability of sampling a "male" first name, and the second number represents the probability of sampling a "female" name. This argument is not used if only one gender has been specified in the previous argument. Defaults to NULL, in which case, the probability used is

c(.5, .5).

dataset What do you want to use as the dataset of names from which to sample? A

default dataset is provided that can generate over 400 million unique names.

See the "Dataset Details" note for more information.

Note

Dataset Details This function samples from a provided dataset of names. By default, it uses the data from the Genealogy Data: Frequently Occurring Surnames from Census 1990–Names Files web page. Those data have been converted to list named "CensusNames1990" containing three data.frames (named "surnames", "malenames", and "femalenames").

Alternatively, you may provide your own data in a list formatted according to the following specifications (see the "myCustomNames" data in the "Examples*" section). *Please remember that R is case sensitive!*

- This must be a named list with three items: "surnames", "malenames", and "femalenames".
- The contents of each list item is a data.frame with at least the following named columns: "Name" and "Category".
- Acceptable values for "Category" are "common", "rare", and "average".

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

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References

- See http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/1990surnames/names_files.html for source of data.
- Inspired by the online Random Name Generator http://random-name-generator.info/

Examples

```
# Generate 20 random names
RandomNames(N = 20)
# Generate a reproducible list of 100 random names with approximately
   80% of the names being female names, and 20% being male names.
set.seed(1)
temp <- RandomNames(cat = "common", MFprob = c(.2, .8))</pre>
list(head(temp), tail(temp))
table(temp$Gender)
# Cleanup
rm(.Random.seed, envir=globalenv()) # Resets your seed
rm(temp)
# Generate 10 names from the common and rare categories of names
RandomNames(N = 10, cat = c("common", "rare"))
## ====== USING YOUR OWN DATA ====== ##
myCustomNames <- list(</pre>
surnames = data.frame(
Name = LETTERS[1:26],
 Category = c(rep("rare", 10), rep("average", 10), rep("common", 6))),
malenames = data.frame(
 Name = letters[1:10],
 Category = c(rep("rare", 4), rep("average", 4), rep("common", 2))),
femalenames = data.frame(
 Name = letters[11:26],
 Category = c(rep("rare", 8), rep("average", 4), rep("common", 4))))
str(myCustomNames)
RandomNames(N = 15, dataset = myCustomNames)
```

RBIND

Append data. frames by row, even when columns differ

Description

The default rbind function will produce an error if you attempt to use it on data.frames with differing numbers of columns. The RBIND function appends a list of data.frames together by row, filling missing columns with NA.

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Usage

```
RBIND(datalist, keep.rownames = TRUE)
```

Arguments

datalist A list of data. frames which need to be appended together by row.

keep.rownames Logical. Should the original rownames be retained? Defaults to TRUE.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

See Also

rbind and cbind for other base R functions to combine data.frames; rbind.fill for a function with almost identical functionality (does not preserve the rownames); CBIND.

```
## Make up some data
x \leftarrow data.frame(a = 1:2, b = 2:3, c = 3:4, d = 4:5,
            row.names = c("row_1", "another_row1"))
y \leftarrow data.frame(a = c(10, 20), b = c(20, 30), c = c(30, 40),
           row.names=c("row_2", "another_row2"))
z \leftarrow data.frame(a = c(11, 21), b = c(22, 32), d = c(33, 43),
           row.names = c("row_3", "another_row3"))
xx <- data.frame(a = 1:2, b = 3:4)
yy < - data.frame(a = 5:6, b = 7:8)
zz < - data.frame(a = 9:10, b = 11:12)
zz2 < - data.frame(a = 9:10, w = 11:12)
temp1 \leftarrow list(x, y, z)
temp2 <- list(xx, yy, zz)</pre>
temp3 <- list(xx, yy, zz2)</pre>
temp4 \leftarrow list(x, y, z, xx, yy, zz, zz2)
## Apply the function
RBIND(temp1)
RBIND(temp1, keep.rownames = FALSE)
RBIND(temp2)
RBIND(temp3)
RBIND(temp4)
RBIND(temp4, keep.rownames = FALSE)
```

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read.so

Read displayed text at Stack Overflow

Description

For many questions at Stack Overflow, the question asker does not properly share their question (for example, using dput or by sharing some commands to make up the data). Most of the time, you can just copy and paste the text into R using read.table(text = "clipboard", header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = F. This function is basically a convenience function for the above.

Usage

```
read.so(sep = "", header = TRUE, out = "mydf")
```

Arguments

sep Most of the time, the code shared is space separated (which is the default for

this function). If the separator is any other character, it can be specified here.

header Are headers included?

out Desired output object name. Defaults to mydf.

Details

The output of read. so is automatically assigned to an object in your workspace called "mydf" unless specified using the out argument.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

See Also

```
dput, read.table
```

```
## Not run:
## Copy the following text (select and ctrl-c)
# A B
# 1 2
# 3 4
# 5 6
## Now, just type:
read.so()
## End(Not run)
```

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round2

Round numbers the way you learned in school

Description

The round2 function rounds numbers in the way you probably learned in school, that is, round up to the next number for values of 5 and above.

Usage

```
round2(x, digits = 0)
```

Arguments

x The number (or vector of numbers) that needs rounding.

digits The number of decimal places in the output.

Details

To reduce bias in rounding, R's round function uses a "round-to-even" approach. Still, many people are surprised when they find that R's round function will return the same value for round(1.5) and round(2.5). This function uses the rounding approach found in most school lessons and in software like Excel to make the results comparable.

Author(s)

```
Unknown (see "References")
```

References

Function originally found in an anonymous comment at the Statistically Significant blog. See http://www.webcitation.org/68djeLBtJ

See Also

round

```
input <- seq(from = 0.5, by = 1, length.out = 10)
round(input)
round2(input)
round(input/10, digits = 1)
round2(input/10, digits = 1)</pre>
```

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row.extractor

Extract min/median/max/quantile rows from a data.frame

Description

The row.extractor function takes a data. frame and extracts rows with the min, median, or max values of a given variable, or extracts rows with specific quantiles of a given variable.

Usage

```
row.extractor(data, extract.by, what = "all")
```

Arguments

data The source data. frame.

extract.by The column which will be used as the reference for extraction; can be specified

either by the column number or the variable name.

what Options are "min" (for all rows matching the minimum value), "median" (for

the median row or rows), "max" (for all rows matching the maximum value), or "all" (for min, median, and max); alternatively, a numeric vector can be specified with the desired quantiles, for instance c(0, .25, .5, .75, 1).

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

References

- which.quantile function by cheleites: http://stackoverflow.com/users/755257/cheleites
- See: http://stackoverflow.com/q/10256503/1270695

See Also

```
min, max, median, which.min, which.max, quantile
```

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```
# Get the 'min' rows only, referenced by the variable name
row.extractor(dat, "V4", "min")

# Get the 'median' rows only. Notice that there are two rows
# since we have an even number of cases and true median
# is the mean of the two central sorted values
row.extractor(dat, "V4", "median")

# Get the rows corresponding to the deciles of 'V3'
row.extractor(dat, "V3", seq(0.1, 1, 0.1))
```

sample.size

Determine the optimal sample size of a given population

Description

The sample.size function either calculates the optimum survey sample size when provided with a population size, or the confidence interval of using a certain sample size with a given population. It can be used to generate tables (data.frames) of different combinations of inputs of the following arguments, which can be useful for showing the effect of each of these in sample size calculation.

Usage

```
sample.size(population, samp.size = NULL, c.lev = 95,
    c.int = NULL, what = "sample", distribution = 50)
```

Arguments

population	The population size for which a sample size needs to be calculated.
samp.size	The sample size. This argument is only used when calculating the confidence interval, and defaults to \ensuremath{NULL} .
c.lev	The desired confidence level. Defaults to a reasonable 95%.
c.int	The confidence interval. This argument is only used when calculating the sample size. If not specified when calculating the sample size, defaults to 5% and a message is provided indicating this; this is also the default action if c.int = NULL.
what	Should the function calculate the desired sample size or the confidence interval? Accepted values are "sample" and "confidence" (quoted), and defaults to "sample".
distribution	Response distribution. Defaults to 50% (distribution = 50), which will give you the largest sample size.

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Note

From a teaching perspective, the function can be used to easily make tables which demonstrate how the sample size or confidence interval change when different inputs change. See the "Advanced Usage" examples. The following formulae were used in this function:

$$ss = \frac{-Z^2 \times p \times (1-p)}{c^2}$$

$$pss = \frac{ss}{1 + \frac{ss - 1}{pop}}$$

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

References

- See the 2657 Productions News site for how this function progressively developed: http://news.mrdwab.com/2010/09/10/a-sample-size-calculator-function-for-r/
- The sample.size function is based on the following formulas from the Creative Research Systems web page *Sample size formulas for our sample size calculator*: http://www.webcitation.org/69kNjMuKe

```
# What should our sample size be for a population of 300?
# All defaults accepted.
sample.size(population = 300)
# What sample should we take for a population of 300
# at a confidence level of 97%?
sample.size(population = 300, c.lev = 97)
# What about if we change our confidence interval?
sample.size(population = 300, c.int = 2.5, what = "sample")
# What about if we want to determine the confidence interval
   of a sample of 140 from a population of 300? A confidence
   level of 95% is assumed.
sample.size(population = 300, samp.size = 140, what = "confidence")
## ========= ##
## ====== ADVANCED USAGE ======= ##
# What should the sample be for populations of 300 to 500 by 50?
sample.size(population=c(300, 350, 400, 450, 500))
# How does varying confidence levels or confidence intervals
# affect the sample size?
sample.size(population=300,
```

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SampleToSum

Draw a random sample that sums to a specified amount

Description

This function creates a random sample of numbers drawn from a specified range which sum to a specified amount.

Usage

```
SampleToSum(Target = 100, VecLen = 10, InRange = 1:100,
  Tolerance = 2, writeProgress = NULL)
```

Arguments

Target The desired sum of all the samples

VecLen How many numbers should be in your resulting vector?

InRange What is the acceptable range of values to be sampled from?

Tolerance What is the maximum difference allowed between the target and the sum? Set

to "0" to match the target exactly. In general, the difference is within 5 anyway,

which is reasonable.

writeProgress If you want a log-file to be written that includes all the variations tried before

arriving at a vector that satisfies all the user's conditions, specify the output file name (quoted) with this argument. Note that in some cases, this might be quite

a large file with tens-of-thousands of lines!

Note

This function can be notoriously slow, particularly if your range is too narrow and your tolerance is too high.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

References

This function was written as a response to the following Stack Overflow question: http://stackoverflow.com/q/14684539/1270695

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See Also

```
sample, runif
```

Examples

stratified

 ${\it Sample from \ a \ data.frame \ } according \ to \ a \ stratification \ variable$

Description

The stratified function samples from a data. frame in which one of the columns can be used as a "stratification" or "grouping" variable. The result is a new data. frame with the specified number of samples from each group.

Usage

```
stratified(df, group, size, select = NULL, seed = NULL,
...)
```

Arguments

df

The source data.frame.

group

Your grouping variables. Generally, if you are using more than one variable to create your "strata", you should list them in the order of *slowest* varying to *quickest* varying. This can be a vector of names or column indexes.

size

The desired sample size.

- If size is a value between 0 and 1 expressed as a decimal, size is set to be proportional to the number of observations per group.
- If size is a single positive integer, it will be assumed that you want the same number of samples from each group.

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If size is a vector, the function will check to see whether the length of the
vector matches the number of groups and use those specified values as the
desired sample sizes. The values in the vector should be in the same order
as you would get if you tabulated the grouping variable (usually alphabetic order); alternatively, you can name each value to ensure it is properly
matched.

select A named list containing levels from the "group" variables in which you are

interested. The list names must be present as variable names for the input

data.frame.

seed The seed that you want to use (using set. seed within the function, if any. De-

faults to NULL.

... Further arguments to be passed to the sample function.

Note

Slightly different sizes than requested

Because of how computers deal with floating-point arithmetic, and because R uses a "round to even" approach, the size per strata that results when specifying a proportionate sample may be slightly higher or lower per strata than you might have expected.

"Seed" argument

This is different from using set.seed before using the function. Setting a seed using this argument is equivalent to using set.seed each time that you go to take a sample from a different group (in other words, the same seed is used for each group).

The inclusion of a seed argument is mostly a matter of convenience, to be able to have a single seed with which the samples can be verified later. However, by using the seed argument, the same seed is used to sample from each group. This may be a problem if there are many groups that have the same number of observations, since it means that the same observation number will be selected from each of those grops. For instance, if group "AA" and "DD" both had the same number of observations (say, 5) and you were sampling 3 cases using a seed of 1, the second, fifth, and fourth observation would be taken from each of those groups. To avoid this, you can set the seed using set.seed *before* you run the stratified function.

As a user, you need to weigh the benefits and drawbacks of setting the seed *before* running the function as opposed to setting the seed *with* the function. Setting the seed before would be useful if there are several groups with the same number of observations; however, in the slim chance that you need to verify the samples manually, you *may* run into problems.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

References

The evolution of this function can be traced at the following links. The version in this package is entirely reworked and does not require an additional package to be loaded.

- http://news.mrdwab.com/2011/05/15/stratified-random-sampling-in-r-beta/
- http://news.mrdwab.com/2011/05/20/stratified-random-sampling-in-r-from-a-data-frame/

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http://stackoverflow.com/a/9714207/1270695

See Also

strata

```
# Generate a couple of sample data.frames to play with
set.seed(1)
dat1 <- data.frame(ID = 1:100,</pre>
                 A = sample(c("AA", "BB", "CC", "DD", "EE"), 100, replace = TRUE),
                 B = rnorm(100), C = abs(round(rnorm(100), digits=1)),
                 D = sample(c("CA", "NY", "TX"), 100, replace = TRUE),
                 E = sample(c("M", "F"), 100, replace = TRUE))
dat2 <- data.frame(ID = 1:20,</pre>
                 A = c(rep("AA", 5), rep("BB", 10),
                       rep("CC", 3), rep("DD", 2)))
# What do the data look like in general?
summary(dat1)
summary(dat2)
# Let's take a 10% sample from all -A- groups in dat1, seed = 1
stratified(dat1, "A", .1, seed = 1)
# Let's take a 10% sample from only "AA" and "BB" groups from -A- in dat1, seed = 1
stratified(dat1, "A", .1, select = list(A = c("AA", "BB")), seed = 1)
# Let's take 5 samples from all -D- groups in dat1,
# seed = 1, specified by column number
stratified(dat1, group = 5, size = 5, seed = 1)
# Let's take a sample from all -A- groups in dat1, seed = 1,
# where we specify the number wanted from each group
stratified(dat1, "A", size = c(3, 5, 4, 5, 2), seed = 1)
# Use a two-column strata: -E- and -D-
# -E- varies more slowly, so it is better to put that first
stratified(dat1, c("E", "D"), size = .15, seed = 1)
# Use a two-column strata (-E- and -D-) but only interested in
# cases where -E- == "M"
stratified(dat1, c("E", "D"), .15, select = list(E = "M"), seed = 1)
## As above, but where -E- == "M" and -D- == "CA" or "TX"
stratified(dat1, c("E", "D"), .15,
        select = list(E = "M", D = c("CA", "TX")), seed = 1)
# Use a three-column strata: -E-, -D-, and -A-
s.out <- stratified(dat1, c("E", "D", "A"), size = 2, seed = 1)</pre>
list(head(s.out), tail(s.out))
```

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```
# How many samples were taken from each strata?
table(interaction(s.out[c("E", "D", "A")]))
# Can we verify the message about group sizes?
names(which(table(interaction(dat1[c("E", "D", "A")])) < 2))
names(which(table(interaction(s.out[c("E", "D", "A")])) < 2))</pre>
```

stringseed.sampling

Use any alphanumeric input as a seed

Description

The stringseed.sampling function is designed as a batch sampling function that allows the user to specify any alphanumeric input as the seed *per sample in the batch*.

Usage

```
stringseed.sampling(seedbase, N, n, write.output = FALSE)
```

Arguments

seedbase A vector of seeds to be used for sampling.

N The "population" from which to draw the sample.

n The desired number of samples.

write.output Logical. Should the output be written to a file? Defaults to FALSE. If TRUE,

a csv file is written with the sample "metadata", and a plain text file is written with the details of the resulting sample. The names of the files written are "Sample frame generated on {date the script was run} .csv" and "Samples generated on {date the script was run} .txt" and will be

found in your current working directory.

Value

This function returns a list with the class "stringSeedSampling" and uses a custom print method. The list items are:

- input: The "metadata" to remind you of your input parameters.
- samples: The samples resulting from the specified input parameters. In the case of batch sampling being used, samples will be a named list.

Use print.default(your-object-here) to view the underlying list.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

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References

See: http://stackoverflow.com/q/10910698/1270695

See Also

digest

Examples

```
# We'll use a data.frame with a list of village names, the population,
   and the desired samples as our columns. The function will use the
   village names to generate a unique seed for each village before
    drawing the sample.
myListOfPlaces <- data.frame(</pre>
villageName = c("Melakkal", "Sholavandan", "T. Malaipatti"),
population = c(120, 130, 140),
requiredSample = c(30, 25, 12))
myListOfPlaces
stringseed.sampling(seedbase = myListOfPlaces$villageName,
                  N = myListOfPlaces$population,
                  n = myListOfPlaces$requiredSample)
# Manual verification of the samples generated for Melakkal village
   (for which the automatically generated seed was 1331891848)
set.seed(1331891848)
sample(120, 30)
# What about using the function on a single input?
stringseed.sampling("Santa Barbara", 1920, 100)
```

subsequence

Identify sequences in a vector

Description

The subsequence function is like the inverse of rep, and is somewhat related to rle. It detects the sequence in a vector and returns the period of the sequence, the actual sequence, the number of times the sequence is repeated, and optionally, a "Groups" vector the same length as the input vector that can be used as a grouping variable.

Usage

```
subsequence(data, groups = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data The input vector

groups Logical. Should the grouping vector be returned?

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Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

References

This function was written as an answer to the following Stack Overflow question: http://stackoverflow.com/q/12824931/1270695

See Also

```
rep, rle,
```

Examples

```
## Some sample data
s1a <- rep(c(1, 2, 3), 3)
s1b <- c(s1a, 1)
s2 <- rep(c(1, 2, 3), 50)
s3 <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4)
set.seed(1)
s4 <- rep(sample(300, 15), 5)

subsequence(s1a)
## Note the creation of a grouping variable
subsequence(s1b, groups = TRUE)
subsequence(s2)
subsequence(s3)
subsequence(s4)</pre>
```

table2df

Convert table objects to data.frames

Description

The table2df function takes an object of "class" table, ftable, and xtabs and converts them to data.frames, while retaining as many of the name details as possible.

Usage

```
table2df(mytable, as.multitable = FALSE,
  direction = "wide")
```

Arguments

mytable

The table object you want to convert into a data. frame. This can be an object in your workspace, or you can make the call to table, ftable, or xtabs as the mytable argument to this function.

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as.multitable

Logical; defaults to FALSE. Some methods, for instance xtabs and table, will create an array of tables as the output when more than two variables are being tabulated.

- If as.multitable is TRUE, the function will return a list of data.frames.
- If as.multitable is FALSE, the function will convert the object to an ftable object before performing the transformation.

direction

Can be either "long" or "wide".

- If "long", the frequencies will all be tabulated into a single column. This is the same behavior you will generally get if you used as .data.frame on a table object.
- If "wide", the tabular format is retained.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

References

The expand.grid method for remaking the columns from an ftable was described by Kohske at http://stackoverflow.com/a/6463137/1270695.

See Also

```
table, ftable, xtabs
```

```
# Make up some data:
set.seed(1)
handedness <- data.frame(</pre>
gender = sample(c("Female", "Male", "Unknown"), 200, replace = TRUE),
handedness = sample(c("Right", "Left", "Ambidextrous"),
                  200, replace = TRUE, prob = c(.7, .2, .1)),
200, replace = TRUE),
fav.shape = sample(c("Triangle", "Circle", "Square", "Pentagon", "Hexagon",
                 "Oval", "Octagon", "Rhombus", "Trapezoid"),
                 200, replace = TRUE),
computer = sample(c("Win", "Mac", "Lin"), 200, replace = TRUE,
                prob = c(.5, .25, .25))
# Preview the data
list(head(handedness), tail(handedness))
# A very basic table
HT1 <- with(handedness, table(gender, handedness))
table2df(HT1)
#'table2df(HT1, direction = "long")
```

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```
# Another basic table
HT2 <- with(handedness, table(fav.col, computer))</pre>
HT2
table2df(HT2)
# This will create multiple tables, one for each possible computer value
HT3 <- with(handedness, table(gender, fav.col, computer))</pre>
# Default settings
table2df(HT3)
# As a list of data.frames
table2df(HT3, as.multitable = TRUE)
# As above, but with the output in long format
# Only showing the first three lines of each data.frame
lapply(table2df(HT3, as.multitable = TRUE, direction = "long"), head, 3)
# Applied to an ftable
HT4 <- ftable(handedness,
           col.vars="fav.col",
           row.vars=c("gender", "computer"))
HT4
table2df(HT4)
# Applied to a single-row table
table2df(xtabs(breaks ~ wool, warpbreaks))
## ======== ##
## ======= OTHER EXAMPLES ======== ##
## Not run:
table2df(xtabs(cbind(ncases, ncontrols) ~ ., data = esoph))
table2df(xtabs(cbind(ncases, ncontrols) ~ ., data = esoph),
      direction = "long")
table2df(xtabs(cbind(ncases, ncontrols) ~ ., data = esoph),
      as.multitable = TRUE, direction = "long")
table2df(xtabs(cbind(ncases, ncontrols) ~ ., data = esoph),
      as.multitable = TRUE, direction = "wide")
## End(Not run)
```

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Description

Base R's reshape function cannot easily handle unbalanced wide data. melt, from "reshape2" puts everything into a very long data.frame. This function returns a semi-long data.frame after automatically "balancing" the wide measures.

Usage

```
unbalancedReshape(data, id.vars, sep = ".",
  dropNA = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data The source data.frame

id.vars The variables that should be treated as id variables

sep The separator used. Defaults to .

dropNA Logical. If all the measure variables for some cases results in a row of NA values,

shoud that row be dropped? Defaults to TRUE

Note

Attributes from the output of reshape are retained, allowing you to easily re-convert to the wide form, if necessary.

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

See Also

```
reshape, melt
```

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```
## End(Not run)
unbalancedReshape(temp, id.vars = "Name", sep = "_")
## Not run:
## Compare with melt from reshape2
library(reshape2)
melt(temp, id.vars = "Name")
## End(Not run)
```

unlistDF

"Unlist" a list of data.frames to your workspace

Description

Many people like the convenience that a list of data.frames offer; however, some would prefer to have each data.frame as a separate object in their workspace. This function "unlists" a list of data.frames, creating objects named after the list and the list item's names (or index position, if names are not available).

Usage

```
unlistDF(mylist)
```

Arguments

mylist

The name of your list object

Author(s)

Ananda Mahto

See Also

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```
unlistDF(qwerty)
unlistDF(ytrewq)

ls(pattern = "qwer|ytre")
```

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