Package 'term'

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of parameter terms. Parameter terms are the labels used to reference
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as_term   *Coerce to a Term Vector*

Description

Coerces an R object to a [term-vector()](#).

Usage

```
as_term(x, ...)

as.term(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as_term(x, repair = FALSE, normalize = repair, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
as_term(x, name = "par", ...)
```

Arguments

x	The object.
...	Unused.
repair	A flag specifying whether to repair terms.
normalize	A flag specifying whether to normalize terms.
name	A string specifying the name of the parameter.

Details

as.term has been **Soft-deprecated** for as_term.

Methods (by class)

- character: Coerce character vector to term vector
- numeric: Coerce numeric object to term vector

See Also

[term-vector()](#) and [repair_terms()](#)

Examples

```
as_term(matrix(1:4, 2))
as_term(c("parm3[10]", "parm3[2]", "parm[2,2]", "parm[1,1]"))
```

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as_term_rcrd   *Coerce to a Term Record*

Description

Coerces an R object to a term_rcrd.

Usage

```
as_term_rcrd(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as_term_rcrd(x, repair = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
as_term_rcrd(x, name = "par", ...)

## S3 method for class 'term'
as_term_rcrd(x, repair = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	The object.
...	Unused.
repair	A flag specifying whether to repair terms.
name	A string specifying the name of the parameter.

Methods (by class)

- character: Coerce character vector to term_rcrd
- numeric: Coerce numeric vector to term_rcrd
- term: Coerce term vector to term_rcrd

See Also

repair_terms()

Examples

```
as_term(matrix(1:4, 2))
as_term(c("parm3[10]", "parm3[2]", "parm[2,2]", "parm[1,1]"))
```

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chk_term   *Check Term or Term Record*

Description

Checks if term using vld_term() or vld_term_rcrd().

Usage

```
chk_term(x, validate = "complete", x_name = NULL)

chk_term_rcrd(x, validate = "complete", x_name = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	The object.
validate	A string specifying the level of the validation. The possible values in order of increasing strictness are 'class', 'valid', 'consistent' and 'complete'.
x_name	A string of the name of object x or NULL.

Value

NULL, invisibly. Called for the side effect of throwing an error if the condition is not met.

Functions

- chk_term_rcrd: Check Term Record

Examples

```
# chk_term
x <- term("x[2]", "x[1]")
chk_term(x)
x <- c("x[2]", "x[1]")
try(chk_term(x, validate = "sorted"))

# chk_term_rcrd
x <- term_rcrd("x[2]", "x[1]")
chk_term_rcrd(x)
x <- c("x[2]", "x[1]")
try(chk_term_rcrd(x, validate = "sorted"))
```

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complete_terms   *Complete Terms*

Description

Completes an object's terms.

Usage

```
complete_terms(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'term'
complete_terms(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'term_rcrd'
complete_terms(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   The object.

...   Unused.

Details

It must not have any invalid or missing (NA) values.

Methods (by class)

- term: Complete Terms for a term Vector

- term_rcrd: Complete Terms for a term_rcrd vector

See Also

[term-vector()](), [repair_terms()]() and [is_incomplete_terms()]().

Examples

```
complete_terms(term("b[3]", "b[1]", "b[2]"))
complete_terms(term("z[2,2]", "z[1,1]"))
## Not run:
complete_terms(term_rcrd("b[3]", "b[1]", "b[2]"))
complete_terms(term_rcrd("z[2,2]", "z[1,1]"))

## End(Not run)
```

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consistent_term   *Consistent Terms*

Description

Test whether the number of dimensions of terms in the same parameter are consistent.

Usage

```
consistent_term(x)
```

Arguments

x   The object.

Value

A logical vector indicating whether the number of dimensions is consistent.

See Also

[term-vector()](#) and [npdims()](#)

Examples

```
consistent_term(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[3]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]"))
consistent_term(term("alpha[1]", NA_term_, "beta[1,1]", "beta[2]"))
```

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dims.term   *Dimensions*

Description

Gets the dimensions of an object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term'
dims(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Details

Unlike base::dim(), dims returns the length of an atomic vector.

Value

An integer vector of the dimensions.

See Also

base::dim()

Other dimensions: ndims(), npdims(), pdims()

Examples

```
dims(term("beta[1,1]"))
dims(term("beta[1,1]", "beta[1,2]"))
```

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dims.term_rcrd   *Dimensions*

Description

Gets the dimensions of an object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term_rcrd'
dims(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Details

Unlike base::dim(), dims returns the length of an atomic vector.

Value

An integer vector of the dimensions.

See Also

base::dim()

Other dimensions: ndims(), npdims(), pdims()

Examples

```
dims(term_rcrd("beta[1,1]"))
dims(term_rcrd("beta[1,1]", "beta[1,2]"))
```

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is_incomplete_terms   *Is Incomplete Terms*

Description

Tests whether a term vector has absent elements. The vector should not require repairing.

Usage

```
is_incomplete_terms(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   The object.

...   Unused.

Value

A logical scalar indicating whether the object's terms are incomplete.

See Also

[term-vector()](#) and [complete_terms()](#)

Examples

```
is_incomplete_terms(term("b[2]"))
is_incomplete_terms(term("b[2]", "b[1]"))
is_incomplete_terms(term("b[2]", "b[1]", "b[1]"))
```

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is_inconsistent_terms   *Is Inconsistent Terms*

Description

Tests whether a term vector has inconsistent elements. Returns TRUE if includes missing or invalid terms.

Usage

```
is_inconsistent_terms(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   The object.

...   Unused.

Value

A logical scalar indicating whether the object's terms are inconsistent.

See Also

[term-vector()](#) and [consistent_term()](#)

Examples

```
is_inconsistent_terms(term("b[2]"))
is_inconsistent_terms(term("b[2]", "b[1]"))
is_inconsistent_terms(term("b[2]", "b[1,1]"))
```

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is_term   *Is Term*

Description

Tests whether an R object inherits from S3 class term.

Usage

```
is_term(x)
```

Arguments

x   The object.

Details

It does not test the validity of consistency of the term elements.

Value

A flag indicating whether the test was positive.

See Also

[term-vector()](#), [vld_term()](#), [valid_term()](#) and [consistent_term()](#)

Examples

```
is_term(c("parameter[2]", "parameter[10]"))
is_term(term("parameter[2]", "parameter[10]"))
```

---

is_term_rcrd   *Is Term Record*

Description

Tests whether an R object inherits from S3 class term_rcrd.

Usage

```
is_term_rcrd(x)
```

Arguments

x   The object.

Details

It does not test the validity of consistency of the term elements.

Value

A flag indicating whether the test was positive.

See Also

[valid_term()](#) and [consistent_term()](#)

Examples

```
is_term_rcrd(new_term_rcrd())
```

NA_term_   *Missing Term*

Description

A missing term element.

Usage

```
NA_term_
```

Format

An object of class term (inherits from vctrs_vctr) of length 1.

See Also

[term-vector()](#)

Examples

```
is_term(NA_term_)
is.na(NA_term_)
```

NA_term_rcrd_ *Missing Term*

Description

A missing term element of `term_rcrd` type.

Usage

```
NA_term_rcrd_
```

Format

An object of class `term_rcrd` (inherits from `vctrs_rcrd`, `vctrs_vctr`) of length 1.

See Also

term-vector()

Examples

```
is_term_rcrd(NA_term_)
is.na(NA_term_)
```

---

new_term *Construct a new term object*

Description

Use this function to quickly construct a term object from a character vector, without checking the input. Use term() to repair the input.

Usage

```
new_term(x = character())
```

Arguments

x   A character vector.

Examples

```
new_term()
new_term(c("a", "b[1]", "b[2]"))

# Terms are not checked for validity:
new_term("r[")
repair_terms(new_term("r["))
```

---

new_term_rcrd   *Construct a new term_rcrd object*

Description

Use this function to quickly construct a term_rcrd object.

Usage

```
new_term_rcrd(
  x = data.frame(par = character(), dim = I(list()), stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
)
```

Arguments

x   A data frame with columns par and dim.

Examples

```
new_term_rcrd()
## Not run:
new_term_rcrd(data.frame(
  par = c("x", "x", "y"), dim = I(list(1, 2, c(2,2))),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE
))

## End(Not run)
```

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normalize_terms   *Normalize Terms*

Description

Normalizes a term vector.

Usage

```
normalize_terms(x)
```

Arguments

x   The object.

Details

If a parameter such as b is a scalar then b[1] is replaced by b but if higher indices are included such as b[2] then b is replaced by b[1].

Value

The normalized term vector.

See Also

[term-vector()](#) and [repair_terms()](#)

Examples

```
normalize_terms(new_term(c("b", "b[3]")))
normalize_terms(new_term(c("b[1]", "a[3]")))
```

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npars.term   *Number of Parameters*

Description

Gets the number of parameters of an object.

The default methods returns the length of [pars()](#) if none are NA, otherwise it returns NA.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term'
npars(x, scalar = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
scalar	A flag specifying whether to by default return all parameters (NULL), or only scalar parameters (TRUE) or only non-scalar parameters (FALSE).
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Value

An integer scalar of the number of parameters.

See Also

[pars()](#)

Other MCMC dimensions: [nchains()](#), [niters()](#), [nsams()](#), [nsims()](#), [nterms()](#)

Other parameters: [pars()](#), [set_pars()](#)

Examples

```
npars(term("sigma", "alpha[1]", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]"))
```

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npdims.term | *Number of Dimensions of each Parameter*

Description

The terms argument is **Defunct**

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term'
npdims(x, terms = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
terms	A flag specifying whether to get the number of dimensions for each term element.
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Value

A named integer vector of the number of dimensions of each parameter.

See Also

Other dimensions: [dims](), [ndims](), [pdims]()

Examples

```
npdims(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[3]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]"))
```

---

nterms.default | *Number of Terms*

Description

Gets the number of terms of an object.

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
nterms(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Value

A integer scalar of the number of terms.

See Also

Other MCMC dimensions: nchains(), niters(), npars(), nsams(), nsims()

Examples

```
nterms(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]"))
nterms(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[1]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[1,1]"))
```

---

nterms.term   *Number of Terms of a term*

Description

Gets the number of terms of an MCMC object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term'
nterms(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   An object.

...   Other arguments passed to methods.

Value

A integer scalar of the number of terms.

See Also

Other MCMC dimensions: nchains(), niters(), npars(), nsams(), nsims()

Examples

```
nterms(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]"))
nterms(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[1]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[1,1]"))
```

---

nterms.term_rcrd   *Number of Terms of a term_rcrd*

Description

Gets the number of terms of an MCMC object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term_rcrd'
nterms(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Value

A integer scalar of the number of terms.

See Also

Other MCMC dimensions: nchains(), niters(), npars(), nsams(), nsims()

Examples

```
nterms(as_term_rcrd(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]")))
nterms(as_term_rcrd(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[1]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[1,1]")))
```

---

pars.character   *Parameter Names*

Description

Gets the parameter names.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'character'
pars(x, scalar = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
scalar	A flag specifying whether to by default return all parameters (NULL), or only scalar parameters (TRUE) or only non-scalar parameters (FALSE).
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Value

A character vector of the names of the parameters.

See Also

Other parameters: [npars()](), [set_pars]()

Examples

```
pars(c("a", "b[1]", "a[3]"))
```

---

pars.default   *Parameter Names*

Description

Gets the parameter names.

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
pars(x, scalar = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
scalar	A flag specifying whether to by default return all parameters (NULL), or only scalar parameters (TRUE) or only non-scalar parameters (FALSE).
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Value

A character vector of the names of the parameters.

See Also

Other parameters: [npars()](), [set_pars]()

Examples

```
pars(matrix(1:4, nrow = 2))
```

---

pars.term   *Parameter Names*

Description

Gets the parameter names.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term'
pars(x, scalar = NULL, terms = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
scalar	A flag specifying whether to by default return all parameters (NULL), or only scalar parameters (TRUE) or only non-scalar parameters (FALSE).
terms	A flag specifying whether to return the parameter name for each term element.
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Value

A character vector of the names of the parameters.

See Also

Other parameters: `pars.term_rcrd()`, `pars_terms()`

Examples

```
term <- term(
  "alpha[1]", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]",
  "beta[1,2]", "beta[2,2]", "sigma", NA
)
pars(term)
pars(term, scalar = TRUE)
pars(term, scalar = FALSE)
```

---

pars.term_rcrd   *Parameter Names*

Description

Gets the parameter names.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term_rcrd'
pars(x, scalar = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
scalar	A flag specifying whether to by default return all parameters (NULL), or only scalar parameters (TRUE) or only non-scalar parameters (FALSE).
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Value

A character vector of the names of the parameters.

See Also

Other parameters: `pars.term()`, `pars_terms()`

Examples

```
term <- term(
  "alpha[1]", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]",
  "beta[1,2]", "beta[2,2]", "sigma", NA
)
pars(term)
pars(term, scalar = TRUE)
pars(term, scalar = FALSE)
```

---

pars_terms	*Term Parameters*

Description

Gets the name of each parameter for each term.

Usage

```
pars_terms(x, scalar = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A term vector.
scalar	A flag specifying whether to by default return all parameters (NULL), or only scalar parameters (TRUE) or only non-scalar parameters (FALSE).
...	Unused.

Details

The scalar argument is **Defunct**

Value

A character vector of the term parameter names.

See Also

Other parameters: pars.term_rcrd(), pars.term()

Examples

```
term <- term(
  "alpha[1]", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]",
  "beta[1,2]", "beta[2,2]", "sigma", NA
)
pars_terms(term)
```

---

pdims.term   *Parameter Dimensions*

Description

Gets the dimensions of each parameter of an object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term'
pdims(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x   An object.

...   Other arguments passed to methods.

Details

Errors if the parameter dimensions are invalid or inconsistent.

A named list of the dimensions of each parameter can be converted into the equivalent term-vector() using term().

Value

A named list of integer vectors of the dimensions of each parameter.

See Also

Other dimensions: dims(), ndims(), npdims()

Examples

```
pdims(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[3]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]"))
```

---

pdims.term_rcrd *Parameter Dimensions*

Description

Gets the dimensions of each parameter of an object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term_rcrd'
pdims(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Details

Errors if the parameter dimensions are inconsistent.

Value

A named list of integer vectors of the dimensions of each parameter.

See Also

Other dimensions: [dims](), [ndims](), [npdims]()

Examples

```
pdims(as_term_rcrd(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[3]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]")))
```

---

repair_terms *Repair Terms*

Description

Repairs a terms vector.

Usage

```
repair_terms(x, normalize = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	The object.
normalize	A flag specifying whether to normalize terms.

Details

Invalid elements are replaced by missing values and spaces removed.

Value

The repaired term vector.

See Also

[term-vector()](), [valid_term()]() and [normalize_terms()]()

Examples

```
repair_terms(new_term(c("b[3]", "b")))
repair_terms(new_term(c("a[3]", "b[1]")))
repair_terms(new_term(c("a [3]", " b [ 1  ] ")))
repair_terms(new_term(c("a", NA)))
```

---

scalar_term   *Scalar Term*

Description

Test whether each term is a scalar.

Usage

```
scalar_term(x)
```

Arguments

x   The object.

Value

A logical vector indicating whether the term is a scalar.

Examples

```
scalar_term(term("alpha[1]", "alpha[3]", "beta[1]", "sigma[3]"))
scalar_term(term("alpha[1]", NA_term_, "beta[1]", "beta[3]"))
```

---

set_pars.term *Set Parameter Names*

Description

Sets an object's parameter names.

The assignment version pars<-() forwards to set_pars().

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term'
set_pars(x, value, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object.
value	A character vector of the new parameter names.
...	Other arguments passed to methods.

Details

value must be a unique character vector of the same length as the object's parameters.

Value

The modified object.

See Also

Other parameters: [npars](), [pars]()

Examples

```
term <- as_term(c("b[2]", "a[1]", "b[3,3]"))
set_pars(term, c("x", "y"))
```

---

subset.term *Subset Term Vector*

Description

Subsets a term vector.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term'
subset(x, pars = NULL, select = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	The object.
pars	A character vector of parameter names.
select	A character vector of the names of the parameters to include in the subsetted object.
...	Unused.

Details

The `select` argument is **Defunct**.

Value

The modified term vector.

See Also

term-vector()

Examples

```
term <- term(
  "alpha[1]", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]",
  "beta[1,2]", "beta[2,2]", "sigma"
)
subset(term, "beta")
subset(term, c("alpha", "sigma"))
```

---

subset.term_rcrd   *Subset Term Record*

Description

Subsets a term_rcrd.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'term_rcrd'
subset(x, pars = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	The object.
pars	A character vector of parameter names.
...	Unused.

Value

The modified term vector.

See Also

term_rcrd_object()

Examples

```
term_rcrd <- term_rcrd(
  "alpha[1]", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2,1]",
  "beta[1,2]", "beta[2,2]", "sigma"
)
## Not run:
subset(term_rcrd, "beta")
subset(term_rcrd, c("alpha", "sigma"))

## End(Not run)
```

---

term	*Term Vector*

Description

Creates a term vector from values. A `term` vector is an S3 vector of parameter terms of the form p, q[#] or r[#,#] where # are positive integers. This function checks that all terms are valid but does not require stronger levels of consistency, see chk_valid() for details.

Usage

```
term(...)
```

Arguments

...	Unnamed values are term values, named values describe the parameter in the name and the dimensionality in the value.

Value

A term vector.

See Also

dims() and pdims()

Examples

```
term()
term("p", "q[1]", "q[2]", "q[3]")
term("q[1]", "q[2]", "q[3]")
combined <- term(par = 2:4, "alpha")
pdims(combined)
term(!!!pdims(combined))

# Invalid terms are rejected:
try(term("r["))

# Valid terms are repaired
term("r  [ 1  ,2  ]")
```

---

term_rcrd   *Term Record*

Description

Creates a term_rcrd from values. This function checks that all terms are valid but does not require stronger levels of consistency, see chk_valid() for details.

Usage

```
term_rcrd(...)
```

Arguments

...	Unnamed values are term values, named values describe the parameter in the name and the dimensionality in the value.

Value

A term_rcrd vector.

See Also

[dims()](#) and [pdims()](#)

Examples

```
term_rcrd()
## Not run:
term_rcrd("p", "q[1]", "q[2]", "q[3]")
term_rcrd("q[1]", "q[2]", "q[3]")

## End(Not run)
```

---

tindex   *Term Index*

Description

Gets the index for each term of an term or term_rcrd object.

Usage

```
tindex(x)
```

Arguments

x	The object.

Details

For example the index of `beta[2,1]` is `c(2L,1L)` while the index for `sigma` is `1L`. It is useful for extracting the values of individual terms.

Value

A named list of integer vectors of the index for each term.

Examples

```
tindex(term("alpha", "alpha[2]", "beta[1,1]", "beta[2 ,1  ]"))
```

---

valid_term   *Valid Terms*

Description

Test whether each element in a term or term_rcrd object is valid.

Usage

```
valid_term(x)
```

Arguments

x   The object.

Details

Repairing a term vector replaces invalid terms with missing values.

Value

A logical vector indicating whether each term is valid.

See Also

[term-vector()](#) and [repair_terms()](#)

Examples

```
# valid term elements
valid_term(term("a", "a [3]", " b [ 1  ] ", "c[1,300,10]"))
# invalid term elements
valid_term(new_term(c("a b", "a[1]b", "a[0]", "b[1,]", "c[]", "d[1][2]")))
```

---

vld_term   *Validate Term or Term Record*

Description

Validates the elements of a term or term_rcrd vector. Use chk_s3_class() to check if an object is a term or term_rcrd.

Usage

```
vld_term(x, validate = "complete")

vld_term_rcrd(x, validate = "complete")
```

Arguments

x   The object.

validate   A string specifying the level of the validation. The possible values in order of
                  increasing strictness are 'class', 'valid', 'consistent' and 'complete'.

Details

Internal validity of a term can be checked on three levels:

- "valid" checks that all terms are of the form x, x[#], x[#,#] etc. where x is an identifier and
  # are positive integers.

- "consistent" checks that all terms are addressed with the same dimensionality; the terms
  x[1] and x[2,3] are inconsistent.

- "complete" checks that the values span all possible values across all dimensions; if x[3,4]
  exist, the vector must contain at least 11 more terms to be consistent (x[1,1] to x[1,4],
  x[2,1] to x[2,4] and x[3,1] to x[3,3]).

Missing values are ignored as are duplicates and order.

Value

A flag indicating whether the condition was met.

Functions

- vld_term_rcrd: Validate Term Record

See Also

chk_term()

Examples

```
# vld_term
vld_term(c("x[2]", "x[1]"))
vld_term(term("x[2]", "x[1]"))

# vld_term_rcrd
vld_term_rcrd(c("x[2]", "x[1]"))
vld_term_rcrd(term_rcrd("x[2]", "x[1]"))
```

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