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Description

An artificially generated dataset describing basic demographics and accessorization choices of baseball fans as part of a a hypothetical market research study from stadium merchandise vendors. None of the data are real; they were produced for illustrative and testing purposes only.

Usage

baseballfans

Format

baseballfans:

A data frame with 19 rows and 10 columns:

ID Unique integer identifier for each individual.

Age Age in years at time of observation.

Gender Self-reported gender ("Male" or "Female").

EyeColour Eye color ("Brown", "Green", "Blue"), or missing (NA) if not recorded.

Height Height in centimeters; missing (NA) if not recorded.

HairColour Hair color ("Black", "Blond", "Red", "Brown").

Glasses Logical flag (TRUE/FALSE) indicating whether the individual wears glasses.

WearingHat Logical flag (TRUE/FALSE) indicating whether the individual is wearing a hat.

WearingHat_tooltip Type of hat worn, if any (e.g., "baseball cap", "stetson", "fedora", "top hat"); empty when WearingHat == FALSE.

Date Date of observation in day/month/year format (e.g., 9/05/2023). Stored as character vector #' @ source Synthetic data; no real persons were observed.

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Details

This mock dataset was created to demonstrate ggEDA functionality. All entries are fictional.

beautify

Make strings prettier for printing

Description

Takes an input string and 'beautify' by converting underscores to spaces and

Usage

```
beautify(string, autodetect_units = TRUE)
```

Arguments

```
string input string
autodetect_units
automatically detect units (e.g. mm, kg, etc) and wrap in brackets.
```

Value

string

column_info_table

Parse a tibble and ensure it meets standards

Description

Parse a tibble and ensure it meets standards

```
column_info_table(
  data,
  maxlevels = 6,
  col_id = NULL,
  cols_to_plot,
  tooltip_column_suffix = "_tooltip",
  ignore_column_regex = "_ignore$",
  palettes,
  colours_default,
  colours_default_logical,
  verbose
)
```

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Arguments

data data.frame to autoplot (data.frame)

maxlevels for categorical variables, what is the maximum number of distinct values to

allow (too many will make it hard to find a palette that suits). (number)

col_id name of column to use as an identifier. If null, artificial IDs will be created based

on row-number.

cols_to_plot names of columns in data that should be plotted. By default plots all valid

columns (character)

tooltip_column_suffix

the suffix added to a column name that indicates column should be used as a

tooltip (string)

ignore_column_regex

a regex string that, if matches a column name, will cause that column to be

excluded from plotting (string). If NULL no regex check will be performed.

(default: "_ignore\$")

palettes A list of named vectors. List names correspond to **data** column names (cate-

gorical only). Vector names to levels of columns. Vector values are colours, the

vector names are used to map values in data to a colour.

colours_default

Default colors for categorical variables without a custom palette.

colours_default_logical

Colors for binary variables: a vector of three colors representing TRUE, FALSE,

and NA respectively (character).

verbose Numeric value indicating the verbosity level:

• 2: Highly verbose, all messages.

• 1: Key messages only.

• 0: Silent, no messages.

Value

tibble with the following columns:

- 1. colnames
- 2. coltype (categorical/numeric/tooltip/invalid)
- 3. ndistinct (number of distinct values)
- 4. plottable (should this column be plotted)
- 5. tooltip_col (the name of the column to use as the tooltip) or NA if no obvious tooltip column found

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ggparallel

Parallel Coordinate Plots

Description

Visualize relationships between numeric variables and categorical groupings using parallel coordinate plots.

Usage

```
ggparallel(
  data,
  col_id = NULL,
  col_colour = NULL,
 highlight = NULL,
  interactive = TRUE,
  order_columns_by = c("appearance", "random", "auto"),
  order_observations_by = c("frequency", "original"),
  verbose = TRUE,
  palette_colour = palette.colors(palette = "Set2"),
  palette_highlight = c("red", "grey90"),
  convert_binary_numeric_to_factor = TRUE,
  scaling = c("uniminmax", "none"),
  return = c("plot", "data"),
  options = ggparallel_options()
)
```

Arguments

A data frame containing the variables to plot.

The name of the column to use as an identifier. If NULL, artificial IDs will be generated based on row numbers. (character)

Name of the column to use for coloring lines in the plot. If NULL, no coloring is applied. (character)

A level from col_colour to emphasize in the plot. Ignored if col_colour is not set. (character)

interactive Produce interactive ggiraph visualiastion (flag)

order_columns_by

Strategy for ordering columns in the plot. Options include:

- "appearance": Order columns by their order in data (default).
- "random": Randomly order columns.
- "auto": Automatically order columns based on context:
 - If highlight is set, columns are ordered to maximize separation between the highlighted level and all others, using mutual information.

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 If col_colour is set but highlight is not, columns are ordered based on mutual information with all classes in col_colour.

 If neither highlight nor col_colour is set, columns are ordered to minimize the estimated number of crossings, using a repetitive nearest neighbour approach with two-opt refinement.

order_observations_by

Strategy for ordering lines in the plot. Options include:

- "frequency": Draw the largest groups first.
- "original": Preserve the original order in data.

Ignored if highlight is set.

verbose

Logical; whether to display informative messages during execution. (default: TRUE)

palette_colour A named vector of colors for categorical levels in col_colour. (default: Set2 palette)

palette_highlight

A two-color vector for highlighting (highlight and others). (default: c("red", "grey90"))

convert_binary_numeric_to_factor

Logical; whether to convert numeric columns containing only 0, 1, and NA to factors. (default: TRUE)

scaling

Method for scaling numeric variables. Options include:

- "uniminmax": Rescale each variable to range [0, 1].
- "none": No rescaling. Use raw values.

return

What to return. Options include:

- "plot": Return the ggplot object (default).
- "data": Return the processed data used for plotting.

options

A list of additional visualization parameters created by ggparallel_options().

Value

A ggplot object or a processed data frame, depending on the return parameter.

Examples

```
ggparallel(
  data = minibeans,
  col_colour = "Class",
  order_columns_by = "auto"
)

ggparallel(
  data = minibeans,
  col_colour = "Class",
  highlight = "DERMASON",
  order_columns_by = "auto"
)
```

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```
# Customise appearance using options argument
ggparallel(
  data = minibeans,
  col_colour = "Class",
  order_columns_by = "auto",
  options = ggparallel_options(show_legend = FALSE)
)
```

ggparallel_options

Visual Parameters for ggparallel Plots

Description

Configures aesthetic and layout settings for plots generated by ggparallel.

```
ggparallel_options(
  show_legend = TRUE,
  show_legend_titles = FALSE,
  legend_position = c("bottom", "right", "left", "top"),
  legend_title_position = c("left", "top", "bottom", "right"),
  legend_nrow = NULL,
  legend_ncol = NULL,
  legend_key_size = 1,
  beautify_text = TRUE,
 max_digits_bounds = 1,
  x_axis_text_angle = 90,
  x_axis_text_hjust = 0,
  x_axis_text_vjust = 0.5,
  fontsize_x_axis_text = 12,
  show_column_names = TRUE,
  show_points = FALSE,
  show_bounds_labels = FALSE,
  show_bounds_rect = FALSE,
  line_alpha = 0.5,
  line_width = NULL,
  line_type = 1,
  x_axis_gridlines = ggplot2::element_line(colour = "black"),
  interactive_svg_width = NULL,
  interactive_svg_height = NULL
)
```

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Arguments

show_legend Display the legend on the plot (flag). show_legend_titles Display titles for legends (flag). legend_position Position of the legend ("right", "left", "bottom", "top"). legend_title_position Position of the legend title ("top", "bottom", "left", "right"). legend_nrow Number of rows in the legend (number). legend_ncol Number of columns in the legend. If set, legend_nrow should be NULL (numlegend_key_size Size of the legend key symbols. (number). beautify_text Beautify y-axis text and legend titles by capitalizing words and adding spaces (flag). max_digits_bounds Number of digits to round the axis bounds label text to (number) x_axis_text_angle Angle of the x axis text describing column names (number) x_axis_text_hjust Horizontal Justification of the x axis text describing column names (number) x_axis_text_vjust Vertical Justification of the x axis text describing column names (number) fontsize_x_axis_text fontsize of the x-axis text describing column names (number) show_column_names Show column names as x axis text (flag) show_points Show points (flag) show_bounds_labels Show bounds (min and max value) of each feature with labels above / below the axes (flag) show_bounds_rect Show bounds (min and max value) of each feature with a rectangular graphic (flag) line_alpha Alpha of line geom (number) line_width Width of the line geom (number) Type of line geom (number or string. see ggplot2::aes_linetype_size_shape() line_type for valid options) x_axis_gridlines Customise look of x axis gridlines. Must be either a call to ggplot2::element_line() or ggplot2::element_blank(). interactive_svg_width, interactive_svg_height Width and height of the interactive graphic region (in inches). Only used when interactive = TRUE.

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Value

A list of visualization parameters for ggparallel.

Examples

```
ggparallel(
  data = minibeans,
  col_colour = "Class",
  order_columns_by = "auto"
)
ggparallel(
  data = minibeans,
  col_colour = "Class",
  highlight = "DERMASON",
  order_columns_by = "auto"
# Customise appearance using options argument
ggparallel(
  data = minibeans,
  col_colour = "Class",
  order_columns_by = "auto",
  options = ggparallel_options(show_legend = FALSE)
)
```

ggstack

AutoPlot an entire data.frame

Description

Visualize all columns in a data frame with ggEDA's vertically aligned plots and automatic plot selection based on variable type. Plots are fully interactive, and custom tooltips can be added.

```
ggstack(
  data,
  col_id = NULL,
  col_sort = NULL,
  order_matches_sort = TRUE,
  maxlevels = 7,
  verbose = 2,
  drop_unused_id_levels = FALSE,
  interactive = TRUE,
  return = c("plot", "column_info", "data"),
  palettes = NULL,
```

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```
sort_type = c("frequency", "alphabetical"),
desc = TRUE,
limit_plots = TRUE,
max_plottable_cols = 10,
cols_to_plot = NULL,
tooltip_column_suffix = "_tooltip",
ignore_column_regex = "_ignore$",
convert_binary_numeric_to_factor = TRUE,
options = ggstack_options(show_legend = !interactive)
```

Arguments

data data.frame to autoplot (data.frame)

col_id name of column to use as an identifier. If null, artificial IDs will be created based

on row-number.

col_sort name of columns to sort on. To do a hierarchical sort, supply a vector of column

names in the order they should be sorted (character).

order_matches_sort

should the column plots be stacked top-to-bottom in the order they appear in

col_sort (flag)

maxlevels for categorical variables, what is the maximum number of distinct values to

allow (too many will make it hard to find a palette that suits). (number)

verbose Numeric value indicating the verbosity level:

• 2: Highly verbose, all messages.

• 1: Key messages only.

• 0: Silent, no messages.

drop_unused_id_levels

if col_id is a factor with unused levels, should these be dropped or included in

visualisation

interactive produce interactive ggiraph visualiastion (flag)

return a string describing what this function should return. Options include:

• **plot**: Return the ggEDA visualisation (default)

• **colum_info**: Return a data.frame describing the columns the dataset.

• data: Return the processed dataset used for plotting.

palettes A list of named vectors. List names correspond to **data** column names (cate-

gorical only). Vector names to levels of columns. Vector values are colours, the

vector names are used to map values in data to a colour.

sort_type controls how categorical variables are sorted. Numerical variables are always

sorted in numerical order irrespective of the value given here. Options are

alphabetical or frequency

desc sort in descending order (flag)

limit_plots throw an error when there are > max_plottable_cols in dataset (flag)

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```
max_plottable_cols
                  maximum number of columns that can be plotted (default: 10) (number)
cols_to_plot
                  names of columns in data that should be plotted. By default plots all valid
                 columns (character)
tooltip_column_suffix
                  the suffix added to a column name that indicates column should be used as a
                  tooltip (string)
ignore_column_regex
                  a regex string that, if matches a column name, will cause that column to be
                  excluded from plotting (string). If NULL no regex check will be performed.
                  (default: "_ignore$")
convert_binary_numeric_to_factor
                 If a numeric column conatins only values 0, 1, & NA, then automatically convert
                  to a factor.
                 a list of additional visual parameters created by calling ggstack_options().
options
                  See ggstack_options for details.
```

Value

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Examples

```
# Create Basic Plot
ggstack(baseballfans, col_id = "ID", col_sort = "Glasses")
# Configure plot ggstack_options()
ggstack(
 lazy_birdwatcher,
 col_sort = "Magpies",
 palettes = list(
   Birdwatcher = c(Robert = "#E69F00", Catherine = "#999999"),
   Day = c(Weekday = "#999999", Weekend = "#009E73")
 options = ggstack_options(
    show_legend = TRUE,
    fontsize_barplot_y_numbers = 12,
   legend_text_size = 16,
   legend_key_size = 1,
    legend_nrow = 1,
 )
)
```

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ggstack_options

Visual Parameters for ggstack Plots

Description

Configures aesthetic and layout settings for plots generated by ggstack.

```
ggstack_options(
 colours_default = c("#66C2A5", "#FC8D62", "#8DA0CB", "#E78AC3", "#A6D854", "#FFD92F",
    "#E5C494"),
  colours_default_logical = c(`TRUE` = "#648fff", `FALSE` = "#dc267f"),
  colours_missing = "grey90",
  show_legend_titles = FALSE,
  legend_title_position = c("top", "bottom", "left", "right"),
  legend_nrow = 4,
  legend_ncol = NULL,
  legend_title_size = NULL,
  legend_text_size = NULL,
  legend_key_size = 0.3,
  legend_orientation_heatmap = c("horizontal", "vertical"),
  show_legend = TRUE,
  legend_position = c("right", "left", "bottom", "top"),
  na_marker = "!",
  na_marker_size = 8,
  na_marker_colour = "black",
  show_na_marker_categorical = FALSE,
  show_na_marker_heatmap = FALSE,
  colours_heatmap_low = "purple",
  colours_heatmap_high = "seagreen";
  transform_heatmap = c("identity", "log10", "log2"),
  fontsize_values_heatmap = 3,
  show_values_heatmap = FALSE,
  colours_values_heatmap = "white",
  vertical_spacing = 0,
  numeric_plot_type = c("bar", "heatmap"),
  y_axis_position = c("left", "right"),
 width = 0.9,
  relative_height_numeric = 4,
  cli_header = "Running ggstack",
  interactive_svg_width = NULL,
  interactive_svg_height = NULL,
  fontsize_barplot_y_numbers = 8,
  max_digits_barplot_y_numbers = 3,
  fontsize_y_title = 12,
  beautify_text = TRUE
```

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)

Arguments

colours_default

Default colors for categorical variables without a custom palette.

colours_default_logical

Colors for binary variables: a vector of three colors representing TRUE, FALSE, and NA respectively (character).

colours_missing

Color for missing (NA) values in categorical plots (string).

show_legend_titles

Display titles for legends (flag).

legend_title_position

Position of the legend title ("top", "bottom", "left", "right").

legend_nrow Number of rows in the legend (number).

legend_ncol Number of columns in the legend. If set, legend_nrow should be NULL (num-

legend_title_size

Size of the legend title text (number).

legend_text_size

Size of the text within the legend (number).

legend_key_size

Size of the legend key symbols (number).

legend_orientation_heatmap

should legend orientation be "horizontal" or "vertical".

show_legend Display the legend on the plot (flag). legend_position

Position of the legend ("right", "left", "bottom", "top").

na_marker Text used to mark NA values in numeric plots (string).

na_marker_size Size of the text marker for NA values (number).

na_marker_colour

Color of the NA text marker (string).

show_na_marker_categorical

Show a marker for NA values on categorical tiles (flag).

show_na_marker_heatmap

Show a marker for NA values on heatmap tiles (flag).

colours_heatmap_low

Color for the lowest value in heatmaps (string).

colours_heatmap_high

Color for the highest value in heatmaps (string).

transform_heatmap

Transformation to apply before visualizing heatmap values ("identity", "log10", "log2").

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```
fontsize_values_heatmap
                  Font size for heatmap values (number).
show_values_heatmap
                  Display numerical values on heatmap tiles (flag).
colours_values_heatmap
                  Color for heatmap values (string).
vertical_spacing
                  Space between each data row in points (number).
numeric_plot_type
                  Type of visualization for numeric data: "bar" or "heatmap".
y_axis_position
                  Position of the y-axis ("left" or "right").
width
                  controls how much space is present between bars and tiles within each plot. Can
                  be 0-1 where values of 1 makes bars/tiles take up 100% of available space (no
                  gaps between bars).
relative_height_numeric
                  how many times taller should numeric plots be relative to categorical tile plots.
                  Only taken into account if numeric_plot_type == "bar" (number)
cli_header
                  Text used for h1 header. Included so it can be tweaked by packages that use
                  ggstack, so they can customise how the info messages appear.
interactive_svg_width, interactive_svg_height
                  width and height of the interactive graphic region (in inches). Only used when
                  interactive = TRUE.
fontsize_barplot_y_numbers
                  fontsize of the text describing numeric barplot max & min values (number).
max_digits_barplot_y_numbers
                  Number of digits to round the numeric barplot max and min values to (number).
fontsize_y_title
                  fontsize of the y axis titles (a.k.a the data.frame column names) (number).
beautify_text
                  Beautify y-axis text and legend titles by capitalizing words and adding spaces
                  (flag).
```

Value

A list of visualization parameters for ggstack.

Examples

```
# Create Basic Plot
ggstack(baseballfans, col_id = "ID", col_sort = "Glasses")
# Configure plot ggstack_options()
ggstack(
  lazy_birdwatcher,
  col_sort = "Magpies",
  palettes = list(
    Birdwatcher = c(Robert = "#E69F00", Catherine = "#999999"),
```

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```
Day = c(Weekday = "#999999", Weekend = "#009E73")
),
options = ggstack_options(
   show_legend = TRUE,
   fontsize_barplot_y_numbers = 12,
   legend_text_size = 16,
   legend_key_size = 1,
   legend_nrow = 1,
)
```

lazy_birdwatcher

Lazy Birdwatcher Dataset

Description

A simulated dataset describing the number of magpies observed by two birdwatchers.

Usage

lazy_birdwatcher

Format

lazy_birdwatcher:

A data frame with 45 rows and 3 columns:

Magpies Number of magpies observed

Day Was the day of observation a weekday or a weekend?

Birdwatcher Name of the birdwatcher

minibeans

Dry Beans Dataset

Description

A subsample of the Koklu & Ozkan (2020) dry beans dataset produced by imaging a total of 13,611 grains from 7 varieties of dry beans. The original dataset contains 13,611 observations, but here we include a random subsample of 1000.

Usage

minibeans

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Format

minibeans:

A data frame with 1000 rows and 17 columns:

Area The area of a bean zone and the number of pixels within its boundaries.

Perimeter Bean circumference is defined as the length of its border.

Major axis length The distance between the ends of the longest line that can be drawn from a bean.

Minor axis length The longest line that can be drawn from the bean while standing perpendicular to the main axis.

Aspect ratio Defines the relationship between L and l.

Eccentricity Eccentricity of the ellipse having the same moments as the region.

Convex area Number of pixels in the smallest convex polygon that can contain the area of a bean seed.

Equivalent diameter The diameter of a circle having the same area as a bean seed area.

Extent The ratio of the pixels in the bounding box to the bean area.

Solidity Also known as convexity. The ratio of the pixels in the convex shell to those found in beans.

Roundness Calculated with the following formula: (4piA)/(P^2).

Compactness Measures the roundness of an object: Ed/L.

ShapeFactor1 Shape factor 1.

ShapeFactor2 Shape factor 2.

ShapeFactor3 Shape factor 3.

ShapeFactor4 Shape factor 4.

Class Seker, Barbunya, Bombay, Cali, Dermosan, Horoz, and Sira.

Source

Koklu, M, and IA Ozkan. 2020. Multiclass Classification of Dry Beans Using Computer Vision and Machine Learning Techniques. Computers and Electronics in Agriculture, 174: 105507. doi: 10.1016/j.compag.2020.105507, https://doi.org/10.24432/C50S4B

mutinfo

Compute Mutual Information

Description

Computes mutual information between each feature in the features data frame and the target vector. The features are discretized using the "equalfreq" method from infotheo::discretize().

```
mutinfo(features, target, return_colnames = FALSE)
```

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Arguments

features A data frame of features. These will be discretized using the "equalfreq" method

(see infotheo::discretize()).

target A vector (character or factor) representing the variable to compute mutual infor-

mation with.

return_colnames

Logical; if TRUE, returns the column names from features ordered by their mutual information with target (highest to lowest). If FALSE, returns mutual $\frac{1}{2}$

information values. (default: FALSE)

Value

If return_colnames = FALSE, a named numeric vector of mutual information scores is returned (one for each column in features), sorted in descending order. The names of the vector correspond to the column names of features. If return_colnames = TRUE, only the ordered column names of features are returned.

Examples

```
data(iris)
# Compute mutual information scores
mutinfo(iris[1:4], iris[[5]])
```

Get column names ordered by mutual information with target column (most mutual info first)
mutinfo(iris[1:4], iris[[5]], return_colnames = TRUE)

sensible_2_breaks

GGplot breaks

Description

Find sensible values to add 2 breaks at for a ggplot2 axis

Usage

```
sensible_2_breaks(vector)
```

Arguments

vector

vector fed into ggplot axis you want to define sensible breaks for

Value

vector of length 2. first element descripts upper break position, lower describes lower break

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