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Description

Tools, classes and methods to manipulate survey data.

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Details

Surveydata objects have been designed to function with SPSS export data, i.e. the result of an SPSS import, foreign::read.spss(). This type of data is contained in a data.frame, with information about the questionnaire text in the variable.labels attribute. Surveydata objects keep track of the variable labels, by offering methods for renaming, subsetting, etc.

Coercion functions:

- as.surveydata()
- is.surveydata()
- as.data.frame.surveydata()

To access and modify attributes:

- pattern()
- varlabels()

To subset or merge surveydata objects:

- merge()
- Extract()
- cbind.surveydata()

To extract question text from varlabels:

- question_text()
- question_text_common()
- question_text_unique()

To fix common encoding problems:

- encToInt()
- intToEnc()
- fix_common_encoding_problems()

To clean data:

- remove_dont_know() to remove "Don't know" responses
- remove_all_dont_know() to remove "Don't know" responses from all questions
- fix_levels_01() to fix level formatting of all question with Yes/No type answers

Miscellaneous tools:

• dropout() to determine questions where respondents drop out

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```
library(surveydata)
# Create surveydata object
sdat <- data.frame(</pre>
   id = 1:4,
   Q1 = c("Yes", "No", "Yes", "Yes"),
   Q4_1 = c(1, 2, 1, 2),
   Q4_2 = c(3, 4, 4, 3),
   Q4_3 = c(5, 5, 6, 6),
   Q10 = factor(c("Male", "Female", "Female", "Male")),
   crossbreak = c("A", "A", "B", "B"),
   weight = c(0.9, 1.1, 0.8, 1.2)
)
varlabels(sdat) <- c(</pre>
    "RespID",
    "Question 1",
    "Question 4: red", "Question 4: green", "Question 4: blue",
    "Question 10",
    "crossbreak",
    "weight"
sv <- as.surveydata(sdat, renameVarlabels = TRUE)</pre>
# Extract specific questions
sv[, "Q1"]
sv[, "Q4"]
# Query attributes
varlabels(sv)
pattern(sv)
# Find unique questions
questions(sv)
which.q(sv, "Q1")
which.q(sv, "Q4")
# Find question text
question_text(sv, "Q1")
question_text(sv, "Q4")
question_text_common(sv, "Q4")
question_text_unique(sv, "Q4")
# Basic operations on a surveydata object, illustrated with the example dataset membersurvey
class(membersurvey)
```

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```
questions(membersurvey)
 which.q(membersurvey, "Q1")
 which.q(membersurvey, "Q3")
 which.q(membersurvey, c("Q1", "Q3"))
 question_text(membersurvey, "Q3")
 question_text_unique(membersurvey, "Q3")
 question_text_common(membersurvey, "Q3")
 # Extracting columns from a surveydata object
 head(membersurvey[, "Q1"])
 head(membersurvey["Q1"])
 head(membersurvey[, "Q3"])
 head(membersurvey[, c("Q1", "Q3")])
 # Note that the result is always a surveydata object, even if only one column is extracted
 head(membersurvey[, "id"])
 str(membersurvey[, "id"])
as.data.frame.surveydata
```

Coerces surveydata object to data.frame.

Description

Coerces surveydata object to data.frame.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'surveydata'
as.data.frame(x, ..., rm.pattern = FALSE)
```

Arguments

```
x Surveydata object to coerce to class data.frame... ignoredrm.pattern If TRUE removes pattern() attributes from x
```

See Also

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as.surveydata

Coercion from and to surveydata.

Description

Methods for creating surveydata objects, testing for class, and coercion from other objects.

Usage

```
as.surveydata(
    X,
    sep = "_",
    exclude = "other",
    ptn = pattern(x),
    defaultPtn = list(sep = sep, exclude = exclude),
    renameVarlabels = FALSE
)
un_surveydata(x)
```

Arguments

x Object to coerce to surveydata

sep Separator between question and sub-question names

exclude Excludes from pattern search

ptn A list with two elements, sep and exclude. See pattern() and which.q() for

more detail.

defaultPtn The default for ptn, if it doesn't exist in the object that is being coerced.

renameVarlabels

If TRUE, turns variable.labels attribute into a named vector, using names(x) as

names.

Details

The functionun_surveydata() removes the surveydata class from the object, leaving intact the other classes, e.g. data.frame or tibble

See Also

```
surveydata-package, is.surveydata()
```

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```
library(surveydata)
# Create surveydata object
sdat <- data.frame(</pre>
   id = 1:4,
   Q1 = c("Yes", "No", "Yes", "Yes"),
   Q4_1 = c(1, 2, 1, 2),
   Q4_2 = c(3, 4, 4, 3),
   Q4_3 = c(5, 5, 6, 6),
   Q10 = factor(c("Male", "Female", "Female", "Male")),
   crossbreak = c("A", "A", "B", "B"),
   weight
              = c(0.9, 1.1, 0.8, 1.2)
)
varlabels(sdat) <- c(</pre>
    "RespID",
    "Question 1",
    "Question 4: red", "Question 4: green", "Question 4: blue",
    "Question 10",
    "crossbreak",
    "weight"
sv <- as.surveydata(sdat, renameVarlabels = TRUE)</pre>
# Extract specific questions
sv[, "Q1"]
sv[, "Q4"]
# Query attributes
varlabels(sv)
pattern(sv)
# Find unique questions
questions(sv)
which.q(sv, "Q1")
which.q(sv, "Q4")
# Find question text
question_text(sv, "Q1")
question_text(sv, "Q4")
question_text_common(sv, "Q4")
question_text_unique(sv, "Q4")
# Basic operations on a surveydata object, illustrated with the example dataset membersurvey
class(membersurvey)
```

```
questions(membersurvey)
which.q(membersurvey, "Q1")
which.q(membersurvey, "Q3")
which.q(membersurvey, c("Q1", "Q3"))
question_text(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_unique(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_common(membersurvey, "Q3")
# Extracting columns from a surveydata object
head(membersurvey[, "Q1"])
head(membersurvey[, "Q3"])
head(membersurvey[, "Q3"])
head(membersurvey[, c("Q1", "Q3")])
# Note that the result is always a surveydata object, even if only one column is extracted
head(membersurvey[, "id"])
str(membersurvey[, "id"])
```

as_opentext_datatable Converts free format question text to datatable using the DT package.

Description

Converts free format question text to datatable using the DT package.

Usage

```
as_opentext_datatable(data, q)
```

Arguments

```
data surveydata object
q Question
```

See Also

```
Other open text functions: print_opentext()
```

```
as_opentext_datatable(membersurvey, "Q33")
```

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cbind.surveydata

Combines surveydata object by columns.

Description

Combines surveydata object by columns.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'surveydata'
cbind(..., deparse.level = 1)
```

Arguments

```
... surveydata objects deparse.level ignored
```

dropout

Calculates at which questions respondents drop out.

Description

The number of respondents for each question is calculated as the length of the vector, after omitting NA values.

Usage

```
dropout(x, summary = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x surveydata object, list or data.frame

summary If TRUE, returns a shortened vector that contains only the points where respon-

dents drop out. Otherwise, returns the number of respondents for each question.

Value

Named numeric vector of respondent counts

```
dropout(membersurvey[-(127:128)])
```

encToInt

Converts a character vector to an integer vector.

Description

Conversion of character vector to integer vector. The encoding of the character vector can be specified but defaults to the current locale.

Usage

```
encToInt(x, encoding = localeToCharset())
```

Arguments

x Character vector

encoding A character string describing the encoding of x. Defaults to the current locale.

See also iconvlist()

Value

An integer vector

See Also

```
iconv()
```

```
Other Functions to clean data: fix_common_encoding_problems(), fix_levels_01_spss(), has_dont_know(), intToEnc(), leveltest, remove_all_dont_know(), remove_dont_know()
```

Examples

```
encToInt("\xfa")
```

fix_common_encoding_problems

Fix common encoding problems when working with web imported data.

Description

This function tries to resolve typical encoding problems when importing web data on Windows. Typical problems occur with pound and emdash (-), especially when these originated in MS-Word.

Usage

```
fix_common_encoding_problems(x, encoding = localeToCharset())
```

fix_levels_01_spss

Arguments

x A character vector

encoding A character string describing the encoding of x. Defaults to the current locale.

See also iconvlist()

See Also

Other Functions to clean data: encToInt(), fix_levels_01_spss(), has_dont_know(), intToEnc(), leveltest, remove_all_dont_know(), remove_dont_know()

fix_levels_01_spss

Fix level formatting of all question with Yes/No type answers.

Description

Fix level formatting of all question with Yes/No type answers.

Usage

```
fix_levels_01_spss(dat)
fix_levels_01_r(dat)
fix_levels_01(dat, origin = c("R", "SPSS"))
```

Arguments

dat surveydata object origin Either R or SPSS

See Also

```
Other Functions to clean data: encToInt(), fix_common_encoding_problems(), has_dont_know(), intToEnc(), leveltest, remove_all_dont_know(), remove_dont_know()
```

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has_dont_know

Tests whether levels contain "Don't know".

Description

Returns TRUE if x contains any instances of dk

Usage

```
has_dont_know(x, dk = "Don't Know")
```

Arguments

x Character vector or factor

dk Character vector, containing search terms, e.g. c("Don't know", "Don't Know")

Value

TRUE or FALSE

See Also

Other Functions to clean data: encToInt(), fix_common_encoding_problems(), fix_levels_01_spss(), intToEnc(), leveltest, remove_all_dont_know(), remove_dont_know()

intToEnc

Converts an integer vector to a character vector.

Description

Conversion of integer vector to character vector. The encoding of the character vector can be specified but defaults to the current locale.

Usage

```
intToEnc(x, encoding = localeToCharset())
```

Arguments

x Integer vector

encoding A character string describing the encoding of x. Defaults to the current locale.

See also iconvlist()

Value

A character vector

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See Also

```
iconv()
```

Other Functions to clean data: encToInt(), fix_common_encoding_problems(), fix_levels_01_spss(), has_dont_know(), leveltest, remove_all_dont_know(), remove_dont_know()

Examples

```
intToEnc(8212)
```

is.surveydata

Tests whether an object is of class surveydata.

Description

Tests whether an object is of class surveydata.

Usage

```
is.surveydata(x)
```

Arguments

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Object to check for being of class surveydata

See Also

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lapply_names

Applies function only to named elements of a list.

Description

This is useful to clean only some columns in a list (or data.frame or surveydata object). This is a simple wrapper around lapply() where only the named elements are changed.

Usage

```
lapply_names(x, names, FUN, ...)
```

Arguments

x list

names character vector identifying which elements of the list to apply FUN

FUN function to apply.

. . . additional arguments passed to FUN

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See Also

Other Tools: question_order()

leveltest

Fix level formatting of all question with Yes/No type answers.

Description

Fix level formatting of all question with Yes/No type answers.

Usage

```
leveltest_spss(x)
leveltest_r(x)
```

Arguments

Х

surveydata object

See Also

```
Other Functions to clean data: encToInt(), fix_common_encoding_problems(), fix_levels_01_spss(), has_dont_know(), intToEnc(), remove_all_dont_know(), remove_dont_know()
```

membersurvey

Data frame with survey data of member satisfaction survey.

Description

Data frame with survey data of member satisfaction survey.

Usage

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merge

Merge surveydata objects.

Description

The base R merge will merge data but not all of the attributes. This function also merges the variable.labels attribute.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'surveydata' merge(x, y, ...)
```

Arguments

x surveydata objecty surveydata object

... Other parameters passed to merge()

print_opentext

Print open text questions.

Description

Print open text questions.

Usage

```
print_opentext(data, q, cat = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data data

q Question number

cat If TRUE, prints results using cat()

See Also

Other open text functions: as_opentext_datatable()

```
print_opentext(membersurvey, "Q33")
```

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questions

Returns a list of all the unique questions in the surveydata object.

Description

In many survey systems, sub-questions take the form Q1_a, Q1_b, with the main question and sub-question separated by an underscore. This function conveniently returns all of the main questions in a surveydata() object. It does this by using the pattern() attribute of the surveydata object.

Usage

```
questions(x, ptn = pattern(x))
```

Arguments

x Object to coerce to surveydata

ptn A list with two elements, sep and exclude. See pattern() and which.q() for

more detail.

Value

numeric vector

See Also

```
which.q
```

```
Other Question functions: question_text_common(), question_text_unique(), question_text(), split_common_unique(), which.q()
```

```
# Basic operations on a surveydata object, illustrated with the example dataset membersurvey
class(membersurvey)
questions(membersurvey)
which.q(membersurvey, "Q1")
which.q(membersurvey, "Q3")
which.q(membersurvey, c("Q1", "Q3"))
question_text(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_unique(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_common(membersurvey, "Q3")
# Extracting columns from a surveydata object
head(membersurvey[, "Q1"])
```

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```
head(membersurvey["Q1"])
head(membersurvey[, "Q3"])
head(membersurvey[, c("Q1", "Q3")])

# Note that the result is always a surveydata object, even if only one column is extracted
head(membersurvey[, "id"])
str(membersurvey[, "id"])
```

question_order

Changes vector to ordered factor, adding NA levels if applicable.

Description

Changes vector to ordered factor, adding NA levels if applicable.

Usage

```
question_order(x)
```

Arguments

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character vector

See Also

```
Other Tools: lapply_names()
```

question_text

Returns question text.

Description

Given a question id, e.g. "Q4", returns question text for this question. Note that this returns. The functions question_text_unique() and question_text_common() returns the unique and common components of the question text.

Usage

```
question_text(x, Q)
```

Arguments

- x A surveydata object
- Q The question id, e.g. "Q4". If not supplied, returns the text for all questions.

Value

character vector

See Also

```
Other Question functions: question_text_common(), question_text_unique(), questions(), split_common_unique(), which.q()
```

Examples

```
# Basic operations on a surveydata object, illustrated with the example dataset membersurvey
class(membersurvey)
questions(membersurvey)
which.q(membersurvey, "Q1")
which.q(membersurvey, "Q3")
which.q(membersurvey, c("Q1", "Q3"))
question_text(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_unique(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_common(membersurvey, "Q3")
# Extracting columns from a surveydata object
head(membersurvey[, "Q1"])
head(membersurvey["Q1"])
head(membersurvey[, "Q3"])
head(membersurvey[, c("Q1", "Q3")])
# Note that the result is always a surveydata object, even if only one column is extracted
head(membersurvey[, "id"])
str(membersurvey[, "id"])
```

question_text_common Returns common element of question text.

Description

Given a question id, e.g. "Q4", finds all sub-questions, e.g. "Q4_1", "Q4_2", etc, and returns the question text that is common to each.

Usage

```
question_text_common(x, Q)
```

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Arguments

x A surveydata object

Q The question id, e.g. "Q4". If not supplied, returns the text for all questions.

Value

character vector

See Also

```
Other Question functions: question_text_unique(), question_text(), questions(), split_common_unique(), which.q()
```

Examples

```
# Basic operations on a surveydata object, illustrated with the example dataset membersurvey
class(membersurvey)
questions(membersurvey)
which.q(membersurvey, "Q1")
which.q(membersurvey, "Q3")
which.q(membersurvey, c("Q1", "Q3"))
question_text(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_unique(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_common(membersurvey, "Q3")
# Extracting columns from a surveydata object
head(membersurvey[, "Q1"])
head(membersurvey["Q1"])
head(membersurvey[, "Q3"])
head(membersurvey[, c("Q1", "Q3")])
# Note that the result is always a surveydata object, even if only one column is extracted
head(membersurvey[, "id"])
str(membersurvey[, "id"])
```

question_text_unique Returns unique elements of question text.

Description

Given a question id, e.g. "Q4", finds all sub-questions, e.g. Q4_1, Q4_2, etc, and returns the question text that is unique to each

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Usage

```
question_text_unique(x, Q)
```

Arguments

- x A surveydata object
- Q The question id, e.g. "Q4". If not supplied, returns the text for all questions.

Value

character vector

See Also

```
Other Question functions: question_text_common(), question_text(), questions(), split_common_unique(), which.q()
```

```
# Basic operations on a surveydata object, illustrated with the example dataset membersurvey
class(membersurvey)
questions(membersurvey)
which.q(membersurvey, "Q1")
which.q(membersurvey, "Q3")
which.q(membersurvey, c("Q1", "Q3"))
question_text(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_unique(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_common(membersurvey, "Q3")
# Extracting columns from a surveydata object
head(membersurvey[, "Q1"])
head(membersurvey["Q1"])
head(membersurvey[, "Q3"])
head(membersurvey[, c("Q1", "Q3")])
# Note that the result is always a surveydata object, even if only one column is extracted
head(membersurvey[, "id"])
str(membersurvey[, "id"])
```

remove_all_dont_know

remove_all_dont_know Removes "Do not know" and other similar words from factor levels in data frame.

Description

Removes "Do not know" and other similar words from factor levels in data frame

Usage

```
remove_all_dont_know(x, dk = NULL, message = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x List or data frame

dk Character vector, containing search terms, e.g. c("Do not know", "DK"). These

terms will be replaced by NA. If NULL, defaults to c("I don't know", "Don't

Know", "Don't know", "Dont know", "DK")

message If TRUE, displays message with the number of instances that were removed.

Value

A data frame

See Also

```
hasDK() and removeDK()
```

```
Other Functions to clean data: encToInt(), fix_common_encoding_problems(), fix_levels_01_spss(), has_dont_know(), intToEnc(), leveltest, remove_dont_know()
```

remove_dont_know

Removes "Don't know" from levels and replaces with NA.

Description

Tests the levels of x contain any instances of "Don't know". If so, replaces these levels with NA

Usage

```
remove_dont_know(x, dk = "Don't Know")
```

Arguments

x Character vector or factor

dk Character vector, containing search terms, e.g. c("Don't know", "Don't Know")

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Value

A factor with "Dont know" removed

See Also

Other Functions to clean data: encToInt(), fix_common_encoding_problems(), fix_levels_01_spss(), has_dont_know(), intToEnc(), leveltest, remove_all_dont_know()

rm.attrs

Removes pattern and variable.labels from attributes list.

Description

Removes pattern and variable.labels from attributes list.

Usage

```
rm.attrs(x)
```

Arguments

Х

Surveydata object

rm.pattern

Removes pattern from attributes list.

Description

Removes pattern from attributes list.

Usage

```
rm.pattern(x)
```

Arguments

Χ

Surveydata object

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split_common_unique	Get common and unique text in question based on regex pattern iden-
	tification.

Description

Get common and unique text in question based on regex pattern identification.

Usage

```
split_common_unique(x, ptn = NULL)
```

Arguments

x A character vector

ptn A regex() pattern that defines how the string should be split into common and

unique elements

See Also

```
Other Question functions: question_text_common(), question_text_unique(), question_text(), questions(), which.q()
```

strCommonUnique

Finds the common and unique elements in a character vector.

Description

Function takes a character string as input and find the common and unique elements. Assumes that the common element is at start of string.

Usage

```
strCommonUnique(string)
```

Arguments

string

Character vector

Value

list of common and unique strings

```
test <- c("Q_1", "Q_2", "Q_3")
strCommonUnique(test)$common
strCommonUnique(test)$unique</pre>
```

Description

Plots single and as multi-response questions.

Usage

```
survey_plot_question(data, q)
```

Arguments

data surveydata object q Question

See Also

Other survey plotting functions: survey_plot_satisfaction(), survey_plot_yes_no()

Examples

```
question_text(membersurvey)
survey_plot_question(membersurvey, "Q2")
survey_plot_yes_no(membersurvey, "Q2")
survey_plot_satisfaction(membersurvey, "Q14")
```

```
survey_plot_satisfaction
```

Plot satisfaction questions.

Description

Plot satisfaction questions.

Usage

```
survey_plot_satisfaction(data, q, fun = c("net", "top3", "top2"))
```

Arguments

data surveydata object

q Question

fun Aggregation function, one of net (compute net satisfaction score), top3 (com-

pute top 3 box score) and top2 (compute top 2 box score)

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See Also

Other survey plotting functions: survey_plot_question(), survey_plot_yes_no()

Examples

```
question_text(membersurvey)
survey_plot_question(membersurvey, "Q2")
survey_plot_yes_no(membersurvey, "Q2")
survey_plot_satisfaction(membersurvey, "Q14")
```

survey_plot_title

Construct plot title from the question text, wrapping at the desired width.

Description

This creates a plot title using [ggplot2::ggtitle()]. The main title is string wrapped, and the subtitle is the number of observations in the data.

Usage

```
survey_plot_title(data, q, width = 50)
```

Arguments

data surveydata object

q Question

width Passed to strwrap()

survey_plot_yes_no

Plot data in yes/no format.

Description

Plot data in yes/no format.

Usage

```
survey_plot_yes_no(data, q)
```

Arguments

data surveydata object

q Question

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See Also

Other survey plotting functions: survey_plot_question(), survey_plot_satisfaction()

Examples

```
question_text(membersurvey)
survey_plot_question(membersurvey, "Q2")
survey_plot_yes_no(membersurvey, "Q2")
survey_plot_satisfaction(membersurvey, "Q14")
```

which.q

Identifies the columns indices corresponding to a specific question.

Description

In many survey systems, sub-questions take the form "Q1_a", "Q1_b", with the main question and sub-question separated by an underscore. This function conveniently returns column index of matches found for a question id in a surveydata object. It does this by using the pattern attribute of the surveydata object.

Usage

```
which.q(x, Q, ptn = pattern(x))
```

Arguments

X	Object to coerce to surveydata
Q	Character string with question number, e.g. "Q2"
ptn	A list with two elements, sep and exclude. See pattern() and which.q() for
	more detail.

See Also

```
questions() to return all questions matching the pattern()
Other Question functions: question_text_common(), question_text_unique(), question_text(),
questions(), split_common_unique()
```

```
# Basic operations on a surveydata object, illustrated with the example dataset membersurvey
class(membersurvey)
questions(membersurvey)
```

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```
which.q(membersurvey, "Q1")
which.q(membersurvey, c("Q1", "Q3"))
question_text(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_unique(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_common(membersurvey, "Q3")
question_text_common(membersurvey, "Q3")
# Extracting columns from a surveydata object
head(membersurvey[, "Q1"])
head(membersurvey[, "Q1"])
head(membersurvey[, "Q3"])
head(membersurvey[, "Q3"])
head(membersurvey[, c("Q1", "Q3")])
# Note that the result is always a surveydata object, even if only one column is extracted
head(membersurvey[, "id"])
str(membersurvey[, "id"])
```

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