

Package ‘bigparallelr’

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assert_cores	<i>Check number of cores</i>
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Description

Check that you are not trying to use too many cores.

Usage

```
assert_cores(ncores)
```

Arguments

ncores	Number of cores to check. Make sure is not larger than <code>getOption("bigstatsr.ncores.max")</code> (number of logical cores by default). We advise you to use <code>nb_cores()</code> . If you really know what you are doing, you can change this default value with <code>options(bigstatsr.ncores.max = Inf)</code> .
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Details

It also checks if two levels of parallelism are used, i.e. having `ncores` larger than 1, and having a parallel BLAS enabled by default. You could remove this check by setting `options(bigstatsr.check.parallel.blas = FALSE)`.

We instead recommend that you disable parallel BLAS by default by adding `try(bigparallelr::set_blas_ncores(1), silent = TRUE)` to your `.Rprofile` (**with an empty line at the end of this file**) so that this is set whenever you start a new R session. You can use `usethis::edit_r_profile()` to open your `.Rprofile`. For this to be effective, you should restart the R session or run `options(default.nproc.blas = NULL)` once in the current session.

Then, in a specific R session, you can set a different number of cores to use for matrix computations using `bigparallelr::set_blas_ncores()`, if you know there is no other level of parallelism involved in your code.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
assert_cores(2)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

get_blas_ncores	<i>Number of cores used by BLAS (matrix computations)</i>
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Description

Number of cores used by BLAS (matrix computations)

Usage

```
get_blas_ncores()
```

```
set_blas_ncores(ncores)
```

Arguments

ncores Number of cores to set for BLAS.

Examples

```
get_blas_ncores()
```

nb_cores	<i>Recommended number of cores to use</i>
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Description

This is base on the following rule: use only physical cores and if you have only physical cores, leave one core for the OS/UI.

Usage

```
nb_cores()
```

Value

The recommended number of cores to use.

Examples

```
nb_cores()
```

plus	<i>Add</i>
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Description

Wrapper around Reduce to add multiple arguments. Useful

Usage

```
plus(...)
```

Arguments

... Multiple arguments to be added together.

Value

```
Reduce('+', list(...))
```

Examples

```
plus(1:3, 4:6, 1:3)
```

register_parallel	<i>Register parallel</i>
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Description

Register parallel in functions. Do [makeCluster\(\)](#), [registerDoParallel\(\)](#) and [stopCluster\(\)](#) when the function returns.

Usage

```
register_parallel(ncores, ...)
```

Arguments

ncores Number of cores to use. If using only one, then this function uses [foreach::registerDoSEQ\(\)](#).
 ... Arguments passed on to [makeCluster\(\)](#).

Examples

```
## Not run:

test <- function(ncores) {
  register_parallel(ncores)
  foreach(i = 1:2) %dopar% i
}

test(2) # only inside the function
foreach(i = 1:2) %dopar% i

## End(Not run)
```

split_costs

Split costs in blocks

Description

Split costs in consecutive blocks using a greedy algorithm that tries to find blocks of even total cost.

Usage

```
split_costs(costs, nb_split)
```

Arguments

costs Vector of costs (e.g. proportional to computation time).
nb_split Number of blocks.

Value

A matrix with 4 columns lower, upper, size and cost.

Examples

```
split_costs(costs = 150:1, nb_split = 3)
split_costs(costs = rep(1, 151), nb_split = 3)
split_costs(costs = 150:1, nb_split = 30)
```

split_len	<i>Split length in blocks</i>
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Description

Split length in blocks

Usage

```
split_len(total_len, block_len, nb_split = ceiling(total_len/block_len))
```

Arguments

total_len	Length to split.
block_len	Maximum length of each block.
nb_split	Number of blocks. Default uses the other 2 parameters.

Value

A matrix with 3 columns lower, upper and size.

Examples

```
split_len(10, block_len = 3)
split_len(10, nb_split = 3)
```

split_parapply	<i>Split-parApply-Combine</i>
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Description

A Split-Apply-Combine strategy to parallelize the evaluation of a function.

Usage

```
split_parapply(
  FUN,
  ind,
  ...,
  .combine = NULL,
  ncores = nb_cores(),
  nb_split = ncores,
  opts_cluster = list(),
  .costs = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>FUN</code>	The function to be applied to each subset matrix.
<code>ind</code>	Initial vector of indices that will be splitted in <code>nb_split</code> .
<code>...</code>	Extra arguments to be passed to <code>FUN</code> .
<code>.combine</code>	Function to combine the results with <code>do.call</code> . This function should accept multiple arguments (using <code>...</code>). For example, you can use <code>c</code> , <code>cbind</code> and <code>rbind</code> . This package also provides function <code>plus</code> to add multiple arguments together. The default is <code>NULL</code> , in which case the results are not combined and are returned as a list, each element being the result of a block.
<code>ncores</code>	Number of cores to use. Default uses <code>nb_cores()</code> .
<code>nb_split</code>	Number of blocks. Default uses <code>ncores</code> .
<code>opts_cluster</code>	Optional parameters for clusters passed as a named list. E.g., you can use <code>type = "FORK"</code> to use forks instead of clusters. You can also use <code>outfile = ""</code> to redirect printing to the console.
<code>.costs</code>	Vector of costs (e.g. proportional to computation time) associated with each element of <code>ind</code> . Default is <code>NULL</code> (same cost).

Details

This function splits indices in parts, then apply a given function to each part and finally combine the results.

Value

Return a list of `ncores` elements, each element being the result of one of the cores, computed on a block. The elements of this list are then combined with `do.call(.combine, .)` if `.combined` is not `NULL`.

Examples

```
## Not run:

str(
  split_parapply(function(ind) {
    sqrt(ind)
  }, ind = 1:10000, ncores = 2)
)

## End(Not run)
```

`split_vec`*Split object in blocks*

Description

Split object in blocks

Usage

```
split_vec(x, block_len, nb_split = ceiling(length(x)/block_len))
```

```
split_df(df, block_len, nb_split = ceiling(nrow(df)/block_len))
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Vector to be divided into groups.
<code>block_len</code>	Maximum length (or number of rows) of each block.
<code>nb_split</code>	Number of blocks. Default uses the other 2 parameters.
<code>df</code>	Data frame to be divided into groups.

Value

A list with the splitted objects.

Examples

```
split_vec(1:10, block_len = 3)
str(split_df(iris, nb_split = 3))
```

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