

# Package ‘fuzzyjoin’

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difference_join	<i>Join two tables based on absolute difference between their columns</i>
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## Description

Join two tables based on absolute difference between their columns

## Usage

```
difference_join(
  x,
  y,
  by = NULL,
  max_dist = 1,
  mode = "inner",
  distance_col = NULL
)
```

```
difference_inner_join(x, y, by = NULL, max_dist = 1, distance_col = NULL)
```

```
difference_left_join(x, y, by = NULL, max_dist = 1, distance_col = NULL)
```

```
difference_right_join(x, y, by = NULL, max_dist = 1, distance_col = NULL)
```

```
difference_full_join(x, y, by = NULL, max_dist = 1, distance_col = NULL)
```

```
difference_semi_join(x, y, by = NULL, max_dist = 1, distance_col = NULL)
```

```
difference_anti_join(x, y, by = NULL, max_dist = 1, distance_col = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	A tbl.
y	A tbl.

by	Columns by which to join the two tables.
max_dist	Maximum distance to use for joining.
mode	One of "inner", "left", "right", "full", "semi", or "anti"
distance_col	If given, will add a column with this name containing the difference between the two.

### Examples

```
library(dplyr)

head(iris)
sepal_lengths <- tibble::tibble(Sepal.Length = c(5, 6, 7), Type = 1:3)

iris %>%
  difference_inner_join(sepal_lengths, max_dist = .5)
```

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distance_join	<i>Join two tables based on a distance metric of one or more columns</i>
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### Description

This differs from [difference\\_join](#) in that it considers all of the columns together when computing distance. This allows it to use metrics such as Euclidean or Manhattan that depend on multiple columns. Note that if you are computing with longitude or latitude, you probably want to use [geo\\_join](#).

### Usage

```
distance_join(
  x,
  y,
  by = NULL,
  max_dist = 1,
  method = c("euclidean", "manhattan"),
  mode = "inner",
  distance_col = NULL
)
```

```
distance_inner_join(
  x,
  y,
  by = NULL,
  method = "euclidean",
  max_dist = 1,
  distance_col = NULL
)
```

```
distance_left_join(  
  x,  
  y,  
  by = NULL,  
  method = "euclidean",  
  max_dist = 1,  
  distance_col = NULL  
)
```

```
distance_right_join(  
  x,  
  y,  
  by = NULL,  
  method = "euclidean",  
  max_dist = 1,  
  distance_col = NULL  
)
```

```
distance_full_join(  
  x,  
  y,  
  by = NULL,  
  method = "euclidean",  
  max_dist = 1,  
  distance_col = NULL  
)
```

```
distance_semi_join(  
  x,  
  y,  
  by = NULL,  
  method = "euclidean",  
  max_dist = 1,  
  distance_col = NULL  
)
```

```
distance_anti_join(  
  x,  
  y,  
  by = NULL,  
  method = "euclidean",  
  max_dist = 1,  
  distance_col = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

x                    A tbl

y	A tbl
by	Columns by which to join the two tables
max_dist	Maximum distance to use for joining
method	Method to use for computing distance, either euclidean (default) or manhattan.
mode	One of "inner", "left", "right", "full", "semi", or "anti"
distance_col	If given, will add a column with this name containing the distance between the two

### Examples

```
library(dplyr)

head(iris)
sepal_lengths <- tibble::tibble(Sepal.Length = c(5, 6, 7),
                               Sepal.Width = 1:3)

iris %>%
  distance_inner_join(sepal_lengths, max_dist = 2)
```

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fuzzy_join	<i>Join two tables based not on exact matches, but with a function describing whether two vectors are matched or not</i>
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### Description

The `match_fun` argument is called once on a vector with all pairs of unique comparisons: thus, it should be efficient and vectorized.

### Usage

```
fuzzy_join(
  x,
  y,
  by = NULL,
  match_fun = NULL,
  multi_by = NULL,
  multi_match_fun = NULL,
  index_match_fun = NULL,
  mode = "inner",
  ...
)

fuzzy_inner_join(x, y, by = NULL, match_fun, ...)

fuzzy_left_join(x, y, by = NULL, match_fun, ...)
```

```
fuzzy_right_join(x, y, by = NULL, match_fun, ...)
```

```
fuzzy_full_join(x, y, by = NULL, match_fun, ...)
```

```
fuzzy_semi_join(x, y, by = NULL, match_fun, ...)
```

```
fuzzy_anti_join(x, y, by = NULL, match_fun, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A tbl
y	A tbl
by	Columns of each to join
match_fun	Vectorized function given two columns, returning TRUE or FALSE as to whether they are a match. Can be a list of functions one for each pair of columns specified in by (if a named list, it uses the names in x). If only one function is given it is used on all column pairs.
multi_by	Columns to join, where all columns will be used to test matches together
multi_match_fun	Function to use for testing matches, performed on all columns in each data frame simultaneously
index_match_fun	Function to use for matching tables. Unlike match_fun and multi_match_fun, this is performed on the original columns and returns pairs of indices.
mode	One of "inner", "left", "right", "full", "semi", or "anti"
...	Extra arguments passed to match_fun

### Details

match\_fun should return either a logical vector, or a data frame where the first column is logical. If the latter, the additional columns will be appended to the output. For example, these additional columns could contain the distance metrics that one is filtering on.

Note that as of now, you cannot give both match\_fun and multi\_match\_fun- you can either compare each column individually or compare all of them.

Like in dplyr's join operations, fuzzy\_join ignores groups, but preserves the grouping of x in the output.

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genome_join	<i>Join two tables based on overlapping genomic intervals: both a</i>
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## Description

This is an extension of [interval\\_join](#) specific to genomic intervals. Genomic intervals include both a chromosome ID and an interval: items are only considered matching if the chromosome ID matches and the interval overlaps. Note that there must be three arguments to `by`, and that they must be in the order `c("chromosome", "start", "end")`.

## Usage

```
genome_join(x, y, by = NULL, mode = "inner", ...)
```

```
genome_inner_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)
```

```
genome_left_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)
```

```
genome_right_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)
```

```
genome_full_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)
```

```
genome_semi_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)
```

```
genome_anti_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A tbl
<code>y</code>	A tbl
<code>by</code>	Names of columns to join on, in order <code>c("chromosome", "start", "end")</code> . A match will be counted only if the chromosomes are equal and the start/end pairs overlap.
<code>mode</code>	One of "inner", "left", "right", "full", "semi", or "anti"
<code>...</code>	Extra arguments passed on to <a href="#">findOverlaps</a>

## Details

All the extra arguments to [interval\\_join](#), which are passed on to [findOverlaps](#), work for `genome_join` as well. These include `maxgap` and `minoverlap`.

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

x1 <- tibble::tibble(id1 = 1:4,
```

```

      chromosome = c("chr1", "chr1", "chr2", "chr2"),
      start = c(100, 200, 300, 400),
      end = c(150, 250, 350, 450))

x2 <- tibble::tibble(id2 = 1:4,
  chromosome = c("chr1", "chr2", "chr2", "chr1"),
  start = c(140, 210, 400, 300),
  end = c(160, 240, 415, 320))

if (requireNamespace("IRanges", quietly = TRUE)) {
  # note that the the third and fourth items don't join (even though
  # 300-350 and 300-320 overlap) since the chromosomes are different:
  genome_inner_join(x1, x2, by = c("chromosome", "start", "end"))

  # other functions:
  genome_full_join(x1, x2, by = c("chromosome", "start", "end"))
  genome_left_join(x1, x2, by = c("chromosome", "start", "end"))
  genome_right_join(x1, x2, by = c("chromosome", "start", "end"))
  genome_semi_join(x1, x2, by = c("chromosome", "start", "end"))
  genome_anti_join(x1, x2, by = c("chromosome", "start", "end"))
}

```

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 geo\_join

*Join two tables based on a geo distance of longitudes and latitudes*


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## Description

This allows joining based on combinations of longitudes and latitudes. If you are using a distance metric that is *not* based on latitude and longitude, use [distance\\_join](#) instead. Distances are calculated based on the `distHaversine`, `distGeo`, `distCosine`, etc methods in the `geosphere` package.

## Usage

```

geo_join(
  x,
  y,
  by = NULL,
  max_dist,
  method = c("haversine", "geo", "cosine", "meeus", "vincentysphere",
    "vincentyellipsoid"),
  unit = c("miles", "km"),
  mode = "inner",
  distance_col = NULL,
  ...
)

geo_inner_join(

```

```
x,  
y,  
by = NULL,  
method = "haversine",  
max_dist = 1,  
distance_col = NULL,  
...  
)
```

```
geo_left_join(  
  x,  
  y,  
  by = NULL,  
  method = "haversine",  
  max_dist = 1,  
  distance_col = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

```
geo_right_join(  
  x,  
  y,  
  by = NULL,  
  method = "haversine",  
  max_dist = 1,  
  distance_col = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

```
geo_full_join(  
  x,  
  y,  
  by = NULL,  
  method = "haversine",  
  max_dist = 1,  
  distance_col = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

```
geo_semi_join(  
  x,  
  y,  
  by = NULL,  
  method = "haversine",  
  max_dist = 1,  
  distance_col = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

```

geo_anti_join(
  x,
  y,
  by = NULL,
  method = "haversine",
  max_dist = 1,
  distance_col = NULL,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

x	A tbl
y	A tbl
by	Columns by which to join the two tables
max_dist	Maximum distance to use for joining
method	Method to use for computing distance: one of "haversine" (default), "geo", "co-sine", "meeus", "vincentysphere", "vincentyellipsoid"
unit	Unit of distance for threshold (default "miles")
mode	One of "inner", "left", "right", "full", "semi", or "anti"
distance_col	If given, will add a column with this name containing the geographical distance between the two
...	Extra arguments passed on to the distance method

### Details

"Haversine" was chosen as default since in some tests it is approximately the fastest method. Note that by far the slowest method is vincentyellipsoid, and on fuzzy joins should only be used when there are very few pairs and accuracy is imperative.

If you need to use a custom geo method, you may want to write it directly with the `multi_by` and `multi_match_fun` arguments to `fuzzy_join`.

### Examples

```

library(dplyr)
data("state")

# find pairs of US states whose centers are within
# 200 miles of each other
states <- tibble::tibble(state = state.name,
  longitude = state.center$x,
  latitude = state.center$y)

s1 <- rename(states, state1 = state)
s2 <- rename(states, state2 = state)

```

```
pairs <- s1 %>%
  geo_inner_join(s2, max_dist = 200) %>%
  filter(state1 != state2)

pairs

# plot them
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
  ggplot2::ggplot(pairs, ggplot2::aes(x = longitude.x, y = latitude.x,
                                     xend = longitude.y, yend = latitude.y)) +
    ggplot2::geom_segment(color = "red") +
    ggplot2::theme_void()
}

# also get distances
s1 %>%
  geo_inner_join(s2, max_dist = 200, distance_col = "distance")
```

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interval\_join

*Join two tables based on overlapping (low, high) intervals*

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## Description

Joins tables based on overlapping intervals: for example, joining the row (1, 4) with (3, 6), but not with (5, 10). This operation is sped up using interval trees as implemented in the `IRanges` package. You can specify particular relationships between intervals (such as a maximum gap, or a minimum overlap) through arguments passed on to [findOverlaps](#). See that documentation for descriptions of such arguments.

## Usage

```
interval_join(x, y, by, mode = "inner", ...)

interval_inner_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)

interval_left_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)

interval_right_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)

interval_full_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)

interval_semi_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)

interval_anti_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A tbl
y	A tbl
by	Columns by which to join the two tables. If provided, this must be two columns: start of interval, then end of interval
mode	One of "inner", "left", "right", "full", "semi", or "anti"
...	Extra arguments passed on to <code>findOverlaps</code>

**Details**

This allows joining on date or datetime intervals. It throws an error if the type of date/datetime disagrees between the two tables.

This requires the IRanges package from Bioconductor. See here for installation: <https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/IRanges.html>.

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("IRanges", quietly = TRUE)) {
  x1 <- data.frame(id1 = 1:3, start = c(1, 5, 10), end = c(3, 7, 15))
  x2 <- data.frame(id2 = 1:3, start = c(2, 4, 16), end = c(4, 8, 20))

  interval_inner_join(x1, x2)

  # Allow them to be separated by a gap with a maximum:
  interval_inner_join(x1, x2, maxgap = 1) # let 1 join with 2
  interval_inner_join(x1, x2, maxgap = 20) # everything joins each other

  # Require that they overlap by more than a particular amount
  interval_inner_join(x1, x2, minoverlap = 3)

  # other types of joins:
  interval_full_join(x1, x2)
  interval_left_join(x1, x2)
  interval_right_join(x1, x2)
  interval_semi_join(x1, x2)
  interval_anti_join(x1, x2)
}
```

**Description**

This is a `tbl_df` mapping misspellings of their words, compiled by Wikipedia, where it is licensed under the CC-BY SA license. (Three words with non-ASCII characters were filtered out). If you'd like to reproduce this dataset from Wikipedia, see the example code below.

**Usage**

```
misspellings
```

**Format**

An object of class `tbl_df` (inherits from `tbl`, `data.frame`) with 4505 rows and 2 columns.

**Source**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Lists\\_of\\_common\\_misspellings/For\\_machines](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Lists_of_common_misspellings/For_machines)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(rvest)
library(readr)
library(dplyr)
library(stringr)
library(tidyr)

u <- "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Lists_of_common_misspellings/For_machines"
h <- read_html(u)

misspellings <- h %>%
  html_nodes("pre") %>%
  html_text() %>%
  readr::read_delim(col_names = c("misspelling", "correct"), delim = ">",
                    skip = 1) %>%
  mutate(misspelling = str_sub(misspelling, 1, -2)) %>%
  unnest(correct = str_split(correct, ", ")) %>%
  filter(Encoding(correct) != "UTF-8")

## End(Not run)
```

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regex_join	<i>Join two tables based on a regular expression in one column matching the other</i>
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**Description**

Join a table with a string column by a regular expression column in another table

**Usage**

```
regex_join(x, y, by = NULL, mode = "inner", ignore_case = FALSE)
```

```
regex_inner_join(x, y, by = NULL, ignore_case = FALSE)
```

```

regex_left_join(x, y, by = NULL, ignore_case = FALSE)
regex_right_join(x, y, by = NULL, ignore_case = FALSE)
regex_full_join(x, y, by = NULL, ignore_case = FALSE)
regex_semi_join(x, y, by = NULL, ignore_case = FALSE)
regex_anti_join(x, y, by = NULL, ignore_case = FALSE)

```

### Arguments

x	A tbl
y	A tbl
by	Columns by which to join the two tables
mode	One of "inner", "left", "right", "full" "semi", or "anti"
ignore_case	Whether to be case insensitive (default no)

### See Also

[str\\_detect](#)

### Examples

```

library(dplyr)
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
  diamonds <- tibble::as_tibble(ggplot2::diamonds)

  d <- tibble::tibble(regex_name = c("^Idea", "mium", "Good"),
                     type = 1:3)

  # When they are inner_joined, only Good<->Good matches
  diamonds %>%
    inner_join(d, by = c(cut = "regex_name"))

  # but we can regex match them
  diamonds %>%
    regex_inner_join(d, by = c(cut = "regex_name"))
}

```

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stringdist_join	<i>Join two tables based on fuzzy string matching of their columns</i>
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### Description

Join two tables based on fuzzy string matching of their columns. This is useful, for example, in matching free-form inputs in a survey or online form, where it can catch misspellings and small personal changes.

**Usage**

```

stringdist_join(
  x,
  y,
  by = NULL,
  max_dist = 2,
  method = c("osa", "lv", "dl", "hamming", "lcs", "qgram", "cosine", "jaccard", "jw",
    "soundex"),
  mode = "inner",
  ignore_case = FALSE,
  distance_col = NULL,
  ...
)

stringdist_inner_join(x, y, by = NULL, distance_col = NULL, ...)

stringdist_left_join(x, y, by = NULL, distance_col = NULL, ...)

stringdist_right_join(x, y, by = NULL, distance_col = NULL, ...)

stringdist_full_join(x, y, by = NULL, distance_col = NULL, ...)

stringdist_semi_join(x, y, by = NULL, distance_col = NULL, ...)

stringdist_anti_join(x, y, by = NULL, distance_col = NULL, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x	A tbl.
y	A tbl.
by	Columns by which to join the two tables.
max_dist	Maximum distance to use for joining.
method	Method for computing string distance, see. <a href="#">stringdist-metrics</a> in the <code>stringdist</code> package.
mode	One of "inner", "left", "right", "full", "semi", or "anti"
ignore_case	Whether to be case insensitive (default yes).
distance_col	If given, will add a column with this name containing the difference between the two.
...	Arguments passed on to <a href="#">stringdist</a> .

**Details**

If `method = "soundex"`, the `max_dist` is automatically set to 0.5, since `soundex` returns either a 0 (match) or a 1 (no match).

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
  diamonds <- tibble::as_tibble(ggplot2::diamonds)

  d <- tibble::tibble(approximate_name = c("Idea", "Premiums", "Premioom",
                                          "VeryGood", "VeryGood", "Fair"),
                     type = 1:6)

  # no matches when they are inner-joined:
  diamonds %>%
    inner_join(d, by = c(cut = "approximate_name"))

  # but we can match when they're fuzzy joined
  diamonds %>%
    stringdist_inner_join(d, by = c(cut = "approximate_name"))
}
```

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