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confirm_distinct	<i>Confirm Distinct</i>
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Description

Confirm whether the rows of a data frame can be uniquely identified by the keys in the selected columns. Also reports whether the dataframe has duplicates. If so, it is best to remove duplicates and re-run the function.

Usage

```
confirm_distinct(.data, ...)
```

Arguments

.data	A dataframe
...	(ID) columns

Value

a Logical value invisibly with description printed to console

Examples

```
iris %>% confirm_distinct(Species, Sepal.Width)
```

confirm_mapping	<i>Confirm structural mapping between 2 columns</i>
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Description

The mapping between elements of 2 columns can have 4 different relationships: one - one, one - many, many - one, many - many. This function returns a view of the mappings by row, and prints a summary to the console.

Usage

```
confirm_mapping(.data, col1, col2, view = T)
```

Arguments

.data	a data frame
col1	column 1
col2	column 2
view	View results?

Value

A view of mappings. Also returns the view as a data frame invisibly.

Examples

```
iris %>% confirm_mapping(Species, Sepal.Width, view = FALSE)
```

confirm_overlap	<i>Confirm Overlap</i>
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Description

Prints a venn-diagram style summary of the unique value overlap between two columns and also invisibly returns a dataframe that can be assigned to a variable and queried with the overlap helpers. The helpers can return values that appeared only the first col, second col, or both cols.

Usage

```
confirm_overlap(vec1, vec2, return_tibble = F)
```

```
co_find_only_in_1(co_output)
```

```
co_find_only_in_2(co_output)
```

```
co_find_in_both(co_output)
```

Arguments

vec1	vector 1
vec2	vector 2
return_tibble	logical. If TRUE, returns a tibble. otherwise by default returns the database invisibly to be queried by helper functions.
co_output	dataframe output from confirm_overlap

Value

tibble. overlap summary or overlap table

Examples

```
confirm_overlap(iris$Sepal.Width, iris$Sepal.Length) -> iris_overlap

iris_overlap

iris_overlap %>%
  co_find_only_in_1()

iris_overlap %>%
  co_find_only_in_2()

iris_overlap %>%
  co_find_in_both()
```

confirm_strlen	<i>confirm string length</i>
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Description

returns a count table of string lengths for a character column. The helper function choose_strlen filters dataframe for rows containing specific string length for the specified column.

Usage

```
confirm_strlen(mdb, col)

choose_strlen(cs_output, len)
```

Arguments

mdb	dataframe
col	unquoted column
cs_output	dataframe. output from confirm_strlen
len	integer vector.

Value

prints a summary and returns a dataframe invisibly
dataframe with original columns, filtered to the specific string length

Examples

```
iris %>%
  tibble::as_tibble() %>%
  confirm_strlen(Species) -> iris_cs_output
```

```
iris_cs_output
```

```
iris_cs_output %>%
  choose_strlen(6)
```

determine_distinct	<i>Automatically determine primary key</i>
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Description

Uses confirm_distinct in an iterative fashion to determine the primary keys.

Usage

```
determine_distinct(df, ..., listviewer = TRUE)
```

Arguments

df	a data frame
...	columns or a tidyselect specification. defaults to everything
listviewer	logical. defaults to TRUE to view output using the listviewer package

Details

The goal of this function is to automatically determine which columns uniquely identify the rows of a dataframe. The output is a printed description of the combination of columns that form unique identifiers at each level. At level 1, the function tests if individual columns are primary keys. At level 2, the function tests n C 2 combinations of columns to see if they form primary keys. The final level is testing all columns at once.

- For completely unique columns, they are recorded in level 1, but then dropped from the data frame to facilitate the determination of multi-column primary keys.
- If the dataset contains duplicated rows, they are eliminated before proceeding.

Value

list

Examples

```
sample_data1 %>%
  head

## on level 1, each column is tested as a unique identifier. the VAL columns have no
## duplicates and hence qualify, even though they normally would be considered as IDs
## on level 3, combinations of 3 columns are tested. implying that ID_COL 1,2,3 form a unique key
## level 2 does not appear, implying that combinations of any 2 ID_COLS do not form a unique key

sample_data1 %>%
  determine_distinct(listviewer = FALSE)
```

determine_mapping	<i>Determine pairwise structural mappings</i>
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Description

Determine pairwise structural mappings

Usage

```
determine_mapping(df, ..., listviewer = TRUE)
```

Arguments

df	a data frame
...	columns or a tidyselect specification
listviewer	logical. defaults to TRUE to view output using the listviewer package

Value

description of mappings

Examples

```
iris %>%
  determine_mapping(listviewer = FALSE)
```

determine_overlap	<i>Determine Overlap</i>
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Description

Uses `confirm_overlap` in a pairwise fashion to see venn style comparison of unique values between the columns chosen by a tidyselect specification.

Usage

```
determine_overlap(db, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>db</code>	a data frame
<code>...</code>	tidyselect specification. Default being everything.

Value

tibble

Examples

```
iris %>%  
determine_overlap()
```

diagnose	<i>diagnose</i>
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Description

Pipe in a dataframe to return a diagnosis of its missing and unique values for each column. Default behavior is to diagnose all columns, but a subset can be specified in the dots with tidyselect.

Usage

```
diagnose(df, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>df</code>	dataframe
<code>...</code>	tidyselect

Details

this function is inspired by the excellent [dlookr](#) package. It takes a dataframe and returns a summary of unique and missing values of the columns.

Value

dataframe summary

Examples

```
diagnose(iris)
```

diagnose_category	<i>diagnose category</i>
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Description

counts the distinct entries of categorical variables. The `max_distinct` argument limits the scope to categorical variables with a maximum number of unique entries, to prevent overflow.

Usage

```
diagnose_category(.data, ..., max_distinct = 5)
```

Arguments

<code>.data</code>	dataframe
<code>...</code>	tidyselect
<code>max_distinct</code>	integer

Value

dataframe

Examples

```
diagnose_category(iris)
```

diagnose_missing	<i>diagnose_missing</i>
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Description

faster than `diagnose` if emphasis is on diagnosing missing values. Also, only shows the columns with any missing values.

Usage

```
diagnose_missing(df, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>df</code>	dataframe
<code>...</code>	optional tidyselect

Value

tibble summary

Examples

```
diagnose_missing(tibble::tibble(x = c(NA, 1)))
```

diagnose_numeric	<i>diagnose_numeric</i>
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Description

Inputs a dataframe and returns various summary statistics of the numeric columns. For example `zeros` returns the ratio of 0 values in that column. `minus` counts negative values and `infs` counts Inf values. Other rarer metrics are also returned that may be helpful for quick diagnosis or understanding of numeric data. `mode` returns the most common value in the column (chooses at random in case of tie), and `mode_ratio` returns its frequency as a ratio of the total rows

Usage

```
diagnose_numeric(.data, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>.data</code>	dataframe
<code>...</code>	tidyselect. Default: all numeric columns

Value

dataframe

Examples

```
iris %>%  
diagnose_numeric() %>%  
print(width = Inf)
```

mode_fn	<i>statistical mode</i>
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Description

returns the mode of a vector

Usage

```
mode_fn(x)
```

Arguments

x a vector

Value

a unit vector

Examples

```
c("b", "b", letters) %>% mode_fn()
```

mode_pct	<i>mode with %</i>
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Description

returns the mode of a vector with what percent of the data is the mode

Usage

```
mode_pct(x)
```

Arguments

x a vector

Value

a unit character vector

Examples

```
c("b", "b", letters) %>% mode_pct()
```

<i>n_dupes</i>	<i>n_dupes</i>
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Description

n_dupes

Usage

```
n_dupes(x)
```

Arguments

x a df

Value

an integer; number of dupe rows

<i>top_n_vals</i>	<i>top n vals</i>
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Description

top n vals

Usage

```
top_n_vals(x, top_n = 3)
```

Arguments

x vector
top_n integer to specify top n modes

Value

character unit vector

Examples

```
tibble::tibble(x = 1:10) %>% c(10,10,10,5,5) -> t1
t1 %>% top_n_vals()
```

`view_missing``view_missing`

Description

View rows of the dataframe where columns in the tidyselect specification contain missings by default, detects missings in any column. The result is by default displayed in the viewer pane. Can be returned as a tibble optionally.

Usage

```
view_missing(df, ..., view = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>df</code>	dataframe
<code>...</code>	tidyselect
<code>view</code>	logical. if false, returns tibble

Value

tibble

Examples

```
view_missing(tibble::tibble(x = c(NA, 1)), view = FALSE)
```

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