Package 'incidence2'

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Access various elements of an incidence object

Description

Access various elements of an incidence object

Usage

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## Default S3 method:
get_date_index_name(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
get_date_index_name(x, ...)
get_dates_name(x, ...)
get_count_variable_name(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
get_count_variable_name(x, ...)
```

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```
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
get_count_variable_name(x, ...)
get_count_value_name(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
get_count_value_name(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
get_count_value_name(x, ...)
get_group_names(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
get_group_names(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
get_group_names(x, ...)
get_date_index(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
get_date_index(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
get_date_index(x, ...)
get_dates(x, ...)
get_count_variable(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
get_count_variable(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
get_count_variable(x, ...)
get_count_value(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
get_count_value(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
get_count_value(x, ...)
get_groups(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
```

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```
get_groups(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
get_groups(x, ...)
```

Arguments

х	An R object.
	Not currently used.

Value

- get_date_index_name(): The name of the date_index variable of x.
- get_dates_name(): Alias for get_date_index_name().
- get_count_variable_name(): The name of the count variable of x.
- get_count_value_name(): The name of the count value of x.
- get_group_names(): The name(s) of the group variable(s) of x.
- get_date_index(): The date_index variable of x.
- get_dates(): Alias for get_date_index().
- get_count_variable(): The count variable of x.
- get_count_value(): The count value of x.
- get_groups(): List of the group variable(s) of x.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE)) {
    data(ebola_sim_clean, package = "outbreaks")
    dat <- ebola_sim_clean$linelist
    i <- incidence(
        dat,
        date_index = "date_of_onset",
        groups = c("gender", "hospital")
    )
    get_count_variable_name(i)
    get_group_names(i)
    get_dates_name(i)
}</pre>
```

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Description

Generic for coercion to an <incidence2> object.

Usage

```
as_incidence(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
as_incidence(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
as_incidence(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
as.data.frame(x, row.names, optional, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
as.data.table(x, keep.rownames, ...)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
as_tibble(x, ..., .rows, .name_repair, rownames)
```

Arguments

Х	An R object.
	Additional arguments to be passed to or from other methods.
row.names	Not used.
optional	Not used.
keep.rownames	Not used.
.rows	The number of rows, useful to create a 0-column tibble or just as an additional check.
.name_repair	Treatment of problematic column names:
	 "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence, "unique": Make sure names are unique and not empty, "check_unique": (default value), no name repair, but check they are unique, "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic a function: apply custom name repair (e.g., .name_repair = make.names for names in the style of base R).
	 A purrr-style anonymous function, see rlang::as_function()

as

This argument is passed on as repair to vctrs::vec_as_names(). See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

How to treat existing row names of a data frame or matrix:

- NULL: remove row names. This is the default.
- NA: keep row names.
- A string: the name of a new column. Existing rownames are transferred into this column and the row.names attribute is deleted. No name repair is applied to the new column name, even if x already contains a column of that name. Use as_tibble(rownames_to_column(...)) to safeguard against this case.

Read more in rownames.

Value

An object of the desired type with additional attributes dropped.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE)) {
    data(ebola_sim_clean, package = "outbreaks")
    dat <- ebola_sim_clean$linelist
    x <- incidence(dat, "date_of_onset")
    as.data.frame(dat)
    as.data.table(x)
    as_tibble(x)
}</pre>
```

bootstrap_incidence Bootstrap incidence time series

Description

This function can be used to bootstrap incidence2 objects. Bootstrapping is done by sampling with replacement the original input dates.

Usage

```
bootstrap_incidence(x, randomise_groups = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x An incidence2 object.

rownames

randomise_groups

bool.

Should groups be randomised as well in the resampling procedure; respective group sizes will be preserved, but this can be used to remove any group-specific temporal dynamics.

If FALSE (default), data are resampled within groups.

Details

As original data are not stored in incidence2 objects, the bootstrapping is achieved by multinomial sampling of date bins weighted by their relative incidence.

Value

An incidence2 object.

Author(s)

Thibaut Jombart, Tim Taylor

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE)) {
    data(fluH7N9_china_2013, package = "outbreaks")
    i <- incidence(
        fluH7N9_china_2013,
        date_index = "date_of_onset",
        groups = "gender"
    )
    bootstrap_incidence(i)
}</pre>
```

complete_dates Complete dates for all group combinations

Description

This function ensures that an incidence object has the same range of dates for each grouping. By default missing counts will be filled with 0L.

Usage

```
complete_dates(x, expand = TRUE, fill = 0L, by = 1L, allow_POSIXct = FALSE)
```

Arguments

Х	<incidence2> object.</incidence2>
expand	logical.
	Should a range of dates from the minimum to maximum value of the date index also be created.
	If expand is TRUE (default) then complete_dates will attempt to use function(x) seq(min(x), max(x), by = 1) to generate a complete sequence of dates.
fill	numeric.
	The value to replace missing counts by.
	Defaults to 0L.
by	Defunct.
	Ignored.
allow_POSIXct	logical.
	Should this function work with POSIXct dates?
	Defaults to FALSE.

Value

An incidence2 object.

Examples

```
x <- data.frame(
    dates = Sys.Date() + c(1,3,4),
    groups = c("grp1","grp2", "grp1"),
    counts = 1:3
)
i <- incidence(x, date_index = "dates", groups = "groups", counts = "counts")
complete_dates(i)
```

covidregionaldataUK Regional data for COVID-19 cases in the UK

Description

A dataset containing the daily time-series of cases, tests, hospitalisations, and deaths for UK.

Usage

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cumulate

Format

A data frame with 6370 rows and 26 variables:

date the date that the counts were reported (YYYY-MM-DD)

region the region name

region_code the region code

cases_new new reported cases for that day

cases_total total reported cases up to and including that day

deaths_new new reported deaths for that day

deaths_total total reported deaths up to and including that day

recovered_new new reported recoveries for that day

recovered_total total reported coveries up to and including that day

hosp_new new reported hospitalisations for that day

hosp_total total reported hospitalisations up to and including that day (note this is cumulative total of new reported, not total currently in hospital).

tested_new tests for that day

tested_total total tests completed up to and including that day

Details

Extracted using the covidregionaldata package on 2021-06-03.

Source

https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=covidregionaldata

cumulate

Compute cumulative 'incidence'

Description

cumulate() computes the cumulative incidence over time for an incidence2 object.

Usage

```
cumulate(x)
```

Arguments

x incidence2 object.

Examples

```
dat <- data.frame(
    dates = as.integer(c(0,1,2,2,3,5,7)),
    groups = factor(c(1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 1))
)
i <- incidence(dat, date_index = "dates", groups = "groups")
cumulate(i)</pre>
```

dplyr-verbs *dplyr and tidyr verbs*

Description

dplyr and tidyr methods that implicitly account for the inherent grouping structure of incidence2 objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
mutate(
   .data,
   ...,
   .by,
   .keep = c("all", "used", "unused", "none"),
   .before = NULL,
   .after = NULL
)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
nest(.data, ..., .by, .key, .names_sep)
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
summarise(.data, ..., .by, .groups)
```

Arguments

.data	An incidence2 object.
	Only used by mutate() and summarise() and, in which case, passed to under- lying dplyr function.
.by	Not used as grouping structure implicit.
. keep	Control which columns from .data are retained in the output. Grouping columns and columns created by are always kept.

• "all" retains all columns from .data. This is the default.

	• "used" retains only the columns used in to create new columns. This is useful for checking your work, as it displays inputs and outputs side-by-side.
	• "unused" retains only the columns <i>not</i> used in to create new columns. This is useful if you generate new columns, but no longer need the columns used to generate them.
	• "none" doesn't retain any extra columns from .data. Only the grouping variables and columns created by are kept.
.before, .after	<tidy-select> Optionally, control where new columns should appear (the default is to add to the right hand side). See relocate() for more details.</tidy-select>
.key	The name of the resulting nested column. Only applicable when \dots isn't specified, i.e. in the case of df %>% nest(.by = x).
	If NULL, then "data" will be used by default.
.names_sep	Not used.
.groups	Not used.

Value

- For mutate() a modified incidence2 object if the necessary invariants are preserved, otherwise a tibble.
- For nest() a nested tibble with rows corresponding to the count variable and (optionally) group columns of the input object.
- For summarise a tibble with rows corresponding to the underlying groupings. The columns are a combination of the grouping keys and the summary expressions provided.

See Also

dplyr::mutate, tidyr::nest and dplyr::summarise for the underlying generics.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE) && requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
    data(ebola_sim_clean, package = "outbreaks")
    x <- subset(ebola_sim_clean$linelist, !is.na(hospital))
    dat <- incidence_(x, date_of_onset, hospital, interval = "isoweek")

    mutate(dat, ave = data.table::frollmean(count, n = 3L, align = "right")) |>
        plot(border_colour = "white", angle = 45) +
        ggplot2::geom_line(ggplot2::aes(x = date_index, y = ave))
        nest(dat)
        summarise(dat, model = list(glm(count ~ date_index, family = "poisson")))
}
```

estimate_peak

Description

This function can be used to estimate the peak of an epidemic curve using bootstrapped samples of the available data.

Usage

```
estimate_peak(x, n = 100L, alpha = 0.05, first_only = TRUE, progress = TRUE)
```

Arguments

х	An incidence2 object.
n	integer.
	The number of bootstrap datasets to be generated; defaults to 100. [double] vectors will be converted via as.integer(n).
alpha	numeric.
	The type 1 error chosen for the confidence interval; defaults to 0.05.
first_only	bool.
	Should only the first peak (by date) be kept.
	Defaults to TRUE.
progress	bool.
	Should a progress bar be displayed (default = TRUE)

Details

Input dates are resampled with replacement to form bootstrapped datasets; the peak is reported for each, resulting in a distribution of peak times. When there are ties for peak incidence, only the first date is reported.

Note that the bootstrapping approach used for estimating the peak time makes the following assumptions:

- the total number of event is known (no uncertainty on total incidence)
- dates with no events (zero incidence) will never be in bootstrapped datasets
- the reporting is assumed to be constant over time, i.e. every case is equally likely to be reported

Value

A data frame with the the following columns:

- observed_date: the date of peak incidence of the original dataset.
- observed_count: the peak incidence of the original dataset.
- estimated: the median peak time of the bootstrap datasets.
- lower_ci/upper_ci: the confidence interval based on bootstrap datasets.
- bootstrap_peaks: a nested tibble containing the the peak times of the bootstrapped datasets.

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Author(s)

Thibaut Jombart and Tim Taylor, with inputs on caveats from Michael Höhle.

See Also

bootstrap_incidence() for the bootstrapping underlying this approach and keep_peaks() to get the peaks in a single incidence2 object.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE)) {
    # load data and create incidence
    data(fluH7N9_china_2013, package = "outbreaks")
    i <- incidence(fluH7N9_china_2013, date_index = "date_of_onset")
    # find 95% CI for peak time using bootstrap
    estimate_peak(i)
}</pre>
```

incidence

Compute the incidence of events

Description

incidence() calculates the *incidence* of different events across specified time periods and groupings. incidence_() does the same but with support for tidy-select semantics in some of its arguments.

Usage

```
incidence(
    x,
    date_index,
    groups = NULL,
    counts = NULL,
    count_names_to = "count_variable",
    count_values_to = "count",
    date_names_to = "date_index",
    rm_na_dates = TRUE,
    interval = NULL,
    offset = NULL,
    complete_dates = FALSE,
    fill = 0L,
    ...
)
```

```
incidence_(
    x,
    date_index,
    groups = NULL,
    counts = NULL,
    count_names_to = "count_variable",
    count_values_to = "count",
    date_names_to = "date_index",
    rm_na_dates = TRUE,
    interval = NULL,
    offset = NULL,
    complete_dates = FALSE,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

Х	A data frame object representing a linelist or pre-aggregated dataset.
date_index	character for incidence() or tidy-select for incidence_().
	The time index(es) of the given data.
	This should be the name(s) corresponding to the desired date column(s) in x.
	A named vector can be used for convenient relabelling of the resultant output.
	Multiple indices only make sense when x is a linelist.
groups	<pre>character for incidence() or tidy-select for incidence_().</pre>
	An optional vector giving the names of the groups of observations for which incidence should be grouped.
	A named vector can be used for convenient relabelling of the resultant output.
counts	character for incidence() or tidy-select for incidence_().
	The count variables of the given data. If NULL (default) the data is taken to be a linelist of individual observations.
	A named vector can be used for convenient relabelling of the resultant output.
count_names_to	character.
	The column to create which will store the counts column names provided that counts is not NULL.
count_values_to	
	character.
	The name of the column to store the resultant count values in.
date_names_to	character.
	The name of the column to store the date variables in.
rm_na_dates	bool.
	Should NA dates be removed prior to aggregation?
interval	An optional scalar integer or string indicating the (fixed) size of the desired time interval you wish to use for for computing the incidence.
	Defaults to NULL in which case the date_index columns are left unchanged.

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	Numeric values are coerced to integer and treated as a number of days to group.
	Text strings can be one of:
	<pre>* day or daily * week(s) or weekly * epiweek(s) * isoweek(s) * month(s) or monthly * yearmonth(s) * quarter(s) or quarterly * yearquarter(s) * year(s) or yearly</pre>
	More details can be found in the "Interval specification" section.
offset	Only applicable when interval is not NULL.
	An optional scalar integer or date indicating the value you wish to start counting periods from relative to the Unix Epoch:
	• Default value of NULL corresponds to 0L.
	 For other integer values this is stored scaled by n (offset <- as.integer(offset) %% n).
	• For date values this is first converted to an integer offset (offset <- floor(as.numeric(offset))) and then scaled via n as above.
complete_dates	bool.
	Should the resulting object have the same range of dates for each grouping.
	Missing counts will be filled with 0L unless the fill argument is provided (and this value will take precedence).
	Will attempt to use function(x) seq(min(x), max(x), by = 1) on the resultant date_index column to generate a complete sequence of dates.
	More flexible completion is possible by using the complete_dates() function.
fill	numeric.
	Only applicable when complete_dates = TRUE.
	The value to replace missing counts caused by completing dates.
	If unset then will default to 0L.
	Not currently used.

Details

incidence2 objects are a sub class of data frame with some additional invariants. That is, an incidence2 object must:

- have one column representing the date index (this does not need to be a date object but must have an inherent ordering over time);
- have one column representing the count variable (i.e. what is being counted) and one variable representing the associated count;
- have zero or more columns representing groups;
- not have duplicated rows with regards to the date and group variables.

Value

A tibble with subclass incidence2.

Interval specification

Where interval is specified, incidence(), predominantly uses the grates package to generate appropriate date groupings. The grouping used depends on the value of interval. This can be specified as either an integer value or a string corresponding to one of the classes:

- integer values: <grates_period> object, grouped by the specified number of days.
- day, daily: <Date> objects.
- week(s), weekly, isoweek: <grates_isoweek> objects.
- epiweek(s): <grates_epiweek> objects.
- month(s), monthly, yearmonth: <grates_yearmonth> objects.
- quarter(s), quarterly, yearquarter: <grates_yearquarter> objects.
- year(s) and yearly: <grates_year> objects.

For "day" or "daily" interval, we provide a thin wrapper around as.Date() that ensures the underlying data are whole numbers and that time zones are respected. Note that additional arguments are not forwarded to as.Date() so for greater flexibility users are advised to modifying your input prior to calling incidence().

See Also

browseVignettes("grates") for more details on the grate object classes.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE)) {
    data(ebola_sim_clean, package = "outbreaks")
    dat <- ebola_sim_clean$linelist
    incidence(dat, "date_of_onset")
    incidence(dat, date_of_onset)
    incidence(dat, "date_of_onset", groups = c("gender", "hospital"))
    incidence_(dat, date_of_onset, groups = c(gender, hospital))
}</pre>
```

keep

Keep first, last and peak occurences

Description

keep_first() and keep_last() keep the first and last n rows to occur for each grouping when in ascending date order. keep_peaks() keeps the rows with the maximum count value for each group. first_peak() is a convenience wrapper around keep_peaks() with the first_only argument set to TRUE. keep

Usage

```
keep_first(x, n, complete_dates = TRUE, ...)
keep_last(x, n, complete_dates = TRUE, ...)
keep_peaks(x, complete_dates = TRUE, first_only = FALSE, ...)
first_peak(x, complete_dates = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

х	incidence2 object.
n	integer.
	Number of entries to keep.
	double vectors will be converted via as.integer(n).
complete_dates	bool.
	Should complete_dates() be called on the data prior to keeping the first entries.
	Defaults to TRUE.
	Other arguments passed to complete_dates().
first_only	bool.
	Should only the first peak (by date) be kept.
	Defaults to TRUE.

Value

incidence2 object with the chosen entries.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE)) {
    data(ebola_sim_clean, package = "outbreaks")
    dat <- ebola_sim_clean$linelist
    inci <- incidence(dat, "date_of_onset")
    keep_first(inci, 3)
    keep_last(inci, 3)
}</pre>
```

plot.incidence2

Description

plot() can be used to provide a bar plot of an incidence object. Due to the complexities with automating plotting it is some what experimental in nature and it may be better to use ggplot2 directly.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'incidence2'
plot(
 х,
 у,
 width = 1,
  colour_palette = vibrant,
 border_colour = NA,
  na_colour = "grey",
  alpha = 0.7,
  fill = NULL,
  legend = c("right", "left", "bottom", "top", "none"),
  title = NULL,
  angle = 0,
  size = NULL,
  nrow = NULL,
  n_breaks = 6L,
  show_cases = FALSE,
  . . .
)
```

Arguments

х	incidence2 object.
У	Not used.
	Required for compatibility with the plot() generic.
width	numeric.
	Value between 0 and 1 indicating the relative size of the bars to the interval.
	Default 1.
colour_palette	function.
	The color palette to be used for the different count variables.
	Defaults to vibrant (see ?palettes).
border_colour	character.
	The color to be used for the borders of the bars.
	Use NA (default) for invisible borders.

na_colour	character. The colour to plot NA values in graphs. Defaults to grey.
alpha	numeric. The alpha level for color transparency, with 1 being fully opaque and 0 fully transparent Defaults to 0.7.
fill	character. Which variable to colour plots by. Must be a group or count variable and will mean that variable is not used for facetting. If NULL no distinction if made for plot colours.
legend	character. Position of legend in plot. Only applied if fill is not NULL. One of "right" (default), "left", "bottom", "top" or "none".
title	character. Optional title for the graph.
angle	numeric. Rotation angle for text.
size	numeric. text size in pts.
nrow	<pre>integer. Number of rows used for facetting if there are group variables present and just one count in the incidence object. Numeric values are coerced to integer via as.integer().</pre>
n_breaks	<pre>integer. Approximate number of breaks calculated using scales::breaks_pretty(). Numeric values are coerced to integer via as.integer(). Default 6L.</pre>
show_cases	logical. if TRUE, then each observation will be shown individually in a square format. Normally only used for outbreaks with a small number of cases. Defaults to FALSE.
	Not currently used.

Details

- Faceting will occur automatically if either grouping variables or multiple counts are present.
- If there are multiple count variables, each count will occupy a different row of the resulting plot.
- Utilises ggplot2 so this must be installed to use.

Value

• A ggplot2::ggplot() object.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE) && requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
    data(ebola_sim_clean, package = "outbreaks")
    dat <- ebola_sim_clean$linelist
    inci <- incidence(dat, date_index = "date_of_onset", groups = "hospital")
    plot(inci, angle = 45)
    inci2 <- regroup(inci)
    plot(inci2)
}</pre>
```

regroup

Regroup 'incidence' objects

Description

This function regroups an incidence2 object across the specified groups. The resulting incidence2 object will contains counts aggregated over the specified groups. The only difference between regroup() and regroup_() is that the latter is built on top of tidy-select semantics for the group input.

Usage

```
regroup(x, groups = NULL)
regroup_(x, groups = NULL)
```

Arguments

х	<incidence2> object.</incidence2>
groups	<pre>character for regroup() or tidy-select for regroup_().</pre>
	The groups to sum over.
	If NULL (default) then the function returns the corresponding object with no
	groupings.

split.incidence2

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE)) {
    data(ebola_sim_clean, package = "outbreaks")
    dat <- ebola_sim_clean$linelist
    i <- incidence(
        dat,
        date_index = "date_of_onset",
        groups = c("gender", "hospital")
    )
    regroup(i)
    regroup(i)
    regroup(i, "hospital")
    regroup(i, hospital)
}</pre>
```

split.incidence2 Divide an incidence2 object in to it's implicit groupings

Description

Split divides and incidence2 object in to it's underlying groupings (count variable and optionally groups).

Usage

S3 method for class 'incidence2'
split(x, f, drop, ...)

Arguments

Х	An incidence2 object.
f	Not used. Present only for generic compatibility.
drop	Not used. Present only for generic compatibility.
	Not used. Present only for generic compatibility.

Value

A list of tibbles contained the split data. This list also has a "key" attribute which is a tibble with rows corresponding to the grouping of each split.

See Also

vctrs::vec_split() on which split.incidence2() is built.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("outbreaks", quietly = TRUE)) {
    data(ebola_sim_clean, package = "outbreaks")
    ebola_sim_clean$linelist |>
        subset(!is.na(hospital)) |>
        incidence_(date_of_onset, hospital, interval = "isoweek") |>
        split()
}
```

summary.incidence2 Summary of an incidence object

Description

Summary of an incidence object

Usage

S3 method for class 'incidence2'
summary(object, ...)

Arguments

object	An incidence2 object.
	Not used.

Value

object (invisibly).

Examples

```
data(ebola_sim_clean, package = "outbreaks")
dat <- ebola_sim_clean$linelist
inci <- incidence(dat, "date_of_onset", groups = c("gender", "hospital"))
summary(inci)</pre>
```

vibrant

Description

These functions are color palettes used in incidence. The palettes come from https://personal.sron.nl/~pault/#sec:qualitative and exclude grey, which is reserved for missing data.

Usage

vibrant(n)

muted(n)

Arguments

n	integer.
	Number of colours.
	double vectors will be converted via as.integer(n).

Examples

vibrant(5)
muted(10)

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