Package 'salty'

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inspect_shaker

Access the original source vector for a given shaker function

Description

Access the original source vector for a given shaker function

Usage

```
inspect_shaker(f)
```

Arguments

f

A shaker function

Value

A character vector

Examples

inspect_shaker(shaker\$punctuation)

p_indices

Sample a proportion of indices of a vector

Description

Sample a proportion of indices of a vector

Usage

```
p_indices(x, p)
```

Arguments

x A vector

p A numeric probability between 0 and 1

Value

An integer vector of indices.

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salt

Salt vectors with common data problems

Description

These are easy-to-use wrapper functions that call either salt_insert (for including new characters) or salt_replace (for salting that requires replacement of specific characters) with sane defaults.

Usage

```
salt_punctuation(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
salt_letters(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
salt_whitespace(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
salt_digits(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
salt_ocr(x, p = 0.2, rep_p = 0.1)
salt_capitalization(x, p = 0.1, rep_p = 0.1)
salt_decimal_commas(x, p = 0.1, rep_p = 0.1)
```

Arguments

| Х | A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting. |
|-------|--|
| p | A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted. |
| n | A positive integer. Number of times to add new values from insertions into selected values in x manually supply your own list of characters. |
| rep_p | A number between 0 and 1. Probability that a given match should be replaced in one of the selected values. |

Details

For a more fine-grained control over how characters are added and whether, see the documentation for salt_insert, salt_substitute, salt_replace, and salt_delete.

Functions

- salt_punctuation(): Punctuation characters
- salt_letters(): Upper- and lower-case letters
- salt_whitespace(): Spaces
- salt_digits(): 0-9
- salt_ocr(): Replace some substrings with common OCR problems

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- salt_capitalization(): Flip capitalization of letters
- salt_decimal_commas(): Flip decimals to commas and vice versa

salty

salty: Turn Clean Data Into Messy Data

Description

Insert, delete, replace, and substitute bits of your data with messy values.

Details

Convenient wrappers such as salt_punctuation are provided for quick access to this package's functionality with simple defaults. For more fine-grained control, use one of the underlying salt_functions:

- salt_insert will insert new characters into some of the values of x. All the original characters of the original values will be maintained.
- salt_substitute will substitute some characters in some of the values of x in place of some of the original characters.
- salt_replace will replace some characters in some of the values of x. Unlike salt_substitute, salt_replace does conditional replacement dependent on the original values of x, such as changing capitalization or simulating OCR errors based on certain character combinations.
- salt_delete will remove some characters in the values of x
- salt_na and salt_empty will replace some values of x with NA or with empty strings.
- salt_swap replaces entire values of x with new strings

salt_delete

Delete some characters from some values

Description

Delete some characters from some values

Usage

```
salt_delete(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

Arguments

- x A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting.
- p A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted.
- n A positive integer. Number of times to add new values from insertions into selected values in x manually supply your own list of characters.

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Value

A character vector the same length as x

Examples

salt_insert

Insert new characters into some values in a vector

Description

Inserts a selection of characters into a percentage of values in the supplied vector.

Usage

```
salt_insert(x, insertions, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

Arguments

x A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting.

insertions A shaker function, or a character vector.

p A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted.

n A positive integer. Number of times to add new values from insertions into

selected values in x manually supply your own list of characters.

Value

A character vector the same length as x

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Remove entire values from a vector

Description

Remove entire values from a vector

Usage

```
salt_na(x, p = 0.2)

salt_empty(x, p = 0.2)
```

Arguments

x A vector

p A number between 0 and 1. Proportion of values to edit.

Value

A vector the same length as x

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Replace certain patterns into some values in a vector

Description

Inserts a selection of characters into some values of x. Pair salt_replace with the named vectors in replacement_shaker, or supply your own named vector of replacements. The convenience functions salt_ocr and salt_capitalization are light wrappers around salt_replace.

Usage

```
salt_replace(x, replacements, p = 0.1, rep_p = 0.5)
```

Arguments

| v | A vector | This will always | he coerced to | character durin | a caltina |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Х | A Vector. | Tills will always | ne coercea to | Character durin | ig saiting. |

replacements A replacement_shaker function, or a named character vector of patterns and

replacements.

p A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted.

rep_p A number between 0 and 1. Probability that a given match should be replaced

in one of the selected values.

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Value

A character vector the same length as x

Examples

salt_substitute

Substitute certain characters in a vector

Description

Substitute certain characters in a vector

Usage

```
salt\_substitute(x, substitutions, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

Arguments

| X | A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting. |
|---------------|--|
| substitutions | Values to be substituted in |
| p | A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted. |
| n | A positive integer. Number of times to add new values from insertions into selected values in x manually supply your own list of characters. |

Value

A character vector the same length as x

Examples

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salt_swap

Randomly swap out entire values in a vector

Description

Because swaps can be provided by either a character vector or a function that returns a character vector, salt_swap can be fruitfully used in conjunction with the charlatan::charlatan package to intersperse real data with simulated data.

Usage

```
salt_swap(x, swaps, p = 0.2)
```

Arguments

x A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting.

swaps Values to be swapped out

p A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted.

Value

A character vector the same length as x

Examples

shaker

Get a set of values to use in salt_functions

Description

shaker contains various character sets to be added to your data using salt_insert and salt_substitute. replacement_shaker is for salt_replace, and contains pairlists that replace matched patterns in your data.

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Usage

```
shaker
replacement_shaker
available_shakers()
```

Format

```
An object of class list of length 6.
An object of class list of length 3.
```

Value

A sampling function that will be called by salt_insert, salt_substitute, or salt_replace.

Examples

```
salt_insert(letters, shaker$punctuation)
available_shakers()
```

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