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DataExplorer-package *Data Explorer*

Description

Simplify and automate EDA process and report generation.

Details

Data exploration process for data analysis and model building, so that users could focus on understanding data and extracting insights. The package automatically scans through each variable and does data profiling. Typical graphical techniques will be performed for both discrete and continuous features.

configure_report	<i>Configure report template</i>
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Description

This function configures the content of the to-be-generated data profiling report.

Usage

```
configure_report(add_introduce = TRUE, add_plot_intro = TRUE,
  add_plot_str = TRUE, add_plot_missing = TRUE,
  add_plot_histogram = TRUE, add_plot_density = FALSE,
  add_plot_qq = TRUE, add_plot_bar = TRUE,
  add_plot_correlation = TRUE, add_plot_prcomp = TRUE,
  add_plot_boxplot = TRUE, add_plot_scatterplot = TRUE,
  introduce_args = list(), plot_intro_args = list(),
  plot_str_args = list(type = "diagonal", fontSize = 35, width = 1000,
  margin = list(left = 350, right = 250)), plot_missing_args = list(),
  plot_histogram_args = list(), plot_density_args = list(),
  plot_qq_args = list(sampled_rows = 1000L), plot_bar_args = list(),
  plot_correlation_args = list(cor_args = list(use =
  "pairwise.complete.obs")), plot_prcomp_args = list(),
  plot_boxplot_args = list(), plot_scatterplot_args = list(sampled_rows
  = 1000L), global_ggtheme = quote(theme_gray()),
  global_theme_config = list())
```

Arguments

`add_introduce` add [introduce](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_intro` add [plot_intro](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_str` add [plot_str](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_missing`
add [plot_missing](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_histogram`
add [plot_histogram](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_density`
add [plot_density](#)? Default is FALSE.

`add_plot_qq` add [plot_qq](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_bar` add [plot_bar](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_correlation`
add [plot_correlation](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_prcomp`
add [plot_prcomp](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_boxplot`
add [plot_boxplot](#)? Default is TRUE.

`add_plot_scatterplot`
 add [plot_scatterplot](#)? Default is TRUE.

`introduce_args` arguments to be passed to [introduce](#). Default is `list()`.

`plot_intro_args`
 arguments to be passed to [plot_intro](#). Default is `list()`.

`plot_str_args` arguments to be passed to [plot_str](#). Default is `list(type = "diagonal", fontSize = 35, width = 100)`.

`plot_missing_args`
 arguments to be passed to [plot_missing](#). Default is `list()`.

`plot_histogram_args`
 arguments to be passed to [plot_histogram](#). Default is `list()`.

`plot_density_args`
 arguments to be passed to [plot_density](#). Default is `list()`.

`plot_qq_args` arguments to be passed to [plot_qq](#). Default is `list(sampled_rows = 1000L)`.

`plot_bar_args` arguments to be passed to [plot_bar](#). Default is `list()`.

`plot_correlation_args`
 arguments to be passed to [plot_correlation](#). Default is `list("cor_args" = list("use" = "pairwise.c"))`.

`plot_prcomp_args`
 arguments to be passed to [plot_prcomp](#). Default is `list()`.

`plot_boxplot_args`
 arguments to be passed to [plot_boxplot](#). Default is `list()`.

`plot_scatterplot_args`
 arguments to be passed to [plot_scatterplot](#). Default is `list(sampled_rows = 1000L)`.

`global_ggtheme` global setting for [theme](#). Default is `quote(theme_gray())`.

`global_theme_config`
 global setting for [theme](#). Default is `list()`.

Note

Individual settings will overwrite global settings. For example: if `plot_intro_args` has `ggtheme` set to `theme_light()` while `global_ggtheme` is set to `theme_gray()`, `theme_light()` will be used.

When setting global themes using `global_ggtheme`, please pass an unevaluated call to the theme function, e.g., `quote(theme_light())`.

See Also

[create_report](#)

Examples

```
## Get default configuration
configure_report()

## Set global theme
configure_report(global_ggtheme = quote(theme_light(base_size = 20L)))
```

create_report	<i>Create report</i>
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Description

This function creates a data profiling report.

Usage

```
create_report(data, output_format = html_document(toc = TRUE, toc_depth =
  6, theme = "yeti"), output_file = "report.html",
  output_dir = getwd(), y = NULL, config = configure_report(),
  report_title = "Data Profiling Report", ...)
```

Arguments

data	input data
output_format	output format in render . Default is <code>html_document(toc = TRUE, toc_depth = 6, theme = "yeti")</code> .
output_file	output file name in render . Default is "report.html".
output_dir	output directory for report in render . Default is user's current directory.
y	name of response variable if any. Response variables will be passed to appropriate plotting functions automatically.
config	report configuration generated by configure_report .
report_title	report title. Default is "Data Profiling Report".
...	other arguments to be passed to render .

Details

`config` is a named list to be evaluated by `create_report`. Each name should exactly match a function name. By doing so, that function and corresponding content will be added to the report. If you do not want to include certain functions/content, do not add it to `config`.

[configure_report](#) generates the default template. You may customize the content using that function.

All function arguments will be passed to [do.call](#) as a list.

Note

If both `y` and `plot_prcomp` are present, `y` will be removed from `plot_prcomp`.

If there are multiple options for the same function, all of them will be plotted. For example, `create_report(..., y = "a", config = list("plot_bar" = list("with" = "b")))` will create 3 bar charts:

- regular frequency bar chart
- bar chart aggregated by response variable "a"
- bar chart aggregated by 'with' variable "b"

See Also[configure_report](#)**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create report
create_report(iris)
create_report(airquality, y = "Ozone")

# Load library
library(ggplot2)
library(data.table)
library(rmarkdown)

# Set some missing values
diamonds2 <- data.table(diamonds)
for (j in 5:ncol(diamonds2)) {
  set(diamonds2,
      i = sample.int(nrow(diamonds2), sample.int(nrow(diamonds2), 1)),
      j,
      value = NA_integer_)
}

# Create customized report for diamonds2 dataset
create_report(
  data = diamonds2,
  output_format = html_document(toc = TRUE, toc_depth = 6, theme = "flatly"),
  output_file = "report.html",
  output_dir = getwd(),
  y = "price",
  config = configure_report(
    add_plot_prcomp = TRUE,
    plot_qq_args = list("by" = "cut", sampled_rows = 1000L),
    plot_bar_args = list("with" = "carat"),
    plot_correlation_args = list("cor_args" = list("use" = "pairwise.complete.obs")),
    plot_boxplot_args = list("by" = "cut"),
    global_ggtheme = quote(theme_light())
  )
)

## End(Not run)
```

drop_columns

Drop selected variables

Description

Quickly drop variables by either column names or positions.

Usage

```
drop_columns(data, ind)
```

Arguments

data	input data
ind	a vector of either names or column positions of the variables to be dropped.

Details

This function updates `data.table` object directly. Otherwise, output data will be returned matching input object class.

Examples

```
# Load packages
library(data.table)

# Generate data
dt <- data.table(sapply(setNames(letters, letters), function(x) {assign(x, rnorm(10))}))
dt2 <- copy(dt)

# Drop variables by name
names(dt)
drop_columns(dt, letters[2L:25L])
names(dt)

# Drop variables by column position
names(dt2)
drop_columns(dt2, seq(2, 25))
names(dt2)

# Return from non-data.table input
df <- data.frame(sapply(setNames(letters, letters), function(x) {assign(x, rnorm(10))}))
drop_columns(df, letters[2L:25L])
```

dummify

Dummify discrete features to binary columns

Description

Data dummification is also known as one hot encoding or feature binarization. It turns each category to a distinct column with binary (numeric) values.

Usage

```
dummify(data, maxcat = 50L, select = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	input data
maxcat	maximum categories allowed for each discrete feature. Default is 50.
select	names of selected features to be dummified. Default is NULL.

Details

Continuous features will be ignored if added in select.

select features will be ignored if categories exceed maxcat.

Value

dummified dataset (discrete features only) preserving original features. However, column order might be different.

Note

This is different from [model.matrix](#), where the latter aims to create a full rank matrix for regression-like use cases. If your intention is to create a design matrix, use [model.matrix](#) instead.

Examples

```
## Dummify iris dataset
str(dummify(iris))

## Dummify diamonds dataset ignoring features with more than 5 categories
data("diamonds", package = "ggplot2")
str(dummify(diamonds, maxcat = 5))
str(dummify(diamonds, select = c("cut", "color")))
```

group_category	<i>Group categories for discrete features</i>
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Description

Sometimes discrete features have sparse categories. This function will group the sparse categories for a discrete feature based on a given threshold.

Usage

```
group_category(data, feature, threshold, measure, update = FALSE,
  category_name = "OTHER", exclude = NULL)
```


Arguments

data	input data
feature	name of the discrete feature to be collapsed.
threshold	the bottom x% categories to be grouped, e.g., if set to 20%, categories with cumulative frequency of the bottom 20% will be grouped
measure	name of feature to be used as an alternative measure.
update	logical, indicating if the data should be modified. The default is FALSE. Setting to TRUE will modify the input <code>data.table</code> object directly. Otherwise, input class will be returned.
category_name	name of the new category if update is set to TRUE. The default is "OTHER".
exclude	categories to be excluded from grouping when update is set to TRUE.

Details

If a continuous feature is passed to the argument `feature`, it will be force set to `character-class`.

Value

If `update` is set to FALSE, returns categories with cumulative frequency less than the input threshold. The output class will match the class of input data. If `update` is set to TRUE, updated data will be returned, and the output class will match the class of input data.

Examples

```
# Load packages
library(data.table)

# Generate data
data <- data.table("a" = as.factor(round(rnorm(500, 10, 5))), "b" = rexp(500, 500))

# View cumulative frequency without collapsing categories
group_category(data, "a", 0.2)

# View cumulative frequency based on another measure
group_category(data, "a", 0.2, measure = "b")

# Group bottom 20% categories based on cumulative frequency
group_category(data, "a", 0.2, update = TRUE)
plot_bar(data)

# Exclude categories from being grouped
dt <- data.table("a" = c(rep("c1", 25), rep("c2", 10), "c3", "c4"))
group_category(dt, "a", 0.8, update = TRUE, exclude = c("c3", "c4"))
plot_bar(dt)

# Return from non-data.table input
df <- data.frame("a" = as.factor(round(rnorm(50, 10, 5))), "b" = rexp(50, 10))
group_category(df, "a", 0.2)
group_category(df, "a", 0.2, measure = "b", update = TRUE)
group_category(df, "a", 0.2, update = TRUE)
```

introduce	<i>Describe basic information</i>
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Description

Describe basic information for input data.

Usage

```
introduce(data)
```

Arguments

data	input data
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Value

Describe basic information in input data class:

- rows: number of rows
- columns: number of columns
- discrete_columns: number of discrete columns
- continuous_columns: number of continuous columns
- all_missing_columns: number of columns with everything missing
- total_missing_values: number of missing observations
- complete_rows: number of rows without missing values. See [complete.cases](#).
- total_observations: total number of observations
- memory_usage: estimated memory allocation in bytes. See [object.size](#).

Examples

```
introduce(mtcars)
```

plot_bar	<i>Plot bar chart</i>
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Description

Plot bar chart for each discrete feature, based on either frequency or another continuous feature.

Usage

```
plot_bar(data, with = NULL, maxcat = 50, order_bar = TRUE,  
         binary_as_factor = TRUE, title = NULL, ggtheme = theme_gray(),  
         theme_config = list(), nrow = 3L, ncol = 3L, parallel = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	input data
with	name of continuous feature to be summed. Default is NULL, i.e., frequency.
maxcat	maximum categories allowed for each feature. Default is 50.
order_bar	logical, indicating if bars should be ordered. Default is TRUE.
binary_as_factor	treat binary as categorical? Default is TRUE.
title	plot title
ggtheme	complete ggplot2 themes. Default is theme_gray .
theme_config	a list of configurations to be passed to theme
nrow	number of rows per page. Default is 3.
ncol	number of columns per page. Default is 3.
parallel	enable parallel? Default is FALSE.

Details

If a discrete feature contains more categories than maxcat specifies, it will not be passed to the plotting function.

Value

invisibly return the named list of ggplot objects

Examples

```
# Plot bar charts for diamonds dataset  
library(ggplot2)  
plot_bar(diamonds)  
plot_bar(diamonds, maxcat = 5)  
  
# Plot bar charts with `price` feature  
plot_bar(diamonds, with = "price")
```

`plot_boxplot`*Create boxplot for continuous features*

Description

This function creates boxplot for each continuous feature based on a selected feature.

Usage

```
plot_boxplot(data, by, binary_as_factor = TRUE,  
             geom_boxplot_args = list(), title = NULL, ggtheme = theme_gray(),  
             theme_config = list(), nrow = 3L, ncol = 4L, parallel = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	input data
<code>by</code>	feature name to be broken down by. If selecting a continuous feature, boxplot will be grouped by 5 equal ranges, otherwise, all existing categories for a discrete feature.
<code>binary_as_factor</code>	treat binary as categorical? Default is TRUE.
<code>geom_boxplot_args</code>	a list of other arguments to geom_boxplot
<code>title</code>	plot title
<code>ggtheme</code>	complete ggplot2 themes. The default is theme_gray .
<code>theme_config</code>	a list of configurations to be passed to theme .
<code>nrow</code>	number of rows per page
<code>ncol</code>	number of columns per page
<code>parallel</code>	enable parallel? Default is FALSE.

Value

invisibly return the named list of ggplot objects

See Also

[geom_boxplot](#)

Examples

```
plot_boxplot(iris, by = "Species", nrow = 2L, ncol = 2L)  
plot_boxplot(iris, by = "Species", geom_boxplot_args = list("outlier.color" = "red"))
```

plot_correlation *Create correlation heatmap for discrete features*

Description

This function creates a correlation heatmap for all discrete categories.

Usage

```
plot_correlation(data, type = c("all", "discrete", "continuous"),
  maxcat = 20L, cor_args = list(), geom_text_args = list(),
  title = NULL, ggtheme = theme_gray(),
  theme_config = list(legend.position = "bottom", axis.text.x =
  element_text(angle = 90)))
```

Arguments

data	input data
type	column type to be included in correlation calculation. "all" for all columns, "discrete" for discrete features, "continuous" for continuous features.
maxcat	maximum categories allowed for each discrete feature. The default is 20.
cor_args	a list of other arguments to cor
geom_text_args	a list of other arguments to geom_text
title	plot title
ggtheme	complete ggplot2 themes. The default is theme_gray .
theme_config	a list of configurations to be passed to theme .

Details

For discrete features, the function first dummifies all categories, then calculates the correlation matrix (see [cor](#)) and plots it.

Value

invisibly return the ggplot object

Examples

```
plot_correlation(iris)
plot_correlation(iris, type = "c")
plot_correlation(airquality, cor_args = list("use" = "pairwise.complete.obs"))
```

plot_density *Plot density estimates*

Description

Plot density estimates for each continuous feature

Usage

```
plot_density(data, binary_as_factor = TRUE, geom_density_args = list(),
             title = NULL, ggtheme = theme_gray(), theme_config = list(),
             nrow = 4L, ncol = 4L, parallel = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	input data
binary_as_factor	treat binary as categorical? Default is TRUE.
geom_density_args	a list of other arguments to geom_density
title	plot title
ggtheme	complete ggplot2 themes. The default is theme_gray .
theme_config	a list of configurations to be passed to theme .
nrow	number of rows per page. Default is 4.
ncol	number of columns per page. Default is 4.
parallel	enable parallel? Default is FALSE.

Value

invisibly return the named list of ggplot objects

See Also

[geom_density](#) [plot_histogram](#)

Examples

```
# Plot iris data
plot_density(iris, nrow = 2L, ncol = 2L)

# Plot random data
set.seed(1)
data <- data.frame(replicate(16L, rnorm(100)))
plot_density(data)

# Add color to density area
plot_density(data, geom_density_args = list("fill" = "black", "alpha" = 0.6))
```

plot_histogram	<i>Plot histogram</i>
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Description

Plot histogram for each continuous feature

Usage

```
plot_histogram(data, binary_as_factor = TRUE,  
  geom_histogram_args = list(bins = 30L), title = NULL,  
  ggtheme = theme_gray(), theme_config = list(), nrow = 4L,  
  ncol = 4L, parallel = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	input data
binary_as_factor	treat binary as categorical? Default is TRUE.
geom_histogram_args	a list of other arguments to geom_histogram
title	plot title
ggtheme	complete ggplot2 themes. The default is theme_gray .
theme_config	a list of configurations to be passed to theme .
nrow	number of rows per page. Default is 4.
ncol	number of columns per page. Default is 4.
parallel	enable parallel? Default is FALSE.

Value

invisibly return the named list of ggplot objects

See Also

[geom_histogram](#) [plot_density](#)

Examples

```
# Plot iris data  
plot_histogram(iris, nrow = 2L, ncol = 2L)  
  
# Plot random data  
set.seed(1)  
data <- data.frame(replicate(16L, rnorm(50)))  
plot_histogram(data)
```

plot_intro	<i>Plot introduction</i>
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Description

Plot basic information (from [introduce](#)) for input data.

Usage

```
plot_intro(data, geom_label_args = list(), title = NULL,  
           ggtheme = theme_gray(), theme_config = list())
```

Arguments

data	input data
geom_label_args	a list of other arguments to geom_label
title	plot title
ggtheme	complete ggplot2 themes. The default is theme_gray .
theme_config	a list of configurations to be passed to theme .

Value

invisibly return the ggplot object

See Also

[introduce](#)

Examples

```
plot_intro(airquality)  
plot_intro(iris)
```

plot_missing	<i>Plot missing value profile</i>
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Description

This function returns and plots frequency of missing values for each feature.

Usage

```
plot_missing(data, group = list(Good = 0.05, OK = 0.4, Bad = 0.8, Remove  
= 1), geom_label_args = list(), title = NULL,  
           ggtheme = theme_gray(), theme_config = list(legend.position =  
c("bottom")))
```


Arguments

data	input data
group	missing profile band taking a list of group name and group upper bounds. Default is <code>list("Good" = 0.05, "OK" = 0.4, "Bad" = 0.8, "Remove" = 1)</code> .
geom_label_args	a list of other arguments to geom_label
title	plot title
ggtheme	complete ggplot2 themes. The default is theme_gray .
theme_config	a list of configurations to be passed to theme .

Value

invisibly return the ggplot object

See Also

[profile_missing](#)

Examples

```
plot_missing(airquality)

## Customize band
plot_missing(airquality, group = list("B1" = 0, "B2" = 0.06, "B3" = 1))

## Shrink geom_label size
library(ggplot2)
plot_missing(airquality, geom_label_args = list("size" = 2, "label.padding" = unit(0.1, "lines")))
```

plot_prcomp

Visualize principal component analysis

Description

Visualize output of [prcomp](#).

Usage

```
plot_prcomp(data, variance_cap = 0.8, maxcat = 50L,
  prcomp_args = list(scale. = TRUE), geom_label_args = list(),
  title = NULL, ggtheme = theme_gray(), theme_config = list(),
  nrow = 3L, ncol = 3L, parallel = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	input data
<code>variance_cap</code>	maximum cumulative explained variance allowed for all principal components. Default is 80%.
<code>maxcat</code>	maximum categories allowed for each discrete feature. The default is 50.
<code>prcomp_args</code>	a list of other arguments to prcomp
<code>geom_label_args</code>	a list of other arguments to geom_label
<code>title</code>	plot title starting from page 2.
<code>ggtheme</code>	complete ggplot2 themes. The default is theme_gray .
<code>theme_config</code>	a list of configurations to be passed to theme .
<code>nrow</code>	number of rows per page
<code>ncol</code>	number of columns per page
<code>parallel</code>	enable parallel? Default is FALSE.

Details

When cumulative explained variance exceeds `variance_cap`, remaining principal components will be ignored. Set `variance_cap` to 1 for all principal components.

Discrete features containing more categories than `maxcat` specifies will be ignored.

Value

invisibly return the named list of ggplot objects

Note

Discrete features will be [dummify](#)-ed first before passing to [prcomp](#).

Missing values may create issues in [prcomp](#). Consider [na.omit](#) your input data first.

Examples

```
plot_prcomp(na.omit(airquality), nrow = 2L, ncol = 2L)
```

```
data("diamonds", package = "ggplot2")  
plot_prcomp(diamonds, maxcat = 7L)
```

plot_qq	<i>Plot QQ plot</i>
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Description

Plot quantile-quantile for each continuous feature

Usage

```
plot_qq(data, by = NULL, sampled_rows = nrow(data),
  geom_qq_args = list(), geom_qq_line_args = list(), title = NULL,
  ggtheme = theme_gray(), theme_config = list(), nrow = 3L,
  ncol = 3L, parallel = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	input data
by	feature name to be broken down by. If selecting a continuous feature, it will be grouped by 5 equal ranges, otherwise, all existing categories for a discrete feature. Default is NULL.
sampled_rows	number of rows to sample if data has too many rows. Default is all rows, which means do not sample.
geom_qq_args	a list of other arguments to geom_qq
geom_qq_line_args	a list of other arguments to geom_qq_line
title	plot title
ggtheme	complete ggplot2 themes. Default is theme_gray .
theme_config	a list of configurations to be passed to theme
nrow	number of rows per page. Default is 3.
ncol	number of columns per page. Default is 3.
parallel	enable parallel? Default is FALSE.

Value

invisibly return the named list of ggplot objects

Examples

```
plot_qq(iris)
plot_qq(iris, by = "Sepal.Width")
plot_qq(iris, by = "Species", nrow = 2L, ncol = 2L)

plot_qq(
  data = airquality,
  geom_qq_args = list(na.rm = TRUE),
  geom_qq_line_args = list(na.rm = TRUE)
)
```

plot_scatterplot *Create scatterplot for all features*

Description

This function creates scatterplot for all features fixing on a selected feature.

Usage

```
plot_scatterplot(data, by, sampled_rows = nrow(data),
  geom_point_args = list(), title = NULL, ggtheme = theme_gray(),
  theme_config = list(), nrow = 3L, ncol = 3L, parallel = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	input data
by	feature name to be fixed at
sampled_rows	number of rows to sample if data has too many rows. Default is all rows, which means do not sample.
geom_point_args	a list of other arguments to geom_point
title	plot title
ggtheme	complete ggplot2 themes. The default is theme_gray .
theme_config	a list of configurations to be passed to theme .
nrow	number of rows per page
ncol	number of columns per page
parallel	enable parallel? Default is FALSE.

Value

invisibly return the named list of ggplot objects

See Also

[geom_point](#)

Examples

```
plot_scatterplot(iris, by = "Species")

library(ggplot2)
plot_scatterplot(
  data = mpg,
  by = "hwy",
  geom_point_args = list(size = 1L),
  theme_config = list("axis.text.x" = element_text(angle = 90)),
```

```

    ncol = 4L
  )

```

plot_str	<i>Visualize data structure</i>
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Description

Visualize data structures in D3 network graph

Usage

```

plot_str(data, type = c("diagonal", "radial"), max_level = NULL,
         print_network = TRUE, ...)

```

Arguments

data	input data
type	type of network diagram. Defaults to diagonalNetwork .
max_level	integer threshold of nested level to be visualized. Minimum 1 nested level and defaults to all.
print_network	logical indicating if network graph should be plotted. Defaults to TRUE.
...	other arguments to be passed to plotting functions. See diagonalNetwork and radialNetwork .

Value

input data structure in nested list. Could be transformed to json format with most JSON packages.

See Also

[str](#)

Examples

```

## Visualize structure of iris dataset
plot_str(iris)

## Visualize object with radial network
plot_str(rep(list(rep(list(mtcars), 6)), 4), type = "r")

## Generate complicated data object
obj <- list(
  "a" = list(iris, airquality, list(mtcars = mtcars, USArrests = USArrests)),
  "b" = list(list(ts(1:10, frequency = 4))),
  "c" = lm(rnorm(5) ~ seq(5)),
  "d" = lapply(1:5, function(x) return(as.function(function(y) y + 1)))
)

```

```
## Visualize data object with diagonal network
plot_str(obj, type = "d")
## Visualize only top 2 nested levels
plot_str(obj, type = "d", max_level = 2)
```

profile_missing *Profile missing values*

Description

Analyze missing value profile

Usage

```
profile_missing(data)
```

Arguments

data input data

Value

missing value profile, such as frequency, percentage and suggested action.

See Also

[plot_missing](#)

Examples

```
profile_missing(airquality)
```

set_missing *Set all missing values to indicated value*

Description

Quickly set all missing values to indicated value.

Usage

```
set_missing(data, value, exclude = NULL)
```

Arguments

data input data, in [data.table](#) format only.
value a single value or a list of two values to be set to. See 'Details'.
exclude column index or name to be excluded.

Details

The class of value will determine what type of columns to be set, e.g., if value is 0, then missing values for continuous features will be set. When supplying a list of two values, only one numeric and one non-numeric is allowed.

This function updates `data.table` object directly. Otherwise, output data will be returned matching input object class.

Examples

```
# Load packages
library(data.table)

# Generate missing values in iris data
dt <- data.table(iris)
for (j in 1:4) set(dt, i = sample.int(150, j * 30), j, value = NA_integer_)
set(dt, i = sample.int(150, 25), 5L, value = NA_character_)

# Set all missing values to 0L and unknown
dt2 <- copy(dt)
set_missing(dt2, list(0L, "unknown"))

# Set missing numerical values to 0L
dt3 <- copy(dt)
set_missing(dt3, 0L)

# Set missing discrete values to unknown
dt4 <- copy(dt)
set_missing(dt4, "unknown")

# Set missing values excluding some columns
dt5 <- copy(dt)
set_missing(dt4, 0L, 1L:2L)
set_missing(dt4, 0L, names(dt5)[3L:4L])

# Return from non-data.table input
set_missing(airquality, 999999L)
```

split_columns

Split data into discrete and continuous parts

Description

This function splits the input data into two `data.table` objects: discrete and continuous. A feature is continuous if `is.numeric` returns TRUE.

Usage

```
split_columns(data, binary_as_factor = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data input data
 binary_as_factor treat binary as categorical? Default is FALSE.

Details

Features with all missing values will be dropped from the output data, but will be counted towards the column count.

The elements in the output list will have the same class as the input data.

Value

discrete all discrete features
 continous all continuous features
 num_discrete number of discrete features
 num_continuous number of continuous features
 num_all_missing number of features with no observations (all values are missing)

Examples

```
output <- split_columns(iris)
output$discrete
output$continuous
output$num_discrete
output$num_continuous
output$num_all_missing
```

update_columns *Update variable types or values*

Description

Quickly update selected variables using column names or positions.

Usage

```
update_columns(data, ind, what)
```

Arguments

data input data
 ind a vector of either names or column positions of the variables to be dropped.
 what either a function or a non-empty character string naming the function to be called. See [do.call](#).

Details

This function updates `data.table` object directly. Otherwise, output data will be returned matching input object class.

Examples

```
str(update_columns(iris, 1L, as.factor))
str(update_columns(iris, c("Sepal.Width", "Petal.Length"), "as.integer"))

## Apply log transformation to all columns
summary(airquality)
summary(update_columns(airquality, names(airquality), log))

## Force set factor to numeric
df <- data.frame("a" = as.factor(sample.int(10L)))
str(df)
str(update_columns(df, "a", function(x) as.numeric(levels(x))[x]))
```

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