

# Package ‘modeldb’

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**Title** Fits Models Inside the Database

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**Description** Uses 'dplyr' and 'tidyeval' to fit statistical models inside the database. It currently supports KMeans and linear regression models.

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<https://github.com/tidymodels/modeldb>

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add_dummy_variables	<i>Creates dummy variables</i>
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## Description

It uses 'tidyeval' and 'dplyr' to create dummy variables based for categorical variables.

## Usage

```
add_dummy_variables(
  df,
  x,
  values = c(),
  auto_values = FALSE,
  remove_original = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

df	A Local or remote data frame
x	Categorical variable
values	Possible known values of the categorical variable. If not passed then the function will take an additional step to figure the unique values of the variable.
auto_values	Safeguard argument to prevent the function from figuring the unique values if the values argument is empty. If it is ok for this function to obtain the unique values, set to TRUE. Defaults to FALSE.
remove_original	It removes the original variable from the returned table. Defaults to TRUE.

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

mtcars %>%
  add_dummy_variables(cyl, values = c(4, 6, 8))

mtcars %>%
  add_dummy_variables(cyl, auto_values = TRUE)
```

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```
as_parsed_model.modeldb_lm
    Prepares parsed model object
```

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**Description**

Prepares parsed model object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'modeldb_lm'
as_parsed_model(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A parsed model object

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```
linear_regression_db    Fits a Linear Regression model
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**Description**

It uses 'tidyeval' and 'dplyr' to create a linear regression model.

**Usage**

```
linear_regression_db(df, y_var = NULL, sample_size = NULL, auto_count = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

df	A Local or remote data frame
y_var	Dependent variable
sample_size	Prevents a table count. It is only used for models with three or more independent variables
auto_count	Serves as a safeguard in case sample_size is not passed inadvertently. Defaults to FALSE. If it is ok for the function to count how many records are in the sample, then set to TRUE. It is only used for models with three or more independent variables

**Details**

The linear\_regression\_db() function only calls one of three unexported functions. The function used is determined by the number of independent variables. This is so any model of one or two variables can use a simpler formula, which in turn will have less SQL overhead.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)

mtcars %>%
  select(mpg, wt, qsec) %>%
  linear_regression_db(mpg)
```

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plot\_kmeans

*Visualize a KMeans Cluster with lots of data*


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**Description**

It uses 'ggplot2' to display the results of a KMeans routine. Instead of a scatterplot, it uses a square grid that displays the concentration of intersections per square. The number of squares in the grid can be customized for more or less fine grain.

**Usage**

```
plot_kmeans(df, x, y, resolution = 50, group = center)

db_calculate_squares(df, x, y, group, resolution = 50)
```

**Arguments**

df	A Local or remote data frame with results of KMeans clustering
x	A numeric variable for the x axis
y	A numeric variable for the y axis
resolution	The number of squares in the grid. Defaults to 50. Meaning a 50 x 50 grid.
group	A discrete variable containing the grouping for the KMeans. It defaults to 'center'

**Details**

For large result-sets in remote sources, downloading every intersection will be a long running, costly operation. The approach of this function is to divide the x and y plane in a grid and have the remote source figure the total number of intersections, returned as a single number. This reduces the granularity of the visualization, but it speeds up the results.

**Examples**

```
plot_kmeans(mtcars, mpg, wt, group = am)
```

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simple_kmeans_db	<i>Simple kmeans routine that works in-database</i>
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### Description

It uses 'tidyeval' and 'dplyr' to run multiple cycles of kmean calculations, expressed in dplyr formulas until an the optimal centers are found.

### Usage

```
simple_kmeans_db(
  df,
  ...,
  centers = 3,
  max_repeats = 100,
  initial_kmeans = NULL,
  safeguard_file = "kmeans.csv",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

df	A Local or remote data frame
...	A list of variables to be used in the kmeans algorithm
centers	The number of centers. Defaults to 3.
max_repeats	The maximum number of cycles to run. Defaults to 100.
initial_kmeans	A local dataframe with initial centroid values. Defaults to NULL.
safeguard_file	Each cycle will update a file specified in this argument with the current centers. Defaults to 'kmeans.csv'. Pass NULL if no file is desired.
verbose	Indicates if the progress bar will be displayed during the model's fitting.

### Details

Because each cycle is an independent 'dplyr' operation, or SQL operation if using a remote source, the latest centroid data frame is saved to the parent environment in case the process needs to be canceled and then restarted at a later point. Passing the current\_kmeans as the initial\_kmeans will allow the operation to pick up where it left off.

### Examples

```
library(dplyr)

mtcars %>%
  simple_kmeans_db(mpg, qsec, wt) %>%
  glimpse()
```

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