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**Description** Extensible framework for subgroup discovery (Atzmueller (2015) <[doi:10.1002/widm.1144](https://doi.org/10.1002/widm.1144)>), contrast patterns (Chen (2022) <[doi:10.48550/arXiv.2209.13556](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2209.13556)>), emerging patterns (Dong (1999) <[doi:10.1145/312129.312191](https://doi.org/10.1145/312129.312191)>) and association rules (Agrawal (1994) <<https://www.vldb.org/conf/1994/P487.PDF>>). Both crisp (binary) and fuzzy data are supported. It generates conditions in the form of elementary conjunctions, evaluates them on a dataset and checks the induced sub-data for interesting statistical properties. Currently, the package searches for implicative association rules and conditional correlations (Hájek (1978) <[doi:10.1007/978-3-642-66943-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-66943-9)>). A user-defined function may be defined to evaluate on each generated condition to search for custom patterns.

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dichotomize	<i>Create dummy columns from logicals or factors in a data frame</i>
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### Description

Create dummy logical columns from selected columns of the data frame. Dummy columns may be created for logical or factor columns as follows:

### Usage

```
dichotomize(.data, what = everything(), ..., .keep = FALSE, .other = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

.data	a data frame to be processed
what	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) selecting the columns to be processed
...	further tidyselect expressions for selecting the columns to be processed
.keep	whether to keep the original columns. If FALSE, the original columns are removed from the result.
.other	whether to put into result the rest of columns that were not specified for dichotomization in what argument.

### Details

- for logical column `col`, a pair of columns is created named `col=T` and `col=F` where the former (resp. latter) is equal to the original (resp. negation of the original);
- for factor column `col`, a new logical column is created for each level `l` of the factor `col` and named as `col=l` with a value set to TRUE wherever the original column is equal to `l`.

### Value

A tibble with selected columns replaced with dummy columns.

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dig*Search for rules*

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**Description**

This is a general function that enumerates all conditions created from data in `x` and calls the callback function `f` on each.

**Usage**

```
dig(x, f, ...)  
  
## Default S3 method:  
dig(x, f, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'matrix'  
dig(  
  x,  
  f,  
  condition = everything(),  
  focus = NULL,  
  disjoint = NULL,  
  min_length = 0,  
  max_length = Inf,  
  min_support = 0,  
  min_focus_support = min_support,  
  filter_empty_foci = FALSE,  
  t_norm = "goguen",  
  threads = 1,  
  ...  
)  
  
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'  
dig(  
  x,  
  f,  
  condition = everything(),  
  focus = NULL,  
  disjoint = NULL,  
  min_length = 0,  
  max_length = Inf,  
  min_support = 0,  
  min_focus_support = min_support,
```

```

filter_empty_foci = FALSE,
t_norm = "goguen",
threads = 1,
...
)

```

## Arguments

x	a matrix or data frame. The matrix must be numeric (double) or logical. If x is a data frame then each column must be either numeric (double) or logical.
f	the callback function executed for each generated condition. This function may have some of the following arguments. Based on the present arguments, the algorithm would provide information about the generated condition: - condition - a named integer vector of column indices that represent the predicates of the condition. Names of the vector correspond to column names; - support - a numeric scalar value of the current condition's support; - indices - a logical vector indicating the rows satisfying the condition; - weights - (similar to indices) weights of rows to which they satisfy the current condition; - pp - a value of a contingency table, condition & focus. pp is a named numeric vector where each value is a support of conjunction of the condition with a foci column (see the focus argument to specify, which columns). Names of the vector are foci column names. - pn - a value of a contingency table, condition & neg focus. pn is a named numeric vector where each value is a support of conjunction of the condition with a negated foci column (see the focus argument to specify, which columns are foci) - names of the vector are foci column names. - np - a value of a contingency table, neg condition & focus. np is a named numeric vector where each value is a support of conjunction of the negated condition with a foci column (see the focus argument to specify, which columns are foci) - names of the vector are foci column names. - nn - a value of a contingency table, neg condition & neg focus. nn is a named numeric vector where each value is a support of conjunction of the negated condition with a negated foci column (see the focus argument to specify, which columns are foci) - names of the vector are foci column names. - foci_supports - (deprecated, use pp instead) a named numeric vector of supports of foci columns (see focus argument to specify, which columns are foci) - names of the vector are foci column names.
...	Further arguments, currently unused.
condition	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns to use as condition predicates
focus	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns to use as focus predicates
disjoint	an atomic vector of size equal to the number of columns of x that specifies the groups of predicates: if some elements of the disjoint vector are equal, then the corresponding columns of x will NOT be present together in a single condition.
min_length	the minimum size (the minimum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated (must be greater or equal to 0). If 0, the empty condition is generated in the first place.

max_length	The maximum size (the maximum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length of conditions is limited only by the number of available predicates.
min_support	the minimum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. The support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset $x$ . For logical data, it equals to the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values.
min_focus_support	the minimum support of a focus, for the focus to be passed to the callback function. The support of the focus is the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates AND the focus are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values.
filter_empty_foci	a logical scalar indicating whether to skip conditions, for which no focus remains available after filtering by min_focus_support. If TRUE, the condition is passed to the callback function only if at least one focus remains after filtering. If FALSE, the condition is passed to the callback function regardless of the number of remaining foci.
t_norm	a t-norm used to compute conjunction of weights. It must be one of "goedel" (minimum t-norm), "goguen" (product t-norm), or "lukas" (Lukasiewicz t-norm).
threads	the number of threads to use for parallel computation.

**Value**

A list of results provided by the callback function  $f$ .

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dig\_correlations      *Search for conditional correlations*

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**Description**

Compute correlation between all combinations of  $xvars$  and  $yvars$  columns of  $x$  in subdata corresponding to conditions generated from `condition` columns.

**Usage**

```
dig_correlations(
  x,
  condition = where(is.logical),
  xvars = where(is.numeric),
  yvars = where(is.numeric),
  method = "pearson",
  alternative = "two.sided",
  exact = NULL,
  min_length = 0L,
  max_length = Inf,
  min_support = 0,
  threads = 1,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a matrix or data frame with data to search in.
condition	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns to use as condition predicates
xvars	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns to use for computation of correlations
yvars	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns to use for computation of correlations
method	a character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be used for the test. One of "pearson", "kendall", or "spearman"
alternative	indicates the alternative hypothesis and must be one of "two.sided", "greater" or "less". "greater" corresponds to positive association, "less" to negative association.
exact	a logical indicating whether an exact p-value should be computed. Used for Kendall's <i>tau</i> and Spearman's <i>rho</i> . See <a href="#">stats::cor.test()</a> for more information.
min_length	the minimum size (the minimum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated (must be greater or equal to 0). If 0, the empty condition is generated in the first place.
max_length	The maximum size (the maximum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length of conditions is limited only by the number of available predicates.
min_support	the minimum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. The support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset x. For logical data, it equals to the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values.
threads	the number of threads to use for parallel computation.
...	Further arguments, currently unused.

**Value**

A tibble with found rules.

**Author(s)**

Michal Burda

**See Also**

[dig\(\)](#), [stats::cor.test\(\)](#)

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dig\_grid

*Search for grid-based rules*

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**Description**

This function creates a grid of combinations of pairs of columns specified by `xvars` and `yvars` (see also [var\\_grid\(\)](#)). After that, it enumerates all conditions created from data in `x` (by calling [dig\(\)](#)) and for each such condition and for each row of the grid of combinations, a user-defined function `f` is executed on each sub-data created from `x` by selecting all rows of `x` that satisfy the generated condition and by selecting the columns in the grid's row.

**Usage**

```
dig_grid(  
  x,  
  f,  
  condition = where(is.logical),  
  xvars = where(is.numeric),  
  yvars = where(is.numeric),  
  na_rm = FALSE,  
  min_length = 0L,  
  max_length = Inf,  
  min_support = 0,  
  threads = 1,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a matrix or data frame with data to search in.

`f` the callback function to be executed on a data frame that is passed to the function as the first argument. The data frame consists from two columns (a combination of `xvars/yvars` columns) and from all rows of `x` that satisfy the generated condition. The function must return a list of scalar values, which will be converted into a single row of result of final tibble.

condition	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns to use as condition predicates. The selected columns must be logical or numeric. If numeric, fuzzy conditions are considered.
xvars	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns of x, whose names will be used as a domain for combinations use at the first place (xvar)
yvars	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns of x, whose names will be used as a domain for combinations use at the second place (yvar)
na_rm	a logical value indicating whether to remove rows with missing values from sub-data before the callback function f is called
min_length	the minimum size (the minimum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated (must be greater or equal to 0). If 0, the empty condition is generated in the first place.
max_length	the maximum size (the maximum number of predicates) of the condition to be generated. If equal to Inf, the maximum length of conditions is limited only by the number of available predicates.
min_support	the minimum support of a condition to trigger the callback function for it. The support of the condition is the relative frequency of the condition in the dataset x. For logical data, it equals to the relative frequency of rows such that all condition predicates are TRUE on it. For numerical (double) input, the support is computed as the mean (over all rows) of multiplications of predicate values.
threads	the number of threads to use for parallel computation.
...	Further arguments, currently unused.

**Value**

A tibble with found rules. Each row represents a single call of the callback function f.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[dig\(\)](#), [var\\_grid\(\)](#), and [dig\\_correlations\(\)](#), as it is using this function internally

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dig\_implications

*Search for implicative rules*

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**Description**

Implicative rule is a rule of the form  $A \Rightarrow c$ , where  $A$  (*antecedent*) is a set of predicates and  $c$  (*consequent*) is a predicate.



**Usage**

```
dig_implications(
  x,
  antecedent = everything(),
  consequent = everything(),
  disjoint = NULL,
  min_length = 0L,
  max_length = Inf,
  min_coverage = 0,
  min_support = 0,
  min_confidence = 0,
  contingency_table = FALSE,
  measures = NULL,
  t_norm = "goguen",
  threads = 1,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a matrix or data frame with data to search in. The matrix must be numeric (double) or logical. If <code>x</code> is a data frame then each column must be either numeric (double) or logical.
<code>antecedent</code>	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns to use in the antecedent (left) part of the rules
<code>consequent</code>	a tidyselect expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns to use in the consequent (right) part of the rules
<code>disjoint</code>	an atomic vector of size equal to the number of columns of <code>x</code> that specifies the groups of predicates: if some elements of the <code>disjoint</code> vector are equal, then the corresponding columns of <code>x</code> will NOT be present together in a single condition.
<code>min_length</code>	the minimum length, i.e., the minimum number of predicates in the antecedent, of a rule to be generated. Value must be greater or equal to 0. If 0, rules with empty antecedent are generated in the first place.
<code>max_length</code>	The maximum length, i.e., the maximum number of predicates in the antecedent, of a rule to be generated. If equal to <code>Inf</code> , the maximum length is limited only by the number of available predicates.
<code>min_coverage</code>	the minimum coverage of a rule in the dataset <code>x</code> . (See Description for the definition of <i>coverage</i> .)
<code>min_support</code>	the minimum support of a rule in the dataset <code>x</code> . (See Description for the definition of <i>support</i> .)
<code>min_confidence</code>	the minimum confidence of a rule in the dataset <code>x</code> . (See Description for the definition of <i>confidence</i> .)
<code>contingency_table</code>	a logical value indicating whether to provide a contingency table for each rule. If TRUE, the columns <code>pp</code> , <code>pn</code> , <code>np</code> , and <code>nn</code> are added to the output table. These

	columns contain the number of rows satisfying the antecedent and the consequent, the antecedent but not the consequent, the consequent but not the antecedent, and neither the antecedent nor the consequent, respectively.
measures	a character vector specifying the additional quality measures to compute. If NULL, no additional measures are computed. Possible values are "lift", "conviction", "added_value". See <a href="https://mhahsler.github.io/arules/docs/measures">https://mhahsler.github.io/arules/docs/measures</a> for a description of the measures.
t_norm	a t-norm used to compute conjunction of weights. It must be one of "goedel" (minimum t-norm), "goguen" (product t-norm), or "lukas" (Lukasiewicz t-norm).
threads	the number of threads to use for parallel computation.
...	Further arguments, currently unused.

### Details

For the following explanations we need a mathematical function  $supp(I)$ , which is defined for a set  $I$  of predicates as a relative frequency of rows satisfying all predicates from  $I$ . For logical data,  $supp(I)$  equals to the relative frequency of rows, for which all predicates  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n$  from  $I$  are TRUE. For numerical (double) input,  $supp(I)$  is computed as the mean (over all rows) of truth degrees of the formula  $i_1 \text{ AND } i_2 \text{ AND } \dots \text{ AND } i_n$ , where AND is a triangular norm selected by the `t_norm` argument.

Implicative rules are characterized with the following quality measures.

*Length* of a rule is the number of elements in the antecedent.

*Coverage* of a rule is equal to  $supp(A)$ .

*Consequent support* of a rule is equal to  $supp(\{c\})$ .

*Support* of a rule is equal to  $supp(A \cup \{c\})$ .

*Confidence* of a rule is the fraction  $supp(A)/supp(A \cup \{c\})$ .

### Value

A tibble with found rules and computed quality measures.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[dig\(\)](#)

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format_condition	<i>Format condition - convert a character vector to character scalar</i>
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**Description**

Function takes a character vector of predicates and returns a formatted condition.

**Usage**

```
format_condition(condition)
```

**Arguments**

condition      a character vector

**Value**

a character scalar

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
format_condition(NULL)                    # returns {}  
format_condition(c("a", "b", "c"))      # returns {a,b,c}
```

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is_subset	<i>Determine whether the first vector is a subset of the second vector</i>
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**Description**

Determine whether the first vector is a subset of the second vector

**Usage**

```
is_subset(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

x                    the first vector  
y                    the second vector

**Value**

TRUE if x is a subset of y or FALSE otherwise.

**Author(s)**

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`var_grid`*Create a tibble of combinations of xvar/yvar variable pairs.*

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**Description**

The function creates a tibble with two columns, `xvar` and `yvar`, whose rows enumerate all combinations of column names specified in the `xvars` and `yvars` argument. The column names to create the combinations from are specified using a `tidyselect` expression (see [tidyselect syntax](#)).

**Usage**

```
var_grid(x, xvars = everything(), yvars = everything())
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	either a data frame or a matrix
<code>xvars</code>	a <code>tidyselect</code> expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns of <code>x</code> , whose names will be used as a domain for combinations use at the first place ( <code>xvar</code> )
<code>yvars</code>	a <code>tidyselect</code> expression (see <a href="#">tidyselect syntax</a> ) specifying the columns of <code>x</code> , whose names will be used as a domain for combinations use at the second place ( <code>yvar</code> )

**Value**

a tibble with two columns (`xvar` and `yvar`) with rows enumerating all combinations of column names specified by `tidyselect` expressions in `xvars` and `yvars` arguments.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
var_grid(CO2)
var_grid(CO2, xvars = Plant:Treatment, yvars = conc:uptake)
```

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which_antichain	<i>Return indices of first elements of the list, which are incomparable with preceding elements.</i>
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**Description**

The function returns indices of elements from the given list  $x$ , which are incomparable (i.e., it is neither subset nor superset) with any preceding element. The first element is always selected. The next element is selected only if it is incomparable with all previously selected elements.

**Usage**

```
which_antichain(x, distance = 0)
```

**Arguments**

$x$	a list of integerish vectors
distance	a non-negative integer, which specifies the allowed discrepancy between compared sets

**Value**

an integer vector of indices of selected (incomparable) elements.

**Author(s)**

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