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See Also

[TimeInstantDataFrame](#), [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [changeSupport](#), [SubtimeDataFrame](#), [POSIXcti](#), [POSIXctp](#)

Examples

```
ti1 <- TimeIntervalDataFrame (
  c('2010-01-01', '2010-02-01'), c('2010-02-01', '2010-02-02'),
  'UTC', data.frame(ex1=1:2) )
```

```
ti2 <- TimeIntervalDataFrame (
  c('2010-01-01', '2010-02-01', '2010-02-02'), NULL,
  'UTC', data.frame(ex1=1:2) )
```

```
all.equal (ti1, ti2)
```

```
ti3 <- TimeIntervalDataFrame (
  c('2010-01-01', '2010-01-02', '2010-01-04'), NULL,
  'UTC', data.frame(ex3=c(6, 1.5)))
```

```
# weighted mean over a period of 3 days with at least 75% of
# coverage (NA is return if not)
```

```
ti3
d <- POSIXctp(unit='day')
changeSupport (ti3, 3L*d, 0.75)
```

```
ti4 <- TimeIntervalDataFrame (
  c('2010-01-01', '2010-01-02', '2010-01-04',
    '2010-01-07', '2010-01-09', '2010-01-10'), NULL,
  'UTC', data.frame(ex4=c(6, 1.5, 5, 3, NA)))
```

```
# weighted mean over a period of 3 days with at least 75% of
# coverage (NA is return if not) or 50%
```

```
ti4
changeSupport (ti4, 3L*d, 0.75)
changeSupport (ti4, 3L*d, 0.5)
```

as.data.frame

Convert an object to a data.frame

Description

Convert an object to a [data.frame](#).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
as.data.frame(x, row.names=NULL, optional=FALSE,
  include.dates=FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
as.data.frame(x, row.names=NULL, optional=FALSE,
  include.dates=FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
as.data.frame(x, row.names=NULL, optional=FALSE,
  include.dates=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	TimeIntervalDataFrame, TimeInstantDataFrame or SubtimeDataFrame
row.names	'NULL' or a character vector giving the row names for the data frame. Missing values are not allowed.
optional	logical. If 'TRUE', setting row names and converting column names (to syntactic names: see 'make.names') is optional.
include.dates	should time properties be included in the data.frame as a column ? (or 2 columns for TimeIntervalDataFrame)
...	additional arguments to be passed to or from methods.

Value

a `data.frame`

changeSupport	<i>Function to change time support of TimeIntervalDataFrame</i>
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Description

Methods that allows to agregate AND disagregate homogeneous AND heterogeneous time data.

Usage

```
changeSupport(from, to, min.coverage, FUN = NULL,
  weights.arg = NULL, split.from = FALSE,
  merge.from = TRUE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,POSIXct,numeric'
changeSupport(from, to, min.coverage, FUN=NULL,
  weights.arg=NULL, split.from=FALSE,
  merge.from=TRUE, ...)
## S4 method for signature
## 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,TimeIntervalDataFrame,numeric'
changeSupport(from, to, min.coverage,
```

```

FUN=NULL, weights.arg=NULL,
split.from=FALSE, merge.from=TRUE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,character,numeric'
changeSupport(from, to, min.coverage, FUN=NULL,
weights.arg=NULL, split.from=FALSE,
merge.from=TRUE, ...)

```

Arguments

from	TimeIntervalDataFrame for wich the time support is to change
to	an object indicating the new support, see specific sections
min.coverage	a numeric between 0 and 1 indicating the percentage of valid values over each interval to allow an aggregation. NA is returned if the percentage is not reach. In changeSupport, when values are aggregated, intervals are not allowed to overlap. When a function (FUN) has a na.rm argument, the na.rm=TRUE behaviour is met if na.rm is set to TRUE and min.coverage to 0 (zero) ; the na.rm=FALSE behaviour is met if na.rm is set to FALSE whatever is the value of min.coverage. If min.coverage si as.numeric(NA), the function FUN is apply on all data within the interval, without checking if there is any overlapping. In this case, the result of the transformation must be analysed carefully.
FUN	function use to agregate data of from. By default mean if 'from' is homogeneous . weighted.mean otherwise.
weights.arg	if FUN has a 'weight' argument, this parameter must be a character naming the weight argument. For instance, if FUN is weighted.mean , then weights.arg is 'w'.
...	arguments for FUN or for other methods
split.from	logical indicating if data in 'from' can be used for several intervals of the new time support (see 'details').
merge.from	logical indicating if data in 'from' can be merged over interval of the new time support.

Details

Agregating homogeneous data is for example to calculate daily means of time series from hourly time series.

Agregating heterogeneous data is for example to calculate annual means of time series from monthly time series (because each month doesn't have identical weight).

In above cases, the min.coverage allows to control if means should be calculated or not : for the monthly case, if there are NA values and the time coverage of 'not NA' values is lower min.coverage the result will be NA ; if time coverage is higher than min.coverage, the annual mean will be 'estimated' by the mean of available data.

Disaggregating data is more 'artificial' and is disabled by default (with the split.from argument). This argument is also used to precise if one value can be use for aggregation in more than one interval in the resulting TimeIntervalDataFrame (for sliding intervals for instance). Here are some examples of time disaggregation :

- A weekly mean can be dispatched over the days of the week. By default, the value attributed to each day is the value of the week, but this can be changed by using a special function (FUN argument).
- The value of a variable is known from monday at 15 hours to tuesday at 15 hours and from tuesday at 15 hours to wednesday at 15 hours. To 'evaluate' the value of the variable for tuesday can be estimated by doing a weighed mean between the two values. Weights are determined by the intersection between each interval and tuesday. Here weights will be 0.625 ($15/24$) and 0.375 ($9/24$) (In this case, disagration is combined with a 'reagregation').

These are 'trivial' examples but many other usage can be found for these methods. Other functions than `weighted.mean` or `mean` can be used. The Qair package (in its legislative part) gives several examples of usage (this package is not available on CRAN but see 'references' to know where you can find it).

Value

`TimeIntervalDataFrame`

from=TimeIntervalDataFrame, to=TimeIntervalDataFrame

`to` is a `TimeIntervalDataFrame`. The method will try to adapt data of `from` over interval of `to`. The returned object is the `to` `TimeIntervalDataFrame` with new columns corresponding of those of `from`.

If `merge.from` is `TRUE`, values affected for each interval of `to` will be calculated with all data in the interval. If `split.from` is `TRUE`, values partially in the interval will also be used for calculation.

If `merge.from` is `FALSE`, values affected for each interval of `to` will be the one inside this interval. If several values are inside the interval, `NA` will be affected. If `split.from` is `TRUE`, a value partially inside the interval is considered as being inside it. So if there is no other values in the interval, this value will be affected, else `NA` will be affected.

from=TimeIntervalDataFrame, to=character

`to` is one of 'year', 'month', 'day', 'hour', 'minute' or 'second'. It defines the period (`POSIXctp`) to use to build the new `TimeIntervalDataFrame` on which `from` will be aggregated (or disaggregated).

So first, an 'empty' (no data) `TimeIntervalDataFrame` is created, and then, the agregation is done accordingly to the 'from=TimeIntervalDataFrame, to=TimeIntervalDataFrame' section.

from=TimeIntervalDataFrame, to=POSIXctp

`to` is period (see `POSIXctp`). It defines the base of the new `TimeIntervalDataFrame` on which `from` will be aggregated (or disaggregated).

So first, an 'empty' (no data) `TimeIntervalDataFrame` is created, and then, the agregation is done accordingly to the 'from=TimeIntervalDataFrame, to=TimeIntervalDataFrame' section.

References

Qair-package : <https://sourceforge.net/projects/packagerqair/>

See Also

[TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [POSIXcti](#)

Examples

```
ti3 <- TimeIntervalDataFrame (
  c('2010-01-01', '2010-01-02', '2010-01-04'), NULL,
  'UTC', data.frame(ex3=c(6, 1.5)))

# weighted mean over a period of 3 days with at least 75% of
# coverage (NA is return if not)
ti3
d <- POSIXctp(unit='day')
changeSupport (ti3, 3L*d, 0.75)

ti4 <- TimeIntervalDataFrame (
  c('2010-01-01', '2010-01-02', '2010-01-04',
    '2010-01-07', '2010-01-09', '2010-01-10'), NULL,
  'UTC', data.frame(ex4=c(6, 1.5, 5, 3, NA)))

# weighted mean over a period of 3 days with at least 75% of
# coverage (NA is return if not) or 50%
ti4
changeSupport (ti4, 3L*d, 0.75)
changeSupport (ti4, 3L*d, 0.5)

# use of split.from
ti1 <- RegularTimeIntervalDataFrame('2011-01-01', '2011-02-01', 'hour')
ti1$value <- 1:nrow(ti1)
# we can calculate sliding mean over periods of 24 hours.
# first lets build the corresponding TimeIntervalDataFrame
ti2 <- RegularTimeIntervalDataFrame('2011-01-01', '2011-02-01', 'hour', 'day')
# if we try to 'project' ti1 over ti2 it won't work :
summary (changeSupport (ti1[1:200,], ti2[1:200,], 0))
# all data are NA because 'splitting' is not enabled. Let's enable it :
summary (changeSupport (ti1[1:200,], ti2[1:200,], 0, split.from=TRUE))
```

compute.lim

Calculate limits for plotting

Description

This function return a 2 elements vectors (numeric) which can be use as graph limits (xlim, ylim, rlim, etc.)

Usage

```
compute.lim(x, na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x 'numeric' for which limits must be calculated
na.rm boolean should NA values be removed before calculation ?

Value

numeric of length 2

continuous *Test if a time object is continuous/set an time object continuous.*

Description

For Time objects.

Usage

```
continuous(x, ...)
continuous(x) <- value
```

Arguments

x object to test
value logical indicating whether x must be 'continuify' or not.
... arguments to or from other methods

Details

For objects based on time intervals. After ordering intervals, test if the end of an interval is the start of the next interval. If any interval overlap another one, it returns FALSE.

If not any interval overlap another, and the object is not continuous, the object can be set 'continuous' with

```
continuous(obj) <- TRUE
```

Intervals will be added such as the object can pass the test describe below. The data is filled with NA values.

Value

Logical indicating if the object is continuous or not.

or

The object set continuous.

See Also

[TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [POSIXcti](#)

duration	<i>Extract duration of a Time object</i>
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Description

For Time objects.

Usage

```
duration(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object from which get the duration
...	arguments to or from other methods

Value

For [time intervals](#) it returns a vector of integers indicating, for each time interval, the duration of the interval in seconds.

For [time periods](#) it returns a vector of integers indicating the duration of each time period using its own time unit. For instance :

```
duration(POSIXctp(1:2, c('month', 'year'))) > 1 2
```

See Also

[POSIXcti](#), [POSIXctp](#)

homogeneous	<i>Test if a time object is homogeneous</i>
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Description

For objects based on time intervals ([POSIXcti](#)). Test if intervals of the object are 'homogeneous' : if the period of each interval is the same.

Usage

```
homogeneous(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object to test for homogeneity
...	arguments to or from other methods

Value

logical indicating if 'x' is homogeneous or not.

See Also

[TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [POSIXcti](#)

interval	<i>Extract time intervals of a time object.</i>
----------	---

Description

For objects based on time intervals. Return [POSIXcti](#).

Usage

```
interval(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object from which get time intervals
...	arguments to or from other methods

See Also

[TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [POSIXcti](#)

ops.numeric	<i>define generic function to compare anything to a numeric</i>
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Description

define generic function to compare anything to a numeric

origin	<i>1970-01-01 GMT</i>
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Description

Origin is the date-time for 1970-01-01 GMT in POSIXct format. This date-time is the origin for the numbering system used by POSIXct, POSIXlt, chron, and Date classes.

Usage

```
origin
```

Format

```
POSIXt[1:1], format: "1970-01-01 01:00:00"
```

Details

The original implementation of this 'object' is in the lubridate package.

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Examples

```
origin
# "1970-01-01 GMT"
```

overlapping	<i>Test if any interval of a time intervals object intersect another</i>
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Description

For objects based on time intervals. Test if any interval overlap another one. Because the test can be resource consuming, it stops at the first case encountered that does not satisfy this condition. The two indices corresponding are printed.

Usage

```
overlapping(x, idx, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,ANY'
overlapping(x, idx, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,logical'
overlapping(x, idx, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object to test for overlapping
idx	Logical set to TRUE if indexes of all overlapping intervals are to retrieve.
...	arguments to or from other methods

Value

logical indicating if 'x' has any overlapping time interval.

See Also

[TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [POSIXcti](#)

period	<i>Test or extract different properties of Time objects</i>
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Description

For objects based on time intervals. Return [POSIXctp](#) of the object if it is homogeneous and continuous.

Usage

```
period(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object from which get the period
...	arguments to or from other methods

Value

a time period object if possible. An error occur if not.

See Also

[TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [POSIXctp](#)

POSIXcti	<i>Class "POSIXcti"</i>
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Description

S4 class that defines 'time interval' objects.

Usage

```

POSIXcti(start, end, timezone='UTC', ...)
as.POSIXcti(from, ...)

## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
x[i, ...]
## S3 replacement method for class 'POSIXcti'
x[i] <- value
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
c(...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
split(x, f, drop=FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
rep(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
unique(x, incomparables=FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
i1 %intersect% i2

## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
start(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
end(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'POSIXcti'
duration(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'POSIXcti'
length(x)

## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
format(x, format = "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S", ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
head(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
tail(x, ...)

```

```

## S4 method for signature 'POSIXcti'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'POSIXcti,POSIXcti'
match(x, table, nomatch = NA_integer_, incomparables=NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'POSIXcti,POSIXcti'
x %in% table

## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
Ops(e1, e2)

## S3 method for class 'POSIXcti'
i1 %included% i2

## S4 method for signature 'POSIXcti,POSIXctp'
e1 + e2
## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp,POSIXcti'
e1 + e2
## S4 method for signature 'POSIXcti,POSIXctp'
e1 - e2

```

Arguments

start	POSIXct object indicating the beginning of the time interval.
end	POSIXct object indicating the end of the time interval.
timezone	character indicating the timezone in which the time interval is set. See timezone .
from	Object to convert to a time interval (actually works only for NA).
x	POSIXcti object on which the method has to be applied.
i	index (logical or numeric) of the time interval objects.
value	New POSIXcti object.
f	factor used to group the POSIXcti elements.
drop	Argument specific to the split method. See link[base]{split} documentation.
format	character indicating the format to use to represent the time interval. See section ‘Text representation’ below for further details.
object	POSIXcti object on which the method has to be applied.
table	The values (POSIXcti vector) to be matched against. See match for further details.
nomatch	The value to be returned in the case when no match is found. See match for further details.
incomparables	A vector of values that cannot be matched. See match for further details.
e1	For (<, <=, !=, ==, >=, >) POSIXcti to compare ; otherwise a POSIXcti to shift by a time period (POSIXctp) or a POSIXctp by which a POSIXcti has to be shift.
e2	For (<, <=, !=, ==, >=, >) POSIXcti to compare ; otherwise a POSIXcti to shift by a time period (POSIXctp) or a POSIXctp by which a POSIXcti has to be shift.

- i1 POSIXcti to test/intersect. See `%included%` and `%intersect%` for further details.
- i2 POSIXcti to test/intersect. See `%included%` and `%intersect%` for further details.
- ... More arguments.

Objects from the Class

Objects of this class represent time intervals. One object is actually a vector of time intervals and so can have a length of one for a single time interval or a length of 'n' for 'n' time intervals.

Slots

- `start`: Object of class "POSIXct" corresponding to the beginning of the interval.
- `duration`: integer indicating in seconds the duration of intervals.

Accessing to POSIXcti properties

A POSIXcti has several properties. Because a POSIXcti is a vector of time intervals, the class has a `length` function. Other properties are time properties : `start`, `end` and `duration` allow to access to the corresponding properties. The duration of a time interval is the number of seconds for which the interval last.

Manipulating POSIXcti

Manipulating POSIXcti means acting on POSIXcti like on classical vectors. Methods available for this task allow to extract or replace parts of a POSIXcti (with the usual '[' operator), and to concatenate (`c`) or split POSIXcti (`split`). A `unique` and a `rep` method are defined to uniuquify or repeat elements of a POSIXcti.

`match` and `%in%` methods have also been defined to find POSIXctp objects among others.

Last, the `%intersect%` method allow to intersect two POSIXcti.

Text representation

To represent a POSIXcti available functions are `print`, `summary`, `head`, `tail`, `show` and `format`.

The five first functions work the same way that their generic definition.

POSIXcti are formatted by pasting the character strings representing both start and end of each intervals. Start and end's format can be specified with the `format` argument according to the basic `format.POSIXct` function.

Testing two POSIXcti

To test two POSIXcti the differents operators of comparison are used. One more is defined : `%included%`. If the POSIXcti compared have a different length, the shorter is recycled over the longer so the resulting vector (a logical vector) has length equal to the longer object.

Comparisons are made element by element. The result for a single comparison is given there :

`e1 < e2` TRUE if `end(e1) <= start(e2)`.

e1 <= e2 TRUE if start(e1) <= start(e2) & end(e1) <= end(e2).
e1 != e2 TRUE if start(e1) != start(e2) | duration(e1) != duration(e2).
e1 == e2 TRUE if start(e1) == start(e2) & duration(e1) == duration(e2).
e1 >= e2 TRUE if start(e1) >= start(e2) & end(e1) >= end(e2).
e1 > e2 TRUE if end(e1) >= start(e2).
i1 %included% i2 TRUE if start(i1) >= start(i2) & end(i1) <= end(i2).

Mathematical operations on POSIXcti

‘Mathematical’ operations are actually ‘time lagging’ for POSIXcti. A [time period](#) is added/removed to both start and end of intervals. The available operations are :

- POSIXcti + POSIXctp
- POSIXctp + POISXcti
- POSIXcti - POSIXctp

See Also

[POSIXct](#), [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [POSIXst](#), [POSIXctp](#)

Examples

```

# time interval : january of year 2013
jan <- POSIXcti('2013-01-01', '2013-02-01')
jan

# the complete year
y2013 <- POSIXcti('2013-01-01', '2014-01-01')
y2013

# is jan in 2013 ?
jan %included% y2013

# intersection
jan %intersect% y2013

```

POSIXctp

Class "POSIXctp"

Description

Class that defines ‘periods of time’ objects such as ‘one month’, ‘two months’, ‘three hours’, ‘four minutes’, etc.

Usage

```

POSIXctp(duration, unit)
as.POSIXctp(from, ...)

## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
x[i, ...]
## S3 replacement method for class 'POSIXctp'
x[i] <- value
## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
c(...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
split(x, f, drop=FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
rep(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
unique(x, incomparables=FALSE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp'
unit(x, ...)
## S4 replacement method for signature 'POSIXctp'
unit(object) <- value
## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp'
duration(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp'
length(x)

## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
format(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
head(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'
tail(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp,POSIXctp'
match(x, table, nomatch = NA_integer_, incomparables=NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp,ANY'
match(x, table, nomatch = NA_integer_, incomparables=NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp,ANY'
x %in% table

## S3 method for class 'POSIXctp'

```

```
Ops(e1, e2)

  ## S4 method for signature 'numeric,POSIXctp'
e1 * e2
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp,numeric'
e1 * e2
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp,POSIXctp'
e1 + e2
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp,POSIXctp'
e1 - e2

  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXct,POSIXctp'
e1 + e2
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp,POSIXct'
e1 + e2
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXct,POSIXctp'
e1 - e2

  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp'
as.numeric(x, ...)
```

Arguments

duration	A vector integer indicating the duration of period (2 for 2 monthes, 1 for 1 year, etc). If a vector of numeric is given, it will coerced to an integer. Can be missing, see details below.
unit	A vector of factors defined by POSIXt.units() or a vector of character corresponding to the previous factors. See details below.
from	Object to convert to a period of time (actually works only for NA).
x	POSIXctp object on which the method has to be applied.
i	index (logical or numeric) of the POSIXctp objects.
value	New POSIXctp object.
f	factor used to group the POSIXctp elements.
drop	Argument specific to the split method. See link[base]{split} documentation.
object	POSIXctp object on which the method has to be applied.
table	The values (POSIXctp) to be matched against. See match for further details.
nomatch	The value to be returned in the case when no match is found. See match for further details.
incomparables	A vector of values that cannot be matched. See match for further details.
e1	POSIXctp, numeric or POSIXct . See details.
e2	POSIXctp, numeric or POSIXct . See details.
...	More arguments.

Objects from the Class

Objects of this class are used to represent periods of times such as ‘one hour’, ‘two seconds’, ‘three years’, etc. Partial periods of time are not allowed (‘1.5 hours’ will be coerced to an integer value using `as.integer`).

POSIXctp (‘p’ stands for ‘period’) has only one unit. So ‘one hour and 2 seconds’ is not defined.

One object is actually a vector of periods of time and so can have a length of one for a single period of time or a length of ‘n’ for ‘n’ periods of time.

Slots

`duration`: integer corresponding to the length of the period.

`unit`: factor indicating the time unit of the period. See `POSIXt.units` to know available units.

Accessing to POSIXctp properties

A POSIXctp has several properties. Because a POSIXctp is a vector of periods of time, the class has a `length` function. Other properties are time properties : `unit` and `duration` allow to access to the corresponding properties. The `duration` of a period of time is an integer corresponding of the time that the period last, in its time unit. The unit of a period of time is an ordered factor as the one defined by `POSIXt.units`.

A POSIXctp can be converted to another time unit base (for instance 2 hours make 120 minutes). For that purpose the function `unit<-` is defined. The conversion will be effective only if the new unit can be exactly defined as a multiple of the old one (‘hour’ to ‘second’, ok ; ‘year’ to ‘month’, ok ; ‘month’ to ‘minute’ , NOT ok ; etc. When conversion can not be done, the result has its unit unchanged.

Manipulating POSIXctp

Manipulating POSIXctp means acting on POSIXctps like on classical vectors. Methods available for this task allow to extract or replace parts of a POSIXctp (with the usual ‘[’ operator), and to concatenate (`c`) or split POSIXctp (`split`). A `unique` and a `rep` method are defined to unquify or repeat elements of a POSIXctp.

`match` and `%in%` methods have also been defined to find POSIXctp objects among others.

Text representation

To represent a POSIXctp available functions are `print`, `summary`, `head`, `tail`, `show` and `format`.

The five first functions work the same way that their generic definition.

POSIXctp are formatted by pasting their duration (integer) with their unit (and with an ‘s’ if relevant).

Testing two POSIXctp

To test two POSIXctp the different operators of comparison are used. If the POSIXctp compared have a different length, the shorter is recycled over the longer so the resulting vector (a logical vector) has length equal to the longer object.

Comparisons are made element by element. For a single comparison, first elements are converted into the same unit. If this is not possible, FALSE is returned if the test is '==', TRUE if the test is '!=', NA otherwise (elements can not be compared) ; else durations of elements are compared and the result of this comparison is returned.

Mathematical operations on POSIXctp

POSIXctp can be added (or subtracted) to different type of objects : to other POSIXctp, to POSIXct, to POSIXcti and to POSIXst. POSIXctp can also be multiplied by numeric.

For all operations, if the two arguments have a different length, the shorter is recycled over the longer so the resulting vector (a logical vector) has length equal to the longer object.

Basic mathematical operation for POSIXctp are (negative periods of time can be defined !!) :

- integer * POSIXctp
- POSIXctp * integer
- POSIXctp + POSIXctp
- POSIXctp - POSIXctp

When POSIXctps do not have the same unit, an attempt is made to convert one to the unit of the other, if it succeeds the operation is done otherwise NA is returned.

Mathematical operations with POSIXct, POSIXcti and POSIXst are actually time lagging. A POSIXct to which a POSIXctp is added is lagged by the time periods indicated ; for a POSIXcti, start and end are lagged by the time periods. For POSIXst, units of the POSIXst must be identical : the object is then lagged by the time periods (if the result is higher than the maximum the result is recycled at the beginning. For instance : saturday + 2 days = monday).

- POSIXct + POSIXctp
- POSIXctp + POSIXct
- POSIXct - POSIXctp
- .
- POSIXcti + POSIXctp
- POSIXctp + POSIXcti
- POSIXcti - POSIXctp
- .
- POSIXst + POSIXctp
- POSIXctp + POSIXst
- POSIXst - POSIXctp

Changing class

POSIXctp can be converted to numeric with the as.numeric method. The duration of the object is returned.

See Also

[POSIXct](#), [POSIXcti](#), [POSIXst](#)

Examples

```
showClass("POSIXctp")
```

```
POSIXst          Class "POSIXst"
```

Description

Class to define POSIXst object such as hours of day, seconds of year, etc.

Usage

```
POSIXst(x, unit, of = NULL, tz = "UTC", ...)
  ## Default S3 method:
POSIXst(x, unit, of = NULL, tz = "UTC", ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'integer'
POSIXst(x, unit, of = NULL, tz = "UTC", ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'numeric'
POSIXst(x, unit, of = NULL, tz = "UTC", ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXct'
POSIXst(x, unit, of = NULL, tz = attributes(x)$tzone, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXlt'
POSIXst(x, unit, of = NULL, tz = attributes(x)$tzone, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
POSIXst(x, unit, of = NULL, tz = timezone(x), ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
POSIXst(x, unit, of = NULL, tz = timezone(x), ..., cursor = NULL)

year(x, ...)
month(x, ...)
day(x, of, ...)
hour(x, of, ...)
minute(x, of, ...)
second(x, of, ...)

  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
x[i]
  ## S3 replacement method for class 'POSIXst'
x[i] <- value
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
c(...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
split(x, f, drop=FALSE, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
rep(x, ...)
```

```

seq(from, to, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
unique(x, incomparables=FALSE, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
duplicated(x, incomparables=FALSE, ...)

  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
unit(x, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
of(x, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
timezone(object)

  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXst'
length(x)

  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
print(x, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
format(x, format, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
summary(object, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
head(x, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
tail(x, ...)
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXst'
show(object)

  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXst,POSIXst'
match(x, table, nomatch = NA_integer_, incomparables=NULL)
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXst,ANY'
match(x, table, nomatch = NA_integer_, incomparables=NULL)
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXst,ANY'
x %in% table

  ## S3 method for class 'POSIXst'
Ops(e1, e2)

  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXst,POSIXctp'
e1 + e2
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXctp,POSIXst'
e1 + e2
  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXst,POSIXctp'
e1 - e2

  ## S4 method for signature 'POSIXst,POSIXst'
e1 - e2

```

```
## S4 method for signature 'POSIXst'
as.numeric(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object to convert into POSIXst or POSIXst object on which the method has to be applied.
unit	indicates the subtime part to extract ('year', 'month', 'day', 'hour', 'minute', 'second')
of	used to specify the main period from which the is to extract ('year', 'month', 'day', 'hour', 'minute'). Not used for 'unit in c('year', 'month')'.
tz	if needed, specifies the timezone of POSIXst
cursor	for TimeIntervalDataFrame, if not NULL, the object is first coerced to a TimeInstantDataFrame using the as.TimeInstantDataFrame method.
i	index (logical or numeric) of the POSIXst objects.
value	New POSIXst object.
f	factor used to group the POSIXst elements.
drop	Argument specific to the split method. See link[base]{split} documentation.
object	POSIXst object on which the method has to be applied.
format	Character string to precise the desired format. See section "Text representation" below for details.
table	The values (POSIXst) to be matched against. See match for further details.
nomatch	The value to be returned in the case when no match is found. See match for further details.
incomparables	A vector of values that cannot be matched. See match for further details.
e1	POSIXst or POSIXctp . See details.
e2	POSIXst or POSIXctp . See details.
from, to	starting and end values to sequence, see seq
...	More arguments.

Objects from the Class

Objects of this class are used to represent subtimes. A subtime (or a 'POSIXst', 'st' stand for Sub and Time) is a subdivision of time :

- second of a minute ;
- second of an hour ;
- second of a day ;
- second of a week ;
- second of a month ;

- second of a year ;
- minute of an hour ;
- minute of a day ;
- ...
- minute of a year ;
- ...
- month of year ;
- year AD (after death).

A POSIXst is a kind of time object composed of 2 units and a positional integer. The main unit can be accessed via the 'of' function ; the sub unit can be accessed via the 'unit' function. The positional integer correspond to the value of the subtime object. Consequently, a subtime st is the value `unit(st)` of `of(st)`.

The range of valid values for each kind of POSIXst is defined accordingly to the [DateTimeClasses](#) definitions. For instance valid values for seconds of hour are 0 to 61, valid values for day of week are 0 to 6, etc.

To define POSIXst objects see POSIXst section below.

One object is actually a vector of subtimes and so can have a length of one for a single subtime or a length of 'n' for 'n' subtimes.

Last, a POSIXst object has a 'timezone' slots. This is defined for compatibility reason with POSIXct object and also with [TimeInstantDataFrame](#), [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#) and [SubtimeDataFrame](#).

Slots

subtime: Object of class "integer" corresponding to the actual value of each subtime.

unit: factor representing a time unit. It represents the subdivision of time (in 'second of year' it corresponds to 'second'). See [POSIXt.units](#).

of: factor representing a time unit. It represents the main time unit (in 'second of year' it corresponds to 'year'). See [POSIXt.units](#).

timezone: Object of class "character" indicating the timezone of the POSIXst object.

POSIXst

POSIXst objects can be created from various other class objects. For this purpose the POSIXst method has been defined.

First, if 'x' is missing, an empty factor with the appropriated levels (according to 'unit and of') is returned.

A POSIXst can be created from an integer or a numeric. If so, 'unit' and 'of' must be supplied (see arguments section above). The 'tz' argument can be supplied (numeric will be converted to an integer). In both cases, values of the integer/numeric must be in the right range (see [DateTimeClasses](#)).

A POSIXst can be created from a [POSIXct](#) or [POSIXlt](#) object. In this case, the subtime (POSIXst) is extracted in the units indicated by 'unit' and 'of' arguments. The 'tz' argument indicates the timezone of the resulting object (it doesn't do any conversion on the [POSIXct](#) objects).

Finally, POSIXst can be extracted from [TimeInstantDataFrame](#) and [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#). For the first type of object, the method is applied to the time instants (which are POSIXct). For the latter, because a time interval can contains several POSIXst of one kind (for instance a day contains all 'hours of day'), the result of this method [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#) is a list of POSIXst. Each element of the list contains the POSIXsts asked for corresponding to each row of the [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#) object. If 'cursor' is supplied, the [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#) is first converted to a [TimeInstantDataFrame](#) (see [as.TimeInstantDataFrame](#) for details).

year(...), month(...), day(...), hour(...), minute(...) and second(...)

year, month, day, hour, minute and second are methods defined to extract the adequate information from a time object. These functions are wrappers to POSIXst.

Each of these methods call POSIXst replacing the unit argument with its own name : `minute(x, of='day')` will call `POSIXst(x, unit='minute', of='day')`

Accessing to POSIXst properties

A POSIXst has several properties. Because a POSIXst is a vector of subtimes, the class has a [length](#) function. Other properties are time properties : [unit](#), [of](#) and [timezone](#) allow to access to the corresponding properties. The 'unit' and 'of' of a subtype is an ordered factor as the one defined by [POSIXt.units](#).

For more informations on timezone, see the [page of the manual](#).

Manipulating POSIXst

Manipulating POSIXst means acting on POSIXsts like on classical vectors. Methods available for this task allow to extract or replace parts of a POSIXst (with the usual '[' operator), and to concatenate ([c](#)) or split POSIXst ([split](#)). A [unique](#), a [duplicated](#), a [rep](#) and a [seq](#) methods are defined to unquify, repeat or sequence elements of a POSIXst.

[match](#) and [%in%](#) methods have also been defined to find POSIXst objects among others.

Text representation

To represent a POSIXst available functions are [print](#), [summary](#), [head](#), [tail](#), [show](#) and [format](#).

The five first functions work the same way that their generic definition.

'POSIXst' are formatted according to the format argument which must respect the following rules.

- `%v` value
- `%s` subtype unit (slot 'unit')
- `%m` main unit (slot 'of')
- `%a` Abbreviated weekday name in the current locale.
- `%A` Full weekday name in the current locale.
- `%b` Abbreviated month name in the current locale.
- `%B` Full month name in the current locale.
- `%r` timezone
- `%p` place of subtype (ie the string part of 1st, 2nd, 10th, etc.)

Testing two POSIXst

To test two POSIXst the different operators of comparison are used. If the POSIXst compared have a different length, the shorter is recycled over the longer so the resulting vector (a logical vector) has length equal to the longer object.

Comparisons are made element by element. Two POSIXst with a different 'unit' or a different 'of' are different (TRUE if test is '!=', FALSE if '==' NA otherwise). If they have identical 'unit' and 'of' the comparison is made over subtime slots.

Mathematical operations on POSIXst

POSIXst can be added and subtracted to [POSIXctp](#). POSIXst can also be subtracted (and only subtracted) to POSIXst.

For all operations, if the two arguments have a different length, the shorter is recycled over the longer so the resulting vector (a logical vector) has length equal to the longer object.

Mathematical operations with [POSIXctp](#) are actually time lagging. Units of the [POSIXctp](#) must be identical to the POSIXst's : the object is then lagged by the time periods (if the result is higher than the maximum the result is recycled at the beginning. For instance : saturday + 2 days = monday).

- POSIXst + POSIXctp
- POSIXctp + POISXst
- POSIXst - POSIXctp

Subtracting a POSIXst to another result in a [POSIXctp](#). For instance wednesday - monday = 2 days.

Changing class

POSIXst can be converted to numeric with the `as.numeric` method. The subtime slot of the object is returned.

See Also

[POSIXct](#), [POSIXcti](#), [POSIXctp](#), [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#),

Examples

```
showClass("POSIXst")
```

regular	<i>Test if a time object is regular</i>
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Description

Test for regularity of a time object.

Usage

```
regular(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object to test, from which get or set a property
...	arguments to or from other methods

Details

Test if the object is regular. A `TimeInstantDataFrame` is regular if all instants are equally spaced. A `TimeIntervalDataFrame` is regular if it is [homogeneous](#) and all interval's starts are equally spaced.

Value

boolean indicating if x is regular or not

See Also

[TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [TimeInstantDataFrame](#)

split	<i>Divide into Groups and Reassemble (Time*DataFrame objects and POSIXct*)</i>
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Description

'split' divides the data in the vector 'x' into the groups defined by 'f'. The replacement forms replace values corresponding to such a division. Here are listed 'split' methods defined for Time objects defined in the `timetools` package ([POSIXst](#), [POSIXcti](#), etc.). See sections below for complete list of methods.

Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'ANY,POSIXctp'
split(x, f, drop = FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,POSIXcti'
split(x, f, drop = FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,POSIXst'
split(x, f, drop = FALSE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,TimeIntervalDataFrame'
split(x, f, ..., split.x=FALSE, keep.f=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,POSIXcti'
split(x, f, ..., split.x=FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,POSIXctp'
split(x, f, ..., split.x=FALSE)

```

Arguments

x	data frame containing values to be divided into groups. <code>TimeIntervalDataFrame</code> as <code>data.frame</code> .
f	Can be of different kind. Is used to defined the grouping. See details below.
drop	logical indicating if levels that do not occur should be dropped (if f is a factor or a list).
...	further potential arguments passed to methods.
split.x	logical indicating if data in x that are over several intervals or not completely included in one interval of f must be 'cut' to fit to new intervals (TRUE) or ignored (FALSE).
keep.f	logical indicating if f values must be kept on the resulting list.

Details

For each new split method defined in [timetools](#) a short description is given there.

Value

The value returned from 'split' is a list of vectors containing the values for the groups. The components of the list are named by the levels of f (after converting to a factor). The class of each element of the list is the one of the initial x structure.

Split over POSIXt** objects**

Since `POSIXst`, `POSIXctp` and `POSIXcti` objects are similar to vector it must be possible to split other type of objects against those ones.

split(x, 'POSIXctp', drop=FALSE, ...) 'POSIXctp' is first cast as character (using `format`) and then the split is done.

split(x, 'POSIXcti', drop=FALSE, ...) 'POSIXcti' is first cast as character (using `format`) and then the split is done. The ... argument is used to specify the format if needed.

split(x, 'POSIXst', drop=FALSE, ...) 'POSIXst' is first cast as numeric and then the split is done.

split('TimeIntervalDataFrame', 'TimeIntervalDataFrame', ..., split.x = FALSE, keep.f = TRUE)

Split a TimeIntervalDataFrame into another TimeIntervalDataFrame.

The method takes each time interval of the first TimeIntervalDataFrame (TItDF) and searches with which time intervals of the second it intersects.

Each time interval of the first TItDF can intersect with none, one or several time intervals of the second TItDF. The arguments 'split.x' is defined to tell the method what to do :

- if the time interval in the first TItDF (ti1) doesn't match any in the second TItDF, nothing to do
- if it (ti1) matches one in the second TItDF (ti2) and is included inside it, it (ti1) is entirely taken in the final result
- if it (ti1) intersects one and only one (ti2) inside the second TItDF, (ti1) is truncated to be included inside (ti2) if 'split.x' is TRUE and (ti1) is removed if 'split.x' is FALSE
- if it (ti1) is over several time intervals of the second TItDF (ti2.a, ti2.b, etc.) :
 - if 'split.x' is TRUE, (ti1) is truncated into each ti2.x to be included inside each one
 - if 'split.x' is FALSE, (ti1) is removed.

split('TimeIntervalDataFrame', 'POSIXctp', ..., split.x = FALSE)

Split a TimeIntervalDataFrame into a time period (of length 1). A TimeIntervalDataFrame is created (cf TimeIntervalDataFrame constructor) and the the above method is called.

split('TimeIntervalDataFrame', 'POSIXcti', ..., split.x = FALSE)

Split a TimeIntervalDataFrame into time intervals (POSIXcti). It is exactly the same as splitting a TimeIntervalDataFrame into another except that 'f' has not data.

So a TimeIntervalDataFrame is created according to 'f' and the the above method is called.

See Also

[split](#), [TimeIntervalDataFrame-class](#), [POSIXcti](#), [POSIXst-class](#), [POSIXctp-class](#)

SubtimeDataFrame

Class "SubtimeDataFrame"

Description

Class to hold subtime data such a day of week, month of year, etc.

Usage

```

SubtimeDataFrame(when, data = NULL, ...)

as.SubtimeDataFrame(x, unit, of, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
as.SubtimeDataFrame(x, unit, of, FUN=NULL, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
as.SubtimeDataFrame(x, unit, of, FUN=NULL, cursor=NULL, ...)

  ## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
x$name
  ## S4 replacement method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
x$name <- value
  ## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
x[i, j, drop=FALSE]
  ## S3 replacement method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
x[i, j] <- value
  ## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
x [[i, j, ...]]
  ## S3 replacement method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
x[[i, j]] <- value

  ## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
merge(x, y, by, all=TRUE, sort=FALSE, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
split(x, f, drop=FALSE, ...)
  ## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
lapply(X, FUN, ...)

  ## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
timezone(object)
  ## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
when(x, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
unit(x, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
of(x, ...)

  ## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
dim(x)
  ## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
length(x)
  ## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
names(x)
  ## S4 replacement method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
names(x) <- value
  ## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
ncol(x)

```

```

## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
nrow(x)
## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
row.names(x)
## S3 replacement method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
row.names(x) <- value

## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
head(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
tail(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SubtimeDataFrame'
show(object)

## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
plot(
  x, y=NULL, type='p', lty=1:6, lwd=1, pch=1:25, col=NULL,
  xlim=NULL, ylim=NULL, log='', main='', sub='', xlab='', ylab='',
  ann=par('ann'), axes=TRUE, asp=NA, as.is=TRUE, format=NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
points(
  x, y=NULL, type='p', lty=1:6, lwd=1, pch=1:25, col=NULL, as.is=TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
lines(
  x, y=NULL, type='l', lty=1:6, lwd=1, pch=1:25, col=NULL, as.is=TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SubtimeDataFrame'
barplot(height, format='', ...)

```

Arguments

when	POSIXst .
data	a data.frame with as much rows as needed for the created object. Can be NULL (hence the data.frame has zero column and as much rows as needed).
x	object to convert to a TimeInstantDataFrame or SubtimeDataFrame object (to modify, to extract or to test)
unit	indicates the subtime part to extract ('year', 'month', 'day', 'hour', 'minute', 'second').
of	used to specify the main period from wich the is to extract ('year', 'month', 'day', 'hour', 'minute'). Not used for 'unit in c('year', 'month')'.
FUN	function to use for the agregation (if wanted, see 'details')
cursor	For TimeIntervalDataFrame, it indicates where the TimeInstant must be taken. If 0, start of each intervals is taken as instant ; if 1 end of each intervals is taken as instant. Any other value will determine a weigthted instant between start and

	end (actually, value higher than 1 or lower than 0 will give instant outside this range).
i	indices specifying elements to extract or replace. (See Extract)
j	indices specifying elements to extract or replace. (See Extract)
name	A literal character string or a name. (See Extract)
drop	Used for compatibility with data.frame methods.
value	New value for the object designated (data.frame, names, row.names, etc.).
y	SubtimeDataFrame to merge with x
all	logical; see merge
by	specifications of the columns used for merging.
sort	logical; if TRUE the resulting merged SubtimeDataFrame is ordered according to 'when' values.
f	a 'factor' in the sense that 'as.factor(f)' defines the grouping, or a list of such factors in which case their interaction is used for the grouping. See split .
X	a SubtimeDataFrame on which the FUN must be applied.
object	SubtimeDataFrame object (to modify, to extract or to test)
type	plotting argument, see plot.default
lty	plotting argument, see plot.default
lwd	plotting argument, see plot.default
pch	plotting argument, see plot.default
col	plotting argument, see plot.default
xlim	plotting argument, see plot.default
ylim	plotting argument, see plot.default
log	plotting argument, see plot.default
main	plotting argument, see plot.default
sub	plotting argument, see plot.default
xlab	plotting argument, see plot.default
ylab	plotting argument, see plot.default
ann	plotting argument, see plot.default
axes	plotting argument, see plot.default
asp	plotting argument, see plot.default
as.is	should data be represented incrementally (the first row is given an x-value of 1, the second of 2, ... the last of n)(TRUE) or should data be grouped by their sub-time (all value corresponding to monday are drawn at an x-value of 1) (FALSE) ?
height	plotting argument, see barplot
format	for barplot see barplot , otherwise a string to format the x-labels according to the format method of POSIXst objects (see 'Text representation' of POSIXst).
...	More arguments.

Objects from the Class

Formally, the class consists of a `data.frame` and, for each row, a `POSIXst` (or `subtime`). This class is provided to deal with `subtime` data. This class is compatible with `TimeIntervalDataFrame` and `TimeInstantDataFrame`.

The construction of the class allows to manipulate objects as if they were `data.frame` (see ‘Access to data’ and ‘Access to data properties’). Several functions are also available to access to time properties (see ‘Access to time properties’).

Methods are also available to facilitate the representations of instances of that class : see ‘graphic representation’ and ‘text representation’.

Finally, some specific methods allow to easily deal with agregation of data over time properties (day, hour, week, special or specific time).

SubtimeDataFrame constructors

Objects can be created by calls of the form

- `new("SubtimeDataFrame", ...)` ... argument must be replaced by named arguments corresponding to slots of a `SubtimeDataFrame` (see below). See also `new`.
- `SubtimeDataFrame (when, data=NULL, ...)` Arguments of the function correspond to object slots.
- `as.SubtimeDataFrame (from, representation, cursor=NULL, FUN=mean, ...)` Converting object to `SubtimeDataFrame`. Conversion from a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` to a `SubtimeDataFrame` can be direct or after agregation.

For a direct conversion (where date are only replaced by the desired `subtime`), `FUN` must be `NULL`.

For an agregateed conversion, the function to use must be indicated by the `FUN` arg and all arguments to pass to this function can be given (namely).

Slots

`when`: Object of class `"POSIXst"` corresponding to the instant of each row of the `data.frame`.

`data`: Object of class `"data.frame"` data contained by the object.

Accessing to and manipulating data

The `SubtimeDataFrame` class is defined to works like the `data.frame` class with the difference that a `subtime` (`POSIXst`) is attached to each rows of the `data.frame`. Thus to access and manipulate data of a `TimeInstantDataFrame` the following methods are defined : `'$'`, `'$<-'`, `'['`, `'[<-'`, `'[['`, `'[[<-'`. See `Extract` for details.

Other methods have been defined to allow some operations over `TimeInstantDataFrame` :

- `merge` to join two (or more) `SubtimeDataFrame` (see `merge`),
- a `SubtimeDataFrame` can be splitted exactly the same way that a `data.frame` can (see `split` in the base package),

- a function can be applied over each column of a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` via the `lapply` function provided that the function return one value (in this case the resulting value is a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` beginning at the first instant of the object and ending at the latest one), or as much values as the number of rows of the object (in this case the `SubtimeDataFrame` given in argument is returned with the new values calculated).

Because a `SubtimeDataFrame` works more or less like a `data.frame`, the following methods work on a `SubtimeDataFrame` : `dim`, `length`, `names`, `names<-`, `ncol`, `nrow`, `row.names`, `row.names<-`.

Access to time properties

A `SubtimeDataFrame` can be tested for a few time properties :

timezone gives or sets the timezone of the `SubtimeDataFrame` ;

when returns a `POSIXst` object with the time instant of the `SubtimeDataFrame`.

unit returns the unit of the time instant of the `SubtimeDataFrame`.

of returns the 'of' of the time instant of the `SubtimeDataFrame`.

Graphic representation

To plot a `SubtimeDataFrame` available functions are `plot`, `lines`, `points` and `barplot`.

These functions works more or less like their generic definition.

Text representation

To represent a `SubtimeDataFrame` available functions are `print`, `summary`, `head`, `tail` and `show`.

See Also

[TimeInstantDataFrame](#), [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [POSIXst](#)

Examples

```
showClass("SubtimeDataFrame")
```

tapply

Apply a Function Over a time properties

Description

Apply a function over a `Time*DataFrame` that is first splitted into several sets according to time properties specified by `INDEX`.

Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,TimeIntervalDataFrame'
tapply(X, INDEX, FUN, ...,
       min.coverage=1, weights.arg=NULL, merge.X=TRUE, split.X=FALSE,
       keep.INDEX=TRUE,default=NA, simplify=TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,POSIXctp'
tapply(X, INDEX, FUN, ...,
       min.coverage=1, weights.arg=NULL, merge.X=TRUE, split.X=FALSE,
       default=NA, simplify=TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame,POSIXcti'
tapply(X, INDEX, FUN, ...,
       min.coverage=1, weights.arg=NULL, merge.X=TRUE, split.X=FALSE,
       default=NA, simplify=TRUE)

```

Arguments

X	a TimeIntervalDataFrame or a TimeInstantDataFrame
INDEX	an object corresponding to or containing a time properties. Classes available depend on X. See sections below to know all (X, INDEX) combination defined.
FUN	the function to be applied.
...	optional arguments to 'FUN'.
simplify	if FALSE a list of 'Time*DataFrame' is returned ; if TRUE 'tapply' try to reduce the list to a single 'Time*DataFrame'.
default	argument inherited from the base function, currently unused; see tapply .
min.coverage	a numeric between 0 and 1 indicating the percentage of valid values over each interval to allow an aggregation. NA is returned if the percentage is not reach. In that configuration (min.coverage between 0 and 1, overlapping intervals are not allowed). When a function (FUN) has a na.rm argument, the na.rm=TRUE behaviour is met if na.rm is set to TRUE and min.coverage to 0 (zero) ; the na.rm=FALSE behaviour is met if na.rm is set to FALSE whatever is the value of min.coverage. If min.coverage is set to NA, time coverage of the resulting interval is not checked. Moreover, overlapping of X intervals is not checked. Thus the aggregation is done according to 'weights.arg' argument (if given).
weights.arg	if FUN has a 'weight' argument, this parameter must be a character naming the weight argument. For instance, if FUN is weighted.mean , then weights.arg is 'w'.
merge.X	logical indicating if data in 'X' can be merged over interval of the new time support.
split.X	logical indicating if data in 'X' that are over several intervals of 'INDEX' must be 'cut' to fit to new intervals (TRUE) or ignored (FALSE).
keep.INDEX	logical indicating if INDEX values must be kept on the resulting list.

Details

These functions are equivalent to old `changeSupport` methods. Instead of having the core splitting algorithm in it, it uses the `split` methods. Be aware that default parameters values between the two families (`'changeSupport'` and `'tapply'`) are not necessarily the same.

Users are encouraged to use `'tapply'` instead of `'changeSupport'` since new versions of `'changeSupport'` are only wrappers to `tapply`.

signature(TimeIntervalDataFrame, TimeIntervalDataFrame)

split `TimeIntervalDataFrame` over another `TimeIntervalDataFrame` and then apply a function over each elements of the list.

signature(TimeIntervalDataFrame, POSIXctp)

split a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` against regular time intervals with a period defined by INDEX (a `POSIXctp`). Then a function is applied over each elements of the list.

signature(TimeIntervalDataFrame, POSIXcti)

split `TimeIntervalDataFrame` against specified intervals (`POSIXcti`). and then apply a function over each elements of the list.

See Also

[tapply](#), [TimeIntervalDataFrame-class](#), [TimeInstantDataFrame-class](#), [SubtimeDataFrame-class](#), [changeSupport](#), [POSIXcti-class](#), [POSIXst-class](#), [POSIXctp-class](#)

TimeInstantDataFrame *Class "TimeInstantDataFrame"*

Description

Class to hold time data that ARE 'instantaneous'.

Usage

```
TimeInstantDataFrame(when, timezone = "UTC", data = NULL, sort=FALSE, ...)

as.TimeInstantDataFrame(from, ...)
## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
as.TimeInstantDataFrame(from, cursor = NULL, ...)

RegularTimeInstantDataFrame(from, to, by, timezone = "UTC", data = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
x$name
## S4 replacement method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
```

```

x$name <- value
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
x[i, j, drop=FALSE]
  ## S3 replacement method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
x[i, j] <- value
  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
x [[i, j, ...]]
  ## S3 replacement method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
x[[i, j]] <- value

  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
rbind(...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
merge(x, y, by, all=TRUE, tz='UTC', sort=TRUE, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
split(x, f, drop=FALSE, ...)
  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
lapply(X, FUN, ...)

  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
regular(x, ...)
  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
timezone(object)
  ## S4 replacement method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
timezone(object) <- value
  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
when(x, ...)

  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
dim(x)
  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
length(x)
  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
names(x)
  ## S4 replacement method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
names(x) <- value
  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
ncol(x)
  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
nrow(x)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
row.names(x)
  ## S3 replacement method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
row.names(x) <- value

  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
print(x, tz=NULL, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'

```

```

summary(object, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
head(x, tz, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
tail(x, tz, ...)
  ## S4 method for signature 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
show(object)

  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
plot(x, y=NULL, type="p",
     lty=1:6, lwd=1, pch=1:25, col=NULL,
     xlim=NULL, ylim=NULL, log, main, sub, xlab, ylab,
     ann=par("ann"), axes=TRUE, asp=NA, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
points(x, y=NULL, type="p",
       lty=1:6, lwd=1, pch=1:25, col=NULL, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
lines(x, y=NULL, type="l",
      lty=1:6, lwd=1, pch=1:25, col=NULL, ...)
  ## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
barplot(height, format='', ...)

```

Arguments

when	POSIXct or character representing a time with a valid format (see POSIXct). It gives the instant of each row.
timezone	character representing a valid timezone (see timezone).
data	a data.frame with as much rows as needed for the created object. Can be NULL (hence the data.frame has zero column and as much rows as needed).
from	as.TimeInstantDataFrame object to convert to a TimeInstantDataFrame RegularTimeInstantDataFrame POSIXct or character representing a time with a valid format (see POSIXct). It represents the start of the object.
cursor	To convert TimeIntervalDataFrame, it indicates where the TimeInstant must be taken. If 0, start of each intervals is taken as instant ; if 1 end of each intervals is taken as instant. Any other value will determine a weighed instant between start and end (actually, value higher than 1 or lower than 0 will give instant outside this range).
to	POSIXct or character representing a time with a valid format (see POSIXct). It represents the end of the object. If missing, its value is deduced from 'from', 'by' and 'data'.
by	RegularTimeInstantDataFrame a POSIXct object indicating the increment to use between instants of the object. merge specifications of the columns used for merging.
x	TimeInstantDataFrame object (to modify, to extract or to test)
i	indices specifying elements to extract or replace. (See Extract)
j	indices specifying elements to extract or replace. (See Extract)

name	A literal character string or a name. (See Extract)
drop	Used for compatibility with data.frame methods.
value	New value for the object designated (data.frame, names, row.names, etc.).
y	TimeInstantDataFrame to merge with x
all	logical; see merge
tz	character representing a valid timezone (see timezone).
sort	logical; if TRUE the resulting built/merged TimeInstantDataFrame is ordered according to 'when' values.
f	a 'factor' in the sense that 'as.factor(f)' defines the grouping, or a list of such factors in which case their interaction is used for the grouping. See split .
X	a TimeInstantDataFrame on which the FUN must be applied.
FUN	function to apply over each column of X.
object	TimeInstantDataFrame object (to modify, to extract or to test)
type	plotting argument, see plot.default
lty	plotting argument, see plot.default
lwd	plotting argument, see plot.default
pch	plotting argument, see plot.default
col	plotting argument, see plot.default
xlim	plotting argument, see plot.default
ylim	plotting argument, see plot.default
log	plotting argument, see plot.default
main	plotting argument, see plot.default
sub	plotting argument, see plot.default
xlab	plotting argument, see plot.default
ylab	plotting argument, see plot.default
ann	plotting argument, see plot.default
axes	plotting argument, see plot.default
asp	plotting argument, see plot.default
height	plotting argument, see barplot
format	plotting argument, see barplot
...	More arguments.

Objects from the Class

Formally, the class consists of a [data.frame](#) and, for each row, a [POSIXct](#). This class is provided to deal with punctual time data. Many of such classes are defined in other packages. This one is defined mainly to provide a 'punctual' class compatible with [TimeIntervalDataFrame](#) and [SubtimeDataFrame](#).

The construction of the class allows to manipulate objects as if they were data.frame (see 'Access to data' and 'Access to data properties').

Slots

`instant`: Object of class "POSIXct" corresponding to the instant of each row of the `data.frame`.

`timezone`: Object of class "character" indicating the timezone of data both for representation and calculation.

`data`: Object of class "data.frame" data contained by the object.

TimeInstantDataFrame constructors

Objects can be created by calls of the form

- `new("TimeInstantDataFrame", ...)` ...argument must be replaced by named arguments corresponding to slots of a `TimeInstantDataFrame` (see below). See also [new](#).
- `TimeInstantDataFrame(when, timezone='UTC', data=NULL, ...)` Arguments of the function correspond to object slots.
- `RegularTimeInstantDataFrame(from, to, by, timezone='UTC', data=NULL)`, Wrapper to construct `TimeInstantDataFrame` with specific properties. Instants of the `TimeInstantDataFrame` go from 'from' to 'to' regularly spaced by 'by', which is a [POSIXct](#) or an object which can be coerced to.
- `as.TimeInstantDataFrame(from, ...)` Converting object to `TimeInstantDataFrame`.

Math

Every functions defined in the `Ops` group (see [Ops](#)) can be used with a `TimeInstantDataFrame` and numeric :

- `tidf * 2`
- `2 * tidf`
- `2:10 == tidf`
- `2^tidf`
- `tidf^2`

Accessing to and manipulating data

The `TimeInstantDataFrame` class is defined to works like the `data.frame` class with the difference that a time instant ([POSIXct](#)) is attached to each rows of the `data.frame`. Thus to access and manipulate data of a `TimeInstantDataFrame` the following methods are defined : '\$', '\$<-', '[', '[<-', '[[', '[[<-' . See [Extract](#) for details.

With '[' operator, a selection by dates is also available. If 'i' and or 'j' are `POSIXt` or strings that can be converted to `POSIXct` (see below), they are considered as the minimal and maximal time limits : all datas between those are selected. A string that can be converted to a `POSIXct` is (in this case only) a string composed of 3 parts separated by white space : 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS tz'. The second and third parts are options, thus accepted format are :

- 'YYYY-MM-DD'
- 'YYYY-MM-DD tz'
- 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS'

- 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS tz'

. If timezone is not given, it is assumed to be the same as the one of the object on which the selection is done.

Other methods have been defined to allow some operations over TimeInstantDataFrame :

- rbind and merge to join two (or more) TimeInstantDataFrame (see [rbind](#) and [merge](#)),
- a TimeInstantDataFrame can be splitted exactly the same way that a data.frame can (see [split](#) in the base package),
- a function can be applied over each column of a TimeInstantDataFrame via the lapply function. If the function returns one value, the resulting value is a TimeIntervalDataFrame beginning at the first instant of the object and ending at the latest one ; else if the function returns as much values as the number of rows of the object, the TimeInstantDataFrame given in argument is returned with the new calculated values ; on others cases, a non-TimeInstantDataFrame object is returned.

Because a TimeInstantDataFrame works more or less like a data.frame, the following methods work on a TimeInstantDataFrame : [dim](#), [length](#), [names](#), [names<-](#), [ncol](#), [nrow](#), [row.names](#), [row.names<-](#).

Access to time properties

A TimeInstantDataFrame can be tested for a few time properties :

regular TRUE if all time instants are equally spaced ;

timezone gives or sets the timezone of the TimeInstantDataFrame ;

when returns a POSIXct object with the time instant of the TimeInstantDataFrame.

Graphic representation

To plot a TimeInstantDataFrame available functions are [plot](#), [lines](#), [points](#) and [barplot](#).

These functions works more or less like their generic definition.

Text representation

To represent a TimeInstantDataFrame available functions are [print](#), [summary](#), [head](#), [tail](#) and [show](#).

See Also

[TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [SubtimeDataFrame](#)

Examples

```
showClass("TimeInstantDataFrame")
```

```
TimeIntervalDataFrame Class "TimeIntervalDataFrame"
```

Description

Class to hold time data that are NOT 'punctual'.

Usage

```
TimeIntervalDataFrame(start, end = NULL,
  timezone = "UTC", data = NULL, period = NULL, sort=FALSE, ...)

as.TimeIntervalDataFrame(from, ...)
## S3 method for class 'TimeInstantDataFrame'
as.TimeIntervalDataFrame(from, period, ...)

RegularTimeIntervalDataFrame(from, to, by, period, timezone = "UTC", data = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
x$name
## S4 replacement method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
x$name <- value
## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
x[i, j, drop=FALSE]
## S3 replacement method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
x[i, j] <- value
## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
x [[i, j, ...]]
## S3 replacement method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
x[[i, j]] <- value

## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
rbind(...)
## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
merge(x, y, by, all=TRUE, tz='UTC', sort=TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
split(x, f, drop=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
lapply(X, FUN, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
tapply(X, INDEX, FUN, ...,
  min.coverage=1, weights.arg=NULL, merge.X=TRUE, split.X=FALSE,
  keep.INDEX=TRUE, simplify=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
changeSupport(from, to,
  min.coverage, FUN=NULL, weights.arg=NULL,
```

```

        split.from=FALSE, merge.from=TRUE, ...)

    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
continuous(x, ...)
    ## S4 replacement method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
continuous(x) <- value
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
homogeneous(x, ...)
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
period(x, ...)
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
overlapping(x, ...)
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
regular(x, ...)
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
timezone(object)
    ## S4 replacement method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
timezone(object) <- value
    ## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
start(x, ...)
    ## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
end(x, ...)
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
when(x, ...)
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
interval(x, ...)

    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
dim(x)
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
length(x)
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
names(x)
    ## S4 replacement method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
names(x) <- value
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
ncol(x)
    ## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
nrow(x)
    ## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
row.names(x)
    ## S3 replacement method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
row.names(x) <- value

    ## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
print(x, tz=NULL, ...)
    ## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
summary(object, ...)

```

```

## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
head(x, tz, ...)
## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
tail(x, tz, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
show(object)

## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
plot(x, y=NULL, cursor=NULL,
     type='p', lty=1:6, lwd=1, pch=1:25, col=NULL,
     xlim=NULL, ylim=NULL, log='', main='', sub='', xlab='', ylab='',
     ann=par('ann'), axes=TRUE, asp=NA, ...)
## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
points(x, y=NULL, cursor=NULL, type='p',
       lty=1:6, lwd=1, pch=1:25, col=NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
lines(x, y=NULL, cursor=NULL, type='l',
      lty=1:6, lwd=1, pch=1:25, col=NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'TimeIntervalDataFrame'
barplot(height, format='', ...)

```

Arguments

start	POSIXct or character representing a time with a valid format (see POSIXct). It gives the beginning of each interval.
end	POSIXct or character representing a time with a valid format (see POSIXct). It gives the end of each interval. If NULL, see ‘Details’.
timezone	character representing a valid timezone (see timezone).
data	a data.frame with as much rows as the length of ‘start’ and end, or with one row less than the length of ‘start’ if ‘end’ is NULL. Can be NULL (hence the data.frame has zero column and as much rows as needed).
period	TimeIntervalDataFrame if not NULL, a POSIXct or a character that can be converted to a POSIXct (see argument ‘unit’ of POSIXct function). See Details to know how to use this argument. as.TimeIntervalDataFrame POSIXct object indicating the period to add to ‘when’ slot of from to determine the end of the new period (the ‘when’ is used for the start of period) RegularTimeIntervalDataFrame a POSIXct object indicating the period of each interval. If missing, it is given the value of by.
from	as.TimeIntervalDataFrame object to convert to a TimeIntervalDataFrame RegularTimeIntervalDataFrame POSIXct or character representing a time with a valid format (see POSIXct). It represents the start of the object. changeSupport see changeSupport
to	RegularTimeIntervalDataFrame POSIXct or character representing a time with a valid format (see POSIXct). It represents the end of the object. If missing, its value is deduced from ‘from’, ‘by’ and ‘data’.

	changeSupport see changeSupport
by	RegularTimeIntervalDataFrame a POSIXct object indicating the increment to use between the start of each interval. merge specifications of the columns used for merging.
x	TimeIntervalDataFrame object (to modify, to extract or to test)
i	indices specifying elements to extract or replace. (See Extract)
j	indices specifying elements to extract or replace. (See Extract)
name	A literal character string or a name. (See Extract)
drop	Used for compatibility with data.frame methods.
value	New value for the object designated (data.frame, names, row.names, etc.).
y	TimeIntervalDataFrame to merge with x
all	logical; see merge
tz	character representing a valid timezone (see timezone).
sort	logical; if TRUE the resulting built/merged TimeIntervalDataFrame is ordered according to 'when' values.
f	a 'factor' in the sense that 'as.factor(f)' defines the grouping, or a list of such factors in which case their interaction is used for the grouping. See split .
X	lapply a TimeIntervalDataFrame on which the FUN must be applied. tapply see tapply for details
FUN	lapply function to apply over each columns of X. tapply,changeSupport see tapply for details
	INDEX, min.coverage, weights.arg, merge.X, split.X, keep.INDEX, simplify, split.from, merge.from see tapply and/or changeSupport for details.
object	TimeIntervalDataFrame object (to modify, to extract or to test)
type	plotting argument, see plot.default
lty	plotting argument, see plot.default
lwd	plotting argument, see plot.default
pch	plotting argument, see plot.default
col	plotting argument, see plot.default
xlim	plotting argument, see plot.default
ylim	plotting argument, see plot.default
log	plotting argument, see plot.default
main	plotting argument, see plot.default
sub	plotting argument, see plot.default
xlab	plotting argument, see plot.default
ylab	plotting argument, see plot.default
ann	plotting argument, see plot.default
axes	plotting argument, see plot.default
asp	plotting argument, see plot.default

cursor	To convert TimeIntervalDataFrame to a TimeInstantDataFrame before plotting (see TimeInstantDataFrame , it indicates where the TimeInstant must be taken. If 0, start of each intervals is taken as instant ; if 1 end of each intervals is taken as instant. Any other value will determine a weighed instant between start and end (actually, value higher than 1 or lower than 0 will give instant outside this range).
height	plotting argument, see barplot
format	plotting argument, see barplot
...	More arguments.

Objects from the Class

Formally, the class consists of a `data.frame` and, for each row, two `POSIXct` that can be summarize as time interval with the `POSIXcti` class. This allows to manipulate at once time data without any restriction on time representation : data can occur at different time, data can be discontinuous, data can be heterogeneous (not lasting for a unique period), data can overlay each other, etc. There are several methods to test/deal/ensure that these properties are respected or not, see below.

The construction of the class allows to manipulate objects as if they were `data.frame` (see 'Access to data' and 'Access to data properties'). Several functions are also available to access to time properties (see 'Access to time properties').

Methods are also available to facilitate the representations of instances of that class : see 'graphic representation' and 'text representation'.

Finally, some specific methods allow to easily deal with agregation of data over time properties (day, hour, week, special or specific time intervals).

Slots

`start`: Object of class "POSIXct" corresponding to the start of each row of the `data.frame`.

`end`: Object of class "POSIXct" corresponding to the end of each row of the `data.frame`.

`timezone`: Object of class "character" indicating the timezone of data both for representation and calculation.

`data`: Object of class "data.frame" data contained by the object.

TimeIntervalDataFrame constructors

Objects can be created by calls of the form

- `new("TimeIntervalDataFrame", ...)` ...argument must be replaced by named arguments corresponding to slots of a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` (see below). See also [new](#).
- `TimeIntervalDataFrame(start, end=NULL, timezone='UTC', data=NULL, ...)` Arguments of the function correspond to object slots. If both `start` and `end` are given, they must have the same length. They are used to define the intervals of the object. If `data` is also given, it must have a number of rows identical to the length of `start` and `end`.

If only `start` is given, a continuous (see [continuous](#)) `TimeIntervalDataFrame` is built. The first element of `start` is the start of the first interval, the second element is the end of the first interval and the start of the second interval. The last element of `start` is only the end of the last interval. This is why `data`, if given, must be one row shorter than `start`.

If period is given it must be a [POSIXct](#) object (or a valid character) and ‘start’ and ‘end’ must have length equal to 1. In that case, a TimeIntervalDataFrame will be created with start date equal to start ‘floored’ by the unit of ‘period’, end date ‘ceiled’ by the unit of ‘period’ and with enough intervals of ‘period’ length to fit. If ‘data’ given, it must have a number of rows equal to the number of intervals calculated.

- `RegularTimeIntervalDataFrame` (from, to, by, period, timezone='UTC', data=NULL) Wrapper to construct TimeIntervalDataFrame with specific properties (see details of each argument).
- `as.TimeIntervalDataFrame` (from, ...) Converting object to TimeIntervalDataFrame.

Math

Every functions defined in the Ops group (see [Ops](#)) can be used with a TimeIntervalDataFrame and numeric :

- `tidf * 2`
- `2 * tidf`
- `2:10 == tidf`
- `2^tidf`
- `tidf^2`

Accessing to and manipulating data

The TimeIntervalDataFrame class is defined to works like the `data.frame` class with the difference that a time interval ([POSIXcti](#)) is attached to each rows of the `data.frame`. Thus to access and manipulate data of a TimeIntervalDataFrame the following methods are defined : ‘\$’, ‘\$<-’, ‘[’, ‘[<-’, ‘[[’, ‘[[<-’. See [Extract](#) for details.

With ‘[’ operator, a selection by dates is also available. If ‘i’ and or ‘j’ are POSIXt or strings that can be converted to POSIXct (see below), they are considered as the minimal and maximal time limits : all datas between those are selected. A string that can be converted to a POSIXct is (in this case only) a string composed of 3 parts separated by white space : ‘YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS tz’. The second and third parts are options, thus accepted format are :

- ‘YYYY-MM-DD’
- ‘YYYY-MM-DD tz’
- ‘YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS’
- ‘YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS tz’

. If timezone is not given, it is assumed to be the same as the one of the object on which the selection is done.

Other methods have been defined to allow some operations on TimeIntervalDataFrame :

- `rbind` and `merge` to join two (or more) TimeIntervalDataFrame (see [rbind](#) and [merge](#)),
- a TimeIntervalDataFrame can be splitted exactly the same way that a `data.frame` can (see [split](#) in the base package) and some more possibilities have been defined (see [split](#) in the `timetools` package),

- a function can be applied over each column of a TimeIntervalDataFrame via the `lapply` function. If the function returns one value, the resulting value is a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` beginning at the first instant of the object and ending at the latest one ; else if the function returns as much values as the number of rows of the object, the `TimeIntervalDataFrame` given in argument is returned with the new calculated values ; on others cases, a non-`TimeIntervalDataFrame` object is returned.
- `'tapply'` can split a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` and then apply a function over each group (see [tapply](#)),
- `'changeSupport'` act like the `'tapply'` function but with a different default behaviour (see [changeSupport](#)).

Because a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` works more or less like a `data.frame`, the following methods work on a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` : `dim`, `length`, `names`, `names<-`, `ncol`, `nrow`, `row.names`, `row.names<-`.

Access/modify to time properties

A `TimeIntervalDataFrame` can be tested for a few time properties :

continuous see [continuous](#) ;

homogeneous see [homogeneous](#) ;

period see [period](#) ;

overlapping see [overlapping](#) ;

regular TRUE if all time intervals are equally spaced ;

timezone gives or sets the timezone of the `TimeIntervalDataFrame` ;

start returns a `POSIXct` object with the start time of each intervals ;

end returns a `POSIXct` object with the end time of each intervals ;

when returns a `POSIXcti`, i.e. the intervals of the object ;

interval returns a `POSIXcti`, i.e. the intervals of the object.

Graphic representation

To plot a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` available functions are [plot](#), [lines](#), [points](#) and [barplot](#).

These functions works more or less like their generic definition.

Text representation

To represent a `TimeIntervalDataFrame` available functions are [print](#), [summary](#), [head](#), [tail](#) and [show](#).

See Also

[TimeInstantDataFrame](#), [SubtimeDataFrame](#), [POSIXcti](#), [POSIXctp](#)

Examples

```
showClass("TimeIntervalDataFrame")
```

timezone	<i>Get or set timezone property</i>
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Description

get or set the timezone of the time object (see [timezone](#) in the base package).

Usage

```
timezone(object)
timezone(object) <- value
```

Arguments

object	object to get or set timezone property.
value	specify the new value for timezone. See timezone in the base package.

Details

Changing the timezone of an object consist in reprojecting time coordinates from a system of reference to another. That is to say that not only the 'timezone' attribute is changed : for instance '2012-02-01 14:00 UTC' will be changed in '2012-02-01 15:00 CET' if 'timezone' is set to 'CET' (French local time).

unit	<i>define valid units for time objects/retrieve-set time unit of a time object</i>
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Description

The timetools package use a set of valid time units which are roughly : year, month, week, day, hour, minute, second. They can be combined in [subtime objects](#). For instance : month of year, minute of day, minute of week, etc.

Usage

```
POSIXt.units(x = NULL, ...)

unit(x, ...)
unit(object) <- value
of(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a character string representing the needed units for <code>POSIXt.units</code> . The object from which the time unit is to retrieve.
object	<code>POSIXct</code> to which the unit is to be changed
value	a character or a <code>POSIXt.units</code> indicating the new units of object.
...	arguments to or from other methods

POSIXt.units(x = NULL, ...)

With no argument, the function return a factor containing the valid time units. With an argument, it returns the units asked for.

unit(x, ...)

Return the time unit of the object. In case 'x' is a `POSIXst`, the unit is the 'left' part of its unit : if 'x' is a 'minute of day', 'unit' will return 'minute'.

of(x, ...)

For `POSIXst` only, it return the 'right' part of the unit of 'x' : if 'x' is a 'minute of day', 'of' will return 'day'.

when *Retrieve the 'timestamp' of a Time*DataFrame*

Description

For Time objects.

Usage

```
when(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	object from which get the timestamp
...	arguments to or from other methods

Value

If `TimeInstantDataFrame`, return the instants of the object ;
 if `TimeIntervalDataFrame`, return the intervals of the object.
 if `SubtimeDataFrame`, return the `POSIXst` of the object.

See Also

[TimeIntervalDataFrame](#), [POSIXcti](#), [TimeInstantDataFrame](#), [POSIXct](#), [SubtimeDataFrame](#), [POSIXst](#)

%included% *test inclusion of 2 'POSIXcti' objects*

Description

This function test if the first 'POSIXcti' object is included in the second.

Usage

```
i1 %included% i2
```

Arguments

i1 is this object included in the second object ?
i2 is this object include the first one ?

Value

boolean

Examples

```
# to see all existing methods :  
methods ('%included%')
```

%intersect% *intersects 2 'POSIXcti' objects*

Description

This function allows to find the intersection of two objects of the same class.

Usage

```
i1 %intersect% i2
```

Arguments

i1 first object to intersect
i2 second object to intersect

Value

object of the same class of parameters

Examples

```
# to see all existing methods :  
methods ('%intersect%')
```

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