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add\_class

Add class to abject

## **Description**

Add class to abject

## Usage

```
add_class(var, name)
```

# **Arguments**

var A tibble

name A character name of the attribute

# Value

A tibble with an additional attribute

```
add_count.SpatialExperiment
```

Count the observations in each group

## **Description**

count() lets you quickly count the unique values of one or more variables: df %>% count(a, b) is roughly equivalent to df %>% group\_by(a, b) %>% summarise(n = n()). count() is paired with tally(), a lower-level helper that is equivalent to df %>% summarise(n = n()). Supply wt to perform weighted counts, switching the summary from n = n() to n = sum(wt).

add\_count() and add\_tally() are equivalents to count() and tally() but use mutate() instead of summarise() so that they add a new column with group-wise counts.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
add_count(x, ..., wt = NULL, sort = FALSE, name = NULL)
```

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#### **Arguments**

A data frame, data frame extension (e.g. a tibble), or a lazy data frame (e.g. from dbplyr or dtplyr).

... <data-masking> Variables to group by.

wt <data-masking> Frequency weights. Can be NULL or a variable:

• If NULL (the default), counts the number of rows in each group.

• If a variable, computes sum(wt) for each group.

sort If TRUE, will show the largest groups at the top.

name The name of the new column in the output.

If omitted, it will default to n. If there's already a column called n, it will use nn. If there's a column called n and nn, it'll use nnn, and so on, adding ns until

it gets a new name.

## Value

An object of the same type as .data. count() and add\_count() group transiently, so the output has the same groups as the input.

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    count()
spe |>
    add_count()
```

aggregate\_cells

Aggregate cells

# **Description**

Combine cells into groups based on shared variables and aggregate feature counts.

# **Arguments**

. data A tidySpatialExperiment object

. sample A vector of variables by which cells are aggregated

slot The slot to which the function is applied assays The assay to which the function is applied

aggregation\_function

The method of cell-feature value aggregation

## Value

A SummarizedExperiment object

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## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
   aggregate_cells(sample_id, assays = "counts")
```

arrange

Order rows using column values

# Description

arrange() orders the rows of a data frame by the values of selected columns.

Unlike other dplyr verbs, arrange() largely ignores grouping; you need to explicitly mention grouping variables (or use .by\_group = TRUE) in order to group by them, and functions of variables are evaluated once per data frame, not once per group.

#### **Details**

## Missing values:

Unlike base sorting with sort(), NA are:

- always sorted to the end for local data, even when wrapped with desc().
- treated differently for remote data, depending on the backend.

# Value

An object of the same type as .data. The output has the following properties:

- All rows appear in the output, but (usually) in a different place.
- Columns are not modified.
- Groups are not modified.
- Data frame attributes are preserved.

#### Methods

This function is a **generic**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

The following methods are currently available in loaded packages: no methods found.

#### See Also

Other single table verbs: mutate(), rename(), slice(), summarise()

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## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    arrange(array_row)
```

as\_tibble

Coerce lists, matrices, and more to data frames

# **Description**

as\_tibble() turns an existing object, such as a data frame or matrix, into a so-called tibble, a data frame with class tbl\_df. This is in contrast with tibble(), which builds a tibble from individual columns. as\_tibble() is to tibble() as base::as.data.frame() is to base::data.frame(). as\_tibble() is an S3 generic, with methods for:

- data.frame: Thin wrapper around the list method that implements tibble's treatment of rownames.
- matrix, poly, ts, table
- Default: Other inputs are first coerced with base::as.data.frame().

as\_tibble\_row() converts a vector to a tibble with one row. If the input is a list, all elements must have size one.

as\_tibble\_col() converts a vector to a tibble with one column.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
as_tibble(
    x,
    ...,
    .name_repair = c("check_unique", "unique", "universal", "minimal"),
    rownames = pkgconfig::get_config("tibble::rownames", NULL)
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A data frame, list, matrix, or other object that could reasonably be coerced to a tibble.

... Unused, for extensibility.

.name\_repair

Treatment of problematic column names:

- "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
- "unique": Make sure names are unique and not empty,
- "check\_unique": (default value), no name repair, but check they are unique,
- "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic

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- "unique\_quiet": Same as "unique", but "quiet"
- "universal\_quiet": Same as "universal", but "quiet"
- a function: apply custom name repair (e.g., .name\_repair = make.names for names in the style of base R).
- A purrr-style anonymous function, see rlang::as\_function()

This argument is passed on as repair to vctrs::vec\_as\_names(). See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

rownames

How to treat existing row names of a data frame or matrix:

- NULL: remove row names. This is the default.
- NA: keep row names.
- A string: the name of a new column. Existing rownames are transferred into this column and the row.names attribute is deleted. No name repair is applied to the new column name, even if x already contains a column of that name. Use as\_tibble(rownames\_to\_column(...)) to safeguard against this case.

Read more in rownames.

#### Value

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#### Row names

The default behavior is to silently remove row names.

New code should explicitly convert row names to a new column using the rownames argument.

For existing code that relies on the retention of row names, call pkgconfig::set\_config("tibble::rownames" = NA) in your script or in your package's .onLoad() function.

## Life cycle

Using as\_tibble() for vectors is superseded as of version 3.0.0, prefer the more expressive as\_tibble\_row() and as\_tibble\_col() variants for new code.

#### See Also

tibble() constructs a tibble from individual columns. enframe() converts a named vector to a tibble with a column of names and column of values. Name repair is implemented using vctrs::vec\_as\_names().

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    as_tibble()
```

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bind\_cols

Efficiently bind multiple data frames by row and column

## **Description**

This is an efficient implementation of the common pattern of 'do.call(rbind, dfs)' or 'do.call(cbind, dfs)' for binding many data frames into one.

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#### **Details**

The output of 'bind\_rows()' will contain a column if that column appears in any of the inputs. The output of 'bind\_rows()' will contain a column if that column appears in any of the inputs.

#### Value

'bind\_rows()' and 'bind\_cols()' return the same type as the first input, either a data frame, 'tbl\_df', or 'grouped\_df'.

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## **Examples**

```
# Note: "dplyr" does not provide a generic function for `bind_cols`. Therefore, the generic
# function `bind_cols` located in "ttservice" should be called explicitly with
# `ttservice::bind_cols` to avoid conflicts.

example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    ttservice::bind_cols(1:99)
```

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# Value

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## **Examples**

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# function `bind_rows` located in "ttservice" should be called explicitly with
# `ttservice::bind_rows` to avoid conflicts.

example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    ttservice::bind_rows(spe)
```

demo\_brush\_data

Demo brush data

# **Description**

Demo brush data

#### Usage

demo\_brush\_data

#### **Format**

An object of class spec\_tbl\_df (inherits from tbl\_df, tbl, data.frame) with 30 rows and 3 columns.

demo\_select\_data

Demo select data

# **Description**

Demo select data

# Usage

```
demo_select_data
```

## **Format**

An object of class spec\_tbl\_df (inherits from tbl\_df, tbl, data.frame) with 5 rows and 4 columns.

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distinct

Keep distinct/unique rows

## **Description**

Keep only unique/distinct rows from a data frame. This is similar to unique.data.frame() but considerably faster.

## Value

An object of the same type as .data. The output has the following properties:

- Rows are a subset of the input but appear in the same order.
- Columns are not modified if . . . is empty or .keep\_all is TRUE. Otherwise, distinct() first calls mutate() to create new columns.
- Groups are not modified.
- Data frame attributes are preserved.

# Methods

This function is a **generic**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

The following methods are currently available in loaded packages: no methods found.

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    distinct(sample_id)
```

drop\_class

Remove class to abject

## **Description**

Remove class to abject

# Usage

```
drop_class(var, name)
```

## **Arguments**

var A tibble

name A character name of the class

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# Value

A tibble with an additional attribute

ellipse

Ellipse Gating Function

# **Description**

Function to create an ellipse gate in a SpatialExperiment object

# Usage

```
ellipse(spatial_coord1, spatial_coord2, center, axes_lengths)
```

# Arguments

```
spatial_coord1 Numeric vector for x-coordinates

spatial_coord2 Numeric vector for y-coordinates

center Numeric vector (length 2) for ellipse center (x, y)

axes_lengths Numeric vector (length 2) for the lengths of the major and minor axes of the ellipse
```

# Value

Logical vector indicating points within the ellipse

# Examples

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    mutate(in_ellipse = ellipse(
        array_col, array_row, center = c(50, 50), axes_lengths = c(20, 10))
    )
```

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extract	Extract a character column into multiple columns using regular ex-
	pression groups

# Description

# [Superseded]

extract() has been superseded in favour of separate\_wider\_regex() because it has a more polished API and better handling of problems. Superseded functions will not go away, but will only receive critical bug fixes.

Given a regular expression with capturing groups, extract() turns each group into a new column. If the groups don't match, or the input is NA, the output will be NA.

# Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
extract(
  data,
  col,
  into,
  regex = "([[:alnum:]]+)",
  remove = TRUE,
  convert = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

# Arguments

data	A data frame.
col	<tidy-select> Column to expand.</tidy-select>
into	Names of new variables to create as character vector. Use NA to omit the variable in the output.
regex	A string representing a regular expression used to extract the desired values. There should be one group (defined by ()) for each element of into.
remove	If TRUE, remove input column from output data frame.
convert	If TRUE, will run type.convert() with as.is = TRUE on new columns. This is useful if the component columns are integer, numeric or logical.
	NB: this will cause string "NA"s to be converted to NAs.
	Additional arguments passed on to methods.

## Value

```
tidySpatialExperiment
```

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## See Also

```
separate() to split up by a separator.
```

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    extract(col = array_row, into = "A", regex = "([[:digit:]]3)")
```

filter

Keep rows that match a condition

# **Description**

The filter() function is used to subset a data frame, retaining all rows that satisfy your conditions. To be retained, the row must produce a value of TRUE for all conditions. Note that when a condition evaluates to NA the row will be dropped, unlike base subsetting with [.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
filter(.data, ..., .preserve = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

.data A data frame, data frame extension (e.g. a tibble), or a lazy data frame (e.g. from dbplyr or dtplyr). See *Methods*, below, for more details.
 ... <a href="data-masking"></a> Expressions that return a logical value, and are defined in

terms of the variables in .data. If multiple expressions are included, they are combined with the & operator. Only rows for which all conditions evaluate to TRUE are kept.

TRUE are kep

. preserve Relevant when the . data input is grouped. If . preserve = FALSE (the default),

the grouping structure is recalculated based on the resulting data, otherwise the grouping is kept as is.

## **Details**

The filter() function is used to subset the rows of .data, applying the expressions in ... to the column values to determine which rows should be retained. It can be applied to both grouped and ungrouped data (see group\_by() and ungroup()). However, dplyr is not yet smart enough to optimise the filtering operation on grouped datasets that do not need grouped calculations. For this reason, filtering is often considerably faster on ungrouped data.

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#### Value

An object of the same type as .data. The output has the following properties:

- Rows are a subset of the input, but appear in the same order.
- · Columns are not modified.
- The number of groups may be reduced (if . preserve is not TRUE).
- Data frame attributes are preserved.

#### **Useful filter functions**

There are many functions and operators that are useful when constructing the expressions used to filter the data:

```
• ==, >, >= etc
```

- &, |, !, xor()
- is.na()
- between(), near()

#### **Grouped tibbles**

Because filtering expressions are computed within groups, they may yield different results on grouped tibbles. This will be the case as soon as an aggregating, lagging, or ranking function is involved. Compare this ungrouped filtering:

```
starwars %>% filter(mass > mean(mass, na.rm = TRUE))
```

With the grouped equivalent:

```
starwars %>% group_by(gender) %>% filter(mass > mean(mass, na.rm = TRUE))
```

In the ungrouped version, filter() compares the value of mass in each row to the global average (taken over the whole data set), keeping only the rows with mass greater than this global average. In contrast, the grouped version calculates the average mass separately for each gender group, and keeps rows with mass greater than the relevant within-gender average.

#### Methods

This function is a **generic**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

The following methods are currently available in loaded packages: no methods found.

#### See Also

```
Other single table verbs: arrange(), mutate(), reframe(), rename(), select(), slice(), summarise()
```

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## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
   filter(in_tissue == TRUE)
```

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Printing tibbles

## **Description**

One of the main features of the tbl\_df class is the printing:

- Tibbles only print as many rows and columns as fit on one screen, supplemented by a summary of the remaining rows and columns.
- Tibble reveals the type of each column, which keeps the user informed about whether a variable is, e.g., <chr> or <fct> (character versus factor). See vignette("types") for an overview of common type abbreviations.

Printing can be tweaked for a one-off call by calling print() explicitly and setting arguments like n and width. More persistent control is available by setting the options described in pil-lar::pillar\_options. See also vignette("digits") for a comparison to base options, and vignette("numbers") that showcases num() and char() for creating columns with custom formatting options.

As of tibble 3.1.0, printing is handled entirely by the **pillar** package. If you implement a package that extends tibble, the printed output can be customized in various ways. See vignette("extending", package = "pillar") for details, and pillar::pillar\_options for options that control the display in the console.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
print(x, ..., n = NULL, width = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

X	Object to format or print.
	These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.
n	Number of rows to show. If NULL, the default, will print all rows if less than the print_max option. Otherwise, will print as many rows as specified by the print_min option.
width	Width of text output to generate. This defaults to NULL, which means use the width option.

## Value

Prints a message to the console describing the contents of the tidySpatialExperiment.

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## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    print()
```

gate

Interactively gate cells by spatial coordinates

# **Description**

Gate cells based on their X and Y coordinates. By default, this function launches an interactive scatter plot with image data overlaid. Colour, shape, size and alpha can be defined as constant values, or can be controlled by the values of a specified column.

If previously drawn gates are supplied to the programmatic\_gates argument, cells will be gated programmatically. This feature allows the reproduction of previously drawn interactive gates. Programmatic gating is based on the package gatepoints by Wajid Jawaid.

# Usage

```
gate(
    spe,
    image_index = 1,
    colour = NULL,
    shape = NULL,
    alpha = 1,
    size = 2,
    hide_points = FALSE,
    programmatic_gates = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

spe	A SpatialExperiment object.
image_index	The image to display if multiple are stored within the provided SpatialExperiment object.
colour	A single colour string compatible with ggplot2. Or, a vector representing the point colour.
shape	A single ggplot2 shape numeric ranging from 0 to 127. Or, a vector representing the point shape, coercible to a factor of 6 or less levels.
alpha	A single ggplot2 alpha numeric ranging from 0 to 1.
size	A single ggplot2 size numeric ranging from 0 to 20.
hide_points	A logical. If TRUE, points are hidden during interactive gating. This can greatly improve performance with large SpatialExperiment objects.

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```
programmatic_gates
```

A data.frame of the gate brush data, as saved in tidygate\_envgates. The column x records X coordinates, the column y records Y coordinates and the column .gate records the gate number. When this argument is supplied, gates will be drawn programmatically.

#### Value

A vector of strings, of the gates each X and Y coordinate pair is within. If gates are drawn interactively, they are temporarily saved to tidygate\_env\$gates.

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
data(demo_brush_data, package = "tidySpatialExperiment")

# Gate points interactively
if(interactive()) {
    spe |>
        gate(colour = "blue", shape = "in_tissue")
}

# Gate points programmatically
spe |>
    gate(programmatic_gates = demo_brush_data)
```

gate\_interactive

Gate interactive

# **Description**

Interactively gate points by their location in space, with image data overlaid.

# Usage

```
gate_interactive(spe, image_index, colour, shape, alpha, size, hide_points)
```

# **Arguments**

spe	A SpatialExperiment object.
image_index	The image to display if multiple are stored within the provided SpatialExperiment object.
colour	A single colour string compatible with ggplot2. Or, a vector representing the point colour.
shape	A single ggplot2 shape numeric ranging from 0 to 127. Or, a vector representing the point shape, coercible to a factor of 6 or less levels.
alpha	A single ggplot2 alpha numeric ranging from 0 to 1.

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size A single ggplot2 size numeric ranging from 0 to 20.

hide\_points A logical. If TRUE, points are hidden during interactive gating. This can greatly

improve performance with large SpatialExperiment objects.

#### Value

The input SpatialExperiment object with a new column .gated, recording the gates each X and Y coordinate pair is within. If gates are drawn interactively, they are temporarily saved to tidygate\_env\$gates

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
data(demo_brush_data, package = "tidySpatialExperiment")
if(interactive()) {
    spe |>
        gate(colour = "blue", shape = "in_tissue")
}
```

gate\_programmatic

Gate spatial data with pre-recorded lasso selection coordinates

# **Description**

A helpful way to repeat previous interactive lasso selections to enable reproducibility. Programmatic gating is based on the package gatepoints by Wajid Jawaid.

# Usage

```
gate_programmatic(spe, programmatic_gates)
```

#### **Arguments**

A data.frame recording the gate brush data, as output by tidygate\_env\$gates. The column x records X coordinates, the column y records Y coordinates and the column .gated records the gate.

#### Value

The input SpatialExperiment object with a new column .gated, recording the gates each X and Y coordinate pair is within.

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## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
data(demo_brush_data, package = "tidySpatialExperiment")
spe |>
  gate(programmatic_gates = demo_brush_data)
```

ggplot

Create a new ggplot from a tidySpatialExperiment

## **Description**

ggplot() initializes a ggplot object. It can be used to declare the input data frame for a graphic and to specify the set of plot aesthetics intended to be common throughout all subsequent layers unless specifically overridden.

#### **Details**

ggplot() is used to construct the initial plot object, and is almost always followed by a plus sign (+) to add components to the plot.

There are three common patterns used to invoke ggplot():

```
    ggplot(data = df, mapping = aes(x, y, other aesthetics))
    ggplot(data = df)
    ggplot()
```

The first pattern is recommended if all layers use the same data and the same set of aesthetics, although this method can also be used when adding a layer using data from another data frame.

The second pattern specifies the default data frame to use for the plot, but no aesthetics are defined up front. This is useful when one data frame is used predominantly for the plot, but the aesthetics vary from one layer to another.

The third pattern initializes a skeleton ggplot object, which is fleshed out as layers are added. This is useful when multiple data frames are used to produce different layers, as is often the case in complex graphics.

The data = and mapping = specifications in the arguments are optional (and are often omitted in practice), so long as the data and the mapping values are passed into the function in the right order. In the examples below, however, they are left in place for clarity.

## Value

ggplot

#### See Also

The first steps chapter of the online ggplot2 book.

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## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    ggplot(ggplot2::aes(x = .cell, y = array_row)) +
    ggplot2::geom_point()
```

glimpse

Get a glimpse of your data

## **Description**

glimpse() is like a transposed version of print(): columns run down the page, and data runs across. This makes it possible to see every column in a data frame. It's a little like str() applied to a data frame but it tries to show you as much data as possible. (And it always shows the underlying data, even when applied to a remote data source.)

See format\_glimpse() for details on the formatting.

#### Value

x original x is (invisibly) returned, allowing glimpse() to be used within a data pipe line.

#### S3 methods

glimpse is an S3 generic with a customised method for tbls and data.frames, and a default method that calls str().

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    glimpse()
```

group\_by

Group by one or more variables

# Description

Most data operations are done on groups defined by variables. group\_by() takes an existing tbl and converts it into a grouped tbl where operations are performed "by group". ungroup() removes grouping.

#### Value

A grouped data frame with class grouped\_df, unless the combination of . . . and add yields a empty set of grouping columns, in which case a tibble will be returned.

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#### Methods

These function are **generics**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

Methods available in currently loaded packages:

```
• group_by(): no methods found.
```

• ungroup(): no methods found.

## **Ordering**

Currently, group\_by() internally orders the groups in ascending order. This results in ordered output from functions that aggregate groups, such as summarise().

When used as grouping columns, character vectors are ordered in the C locale for performance and reproducibility across R sessions. If the resulting ordering of your grouped operation matters and is dependent on the locale, you should follow up the grouped operation with an explicit call to arrange() and set the .locale argument. For example:

```
data %>%
  group_by(chr) %>%
  summarise(avg = mean(x)) %>%
  arrange(chr, .locale = "en")
```

This is often useful as a preliminary step before generating content intended for humans, such as an HTML table.

## Legacy behavior:

Prior to dplyr 1.1.0, character vector grouping columns were ordered in the system locale. If you need to temporarily revert to this behavior, you can set the global option dplyr.legacy\_locale to TRUE, but this should be used sparingly and you should expect this option to be removed in a future version of dplyr. It is better to update existing code to explicitly call arrange(.locale = ) instead. Note that setting dplyr.legacy\_locale will also force calls to arrange() to use the system locale.

## See Also

```
Other grouping functions: group_map(), group_nest(), group_split(), group_trim()
```

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    group_by(sample_id)
```

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Mutating joins

## **Description**

Mutating joins add columns from y to x, matching observations based on the keys. There are four mutating joins: the inner join, and the three outer joins.

# Inner join:

An inner\_join() only keeps observations from x that have a matching key in y.

The most important property of an inner join is that unmatched rows in either input are not included in the result. This means that generally inner joins are not appropriate in most analyses, because it is too easy to lose observations.

#### **Outer joins:**

The three outer joins keep observations that appear in at least one of the data frames:

- A left\_join() keeps all observations in x.
- A right\_join() keeps all observations in y.
- A full\_join() keeps all observations in x and y.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
inner_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c(".x", ".y"), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x, y

A pair of data frames, data frame extensions (e.g. a tibble), or lazy data frames (e.g. from dbplyr or dtplyr). See *Methods*, below, for more details.

A join specification created with join\_by(), or a character vector of variables to join by.

If NULL, the default, \*\_join() will perform a natural join, using all variables in common across x and y. A message lists the variables so that you can check they're correct; suppress the message by supplying by explicitly.

To join on different variables between x and y, use a join\_by() specification. For example,  $join_by(a == b)$  will match x\$a to y\$b.

To join by multiple variables, use a join\_by() specification with multiple expressions. For example,  $join_by(a == b, c == d)$  will match x\$a to y\$b and x\$c to y\$d. If the column names are the same between x and y, you can shorten this by listing only the variable names, like join\_by(a, c).

join\_by() can also be used to perform inequality, rolling, and overlap joins. See the documentation at ?join\_by for details on these types of joins.

For simple equality joins, you can alternatively specify a character vector of variable names to join by. For example, by = c("a", "b") joins x\$a to y\$a and x\$b to y\$b. If variable names differ between x and y, use a named character vector like by =  $c("x_a" = "y_a", "x_b" = "y_b")$ .

To perform a cross-join, generating all combinations of x and y, see cross\_join().

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copy	If x and y are not from the same data source, and copy is TRUE, then y will be copied into the same src as x. This allows you to join tables across srcs, but it is a potentially expensive operation so you must opt into it.
suffix	If there are non-joined duplicate variables in x and y, these suffixes will be added to the output to disambiguate them. Should be a character vector of length 2.
	Other parameters passed onto methods.

#### Value

An object of the same type as x (including the same groups). The order of the rows and columns of x is preserved as much as possible. The output has the following properties:

- The rows are affect by the join type.
  - inner\_join() returns matched x rows.
  - left\_join() returns all x rows.
  - right\_join() returns matched of x rows, followed by unmatched y rows.
  - full\_join() returns all x rows, followed by unmatched y rows.
- Output columns include all columns from x and all non-key columns from y. If keep = TRUE, the key columns from y are included as well.
- If non-key columns in x and y have the same name, suffixes are added to disambiguate. If keep = TRUE and key columns in x and y have the same name, suffixes are added to disambiguate these as well.
- If keep = FALSE, output columns included in by are coerced to their common type between x and y.

# Many-to-many relationships

By default, dplyr guards against many-to-many relationships in equality joins by throwing a warning. These occur when both of the following are true:

- A row in x matches multiple rows in y.
- A row in y matches multiple rows in x.

This is typically surprising, as most joins involve a relationship of one-to-one, one-to-many, or many-to-one, and is often the result of an improperly specified join. Many-to-many relationships are particularly problematic because they can result in a Cartesian explosion of the number of rows returned from the join.

If a many-to-many relationship is expected, silence this warning by explicitly setting relationship = "many-to-many".

In production code, it is best to preemptively set relationship to whatever relationship you expect to exist between the keys of x and y, as this forces an error to occur immediately if the data doesn't align with your expectations.

Inequality joins typically result in many-to-many relationships by nature, so they don't warn on them by default, but you should still take extra care when specifying an inequality join, because they also have the capability to return a large number of rows.

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Rolling joins don't warn on many-to-many relationships either, but many rolling joins follow a many-to-one relationship, so it is often useful to set relationship = "many-to-one" to enforce this.

Note that in SQL, most database providers won't let you specify a many-to-many relationship between two tables, instead requiring that you create a third *junction table* that results in two one-to-many relationships instead.

#### Methods

These functions are **generic**s, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

Methods available in currently loaded packages:

```
• inner_join(): no methods found.
```

- left\_join(): no methods found.
- right\_join(): no methods found.
- full\_join(): no methods found.

#### See Also

```
Other joins: cross_join(), filter-joins, nest_join()
```

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
  inner_join(
    spe |>
       filter(in_tissue == TRUE) |>
       mutate(new_column = 1)
    )
```

join\_features

Extract and join information for features.

# **Description**

join\_features() extracts and joins information for specified features

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## **Arguments**

.data A SpatialExperiment object

features A vector of feature identifiers to join

all If TRUE return all

shape Format of the returned table "long" or "wide"

.. Parameters to pass to join wide, i.e. assay name to extract feature abundance

from and gene prefix, for shape="wide"

## **Details**

This function extracts information for specified features and returns the information in either long or wide format.

#### Value

An object containing the information for the specified features

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    join_features(features = "ENSMUSG00000025900")
```

left\_join

Mutating joins

# Description

Mutating joins add columns from y to x, matching observations based on the keys. There are four mutating joins: the inner join, and the three outer joins.

#### Inner join:

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#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
left_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c(".x", ".y"), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

by

x, y A pair of data frames, data frame extensions (e.g. a tibble), or lazy data frames (e.g. from dbplyr or dtplyr). See *Methods*, below, for more details.

A join specification created with join\_by(), or a character vector of variables to join by.

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join\_by() can also be used to perform inequality, rolling, and overlap joins.
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a potentially expensive operation so you must opt into it.

If there are non-joined duplicate variables in x and y, these suffixes will be added to the output to disambiguate them. Should be a character vector of length 2.

Other parameters passed onto methods.

#### Value

An object of the same type as x (including the same groups). The order of the rows and columns of x is preserved as much as possible. The output has the following properties:

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If non-key columns in x and y have the same name, suffixes are added to disambiguate.
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#### Methods

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Methods available in currently loaded packages:

- inner\_join(): no methods found.
- left\_join(): no methods found.
- right\_join(): no methods found.
- full\_join(): no methods found.

## See Also

```
Other joins: cross_join(), filter-joins, nest_join()
```

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## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
   left_join(
      spe |>
        filter(in_tissue == TRUE) |>
        mutate(new_column = 1)
   )
```

mutate

Create, modify, and delete columns

## **Description**

mutate() creates new columns that are functions of existing variables. It can also modify (if the name is the same as an existing column) and delete columns (by setting their value to NULL).

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
mutate(.data, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

.data

A data frame, data frame extension (e.g. a tibble), or a lazy data frame (e.g. from dbplyr or dtplyr). See *Methods*, below, for more details.

. . .

<data-masking> Name-value pairs. The name gives the name of the column in
the output.

The value can be:

- A vector of length 1, which will be recycled to the correct length.
- A vector the same length as the current group (or the whole data frame if ungrouped).
- NULL, to remove the column.
- A data frame or tibble, to create multiple columns in the output.

## Value

An object of the same type as .data. The output has the following properties:

- Columns from .data will be preserved according to the .keep argument.
- Existing columns that are modified by . . . will always be returned in their original location.
- New columns created through . . . will be placed according to the .before and .after arguments.
- The number of rows is not affected.
- Columns given the value NULL will be removed.
- Groups will be recomputed if a grouping variable is mutated.
- Data frame attributes are preserved.

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## Useful mutate functions

```
+,-,log(), etc., for their usual mathematical meanings
lead(), lag()
dense_rank(), min_rank(), percent_rank(), row_number(), cume_dist(), ntile()
cumsum(), cummean(), cummin(), cummax(), cumany(), cumall()
na_if(), coalesce()
if_else(), recode(), case_when()
```

# **Grouped tibbles**

Because mutating expressions are computed within groups, they may yield different results on grouped tibbles. This will be the case as soon as an aggregating, lagging, or ranking function is involved. Compare this ungrouped mutate:

```
starwars %>%
  select(name, mass, species) %>%
  mutate(mass_norm = mass / mean(mass, na.rm = TRUE))
With the grouped equivalent:
starwars %>%
  select(name, mass, species) %>%
  group_by(species) %>%
  mutate(mass_norm = mass / mean(mass, na.rm = TRUE))
```

The former normalises mass by the global average whereas the latter normalises by the averages within species levels.

# Methods

This function is a **generic**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

Methods available in currently loaded packages: no methods found.

## See Also

```
Other single table verbs: arrange(), rename(), slice(), summarise()
```

# Examples

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    mutate(array_col = 1)
```

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nest

Nest rows into a list-column of data frames

# **Description**

Nesting creates a list-column of data frames; unnesting flattens it back out into regular columns. Nesting is implicitly a summarising operation: you get one row for each group defined by the non-nested columns. This is useful in conjunction with other summaries that work with whole datasets, most notably models.

Learn more in vignette("nest").

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
nest(.data, ..., .names_sep = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

. data A data frame.

.. <tidy-select> Columns to nest; these will appear in the inner data frames.

Specified using name-variable pairs of the form  $new_col = c(col1, col2, col3)$ .

The right hand side can be any valid tidyselect expression.

If not supplied, then ... is derived as all columns *not* selected by .by, and will

use the column name from .key.

[Deprecated]: previously you could write df %>% nest(x, y, z). Convert to

df % nest(data = c(x, y, z)).

. names\_sep If NULL, the default, the inner names will come from the former outer names. If

a string, the new inner names will use the outer names with names\_sep automatically stripped. This makes names\_sep roughly symmetric between nesting

and unnesting.

## **Details**

If neither ... nor .by are supplied, nest() will nest all variables, and will use the column name supplied through .key.

## Value

```
tidySpatialExperiment_nested
```

## New syntax

tidyr 1.0.0 introduced a new syntax for nest() and unnest() that's designed to be more similar to other functions. Converting to the new syntax should be straightforward (guided by the message you'll receive) but if you just need to run an old analysis, you can easily revert to the previous behaviour using nest\_legacy() and unnest\_legacy() as follows:

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```
library(tidyr)
nest <- nest_legacy
unnest <- unnest_legacy</pre>
```

## **Grouped data frames**

df %>% nest(data = c(x, y)) specifies the columns to be nested; i.e. the columns that will appear in the inner data frame. df %>% nest(.by = c(x, y)) specifies the columns to nest by; i.e. the columns that will remain in the outer data frame. An alternative way to achieve the latter is to nest() a grouped data frame created by dplyr::group\_by(). The grouping variables remain in the outer data frame and the others are nested. The result preserves the grouping of the input.

Variables supplied to nest() will override grouping variables so that df %% group\_by(x, y) %% nest(data = !z) will be equivalent to df %% nest(data = !z).

You can't supply .by with a grouped data frame, as the groups already represent what you are nesting by.

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    nest(data = -sample_id)
```

pivot\_longer

Pivot data from wide to long

## **Description**

pivot\_longer() "lengthens" data, increasing the number of rows and decreasing the number of columns. The inverse transformation is pivot\_wider()

Learn more in vignette("pivot").

## **Details**

pivot\_longer() is an updated approach to gather(), designed to be both simpler to use and to handle more use cases. We recommend you use pivot\_longer() for new code; gather() isn't going away but is no longer under active development.

#### Value

```
tidySingleCellExperiment
```

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    pivot_longer(c(array_row, array_col), names_to = "dimension", values_to = "location")
```

plot\_ly

plot\_ly

Initiate a plotly visualization

# **Description**

This function maps R objects to plotly.js, an (MIT licensed) web-based interactive charting library. It provides abstractions for doing common things (e.g. mapping data values to fill colors (via color) or creating animations (via frame)) and sets some different defaults to make the interface feel more 'R-like' (i.e., closer to plot() and ggplot2::qplot()).

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
plot_ly(
  data = data.frame(),
  . . . ,
  type = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  color = NULL,
  colors = NULL,
  alpha = NULL,
  stroke = NULL,
  strokes = NULL,
  alpha_stroke = 1,
  size = NULL,
  sizes = c(10, 100),
  span = NULL,
  spans = c(1, 20),
  symbol = NULL,
  symbols = NULL,
  linetype = NULL,
  linetypes = NULL,
  split = NULL,
  frame = NULL,
  width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  source = "A"
)
```

## **Arguments**

data

A data frame (optional) or crosstalk::SharedData object.

. . .

Arguments (i.e., attributes) passed along to the trace type. See schema() for a list of acceptable attributes for a given trace type (by going to traces -> type -> attributes). Note that attributes provided at this level may override other arguments (e.g.  $plot_ly(x = 1:10, y = 1:10, color = I("red"), marker = list(color = "blue"))).$ 

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type

height

A character string specifying the trace type (e.g. "scatter", "bar", "box",

etc). If specified, it always creates a trace, otherwise Values mapped to the trace's name attribute. Since a trace can only have one name name, this argument acts very much like split in that it creates one trace for every unique value. color Values mapped to relevant 'fill-color' attribute(s) (e.g. fillcolor, marker.color, textfont.color, etc.). The mapping from data values to color codes may be controlled using colors and alpha, or avoided altogether via I() (e.g., color = I("red")). Any color understood by grDevices::col2rgb() may be used in this way. colors Either a colorbrewer2.org palette name (e.g. "YlOrRd" or "Blues"), or a vector of colors to interpolate in hexadecimal "#RRGGBB" format, or a color interpolation function like colorRamp(). A number between 0 and 1 specifying the alpha channel applied to color. Dealpha faults to 0.5 when mapping to fillcolor and 1 otherwise. stroke Similar to color, but values are mapped to relevant 'stroke-color' attribute(s) (e.g., marker.line.color and line.color for filled polygons). If not specified, stroke inherits from color. strokes Similar to colors, but controls the stroke mapping. alpha\_stroke Similar to alpha, but applied to stroke. (Numeric) values mapped to relevant 'fill-size' attribute(s) (e.g., marker.size, size textfont.size, and error\_x.width). The mapping from data values to symbols may be controlled using sizes, or avoided altogether via I() (e.g., size = I(30)). A numeric vector of length 2 used to scale size to pixels. sizes (Numeric) values mapped to relevant 'stroke-size' attribute(s) (e.g., marker.line.width, span line.width for filled polygons, and error\_x.thickness) The mapping from data values to symbols may be controlled using spans, or avoided altogether via I() (e.g., span = I(30)).A numeric vector of length 2 used to scale span to pixels. spans symbol (Discrete) values mapped to marker.symbol. The mapping from data values to symbols may be controlled using symbols, or avoided altogether via I() (e.g., symbol = I("pentagon")). Any pch value or symbol name may be used in this way. A character vector of pch values or symbol names. symbols (Discrete) values mapped to line.dash. The mapping from data values to symlinetype bols may be controlled using linetypes, or avoided altogether via I() (e.g., linetype = I("dash")). Any lty (see par) value or dash name may be used in this way. linetypes A character vector of 1ty values or dash names split (Discrete) values used to create multiple traces (one trace per value). frame (Discrete) values used to create animation frames. width Width in pixels (optional, defaults to automatic sizing).

Height in pixels (optional, defaults to automatic sizing).

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source

a character string of length 1. Match the value of this string with the source argument in event\_data() to retrieve the event data corresponding to a specific plot (shiny apps can have multiple plots).

#### **Details**

Unless type is specified, this function just initiates a plotly object with 'global' attributes that are passed onto downstream uses of add\_trace() (or similar). A formula must always be used when referencing column name(s) in data (e.g.  $plot_ly(mtcars, x = \sim wt)$ ). Formulas are optional when supplying values directly, but they do help inform default axis/scale titles (e.g.,  $plot_ly(x = wtcars wt)$ ) vs  $plot_ly(x = wtcars wt)$ )

#### Value

plotly

## Author(s)

Carson Sievert

#### References

```
https://plotly-r.com/overview.html
```

## See Also

- For initializing a plotly-geo object: plot\_geo()
- For initializing a plotly-mapbox object: plot\_mapbox()
- For translating a ggplot2 object to a plotly object: ggplotly()
- For modifying any plotly object: layout(), add\_trace(), style()
- For linked brushing: highlight()
- For arranging multiple plots: subplot(), crosstalk::bscols()
- For inspecting plotly objects: plotly\_json()
- For quick, accurate, and searchable plotly.js reference: schema()

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    plot_ly(x = ~ array_col, y = ~ array_row)
```

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pull

Extract a single column

# **Description**

pull() is similar to \$. It's mostly useful because it looks a little nicer in pipes, it also works with remote data frames, and it can optionally name the output.

#### Value

A vector the same size as .data.

## Methods

This function is a **generic**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

The following methods are currently available in loaded packages: no methods found.

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    pull(in_tissue)
```

quo\_names

Convert array of quosure (e.g. c(col\_a, col\_b)) into character vector

# **Description**

Convert array of quosure (e.g. c(col\_a, col\_b)) into character vector

# Usage

```
quo_names(v)
```

# **Arguments**

V

A array of quosures (e.g. c(col\_a, col\_b))

## Value

A character vector

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rectangle

Rectangle Gating Function

# **Description**

Determines whether points specified by spatial coordinates are within a defined rectangle.

# Usage

```
rectangle(spatial_coord1, spatial_coord2, center, height, width)
```

## **Arguments**

```
spatial_coord1 Numeric vector for x-coordinates (e.g., array_col)

spatial_coord2 Numeric vector for y-coordinates (e.g., array_row)

center Numeric vector of length 2 specifying the center of the rectangle (x, y)

height The height of the rectangle

width The width of the rectangle
```

#### Value

Logical vector indicating points within the rectangle

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    mutate(in_rectangle = rectangle(
        array_col, array_row, center = c(50, 50), height = 20, width = 10)
    )
```

rename

Rename columns

#### **Description**

rename() changes the names of individual variables using new\_name = old\_name syntax; rename\_with() renames columns using a function.

## Value

An object of the same type as .data. The output has the following properties:

- · Rows are not affected.
- Column names are changed; column order is preserved.
- Data frame attributes are preserved.
- Groups are updated to reflect new names.

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#### Methods

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The following methods are currently available in loaded packages: no methods found.

#### See Also

```
Other single table verbs: arrange(), mutate(), slice(), summarise()
```

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    rename(in_liver = in_tissue)
```

right\_join

Mutating joins

# **Description**

Mutating joins add columns from y to x, matching observations based on the keys. There are four mutating joins: the inner join, and the three outer joins.

# Inner join:

An inner\_join() only keeps observations from x that have a matching key in y.

The most important property of an inner join is that unmatched rows in either input are not included in the result. This means that generally inner joins are not appropriate in most analyses, because it is too easy to lose observations.

# **Outer joins:**

The three outer joins keep observations that appear in at least one of the data frames:

- A left\_join() keeps all observations in x.
- A right\_join() keeps all observations in y.
- A full\_join() keeps all observations in x and y.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment' right_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c(".x", ".y"), ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x, y

A pair of data frames, data frame extensions (e.g. a tibble), or lazy data frames (e.g. from dbplyr or dtplyr). See *Methods*, below, for more details.

by

A join specification created with join\_by(), or a character vector of variables to join by.

If NULL, the default, \*\_join() will perform a natural join, using all variables in common across x and y. A message lists the variables so that you can check they're correct; suppress the message by supplying by explicitly.

To join on different variables between x and y, use a join\_by() specification. For example,  $join_by(a == b)$  will match x\$a to y\$b.

To join by multiple variables, use a join\_by() specification with multiple expressions. For example,  $join_by(a == b, c == d)$  will match x\$a to y\$b and x\$c to y\$d. If the column names are the same between x and y, you can shorten this by listing only the variable names, like join\_by(a, c).

join\_by() can also be used to perform inequality, rolling, and overlap joins. See the documentation at ?join\_by for details on these types of joins.

For simple equality joins, you can alternatively specify a character vector of variable names to join by. For example, by = c("a", "b") joins x\$a to y\$a and x\$b to y\$b. If variable names differ between x and y, use a named character vector like by =  $c("x_a" = "y_a", "x_b" = "y_b")$ .

To perform a cross-join, generating all combinations of x and y, see cross\_join().

copy

If x and y are not from the same data source, and copy is TRUE, then y will be copied into the same src as x. This allows you to join tables across srcs, but it is a potentially expensive operation so you must opt into it.

suffix

If there are non-joined duplicate variables in x and y, these suffixes will be added to the output to disambiguate them. Should be a character vector of length 2.

Other parameters passed onto methods.

## Value

An object of the same type as x (including the same groups). The order of the rows and columns of x is preserved as much as possible. The output has the following properties:

- The rows are affect by the join type.
  - inner\_join() returns matched x rows.
  - left\_join() returns all x rows.
  - right\_join() returns matched of x rows, followed by unmatched y rows.
  - full\_join() returns all x rows, followed by unmatched y rows.
- Output columns include all columns from x and all non-key columns from y. If keep = TRUE, the key columns from y are included as well.
- If non-key columns in x and y have the same name, suffixes are added to disambiguate. If keep = TRUE and key columns in x and y have the same name, suffixes are added to disambiguate these as well.
- If keep = FALSE, output columns included in by are coerced to their common type between x and y.

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## Many-to-many relationships

By default, dplyr guards against many-to-many relationships in equality joins by throwing a warning. These occur when both of the following are true:

- A row in x matches multiple rows in y.
- A row in y matches multiple rows in x.

This is typically surprising, as most joins involve a relationship of one-to-one, one-to-many, or many-to-one, and is often the result of an improperly specified join. Many-to-many relationships are particularly problematic because they can result in a Cartesian explosion of the number of rows returned from the join.

If a many-to-many relationship is expected, silence this warning by explicitly setting relationship = "many-to-many".

In production code, it is best to preemptively set relationship to whatever relationship you expect to exist between the keys of x and y, as this forces an error to occur immediately if the data doesn't align with your expectations.

Inequality joins typically result in many-to-many relationships by nature, so they don't warn on them by default, but you should still take extra care when specifying an inequality join, because they also have the capability to return a large number of rows.

Rolling joins don't warn on many-to-many relationships either, but many rolling joins follow a many-to-one relationship, so it is often useful to set relationship = "many-to-one" to enforce this.

Note that in SQL, most database providers won't let you specify a many-to-many relationship between two tables, instead requiring that you create a third *junction table* that results in two one-to-many relationships instead.

#### Methods

These functions are **generics**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

Methods available in currently loaded packages:

- inner\_join(): no methods found.
- left\_join(): no methods found.
- right\_join(): no methods found.
- full\_join(): no methods found.

# See Also

```
Other joins: cross_join(), filter-joins, nest_join()
```

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# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)

spe |>
    right_join(
    spe |>
        filter(in_tissue == TRUE) |>
        mutate(new_column = 1)
    )
```

rowwise

Group input by rows

# **Description**

rowwise() allows you to compute on a data frame a row-at-a-time. This is most useful when a vectorised function doesn't exist.

Most dplyr verbs preserve row-wise grouping. The exception is summarise(), which return a grouped\_df. You can explicitly ungroup with ungroup() or as\_tibble(), or convert to a grouped\_df with group\_by().

# Value

A row-wise data frame with class rowwise\_df. Note that a rowwise\_df is implicitly grouped by row, but is not a grouped\_df.

## List-columns

Because a rowwise has exactly one row per group it offers a small convenience for working with list-columns. Normally, summarise() and mutate() extract a groups worth of data with [. But when you index a list in this way, you get back another list. When you're working with a rowwise tibble, then dplyr will use [[ instead of [ to make your life a little easier.

# See Also

nest\_by() for a convenient way of creating rowwise data frames with nested data.

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    rowwise()
```

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sample_n	Sample n rows from a table	

# **Description**

[Superseded] sample\_n() and sample\_frac() have been superseded in favour of slice\_sample(). While they will not be deprecated in the near future, retirement means that we will only perform critical bug fixes, so we recommend moving to the newer alternative.

These functions were superseded because we realised it was more convenient to have two mutually exclusive arguments to one function, rather than two separate functions. This also made it to clean up a few other smaller design issues with sample\_n()/sample\_frac:

- The connection to slice() was not obvious.
- The name of the first argument, tbl, is inconsistent with other single table verbs which use .data.
- The size argument uses tidy evaluation, which is surprising and undocumented.
- It was easier to remove the deprecated .env argument.
- ... was in a suboptimal position.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
sample_n(tbl, size, replace = FALSE, weight = NULL, .env = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
sample_frac(tbl, size = 1, replace = FALSE, weight = NULL, .env = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

tbl	A data.frame.
size	<pre><tidy-select> For sample_n(), the number of rows to select. For sample_frac(), the fraction of rows to select. If tbl is grouped, size applies to each group.</tidy-select></pre>
replace	Sample with or without replacement?
weight	<tidy-select> Sampling weights. This must evaluate to a vector of non-negative numbers the same length as the input. Weights are automatically standardised to sum to 1.</tidy-select>
.env	DEPRECATED.
	ignored

### Value

```
tidySpatialExperiment
```

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    sample_n(10)
spe |>
    sample_frac(0.1)
```

select

Keep or drop columns using their names and types

# **Description**

Select (and optionally rename) variables in a data frame, using a concise mini-language that makes it easy to refer to variables based on their name (e.g. a:f selects all columns from a on the left to f on the right) or type (e.g. where (is.numeric) selects all numeric columns).

#### Overview of selection features:

Tidyverse selections implement a dialect of R where operators make it easy to select variables:

- : for selecting a range of consecutive variables.
- ! for taking the complement of a set of variables.
- & and | for selecting the intersection or the union of two sets of variables.
- c() for combining selections.

In addition, you can use selection helpers. Some helpers select specific columns:

- everything(): Matches all variables.
- last\_col(): Select last variable, possibly with an offset.
- group\_cols(): Select all grouping columns.

Other helpers select variables by matching patterns in their names:

- starts\_with(): Starts with a prefix.
- ends\_with(): Ends with a suffix.
- contains(): Contains a literal string.
- matches(): Matches a regular expression.
- num\_range(): Matches a numerical range like x01, x02, x03.

Or from variables stored in a character vector:

- all\_of(): Matches variable names in a character vector. All names must be present, otherwise an out-of-bounds error is thrown.
- any\_of(): Same as all\_of(), except that no error is thrown for names that don't exist.

Or using a predicate function:

 where(): Applies a function to all variables and selects those for which the function returns TRUE.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
select(.data, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

.data A data frame, data frame extension (e.g. a tibble), or a lazy data frame (e.g. from dbplyr or dtplyr). See *Methods*, below, for more details.
 ... <tidy-select> One or more unquoted expressions separated by commas. Variable names can be used as if they were positions in the data frame, so expressions like x:y can be used to select a range of variables.

#### Value

An object of the same type as .data. The output has the following properties:

- · Rows are not affected.
- Output columns are a subset of input columns, potentially with a different order. Columns will be renamed if new\_name = old\_name form is used.
- Data frame attributes are preserved.
- Groups are maintained; you can't select off grouping variables.

# Methods

This function is a **generic**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

The following methods are currently available in loaded packages: no methods found.

# **Examples**

Here we show the usage for the basic selection operators. See the specific help pages to learn about helpers like starts\_with().

The selection language can be used in functions like dplyr::select() or tidyr::pivot\_longer(). Let's first attach the tidyverse:

```
library(tidyverse)

# For better printing
iris <- as_tibble(iris)

Select variables by name:

starwars %>% select(height)
#> # A tibble: 87 x 1
#> height
#> <int>
```

```
#> 1
        172
#> 2
        167
#> 3
         96
#> 4
        202
#> # i 83 more rows
iris %>% pivot_longer(Sepal.Length)
#> # A tibble: 150 x 6
     Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species name
                                                                 value
#>
           <dbl>
                        <dbl>
                                    <dbl> <fct>
                                                   <chr>
                                                                 <dbl>
#> 1
             3.5
                          1.4
                                       0.2 setosa Sepal.Length
                                                                   5.1
#> 2
             3
                          1.4
                                       0.2 setosa Sepal.Length
                                                                   4.9
#> 3
             3.2
                                                                   4.7
                          1.3
                                       0.2 setosa Sepal.Length
#> 4
             3.1
                          1.5
                                       0.2 setosa Sepal.Length
                                                                   4.6
#> # i 146 more rows
```

Select multiple variables by separating them with commas. Note how the order of columns is determined by the order of inputs:

```
starwars %>% select(homeworld, height, mass)
#> # A tibble: 87 x 3
     homeworld height mass
#>
                <int> <dbl>
#>
     <chr>
#> 1 Tatooine
                  172
                          77
#> 2 Tatooine
                  167
                          75
#> 3 Naboo
                   96
                          32
#> 4 Tatooine
                  202
                        136
#> # i 83 more rows
```

Functions like tidyr::pivot\_longer() don't take variables with dots. In this case use c() to select multiple variables:

```
iris %>% pivot_longer(c(Sepal.Length, Petal.Length))
#> # A tibble: 300 x 5
#>
     Sepal.Width Petal.Width Species name
                                                   value
                                     <chr>
                                                   <dbl>
#>
           <dbl>
                       <dbl> <fct>
#> 1
             3.5
                         0.2 setosa Sepal.Length
                                                     5.1
#> 2
             3.5
                         0.2 setosa Petal.Length
                                                     1.4
#> 3
             3
                         0.2 setosa Sepal.Length
                                                     4.9
             3
#> 4
                         0.2 setosa Petal.Length
#> # i 296 more rows
```

# **Operators::**

The : operator selects a range of consecutive variables:

```
#> 1 Luke Skywalker
                        172
                               77
#> 2 C-3P0
                        167
                               75
#> 3 R2-D2
                         96
                               32
#> 4 Darth Vader
                        202
                              136
#> # i 83 more rows
The ! operator negates a selection:
starwars %>% select(!(name:mass))
#> # A tibble: 87 x 11
  hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year sex gender
                                                               homeworld species
     <chr>
                <chr>
                            <chr>
                                           <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                                                                  <chr>
#> 1 blond
                fair
                                           19
                                                male masculine Tatooine
                                                                           Human
                            blue
#> 2 <NA>
                                           112
                                                 none masculine Tatooine
                                                                           Droid
                gold
                            yellow
#> 3 <NA>
                white, blue red
                                            33
                                                 none masculine Naboo
                                                                            Droid
#> 4 none
                                           41.9 male masculine Tatooine Human
                white
                            yellow
#> # i 83 more rows
#> # i 3 more variables: films <list>, vehicles <list>, starships <list>
iris %>% select(!c(Sepal.Length, Petal.Length))
#> # A tibble: 150 x 3
     Sepal.Width Petal.Width Species
#>
           <dbl>
                       <dbl> <fct>
#> 1
             3.5
                          0.2 setosa
#> 2
             3
                          0.2 setosa
#> 3
             3.2
                          0.2 setosa
#> 4
             3.1
                          0.2 setosa
#> # i 146 more rows
iris %>% select(!ends_with("Width"))
#> # A tibble: 150 x 3
#>
     Sepal.Length Petal.Length Species
#>
            <dbl>
                          <dbl> <fct>
#> 1
              5.1
                            1.4 setosa
#> 2
              4.9
                            1.4 setosa
#> 3
              4.7
                            1.3 setosa
              4.6
                            1.5 setosa
#> # i 146 more rows
& and | take the intersection or the union of two selections:
iris %>% select(starts_with("Petal") & ends_with("Width"))
#> # A tibble: 150 x 1
#>
     Petal.Width
#>
           <dbl>
#> 1
             0.2
#> 2
             0.2
#> 3
             0.2
#> 4
             0.2
#> # i 146 more rows
```

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```
iris %>% select(starts_with("Petal") | ends_with("Width"))
#> # A tibble: 150 x 3
    Petal.Length Petal.Width Sepal.Width
#>
#>
            <dbl>
                        <dbl>
                                    <dbl>
#> 1
              1.4
                          0.2
                                       3.5
#> 2
              1.4
                          0.2
                                       3
#> 3
                                       3.2
              1.3
                          0.2
#> 4
              1.5
                          0.2
                                       3.1
#> # i 146 more rows
```

To take the difference between two selections, combine the & and ! operators:

# See Also

Other single table verbs: arrange(), filter(), mutate(), reframe(), rename(), slice(), summarise()

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    select(in_tissue)
```

separate

Separate a character column into multiple columns with a regular expression or numeric locations

# **Description**

# [Superseded]

separate() has been superseded in favour of separate\_wider\_position() and separate\_wider\_delim() because the two functions make the two uses more obvious, the API is more polished, and the handling of problems is better. Superseded functions will not go away, but will only receive critical bug fixes.

Given either a regular expression or a vector of character positions, separate() turns a single character column into multiple columns.

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# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
separate(
  data,
  col,
  into,
  sep = "[^[:alnum:]]+",
  remove = TRUE,
  convert = FALSE,
  extra = "warn",
  fill = "warn",
  ...
)
```

# **Arguments**

data A data frame.

col <tidy-select> Column to expand.

into Names of new variables to create as character vector. Use NA to omit the variable in the output.

sep Separator between columns.

If character, sep is interpreted as a regular expression. The default value is a regular expression that matches any sequence of non-alphanumeric values.

regular expression that matches any sequence of non-alphanumeric values. If numeric, sep is interpreted as character positions to split at. Positive values start at 1 at the far-left of the string; negative value start at -1 at the far-right of

the string. The length of sep should be one less than into.

remove If TRUE, remove input column from output data frame.

convert If TRUE, will run type.convert() with as.is = TRUE on new columns. This is

useful if the component columns are integer, numeric or logical.

NB: this will cause string "NA"s to be converted to NAs.

extra If sep is a character vector, this controls what happens when there are too many

pieces. There are three valid options:

• "warn" (the default): emit a warning and drop extra values.

• "drop": drop any extra values without a warning.

• "merge": only splits at most length(into) times

fill If sep is a character vector, this controls what happens when there are not

enough pieces. There are three valid options:

• "warn" (the default): emit a warning and fill from the right

• "right": fill with missing values on the right

• "left": fill with missing values on the left

Additional arguments passed on to methods.

# Value

tidySpatialExperiment

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## See Also

unite(), the complement, extract() which uses regular expression capturing groups.

## **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    separate(col = sample_id, into = c("A", "B"), sep = "[[:alnum:]]n")
```

slice

Subset rows using their positions

# **Description**

slice() lets you index rows by their (integer) locations. It allows you to select, remove, and duplicate rows. It is accompanied by a number of helpers for common use cases:

- slice\_head() and slice\_tail() select the first or last rows.
- slice\_sample() randomly selects rows.
- slice\_min() and slice\_max() select rows with the smallest or largest values of a variable.

If . data is a grouped\_df, the operation will be performed on each group, so that (e.g.)  $slice_head(df, n = 5)$  will select the first five rows in each group.

# **Details**

Slice does not work with relational databases because they have no intrinsic notion of row order. If you want to perform the equivalent operation, use filter() and row\_number().

## Value

An object of the same type as .data. The output has the following properties:

- Each row may appear 0, 1, or many times in the output.
- Columns are not modified.
- Groups are not modified.
- Data frame attributes are preserved.

## Methods

These function are **generics**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

Methods available in currently loaded packages:

• slice(): no methods found.

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```
• slice_head(): no methods found.
```

- slice\_tail(): no methods found.
- slice\_min(): no methods found.
- slice\_max(): no methods found.
- slice\_sample(): no methods found.

#### See Also

Other single table verbs: arrange(), mutate(), rename(), summarise()

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    slice(1)
```

summarise

Summarise each group down to one row

# **Description**

summarise() creates a new data frame. It returns one row for each combination of grouping variables; if there are no grouping variables, the output will have a single row summarising all observations in the input. It will contain one column for each grouping variable and one column for each of the summary statistics that you have specified.

summarise() and summarize() are synonyms.

#### Value

An object usually of the same type as .data.

- The rows come from the underlying group\_keys().
- The columns are a combination of the grouping keys and the summary expressions that you provide.
- The grouping structure is controlled by the .groups= argument, the output may be another grouped\_df, a tibble or a rowwise data frame.
- Data frame attributes are not preserved, because summarise() fundamentally creates a new data frame.

#### **Useful functions**

```
Center: mean(), median()
Spread: sd(), IQR(), mad()
Range: min(), max(),
Position: first(), last(), nth(),
Count: n(), n_distinct()
Logical: any(), all()
```

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# **Backend variations**

The data frame backend supports creating a variable and using it in the same summary. This means that previously created summary variables can be further transformed or combined within the summary, as in mutate(). However, it also means that summary variables with the same names as previous variables overwrite them, making those variables unavailable to later summary variables.

This behaviour may not be supported in other backends. To avoid unexpected results, consider using new names for your summary variables, especially when creating multiple summaries.

#### Methods

This function is a **generic**, which means that packages can provide implementations (methods) for other classes. See the documentation of individual methods for extra arguments and differences in behaviour.

The following methods are currently available in loaded packages: no methods found.

# See Also

```
Other single table verbs: arrange(), mutate(), rename(), slice()
```

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    summarise(mean(array_row))
```

tbl\_format\_header

Format the header of a tibble

# **Description**

#### [Experimental]

For easier customization, the formatting of a tibble is split into three components: header, body, and footer. The tbl\_format\_header() method is responsible for formatting the header of a tibble.

Override this method if you need to change the appearance of the entire header. If you only need to change or extend the components shown in the header, override or extend tbl\_sum() for your class which is called by the default method.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tidySpatialExperiment'
tbl_format_header(x, setup, ...)
```

## Arguments

```
x A tibble-like object.setup A setup object returned from tbl_format_setup().... These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.
```

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# Value

A character vector.

# **Examples**

# TODO

unite

Unite multiple columns into one by pasting strings together

# **Description**

Convenience function to paste together multiple columns into one.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SpatialExperiment'
unite(data, col, ..., sep = "_", remove = TRUE, na.rm = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

data A data frame.

col The name of the new column, as a string or symbol.

This argument is passed by expression and supports quasiquotation (you can unquote strings and symbols). The name is captured from the expression with rlang::ensym() (note that this kind of interface where symbols do not represent actual objects is now discouraged in the tidyverse; we support it here for

backward compatibility).

... <tidy-select> Columns to unite sep
Separator to use between values.

remove If TRUE, remove input columns from output data frame.

na.rm If TRUE, missing values will be removed prior to uniting each value.

# Value

tidySpatialExperiment

#### See Also

```
separate(), the complement.
```

# **Examples**

```
example(read10xVisium)
spe |>
    unite("A", array_row:array_col)
```

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unnest

Unnest a list-column of data frames into rows and columns

# Description

Unnest expands a list-column containing data frames into rows and columns.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'tidySpatialExperiment_nested'
unnest(
    data,
    cols,
    ...,
    keep_empty = FALSE,
    ptype = NULL,
    names_sep = NULL,
    names_repair = "check_unique",
    .drop,
    .id,
    .sep,
    .preserve
)
```

# **Arguments**

data	A data frame.
cols	<tidy-select> List-columns to unnest.</tidy-select>
	When selecting multiple columns, values from the same row will be recycled to their common size.
	[Deprecated]: previously you could write df %>% unnest(x, y, z). Convert to df %>% unnest(c(x, y, z)). If you previously created a new variable in unnest() you'll now need to do it explicitly with mutate(). Convert df %>% unnest(y = $fun(x, y, z)$ ) to df %>% mutate(y = $fun(x, y, z)$ ) %>% unnest(y).
keep_empty	By default, you get one row of output for each element of the list that you are unchopping/unnesting. This means that if there's a size-0 element (like NULL or an empty data frame or vector), then that entire row will be dropped from the output. If you want to preserve all rows, use keep_empty = TRUE to replace size-0 elements with a single row of missing values.
ptype	Optionally, a named list of column name-prototype pairs to coerce cols to, over- riding the default that will be guessed from combining the individual values. Alternatively, a single empty ptype can be supplied, which will be applied to all cols.
names_sep	If NULL, the default, the outer names will come from the inner names. If a string, the outer names will be formed by pasting together the outer and the inner column names, separated by names_sep.

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names\_repair

Used to check that output data frame has valid names. Must be one of the following options:

- "minimal": no name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
- "unique": make sure names are unique and not empty,
- "check\_unique": (the default), no name repair, but check they are unique,
- "universal": make the names unique and syntactic
- a function: apply custom name repair.
- tidyr\_legacy: use the name repair from tidyr 0.8.
- a formula: a purrr-style anonymous function (see rlang::as\_function())

See vctrs::vec\_as\_names() for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

.drop, .preserve

[Deprecated]: all list-columns are now preserved; If there are any that you don't want in the output use select() to remove them prior to unnesting.

.id [Deprecated]: convert df %>% unnest(x, .id = "id") to df %>% mutate(id = names(x)) %>% unnest
.sep [Deprecated]: use names\_sep instead.

#### Value

tidySpatialExperiment

# New syntax

tidyr 1.0.0 introduced a new syntax for nest() and unnest() that's designed to be more similar to other functions. Converting to the new syntax should be straightforward (guided by the message you'll receive) but if you just need to run an old analysis, you can easily revert to the previous behaviour using nest\_legacy() and unnest\_legacy() as follows:

```
library(tidyr)
nest <- nest_legacy
unnest <- unnest_legacy</pre>
```

# See Also

Other rectangling: hoist(), unnest\_longer(), unnest\_wider()

# **Examples**

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example(read10xVisium)
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   nest(data = -sample_id) |>
   unnest(data)
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