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## Description

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## Details

This package provide an efficient approach to manage data by structurizing the column names. A column name is generally seen as a character object, while if it has a very organized pattern, such as "\*-\*-\*-\*" for example (each \* mark presents a different condition), it must has a certain mapping relationship to a specific tensor. This package uses two data structure: double list and vector binary tree, to implement the conversion between the character vector and tensor. It affords various inquiry methods, which was mainly driven by vector binary tree, to extract the highly customizable subset from original data.

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**See Also**

[to.tensor](#), [pos.tensor](#).

**Examples**

```
#View the data to be visited:
summary(datatest)
colnames(datatest)

#Structurize colnames of data into vector binary tree:
dl <- chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest))
vbt <- dl2vbt(dl)
vbt

#Setting subset in different forms, for example the pattern
#"Strain-(900~1100)-(0.01, 1)-0.6" is desired:
subunregdl <- list(c(1), c(1:5), c(2,4), c(1)) # undefined double list
subregdl <- advbtinq(vbt, subunregdl) # regularized double list
subvbt <- dl2vbt(subregdl) # sub vector binary tree
subts <- vbt2ts(subvbt) # tensor
subarr <- vbt2arr(subvbt) # array
subchrvec <- as.vector(subarr) # character vector

#Visit the data through different methods:
datavisit(datatest, subunregdl) # by handmade double list
datavisit(datatest, subregdl) # by defined double list
datavisit(datatest, subvbt) # by vector binary tree
datavisit(datatest, subts) # by tensor
datavisit(datatest, subarr) # by array
datavisit(datatest, subchrvec) # by character vector
```

## Description

Advanced visiting for the vector binary tree. Return a double list by specific assignment determined by the argument *inq*.

## Usage

```
advbtinq(x, inq)
```

## Arguments

- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| <i>x</i>   | The vector binary tree to be visited. Traversal is achievable through invalid assignment in desired layer.   |
| <i>inq</i> | An integer double list to determine the location to be visited. The length of <i>inq</i> should be the same as the layers of visited vector binary tree, while all elements in vector in each layer of <i>inq</i> should not over the intrinsic length of visited vector binary tree layer, otherwise all elements will be returned in this layer. |

## Value

Return a double list according to the argument *inq*.

## See Also

[vbtinq](#), [vbtsub](#), [advbtsub](#).

## Examples

```
#Make vector binary tree:
colnamevbt <- dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))

#Visit by specific assignment:
visit <- list(c(2), c(3:6), c(2,4), 1)
advbtinq(colnamevbt, visit)

#Traversal of the second layers:
visit <- list(c(2), colnamevbt$dims[2]+1, c(2,4), 1)
advbtinq(colnamevbt, visit)

#Invalid assignments in 1st and 3rd layers:
visit <- list(c(3), c(3:6), c(5), 1)
advbtinq(colnamevbt, visit)
```

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**advbtsub***Using double list to generate sub tree from vector binary tree*

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## Description

Advanced visiting for the vector binary tree. Generating a sub tree from visited vector binary tree, through specific assignment determined by the argument `inq`.

## Usage

```
advbtsub(x, inq)
```

## Arguments

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>   | The vector binary tree to be visited. Traversal is achievable through invalid assignment in desired layers.   |
| <code>inq</code> | An integer double list to determine the visiting location. The length of <code>inq</code> should be the same as the layers of visited vector binary tree. If any assign element in specified layer exceeds its intrinsic length of visited vector binary tree layer, all elements will be returned in this layer. |

## Value

Return a sub tree from visited vector binary tree, according to the argument `inq`.

## See Also

[vbtinq](#), [vbtsub](#), [advbting](#).

## Examples

```
#Make vector binary tree:  
colnamevbt <- dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))  
  
#Visit by specific assignment:  
visit <- list(c(2), c(3:6), c(2,4), 1)  
advbtsub(colnamevbt, visit)  
  
#Traversal of the second layers:  
visit <- list(c(2), colnamevbt$dims[2]+1, c(2,4), 1)  
advbtsub(colnamevbt, visit)  
  
#Invalid assignments in 1st and 3rd layers:  
visit <- list(c(3), c(3:6), c(5), 1)  
advbtsub(colnamevbt, visit)
```

**arr2dl***Convert a structured character array to double list***Description**

Convert a structured character array to a double list. All character elements in array will be splited by a specific pattern then sorted intrinsically in each layer of the double list.

**Usage**

```
arr2dl(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A structured character array to be converted.
...	Argument in <a href="#">chrvec2dl</a> to control split pattern.

**Value**

Return a double list based on the input array.

**See Also**

[arr2vbt](#), [chrvec2dl](#).

**Examples**

```
#Write the column names of datatest into a array:  
arr <- dl2arr(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))  
  
#Recover the double list from character array:  
arr2dl(arr)
```

**arr2vbt***Convert a structured character array to double list***Description**

Convert a structured character array to a vector binary tree. All character elements in array will be splited by a specific pattern then sorted intrinsically in each layer of the vector binary tree.

**Usage**

```
arr2vbt(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- x A structured character array to be converted.
- ... Argument in [chrvec2dl](#) to control split pattern.

**Value**

Return a vector binary tree based on the input array.

**See Also**

[arr2dl](#), [chrvec2dl](#).

**Examples**

```
#Write the column names of datatest into a array:  
arr <- dl2arr(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))  
  
#Recover the vector binary tree from character array:  
arr2vbt(arr)
```

chrvec2dl

*Convert character vector to a double list*

**Description**

Structurize a character vector to a double list. Layers in the double list will be determined by the given pattern.

**Usage**

```
chrvec2dl(x, splt = "-")
```

**Arguments**

- x a character vector to be converted.
- splt a string pattern to make definition for splitting each layer of double list.

**Value**

return a character double list splitted by defined pattern, the default pattern is "-".

**Examples**

```
#example using default dataset:  
  
charvector <- colnames(datatest)  
chrvec2dl(charvector, "-")
```

datatest	<i>A test data structurized column names.</i>
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**Description**

A test data with 56 different columns.

**Usage**

```
data("datatest")
```

**Details**

A test data structurized column names, with two data type "Strain" and "Stress", 7 different temperatures, 4 kinds strain rates and one level of compression rate.

**Examples**

```
datatest
```

datavisit	<i>Extract subset of data using different methods</i>
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**Description**

Extract the subset of data by column names using tensor, array, double list, integer vector, or vector binary tree.

**Usage**

```
datavisit(data, inq)
```

**Arguments**

- |      |  |
|------|--|
| data | A data.frame with structured column names.   |
| inq  | An argument to determine the subset to be extracted by column names. A tensor, array, double list, integer vector and vector binary tree is available format of inq. |

**Value**

Return a list which contains the item index, column name, column coordinate and the data in corresponding column for each element contained in the assignment of inq.

**See Also**

[vbtinq](#), [advbting](#), [trvseleinq](#), [trvsidxinq](#), [trvssubinq](#).

## Examples

```
#View the data to be visited:
summary(datatest)
colnames(datatest)

#Structurize colnames of data into vector binary tree:
dl <- chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest))
vbt <- dl2vbt(dl)
vbt

#Setting subset in different forms, for example the pattern
#"Strain-(900~1100)-(0.01, 1)-0.6" is desired:
subunregdl <- list(c(1), c(1:5), c(2,4), c(1)) # undefined double list
subregdl <- advbtinq(vbt, subunregdl) # regularized double list
subvbt <- dl2vbt(subregdl) # sub vector binary tree
subts <- vbt2ts(subvbt) # tensor
subarr <- vbt2arr(subvbt) # array
subchrvec <- as.vector(subarr) # character vector

#Visit the data through different methods:
datavisit(datatest, subunregdl) # by handmade double list
datavisit(datatest, subregdl) # by defined double list
datavisit(datatest, subvbt) # by vector binary tree
datavisit(datatest, subts) # by tensor
datavisit(datatest, subarr) # by array
datavisit(datatest, subchrvec) # by character vector
```

dl2arr

*Convert a double list to array*

## Description

Convert a double list to an array. The pure numeric layers will be sorted intrinsically then all elements will be bound in certain order as one character element, and filled into the proper location in the array.

## Usage

```
dl2arr(x)
```

## Arguments

x	A double list to be converted.
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## Value

Return an array filled with the binding character elements.

**See Also**

[dl2vbt](#), [dl2ts](#).

**Examples**

```
#Make column names of datatest into double list:  
dl <- chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest), "-")  
  
#Convert the double list to a tensor:  
dl2arr(dl)
```

**dl2ts**

*Convert a double list to tensor*

**Description**

Convert a double list to a tensor. The pure numeric layers will be sorted intrinsically then all elements will be bound in certain order as one character element, and filled into the proper location in the tensor.

**Usage**

```
dl2ts(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	A double list to be converted.
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**Value**

Return a tensor filled with the binding character elements.

**See Also**

[dl2vbt](#), [dl2arr](#).

**Examples**

```
#Make column names of datatest into double list:  
dl <- chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest), "-")  
  
#Convert the double list to a tensor:  
dl2ts(dl)
```

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dl2vbt*Convert a double list to vector binary tree*

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## Description

Convert a double list to vector binary tree. The pure numeric layers will be sorted intrinsically then all elements be exported in character form.

## Usage

```
dl2vbt(x, regularize = TRUE, splt = "-")
```

## Arguments

- |            |  |
|------------|--|
| x          | A double list to be converted.   |
| regularize | A boolean value to control the treatment of empty layers of double listed to be converted. The default value TRUE will fill the empty layer by mark "*". The default value is recommended. |
| splt       | A string pattern to split the binding elements in each layer if the sub-structure exists. The default pattern uses "-".  |

## Value

Return a vector binary tree.

## See Also

[vbtinq](#), [vbtsub](#), [advbtinq](#), [advbtsub](#), [trvssubinq](#), [dl2ts](#), [dl2arr](#).

## Examples

```
#Structurize the column names of datatest:
colname <- colnames(datatest)
colnamedl <- chrvec2dl(colname, "-")
colnamevbt <- dl2vbt(colnamedl)

#Simple data cleaning for sub-structure existing double list;
#Make unregulated double list:
unregdl <- list(c("7", 2, 10), c("chr", "5"), c(),
c("var2", "var1", "var3"), c("M-8-9", "3-2"), c("6-3", "2-7"))
regvbt <- dl2vbt(unregdl)
regvbt2 <- dl2vbt(unregdl, FALSE) # not recommended
```

<code>hello</code>	<i>Welcome message</i>
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### Description

Welcome message

### Usage

```
hello()
```

### Value

exit code of zero

### Examples

```
hello()
```

<code>trvs</code>	<i>Make traversal from vector binary tree</i>
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### Description

Generating a table of traversal from given vector binary tree, in order to construct correct mapping relationships within double list, vector binary tree, array and tensor.

### Usage

```
trvs(x)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A vector binary tree.
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### Value

Return a traversal table from the given vector binary tree.

### Examples

```
#Make vector binary tree:  
colnamevbt <- dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))  
  
#Construct traversal table:  
trvs(colnamevbt)
```

trvseleinq

*Using character element to visit the traversal table***Description**

Visit the traversal table generated from a vector binary tree through the character element determined by the argument `inq`, and return an inquiry result containing its numeric item index, the character pattern and its corresponding coordinate.

**Usage**

```
trvseleinq(trvs, inq)
```

**Arguments**

<code>trvs</code>	The traversal table to be visited, which should be generated from the vector binary tree by the function <code>trvs()</code> .
<code>inq</code>	A desired character element to match the traversal table.

**Value**

Return an inquiry result with a numeric item index, a character pattern and its coordinate in form of integer vector.

**Examples**

```
#Make traversal table:  
trav <- trvs(dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(data.test))))  
  
#Visit specific element by character pattern:  
trvseleinq(trav,"Strain-1100-0.001-0.6")
```

trvsidxinq

*Using vector to visit the traversal table***Description**

Visit the traversal table generated from a vector binary tree through the coordinate determined by the argument `inq`, and return an inquiry result containing its numeric item index, its corresponding character pattern and the coordinate.

**Usage**

```
trvsidxinq(trvs, inq)
```

**Arguments**

- trvs**      The traversal table to be visited, which should be generated from the vector binary tree by the function `trvs()`.
- inq**      An integer vector to assign the coordinate corresponding to the element to be visited.

**Value**

Return an inquiry result with a numeric item index, a character pattern and its coordinate in form of integer vector.

**Examples**

```
#Make traversal table:  
trav <- trvs(dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest))))  
  
#Visit specific element by its coordinate:  
trvsidxinq(trav,c(1,2,3,1))
```

**trvssubinq***Using sub vector binary tree to visit the traversal table***Description**

Visit the traversal table generated from a vector binary tree through the sub vector binary tree determined by the argument `inq`, and return an inquiry list containing the numeric index, the character pattern and the corresponding coordinate for each item.

**Usage**

```
trvssubinq(trvs, inq)
```

**Arguments**

- trvs**      The traversal table to be visited, which should be generated from the vector binary tree by the function `trvs()`.
- inq**      A sub tree generated from the original vector binary tree, to determine the subset of elements to be visited.

**Value**

Return a list containing the numeric index, the character pattern and the corresponding coordinate for each item.

**See Also**

[vbtsub](#), [advbtsub](#).

## Examples

```
#Make original vector binary tree and its traversal table:  
vbt <- dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))  
trav <- trvs(vbt)  
  
#Visit all elements defined by sub vector binary tree:  
#example 1: visit all "Stress--**-*" patterns;  
#make sub vector binary tree through vbtsub() then execute inquiry:  
subvbt <- vbtsub(vbt, c(2,-1,-1,-1))  
trvssubinq(trav, subvbt)  
  
#example 2: visit all "Strain-(950, "1050")-(0.001, "0.1")-*" patterns;  
#make sub vector binary tree through advbtsub() then execute inquiry:  
subvbt <- advbtsub(vbt, list(1, c(2,4), c(1,3), 1))  
trvssubinq(trav, subvbt)
```

ts2dl

*Convert a structured character tensor to double list*

## Description

Convert a structured character tensor to a double list. All character elements in tensor will be splitted by a specific pattern then sorted intrinsically in each layer of the double list.

## Usage

```
ts2dl(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| x   | A structured character tensor to be converted.                  |
| ... | Argument in <a href="#">chrvec2dl</a> to control split pattern. |

## Value

Return a double list based on the input tensor.

## See Also

[ts2vbt](#), [chrvec2dl](#).

## Examples

```
#Write the column names of datatest into a tensor:  
ts <- dl2ts(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))  
  
#Recover the double list from character tensor:  
ts2dl(ts)
```

**ts2vbt***Convert a structured character tensor to double list***Description**

Convert a structured character tensor to a vector binary tree. All character elements in tensor will be split by a specific pattern then sorted intrinsically in each layer of the vector binary tree.

**Usage**

```
ts2vbt(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- x                   A structured character tensor to be converted.
- ...                  Argument in [chrvec2dl](#) to control split pattern.

**Value**

Return a vector binary tree based on the input tensor.

**See Also**

[ts2dl](#), [chrvec2dl](#).

**Examples**

```
#Write the column names of datatest into a tensor:  
ts <- dl2ts(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))  
  
#Recover the vector binary tree from character tensor:  
ts2vbt(ts)
```

**vbt2arr***Convert a vector binary tree to array***Description**

Convert a vector binary tree to an array. The pure numeric layers will be sorted intrinsically then all elements will be bound in certain order as one character element, and filled into the proper location in the array.

**Usage**

```
vbt2arr(x)
```

**Arguments**

- x A vector binary tree to be converted.

**Value**

Return an array filled with the binding character elements.

**See Also**

[vbt2dl](#), [vbt2ts](#).

**Examples**

```
#Make column names of datatest into vector binary tree:  
vbt <- dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest), "-"))  
  
#Convert the vector binary tree to an array:  
vbt2arr(vbt)
```

vbt2dl

*Convert a vector binary tree to double list*

**Description**

Recover a vector binary tree to double list for easy visualization. Empty layers in vector binary tree will be marked by the symbol "\*" as default.

**Usage**

vbt2dl(x)

**Arguments**

- x A vector binary tree to be converted.

**Value**

Return a double list based on input vector binary tree.

**See Also**

[vbtinq](#), [vbtsub](#), [advbting](#), [advbtsub](#), [trvssubinq](#), [vbt2ts](#), [vbt2arr](#).

**Examples**

```
#Recover vector binary tree to a double list for easy visualization:  
vbt <- dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest))) #make vector binary tree  
vbt2dl(vbt)
```

**vbt2ts***Convert a vector binary tree to tensor***Description**

Convert a vector binary tree to a tensor. The pure numeric layers will be sorted intrinsically then all elements will be bound in certain order as one character element, and filled into the proper location in the tensor.

**Usage**

```
vbt2ts(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	A vector binary tree to be converted.
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**Value**

Return a tensor filled with the binding character elements.

**See Also**

[vbt2dl](#), [vbt2arr](#).

**Examples**

```
#Make column names of datatest into vector binary tree:  
vbt <- dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest), "-"))  
  
#Convert the vector binary tree to a tensor:  
vbt2ts(vbt)
```

**vbtinq***Using vector to visit vector binary tree***Description**

Visit the vector binary tree and return a double list through specific assignment determined by the argument inq.

**Usage**

```
vbtinq(x, inq)
```

## Arguments

- x** The vector binary tree to be visited. Traversal is available by setting -1 in desired layer.
- inq** An integer vector to determine desired location. The length of **inq** should be the same as the layers of visited vector binary tree. If any assignment in specified layer exceeds its intrinsic length of visited vector binary tree layer, all elements will be returned in this layer.

## Value

Return a double list according to the argument **inq**.

## See Also

[vbtsub](#), [advbtinq](#), [advbtsub](#).

## Examples

```
#Make vector binary tree:  
colnamevbt <- dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))  
  
#Visit by specific assignment:  
vbtinq(colnamevbt, c(2, 3, 1, 1))  
  
#Traversal of the second layers:  
vbtinq(colnamevbt, c(2, -1, 1, 1))  
  
#Invalid assignments in 1st and 3rd layers:  
vbtinq(colnamevbt, c(4, 3, 7, 1))
```

vbtsub

*Using vector to generate sub tree from vector binary tree*

## Description

Visit the vector binary tree and generate a sub tree from visited vector binary tree, through specific assigment determined by the argument **inq**.

## Usage

`vbtsub(x, inq)`

### Arguments

- x The vector binary tree to be visited. Traversal is available by setting -1 in desired layer.
- inq An integer vector to determine the visiting location. The length of inq should be the same as the layers of visited vector binary tree. If any assignment in specified layer exceeds its intrinsic length of visited vector binary tree layer, all elements will be returned in this layer.

### Value

Return a sub tree from visited vector binary tree, according to the argument inq.

### See Also

[vbtinq](#), [advbtinq](#), [advbtsu](#).

### Examples

```
#Make vector binary tree:
colnamevbt <- dl2vbt(chrvec2dl(colnames(datatest)))

#Generating sub tree by specific assignment:
vbsub(colnamevbt, c(2, 3, 1, 1))

#Generating sub tree with traversal in the second layers:
vbsub(colnamevbt, c(2, -1, 1, 1))

#Generating sub tree with invalid assignments in 1st and 3rd layers:
vbsub(colnamevbt, c(4, 3, 7, 1))
```

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