

Package ‘datastepr’

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Title An Implementation of a SAS-Style Data Step

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Description Based on a SAS data step. This allows for row-wise dynamic building of data, iteratively importing slices of existing dataframes, conducting analyses, and exporting to a results frame. This is particularly useful for differential or time-series analyses, which are often not well suited to vector-based operations.

Depends R (>= 3.1.3)

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dataStepClass	<i>An implementation of a SAS datastep in a class</i>
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Description

An implementation of a SAS datastep in a class

Usage

dataStepClass

Format

An [R6Class](#) generator object

Fields

`i` `i` begins at 0 and is incremented for each iteration of the data step.

`results` The `results` frame is initialized as an empty data frame. It is populated row-wise with each iteration of the data step.

`continue` `continue` is a marker which signals that the step should continue repeating. When `continue` is 1, repetition will continue, and when `continue` is 0, repetition will cease. It is initialized to 0.

`eval` `eval` is initialized as NULL, but will store a pointer to the current evaluation environment. This pointer is helps pass the evaluation environment from one iteration of the data step to the next.

Methods

`begin(env)` `begin` does three things: imports the environment of the previous step to the current, stores the current environment (or the environment specified), and increments `i` by 1. It takes one argument, `envir`, which should typically be set to `environment()`.

`set(dataframe, group_id)` `set` takes two arguments: a data frame and an optional unquoted `group_id` variable. This `group_id` variable must contain a consecutive sequence of natural numbers from 1 to some maximum. In each data step, rows where `i` matches the `group_id` variable (or simply the `i`th row if no `group_id` variable is given) are selected, and the slice is split into vectors and imported into the evaluation environment. `continue` is set to 0 once `set` reaches the maximum value in the `group_id` column, ceasing repetition of the datastep, else `continue` is set to 1.

`set_(dataframe, group_id)` A standard evaluation version of `set_`, in which the `group_id` variable is included as a string, formula, or lazy object.

output output takes an optional list argument. Either the list, or, if none is given, all vectors in the evaluation environment are gathered into a data.frame, and this data.frame appended to results.

end end will, if continue is 1, evaluate the function given within the evaluation environment. Typically, the function given will be the current function: that is, steps are joined recursively.

Examples

```
step = dataStepClass$new()

frame = data.frame(x = 1:10)

stairs = function() {
  step$begin(environment())
  step$set(frame)
  y = x + 1
  step$output()
  step$end(stairs)
}

stairs()

step$results
```

toDf

Append an object to a dataframe.

Description

Convert an object to a list, select only vector entries, coerce to a data.frame, and append to the given data frame.

Usage

```
toDf(object, dataframe)
```

Arguments

object	An object which can be coerced to a list (e.g. an environment)
dataframe	A data frame

Value

An appended dataframe

Examples

```
toDf(list(a = 1, b = 2), data.frame())
toDf(environment(), data.frame())
```

toEnv	<i>Append an object to an environment</i>
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Description

A function to coerce an object to a list and append the list to an environment

Usage

```
toEnv(object, environment)
```

Arguments

object	An object which can be coerced to a list (e.g. an environment)
environment	An environment

Value

An appended environment

Examples

```
toEnv(data.frame(a = 1, b = 2), environment())  
toEnv(list(a = 1, b = 2), environment())  
toEnv(environment(), new.env())
```

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