Package 'validatesuggest'

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Title Generate Suggestions for Validation Rules

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Description Generate suggestions for validation rules
from a reference data set, which can be used as a starting point for domain specific
rules to be checked with package 'validate'.

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`car_owner` *Car owners data set (fictitious).*

Description

A constructed data set useful for detecting conditinal dependencies.

Usage

```
car_owner
```

Format

A data frame with 200 rows and 4 variables. Each row is a person with:

age age of person

driver_license has a driver license, only persons older then 17 can have a license in this data set

income monthly income

owns_car only persons with a drivers license , and a monthly income > 1500 can own a car

car_color NA when there is no car

Examples

```
data("car_owner")

rules <- suggest_cond_rule(car_owner)
rules$rules
```

suggest_rules *Suggest rules*

Description

Suggests rules using the various suggestion checks. Use the more specific `suggest` functions for more control.

Usage

```
suggest_rules(
  d,
  vars = names(d),
  domain_check = TRUE,
  range_check = TRUE,
  pos_check = TRUE,
  type_check = TRUE,
  na_check = TRUE,
  unique_check = TRUE,
  ratio_check = TRUE,
  conditional_rule = TRUE
)

suggest_all(
  d,
  vars = names(d),
  domain_check = TRUE,
  range_check = TRUE,
  pos_check = TRUE,
  type_check = TRUE,
  na_check = TRUE,
  unique_check = TRUE,
  ratio_check = TRUE,
  conditional_rule = TRUE
)

write_all_suggestions(
  d,
  vars = names(d),
  file = stdout(),
  domain_check = TRUE,
  range_check = TRUE,
  type_check = TRUE,
  pos_check = TRUE,
  na_check = TRUE,
  unique_check = TRUE,
  ratio_check = TRUE,
```

```
  conditional_rule = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

d	data.frame, used to generate the checks
vars	character optionally the subset of variables to be used.
domain_check	if TRUE include domain_check
range_check	if TRUE include range_check
pos_check	if TRUE include pos_check
type_check	if TRUE include type_check
na_check	if TRUE include na_check
unique_check	if TRUE include unique_check
ratio_check	if TRUE include ratio_check
conditional_rule	if TRUE include cond_rule
file	file to which the checks will be written to.

Value

returns validate::validator() object with the suggested rules. write_all_suggestions write the rules to file and returns invisibly a named list of ranges for each variable.

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task2 *task2 dataset*

Description

Fictuous test data set from European (ESSnet) project on validation 2017.

Usage

```
task2
```

Format

ID ID

Age Age of person

Married Marital status

Employed Employed or not

Working_hours Working hours

References

European (ESSnet) project on validation 2017

`write_cond_rule` *Suggest a conditional rule*

Description

Suggest a conditional rule based on a association rule. This functions derives conditional rules based on the non-existance of combinations of categories in pairs of variables. For each numerical variable a logical variable is derived that tests for positivity. It generates IF THEN rules based on two variables.

Usage

```
write_cond_rule(d, vars = names(d), file = stdout())

suggest_cond_rule(d, vars = names(d))
```

Arguments

`d`	`data.frame`, used to generate the checks
`vars`	`character` optionally the subset of variables to be used.
`file`	file to which the checks will be written to.

Value

`suggest_cond_rule` returns `validate::validator()` object with the suggested rules. `write_cond_rule` returns invisibly a named list of ranges for each variable.

Examples

```
data(retailers, package="validate")

# will generate check for all columns in retailers that are
# complete.
suggest_na_check(retailers)
data("car_owner")

rules <- suggest_cond_rule(car_owner)
rules$rules
```

write_domain_check *Suggest a range check*

Description

Suggest a range check

Usage

```
write_domain_check(d, vars = names(d), only_positive = TRUE, file = stdout())

suggest_domain_check(d, vars = names(d), only_positive = TRUE)
```

Arguments

d	data.frame, used to generate the checks
vars	character optionally the subset of variables to be used.
only_positive	if TRUE only numerical values for positive values are included
file	file to which the checks will be written to.

Value

suggest_domain_check returns validate::validator() object with the suggested rules. write_domain_check returns invisibly a named list of checks for each variable.

Examples

```
data(SBS2000, package="validate")

suggest_range_check(SBS2000)

# checks the ranges of each variable
suggest_range_check(SBS2000[-1], min=TRUE, max=TRUE)

# checks the ranges of each variable
suggest_range_check(SBS2000, vars=c("turnover", "other.rev"), min=FALSE, max=TRUE)
```

write_na_check *Suggest a check for completeness.*

Description

Suggest a check for completeness.

Usage

```
write_na_check(d, vars = names(d), file = stdout())

suggest_na_check(d, vars = names(d))
```

Arguments

d	data.frame, used to generate the checks
vars	character optionally the subset of variables to be used.
file	file to which the checks will be written to.

Value

suggest_na_check returns validate::validator() object with the suggested rules. write_na_check write the rules to file and returns invisibly a named list of ranges for each variable.

Examples

```
data(retailers, package="validate")

# will generate check for all columns in retailers that are
# complete.
suggest_na_check(retailers)
```

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write_pos_check *Suggest a range check*

Description

Suggest a range check

Usage

```
write_pos_check(d, vars = names(d), only_positive = TRUE, file = stdout())

suggest_pos_check(d, vars = names(d), only_positive = TRUE)
```

Arguments

d	data.frame, used to generate the checks
vars	character optionally the subset of variables to be used.
only_positive	if TRUE only numerical values for positive values are included
file	file to which the checks will be written to.

Value

suggest_pos_check returns validate::validator() object with the suggested rules. write_pos_check write the rules to file and returns invisibly a named list of checks for each variable.

Examples

```
data(SBS2000, package="validate")

suggest_range_check(SBS2000)

# checks the ranges of each variable
suggest_range_check(SBS2000[-1], min=TRUE, max=TRUE)

# checks the ranges of each variable
suggest_range_check(SBS2000, vars=c("turnover", "other.rev"), min=FALSE, max=TRUE)
```

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write_range_check *Suggest a range check*

Description

Suggest a range check

Usage

```
write_range_check(d, vars = names(d), min = TRUE, max = FALSE, file = stdout())

suggest_range_check(d, vars = names(d), min = TRUE, max = FALSE)
```

Arguments

d	data.frame, used to generate the checks
vars	character optionally the subset of variables to be used.
min	TRUE or FALSE, should the minimum value be checked?
max	TRUE or FALSE, should the maximum value be checked?
file	file to which the checks will be written to.

Value

suggest_range_check returns validate::validator() object with the suggested rules. write_range_check write the rules to file and returns invisibly a named list of ranges for each variable.

Examples

```
data(SBS2000, package="validate")

suggest_range_check(SBS2000)

# checks the ranges of each variable
suggest_range_check(SBS2000[-1], min=TRUE, max=TRUE)

# checks the ranges of each variable
suggest_range_check(SBS2000, vars=c("turnover", "other.rev"), min=FALSE, max=TRUE)
```

`write_ratio_check` *Suggest ratio checks*

Description

Suggest ratio checks

Usage

```
write_ratio_check(
  d,
  vars = names(d),
  file = stdout(),
  lin_cor = 0.95,
  digits = 2
)

suggest_ratio_check(d, vars = names(d), lin_cor = 0.95, digits = 2)
```

Arguments

`d`	`data.frame`, used to generate the checks
`vars`	`character` optionally the subset of variables to be used.
`file`	file to which the checks will be written to.
`lin_cor`	threshold for abs correlation to be included (details)
`digits`	number of digits for rounding

Value

`suggest_ratio_check` returns `validate::validator()` object with the suggested rules. `write_ratio_check` write the rules to file and returns invisibly a named list of check for each variable.

Examples

```
data(SBS2000, package="validate")

# generates upper and lower checks for the
# ratio of two variables if their correlation is
# bigger then `lin_cor`
suggest_ratio_check(SBS2000, lin_cor=0.98)
```

`write_type_check` *suggest type check*

Description

suggest type check

Usage

```
write_type_check(d, vars = names(d), file = stdout())

suggest_type_check(d, vars = names(d))
```

Arguments

`d`	`data.frame`, used to generate the checks
`vars`	`character` optionally the subset of variables to be used.
`file`	file to which the checks will be written to.

Value

`suggest_type_check` returns `validate::validator()` object with the suggested rules. `write_type_check` write the rules to file and returns invisibly a named list of types for each variable.

`write_unique_check` *Suggest range checks*

Description

Suggest range checks

Usage

```
write_unique_check(d, vars = names(d), file = stdout(), fraction = 0.95)

suggest_unique_check(d, vars = names(d), fraction = 0.95)
```

Arguments

d	data.frame, used to generate the checks
vars	character optionally the subset of variables to be used.
file	file to which the checks will be written to.
fraction	if values in a column > fraction unique, the check will be generated.

Value

suggest_unique_check returns validate::validator() object with the suggested rules. write_unique_check write the rules to file and returns invisibly a named list of checks for each variable.

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