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coerce-vector

*Coerce numeric vector to sparse double*

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### Description

Takes a numeric vector, integer or double, and turn it into a sparse double vector.

### Usage

```
as_sparse_double(x, default = 0)
```

```
as_sparse_integer(x, default = 0L)
```

```
as_sparse_character(x, default = "")
```

```
as_sparse_logical(x, default = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a numeric vector.
default	default value to use. Defaults to 0. The values of x must be double or integer. It must not contain any Inf or NaN values.

**Value**

sparse vectors

**Examples**

```
x_dense <- c(3, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0)
x_sparse <- as_sparse_double(x_dense)
x_sparse

is_sparse_double(x_sparse)
```

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coerce\_to\_sparse\_data\_frame

*Coerce sparse matrix to data frame with sparse columns*

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**Description**

Turning a sparse matrix into a data frame

**Usage**

```
coerce_to_sparse_data_frame(x, call = rlang::caller_env(0))
```

**Arguments**

x	sparse matrix.
call	The execution environment of a currently running function, e.g. caller_env(). The function will be mentioned in error messages as the source of the error. See the call argument of <a href="#">abort()</a> for more information.

**Details**

The only requirement from the sparse matrix is that it contains column names.

**Value**

data.frame with sparse columns

**See Also**

[coerce\\_to\\_sparse\\_tibble\(\)](#) [coerce\\_to\\_sparse\\_matrix\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
mat <- matrix(sample(0:1, 100, TRUE, c(0.9, 0.1)), nrow = 10)
colnames(mat) <- letters[1:10]
sparse_mat <- Matrix::Matrix(mat, sparse = TRUE)
sparse_mat

res <- coerce_to_sparse_data_frame(sparse_mat)
res

# All columns are sparse
vapply(res, is_sparse_vector, logical(1))
```

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coerce\_to\_sparse\_matrix

*Coerce sparse data frame to sparse matrix*

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## Description

Turning data frame with sparse columns into sparse matrix using `Matrix::sparseMatrix()`.

## Usage

```
coerce_to_sparse_matrix(x, call = rlang::caller_env(0))
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	a data frame or tibble with sparse columns.
<code>call</code>	The execution environment of a currently running function, e.g. <code>caller_env()</code> . The function will be mentioned in error messages as the source of the error. See the <code>call</code> argument of <code>abort()</code> for more information.

## Details

No checking is currently do to `x` to determine whether it contains sparse columns or not. Thus it works with any data frame. Needless to say, creating a sparse matrix out of a dense data frame is not ideal.

## Value

sparse matrix

## See Also

[coerce\\_to\\_sparse\\_data\\_frame\(\)](#) [coerce\\_to\\_sparse\\_tibble\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
sparse_tbl <- lapply(1:10, function(x) sparse_double(x, x, length = 10))
names(sparse_tbl) <- letters[1:10]
sparse_tbl <- as.data.frame(sparse_tbl)
sparse_tbl

res <- coerce_to_sparse_matrix(sparse_tbl)
res
```

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coerce\_to\_sparse\_tibble

*Coerce sparse matrix to tibble with sparse columns*

---

## Description

Turning a sparse matrix into a tibble.

## Usage

```
coerce_to_sparse_tibble(x, call = rlang::caller_env(0))
```

## Arguments

x	sparse matrix.
call	The execution environment of a currently running function, e.g. <code>caller_env()</code> . The function will be mentioned in error messages as the source of the error. See the <code>call</code> argument of <code>abort()</code> for more information.

## Details

The only requirement from the sparse matrix is that it contains column names.

## Value

tibble with sparse columns

## See Also

[coerce\\_to\\_sparse\\_data\\_frame\(\)](#) [coerce\\_to\\_sparse\\_matrix\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
mat <- matrix(sample(0:1, 100, TRUE, c(0.9, 0.1)), nrow = 10)
colnames(mat) <- letters[1:10]
sparse_mat <- Matrix::Matrix(mat, sparse = TRUE)
sparse_mat

res <- coerce_to_sparse_tibble(sparse_mat)
res

# All columns are sparse
vapply(res, is_sparse_vector, logical(1))
```

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extractors

*Information extraction from sparse vectors*

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## Description

Extract positions, values, and default from sparse vectors without the need to materialize vector.

## Usage

```
sparse_positions(x)
sparse_values(x)
sparse_default(x)
```

## Arguments

x                    vector to be extracted from.

## Details

`sparse_default()` returns NA when applied to non-sparse vectors. This is done to have an indicator of non-sparsity.

for ease of use, these functions also works on non-sparse variables.

## Value

vectors of requested attributes

**Examples**

```
x_sparse <- sparse_double(c(pi, 5, 0.1), c(2, 5, 10), 10)
x_dense <- c(0, pi, 0, 0, 0.5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.1)

sparse_positions(x_sparse)
sparse_values(x_sparse)
sparse_default(x_sparse)

sparse_positions(x_dense)
sparse_values(x_dense)
sparse_default(x_dense)

x_sparse_3 <- sparse_double(c(pi, 5, 0.1), c(2, 5, 10), 10, default = 3)
sparse_default(x_sparse_3)
```

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has\_sparse\_elements    *Check for sparse elements*

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**Description**

This function checks to see if a data.frame, tibble or list contains one or more sparse vectors.

**Usage**

```
has_sparse_elements(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a data frame, tibble, or list.

**Details**

The checking in this function is done using `is_sparse_vector()`, but is implemented using an early exit pattern to provide fast performance for wide data.frames.

This function does not test whether x is a data.frame, tibble or list. It simply iterates over the elements and sees if they are sparse vectors.

**Value**

A single logical value.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
n_cols <- 10000
mat <- matrix(sample(0:1, n_cols * 10, TRUE, c(0.9, 0.1)), ncol = n_cols)
colnames(mat) <- as.character(seq_len(n_cols))
sparse_mat <- Matrix::Matrix(mat, sparse = TRUE)
```

```
res <- coerce_to_sparse_tibble(sparse_mat)
has_sparse_elements(res)

has_sparse_elements(mtcars)
```

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sparse-arithmetic      *Vector arithmetic with sparse vectors*

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## Description

Do arithmetic operations on sparse vectors while trying to void destroying the sparsity.

## Usage

```
sparse_multiplication(x, y)
```

## Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
y	A numeric vector.

## Details

Note that this function works with both sparse and dense vectors for both x and y, returning a sparse or dense vector according to the input.

For `sparse_multiplication()` the class of the resulting vector depends on the classes of x and y. If both x and y are integer vectors then an integer vector is returned, otherwise a double vector is returned.

`sparse_multiplication()` will return a non-sparse vector if both x and y is non-sparse. Otherwise a sparse vector is returned.

`sparse_multiplication()` will destroy sparsity of sparse vectors with non-0 default values.

## Value

A sparse vector of same type.

## Examples

```
x_sparse <- sparse_double(c(pi, 5, 0.1), c(2, 5, 10), 10)

sparse_multiplication(x_sparse, x_sparse)
```



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`sparse-arithmetic-scalar`*Scalar arithmetic with sparse vectors*

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## Description

Do Arithmetic on sparse vectors without destroying the sparsity. Note that only multiplication and division preserves the default value.

## Usage

`sparse_division_scalar(x, val)``sparse_multiplication_scalar(x, val)``sparse_addition_scalar(x, val)``sparse_subtraction_scalar(x, val)`

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A sparse vector.
<code>val</code>	A single numeric value.

## Details

No checking of the inputs are being done.

`sparse_division_scalar()` and `sparse_multiplication_scalar()` are the most used ones, as they preserve the default, which is often what you want to do.

`sparse_division_scalar()` always produces double vectors, regardless of whether they could be represented as integers or not. Expect when `val = 1` as the input is returned unchanged, or `val = NA` as the input returned will be NA or the appropriate type.

## Value

A sparse vector of same type.

## Examples

```
x_sparse <- sparse_double(c(pi, 5, 0.1), c(2, 5, 10), 10)
```

```
sparse_division_scalar(x_sparse, 2)  
sparse_multiplication_scalar(x_sparse, 2)  
sparse_addition_scalar(x_sparse, 2)  
sparse_subtraction_scalar(x_sparse, 2)
```

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sparsevctrs\_options    *sparsevctrs options*

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### Description

These options can be set with `options()`.

### Details

#### **sparsevctrs.verbose\_materialize:**

This option is meant to be used as a diagnostic tool. Materialization of sparse vectors are done silently by default. This can make it hard to determine if your code is doing what you want.

Setting `sparsevctrs.verbose_materialize` is a way to alert when materialization occurs. Note that only the first materialization is counted for the options below, as the materialized vector is cached.

Setting `sparsevctrs.verbose_materialize = 1` or `sparsevctrs.verbose_materialize = TRUE` will result in a message being emitted each time a sparse vector is materialized.

Setting `sparsevctrs.verbose_materialize = 2` will result in a warning being thrown each time a sparse vector is materialized.

Setting `sparsevctrs.verbose_materialize = 3` will result in an error being thrown each time a sparse vector is materialized.

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sparse\_character    *Create sparse character vector*

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### Description

Construction of vectors where only values and positions are recorded. The `Length` and `default` values determine all other information.

### Usage

```
sparse_character(values, positions, length, default = "")
```

### Arguments

<code>values</code>	integer vector, values of non-zero entries.
<code>positions</code>	integer vector, indices of non-zero entries.
<code>length</code>	integer value, Length of vector.
<code>default</code>	integer value, value at indices not specified by <code>positions</code> . Defaults to <code>""</code> . Cannot be NA.

**Details**

values and positions are expected to be the same length, and are allowed to both have zero length.

Allowed values for value are character values. Missing values such as NA and NA\_real\_ are allowed as they are turned into NA\_character\_. Everything else is disallowed. The values are also not allowed to take the same value as default.

positions should be integers or integer-like doubles. Everything else is not allowed. Positions should furthermore be positive (0 not allowed), unique, and in increasing order. Lastly they should all be smaller than length.

For developers:

setting options("sparsevctrs.verbose\_materialize" = TRUE) will print a message each time a sparse vector has been forced to materialize.

**Value**

sparse character vector

**See Also**

[sparse\\_double\(\)](#) [sparse\\_integer\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
sparse_character(character(), integer(), 10)

sparse_character(c("A", "C", "E"), c(2, 5, 10), 10)

str(
  sparse_character(c("A", "C", "E"), c(2, 5, 10), 1000000000)
)
```

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sparse_double	<i>Create sparse double vector</i>
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**Description**

Construction of vectors where only values and positions are recorded. The Length and default values determine all other information.

**Usage**

```
sparse_double(values, positions, length, default = 0)
```

**Arguments**

values	double vector, values of non-zero entries.
positions	integer vector, indices of non-zero entries.
length	integer value, Length of vector.
default	double value, value at indices not specified by positions. Defaults to 0. Cannot be NA.

**Details**

values and positions are expected to be the same length, and are allowed to both have zero length.

Allowed values for value is double and integer values. integer values will be coerced to doubles. Missing values such as NA and NA\_real\_ are allowed. Everything else is disallowed, This includes Inf and NaN. The values are also not allowed to take the same value as default.

positions should be integers or integer-like doubles. Everything else is not allowed. Positions should furthermore be positive (0 not allowed), unique, and in increasing order. Lastly they should all be smaller than length.

For developers:

setting options("sparsevctrs.verbose\_materialize" = TRUE) will print a message each time a sparse vector has been forced to materialize.

**Value**

sparse double vector

**See Also**

[sparse\\_integer\(\)](#) [sparse\\_character\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
sparse_double(numeric(), integer(), 10)
sparse_double(c(pi, 5, 0.1), c(2, 5, 10), 10)
str(
  sparse_double(c(pi, 5, 0.1), c(2, 5, 10), 1000000000)
)
```

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sparse_dummy	<i>Generate sparse dummy variables</i>
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**Description**

Generate sparse dummy variables

**Usage**

```
sparse_dummy(x, one_hot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A factor.
one_hot	A single logical value. Should the first factor level be included or not. Defaults to FALSE.

**Details**

Only factor variables can be used with `sparse_dummy()`. A call to `as.factor()` would be required for any other type of data.

If only a single level is present after `one_hot` takes effect. Then the vector produced won't be sparse.

A missing value at the *i*th element will produce missing values for all dummy variables at the *i*th position.

**Value**

A list of sparse integer dummy variables.

**Examples**

```
x <- factor(c("a", "a", "b", "c", "d", "b"))
sparse_dummy(x, one_hot = FALSE)

x <- factor(c("a", "a", "b", "c", "d", "b"))
sparse_dummy(x, one_hot = TRUE)

x <- factor(c("a", NA, "b", "c", "d", NA))
sparse_dummy(x, one_hot = FALSE)

x <- factor(c("a", NA, "b", "c", "d", NA))
sparse_dummy(x, one_hot = TRUE)
```

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sparse\_integer      *Create sparse integer vector*

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### Description

Construction of vectors where only values and positions are recorded. The Length and default values determine all other information.

### Usage

```
sparse_integer(values, positions, length, default = 0L)
```

### Arguments

values	integer vector, values of non-zero entries.
positions	integer vector, indices of non-zero entries.
length	integer value, Length of vector.
default	integer value, value at indices not specified by positions. Defaults to 0L. Cannot be NA.

### Details

values and positions are expected to be the same length, and are allowed to both have zero length.

Allowed values for value is integer values. This means that the double vector `c(1, 5, 4)` is accepted as it can be losslessly converted to the integer vector `c(1L, 5L, 4L)`. Missing values such as `NA` and `NA_real_` are allowed. Everything else is disallowed, This includes `Inf` and `NaN`. The values are also not allowed to take the same value as `default`.

positions should be integers or integer-like doubles. Everything else is not allowed. Positions should furthermore be positive (0 not allowed), unique, and in increasing order. Lastly they should all be smaller than length.

For developers:

setting `options("sparsevctrs.verbose_materialize" = TRUE)` will print a message each time a sparse vector has been forced to materialize.

### Value

sparse integer vector

### See Also

[sparse\\_double\(\)](#) [sparse\\_character\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
sparse_integer(integer(), integer(), 10)

sparse_integer(c(4, 5, 7), c(2, 5, 10), 10)

str(
  sparse_integer(c(4, 5, 7), c(2, 5, 10), 1000000000)
)
```

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sparse_is_na	<i>Detect Presence of Missing Values</i>
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**Description**

Detect Presence of Missing Values

**Usage**

```
sparse_is_na(x, type = "logical")
```

**Arguments**

x	A sparse vector.
type	A single string. Most be one of <code>logical</code> or <code>integer</code> . Determines the resulting vector. If <code>type = integer</code> then a sparse vector is returned.

**Details**

This function, as with any of the other helper functions assumes that the input `x` is a sparse numeric vector. This is done for performance reasons, and it is thus the users responsibility to perform input checking.

Note that the resulting vector will be not be a sparse vector.

**Value**

A logical vector or sparse integer vector.

**See Also**

[sparse\\_which\\_na\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
sparse_is_na(
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)
)

sparse_is_na(
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000),
  type = "integer"
)
```

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 sparse\_lag

*Compute lagged values for sparse vectors*


---

**Description**

Compute lagged values for sparse vectors

**Usage**

```
sparse_lag(x, n = 1L, default = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	A sparse vector.
n	Positive integer of length 1, giving the number of positions to lag by.
default	The value used to pad $x$ back to its original size after the lag has been applied. The default pads with a missing value.

**Details**

This function, as with any of the other helper functions assumes that the input  $x$  is a sparse numeric vector. This is done for performance reasons, and it is thus the users responsibility to perform input checking.

**Value**

sparse vector.

**Examples**

```
vec_dbl <- sparse_double(c(pi, 4, 5/2), c(1, 5, 7), 10)

sparse_lag(vec_dbl)
sparse_lag(vec_dbl, n = 3)
sparse_lag(vec_dbl, n = 3, default = 0)

vec_int <- sparse_integer(c(1, 2, 3), c(1, 5, 7), 10)
```



```

sparse_lag(vec_int)
sparse_lag(vec_int, n = 3)
sparse_lag(vec_int, n = 3, default = 0L)

vec_chr <- sparse_character(c("A", "B", "C"), c(1, 5, 7), 10)

sparse_lag(vec_chr)
sparse_lag(vec_chr, n = 3)
sparse_lag(vec_chr, n = 3, default = "before")

vec_lgl <- sparse_logical(c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE), c(1, 5, 7), 10)

sparse_lag(vec_lgl)
sparse_lag(vec_lgl, n = 3)
sparse_lag(vec_lgl, n = 3, default = FALSE)

```

---

`sparse_logical`      *Create sparse logical vector*

---

## Description

Construction of vectors where only values and positions are recorded. The Length and default values determine all other information.

## Usage

```
sparse_logical(values, positions, length, default = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>values</code>	logical vector, values of non-zero entries.
<code>positions</code>	integer vector, indices of non-zero entries.
<code>length</code>	integer value, Length of vector.
<code>default</code>	logical value, value at indices not specified by positions. Defaults to FALSE. Cannot be NA.

## Details

`values` and `positions` are expected to be the same length, and are allowed to both have zero length. Allowed values for `value` are logical values. Missing values such as `NA` and `NA_real_` are allowed. Everything else is disallowed, The values are also not allowed to take the same value as `default`.

`positions` should be integers or integer-like doubles. Everything else is not allowed. Positions should furthermore be positive (`0` not allowed), unique, and in increasing order. Lastly they should all be smaller than `length`.

For developers:

setting `options("sparsevctrs.verbose_materialize" = TRUE)` will print a message each time a sparse vector has been forced to materialize.

**Value**

sparse logical vector

**See Also**

[sparse\\_double\(\)](#) [sparse\\_integer\(\)](#) [sparse\\_character\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
sparse_logical(logical(), integer(), 10)

sparse_logical(c(TRUE, NA, TRUE), c(2, 5, 10), 10)

str(
  sparse_logical(c(TRUE, NA, TRUE), c(2, 5, 10), 1000000000)
)
```

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sparse\_mean

*Calculate mean from sparse vectors*

---

**Description**

Calculate mean from sparse vectors

**Usage**

```
sparse_mean(x, wts = NULL, na_rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A sparse numeric vector.
wts	A numeric vector, should be same length as x.
na_rm	Logical, whether to remove missing values. Defaults to FALSE.

**Details**

This function, as with any of the other helper functions assumes that the input x is a sparse numeric vector. This is done for performance reasons, and it is thus the users responsibility to perform input checking.

**Value**

single numeric value.

**Examples**

```
sparse_mean(  
  sparse_double(1000, 1, 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_mean(  
  sparse_double(1000, 1, 1000, default = 1)  
)  
  
sparse_mean(  
  sparse_double(c(10, 50, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_mean(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_mean(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000),  
  na_rm = TRUE  
)
```

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sparse_median	<i>Calculate median from sparse vectors</i>
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**Description**

Calculate median from sparse vectors

**Usage**

```
sparse_median(x, na_rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A sparse numeric vector.
na_rm	Logical, whether to remove missing values. Defaults to FALSE.

**Details**

This function, as with any of the other helper functions assumes that the input x is a sparse numeric vector. This is done for performance reasons, and it is thus the users responsibility to perform input checking.

**Value**

single numeric value.

### Examples

```
sparse_median(  
  sparse_double(1000, 1, 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_median(  
  sparse_double(1000, 1, 1000, default = 1)  
)  
  
sparse_median(  
  sparse_double(c(10, 50, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_median(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_median(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000),  
  na_rm = TRUE  
)
```

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sparse\_replace\_na      *Replace NAs with specified values in sparse vectors*

---

### Description

Replace NAs with specified values in sparse vectors

### Usage

```
sparse_replace_na(x, replace)
```

### Arguments

x	A sparse vector.
replace	A single value.

### Details

This function, as with any of the other helper functions assumes that the input x is a sparse numeric vector. This is done for performance reasons, and it is thus the users responsibility to perform input checking. The replace is likewise not type or length checked.

The output type will match the values after coercion happens during replacement.

### Value

A sparse vector.

**Examples**

```
sparse_replace_na(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 5, 10), 10),  
  5  
)  
  
sparse_replace_na(  
  sparse_integer(c(10L, NA, 11L), c(1, 5, 10), 10),  
  5L  
)  
  
sparse_replace_na(  
  sparse_character(c("A", NA, "E"), c(2, 5, 10), 10),  
  "missing"  
)
```

---

sparse\_sd

*Calculate standard deviation from sparse vectors*

---

**Description**

Calculate standard deviation from sparse vectors

**Usage**

```
sparse_sd(x, na_rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A sparse numeric vector.
na_rm	Logical, whether to remove missing values. Defaults to FALSE.

**Details**

This function, as with any of the other helper functions assumes that the input `x` is a sparse numeric vector. This is done for performance reasons, and it is thus the users responsibility to perform input checking.

Much like `sd()` it uses the denominator  $n-1$ .

**Value**

single numeric value.

**Examples**

```
sparse_sd(  
  sparse_double(1000, 1, 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_sd(  
  sparse_double(1000, 1, 1000, default = 1)  
)  
  
sparse_sd(  
  sparse_double(c(10, 50, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_sd(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_sd(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000),  
  na_rm = TRUE  
)
```

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**sparse\_sqrt***Calculate sqrt of sparse vectors*

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**Description**

Calculate sqrt of sparse vectors

**Usage**

```
sparse_sqrt(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A sparse numeric vector.

**Details**

This function, as with any of the other helper functions assumes that the input x is a sparse numeric vector. This is done for performance reasons, and it is thus the users responsibility to perform input checking.

The output will be a double vector regardless of the input type.

**Value**

A sparse double vector.

**Examples**

```

sparse_sqrt(
  sparse_double(1000, 1, 10)
)

sparse_sqrt(
  sparse_integer(1000, 3, 10, default = 2)
)

sparse_sqrt(
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 5, 10), 10)
)

```

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sparse_var	<i>Calculate variance from sparse vectors</i>
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**Description**

Calculate variance from sparse vectors

**Usage**

```
sparse_var(x, na_rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A sparse numeric vector.
na_rm	Logical, whether to remove missing values. Defaults to FALSE.

**Details**

This function, as with any of the other helper functions assumes that the input `x` is a sparse numeric vector. This is done for performance reasons, and it is thus the users responsibility to perform input checking.

Much like `var()` it uses the denominator  $n-1$ .

**Value**

single numeric value.

**Examples**

```

sparse_var(
  sparse_double(1000, 1, 1000)
)

sparse_var(
  sparse_double(1000, 1, 1000, default = 1)
)

```

```
)  
  
sparse_var(  
  sparse_double(c(10, 50, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_var(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)  
)  
  
sparse_var(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000),  
  na_rm = TRUE  
)
```

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sparse_which_na	<i>Which indices are Missing Values</i>
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## Description

Which indices are Missing Values

## Usage

```
sparse_which_na(x)
```

## Arguments

x                    A sparse vector.

## Details

This function, as with any of the other helper functions assumes that the input x is a sparse numeric vector. This is done for performance reasons, and it is thus the users responsibility to perform input checking.

## Value

A logical vector.

## See Also

[sparse\\_is\\_na\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
sparse_which_na(  
  sparse_double(c(10, NA, 11), c(1, 50, 111), 1000)  
)
```



**Description**

Turning data frame with sparse columns into sparse matrix using `Matrix::sparseMatrix()`.

**Usage**

```
sparsity(x, sample = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a data frame, matrix of sparse matrix.

`sample` a integer or NULL. Number of rows to sample to estimate sparsity. If NULL then no sampling is performed. Will not be used when `x` is a sparse matrix. Defaults to NULL.

**Details**

Only numeric 0s are considered zeroes in this calculations. Missing values, logical vectors and then string "0" aren't counted.

**Value**

a single number, between 0 and 1.

**Examples**

```
# data frame
sparsity(mtcars)

# Matrix
set.seed(1234)
mat <- matrix(sample(0:1, 100, TRUE, c(0.9, 0.1)), nrow = 10)
colnames(mat) <- letters[1:10]

sparsity(mat)

# Sparse matrix
sparse_mat <- Matrix::Matrix(mat, sparse = TRUE)

sparsity(sparse_mat)
```

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type-predicates	<i>Sparse vector type checkers</i>
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## Description

Helper functions to determine whether an vector is a sparse vector or not.

## Usage

```
is_sparse_vector(x)
```

```
is_sparse_numeric(x)
```

```
is_sparse_double(x)
```

```
is_sparse_integer(x)
```

```
is_sparse_character(x)
```

```
is_sparse_logical(x)
```

## Arguments

x                    value to be checked.

## Details

`is_sparse_vector()` is a general function that detects any type of sparse vector created with this package. `is_sparse_double()`, `is_sparse_integer()`, `is_sparse_character()`, and `is_sparse_logical()` are more specific functions that only detects the type. `is_sparse_numeric()` matches both sparse integers and doubles.

## Value

single logical value

## Examples

```
x_sparse <- sparse_double(c(pi, 5, 0.1), c(2, 5, 10), 10)
x_dense <- c(0, pi, 0, 0, 0.5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.1)
```

```
is_sparse_vector(x_sparse)
is_sparse_vector(x_dense)
```

```
is_sparse_double(x_sparse)
is_sparse_double(x_dense)
```

```
is_sparse_character(x_sparse)
```

```
is_sparse_character(x_dense)  
  
# Forced materialization  
is_sparse_vector(x_sparse[])
```

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