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add_to_database Adds a single .txt file to an SQLite database on the hard disk.			

Description

Add the raw data from one of the CPRD flatfiles to an SQLite database.

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Usage

```
add_to_database(
  filepath,
  filetype = c("observation", "drugissue", "referral", "problem", "consultation",
        "hes_primary", "death"),
        nrows = -1,
        select = NULL,
        subset_patids = NULL,
        use_set = FALSE,
        db,
        extract_txt_func = NULL,
        table_name = NULL,
        rm_duplicates = FALSE,
        ...
)
```

Arguments

filepath Path to .txt file on your system.

filetype Type of CPRD Aurum file (observation, drugissue, referral, problem, consulta-

tion, hes_primary, death)

nrows Number of rows to read in from .txt file.

select Character vector of column names to select before adding to the SQLite database.

subset_patids Patient id's to subset the .txt file on before adding to the SQLite database.

use_set Reduce subset_patids to just those with a corresponding set value to the .txt file

being read in. Can greatly improve computational efficiency when subset_patids

is large. See vignette XXXX for more details.

db An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect.

extract_txt_func

User-defined function to read the .txt file into R.

table_name Name of table in SQLite database that the data will be added to.

rm_duplicates TRUE/FALSE whether to remove duplicate values (default is FALSE).

.. Extract arguments passed to read.table (or extract_txt_func) when reading in .txt

files.

Details

Will add the file to a table named filetype in the SQLite database, unless table_name is specified.

If use_set = FALSE, then subset_patids should be a vector of patid's that the .txt files will be subsetted on before adding to the SQLite database. If use_set = TRUE, then subset_patids should be a dataframe with two columns, patid and set, where set corresponds to the number in the file name following the word 'set'. This functionality is provided to increase computational efficiency when subsetting to a cohort of patients which is very large (millions). This can be a computationally expensive process as each flatfile being read in, must be cross matched with a large vector . The

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CPRD flatfiles are split up into groups which can be identified from their naming convention. Patients from set 1, will have their data in DrugIssue, Observation, etc, all with the same "set" suffix in the flatfile name. We can utilise this to speed up the process of subsetting the data from the flatfiles to only those with patids in subset_patid. Instead we subset to those with patids in subset_patids, and with the corresponding value of "set", which matches the suffix "set" in the CPRD flatfile filename. For example, patients in the Patient file which had suffix "set1", will have their medical data in the Observation file with suffix "set1". When subsetting the Observation file to those in subset_patids (our cohort), we only need to do so for patients who were also in the patient file with suffix "set1". If the cohort of patients for which you want to subset the data to is very small, the computational gains from this argument are minor and it can be ignored.

The function for reading in the .txt file will be chosen from a set of functions provided with rcprd, based on the fletype (filetype). extract_txt_func does not need to be specified unless wanting to manually define the function for doing this. This may be beneficial if wanting to change variable formats, or if the variables in the .txt files change in future releases of CPRD AURUM.

Value

Adds .txt file to SQLite database on hard disk.

Examples

```
## Create connection to a temporary database
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))

## Add observation data
add_to_database(filepath = system.file("aurum_data",
    "aurum_allpatid_set1_extract_observation_001.txt", package = "rcprd"),
    filetype = "observation", db = aurum_extract, overwrite = TRUE)

## Query database
RSQLite::dbGetQuery(aurum_extract, 'SELECT * FROM observation', n = 3)

## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
```

combine_query

Combine a database query with a cohort.

Description

An S3 generic function that can be used on database queries from Aurum or GOLD extracts. Combine a database query with a cohort, only retaining observations between time_prev days prior to indexdt, and time_post days after indexdt, and for test data with values between lower_bound and upper_bound. The most recent numobs observations will be returned. cohort must contain variables patid and indexdt. The type of query must be specified for appropriate data manipulation. Input type = med if interested in medical diagnoses from the observation file, and type = test if interseted in test data from the observation file.

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Usage

```
combine_query(
  db_query,
  cohort,
  query_type = c("med", "drug", "test", "hes_primary", "death"),
  time_prev = Inf,
  time_post = Inf,
  lower_bound = -Inf,
  upper_bound = Inf,
  numobs = 1,
  value_na_rm = TRUE,
  earliest_values = FALSE,
  reduce_output = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

db_query	Output from database query (ideally obtained through db_query).	
cohort	Cohort to combine with the database query.	
query_type	Type of query	
time_prev	Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.	
time_post	Number of days after index date to look for codes.	
lower_bound	Lower bound for returned values when query_type = "test".	
upper_bound	Upper bound for returned values when query_type = "test".	
numobs	Number of observations to be returned.	
value_na_rm	If TRUE will remove data with NA in the value column of the queried data and remove values outside of lower_bound and upper_bound when query_type = "test".	
earliest_values		
	If TRUE will return the earliest values as opposed to most recent.	
reduce_output	If TRUE will reduce output to just patid, event date, medical/product code, and	

Details

value_na_rm = FALSE may be of use when extracting variables like smoking status, where we want test data for number of cigarettes per day, but do not want to remove all observations with NA in the value column, because the medcodeid itself may indicate smoking status.

Value

A data.table with observations that meet specified criteria.

test value.

Examples

```
## Create connection to a temporary database
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
## Add observation data from all observation files in specified directory
cprd_extract(db = aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation")
## Query database for a specific medcode
db_query <- db_query(db_open = aurum_extract,</pre>
tab = "observation",
codelist_vector = "187341000000114")
## Define cohort
pat<-extract_cohort(filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))</pre>
### Add an index date to pat
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/2020", format = "%d/%m/%Y")</pre>
## Combine query with cohort retaining most recent three records
combine_query(cohort = pat,
db_query = db_query,
query_type = "med",
numobs = 3)
## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

combine_query.aurum

Combine a CPRD aurum database query with a cohort.

Description

An S3 method that can be used on database queries from Aurum extracts. Combine a database query with a cohort, only retaining observations between time_prev days prior to indexdt, and time_post days after indexdt, and for test data with values between lower_bound and upper_bound. The most recent numobs observations will be returned. cohort must contain variables patid and indexdt. The type of query must be specified for appropriate data manipulation. Input type = med if interested in medical diagnoses from the observation file, and type = test if interseted in test data from the observation file.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'aurum'
combine_query(
   db_query,
```

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```
cohort,
  query_type,
  time_prev = Inf,
  time_post = Inf,
  lower_bound = -Inf,
  upper_bound = Inf,
  numobs = 1,
  value_na_rm = TRUE,
  earliest_values = FALSE,
  reduce_output = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

db_query Output from database query (ideally obtained through db_query).

cohort Cohort to combine with the database query.

query_type Type of query

time_prev Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.

time_post Number of days after index date to look for codes.

lower_bound Lower bound for returned values when query_type = "test".

Upper_bound Upper bound for returned values when query_type = "test".

number of observations to be returned.

value_na_rm If TRUE will remove data with NA in the value column of the queried data and

remove values outside of lower_bound and upper_bound when query_type =

"test".

earliest_values

If TRUE will return the earliest values as opposed to most recent.

test value.

Details

value_na_rm = FALSE may be of use when extracting variables like smoking status, where we want test data for number of cigarettes per day, but do not want to remove all observations with NA in the value column, because the medcodeid itself may indicate smoking status.

Value

A data.table with observations that meet specified criteria.

```
## Create connection to a temporary database
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
## Add observation data from all observation files in specified directory
cprd_extract(db = aurum_extract,</pre>
```

```
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation")
## Query database for a specific medcode
db_query <- db_query(db_open = aurum_extract,</pre>
tab ="observation",
codelist_vector = "187341000000114")
## Define cohort
pat<-extract_cohort(filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))</pre>
### Add an index date to pat
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/2020", format = "%d/%m/%Y")</pre>
## Combine query with cohort retaining most recent three records
combine_query(cohort = pat,
db_query = db_query,
query_type = "med",
numobs = 3)
## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

combine_query_boolean Combine a database query with a cohort returning a 0/1 vector depending on whether each individual has a recorded code of interest.

Description

An S3 generic function that can be used on database queries from Aurum or GOLD extracts. Combine a database query with a cohort returning a 0/1 vector depending on whether each individual has a recorded code of interest. cohort must contain variables patid and indexdt. The database query will be merged with the cohort by variable patid. If an individual has at least numbos observations between time_prev days prior to indexdt, and time_post days after indexdt, a 1 will be returned, 0 otherwise. The type of query must be specified for appropriate data manipulation.

Usage

```
combine_query_boolean(
  db_query,
  cohort,
  query_type = c("med", "drug"),
  time_prev = Inf,
  time_post = 0,
  numobs = 1
)
```

Arguments

db_query Output from database query (ideally obtained through db_query).

cohort Cohort to combine with the database query.

query_type Type of query

time_prev Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.

time_post Number of days after index date to look for codes.

number of observations required to be observed in specified time window to

return a 1.

Value

A 0/1 vector.

combine_query_boolean.aurum

Combine a CPRD aurum database query with a cohort returning a 0/1 vector depending on whether each individual has a recorded code of interest.

Description

An S3 method that can be used on database queries from Aurum extracts. Combine a database query with a cohort returning a 0/1 vector depending on whether each individual has a recorded code of interest. cohort must contain variables patid and indexdt. The database query will be merged with the cohort by variable patid. If an individual has at least numbos observations between time_prev days prior to indexdt, and time_post days after indexdt, a 1 will be returned, 0 otherwise. The type of query must be specified for appropriate data manipulation.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'aurum'
combine_query_boolean(
   db_query,
   cohort,
   query_type,
   time_prev = Inf,
   time_post = 0,
   numobs = 1
)
```

Arguments

db_query Output from database query (ideally obtained through db_query).

cohort Cohort to combine with the database query.

query_type Type of query

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time_prev Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.
time_post Number of days after index date to look for codes.

number of observations required to be observed in specified time window to

return a 1.

Value

A 0/1 vector.

Examples

```
## Create connection to a temporary database
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
## Add observation data from all observation files in specified directory
cprd_extract(db = aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation")
## Query database for a specific medcode
db_query <- db_query(db_open = aurum_extract,</pre>
tab ="observation",
codelist_vector = "187341000000114")
## Define cohort
pat<-extract_cohort(filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))</pre>
### Add an index date to pat
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/2020", format = "%d/%m/%Y")
## Combine query with cohort retaining most recent three records
combine_query_boolean(cohort = pat,
db_query = db_query,
query_type = "med",
numobs = 3)
## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

connect_database

Open connection to SQLite database

Description

Open connection to SQLite database

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Usage

```
connect_database(dbname)
```

Arguments

dbname

Name of SQLite database on hard disk (including full file path relative to working directory)

Value

No return value, called to open a database connection.

Examples

```
## Connect to a database
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
## Check connection is open
inherits(aurum_extract, "DBIConnection")

## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
```

cprd_extract

Adds all the .txt files in a directory, with certain file names, to an SQLite database on the hard disk.

Description

Add the raw data from more than one of the CPRD flatfiles to an SQLite database.

Usage

```
cprd_extract(
   db,
   filepath,
  filetype = c("observation", "drugissue", "referral", "problem", "consultation",
        "hes_primary", "death"),
   nrows = -1,
   select = NULL,
   subset_patids = NULL,
   use_set = FALSE,
   extract_txt_func = NULL,
   str_match = NULL,
   table_name = NULL,
   rm_duplicates = FALSE
)
```

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Arguments

db An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect.

filepath Path to directory containing .txt files.

filetype Type of CPRD Aurum file (observation, drugissue, referral, problem, consulta-

tion, hes_primary, death)

nrows Number of rows to read in from .txt file.

select Vector of column names to select before adding to the SQLite database.

subset_patids Patient id's to subset the .txt file on before adding to the SQLite database.

use_set Reduce subset_patids to just those with a corresponding set value to the .txt file

being read in. Can greatly improve computational efficiency when subset_patids

is large. See vignette XXXX for more details.

extract_txt_func

User-defined function to read the .txt file into R.

str_match Character vector to match on when searching for file names to add to the database.

table_name Name of table in SQLite database that the data will be added to.

rm_duplicates TRUE/FALSE whether to remove duplicate values (default is FALSE).

Details

By default, will add files that contain filetype in the file name to a table named filetype in the SQLite database. If str_match is specified, will add files that contain str_match in the file name to a table named str_match in the SQLite database. In this case, filetype will still be used to choose which function reads in and formats the raw data, although this can be overwritten with extract_txt_func. If argument table_name is specified, data will be added to a table called table_name in the SQLite database.

Currently, rcprd only deals with filetype = c("observation", "drugissue", "referral", "problem", "consultation", "hes_primary", "death") by default. However, by using str_match and extract_txt_func, the user can manually search for files with any string in the file name, and read them in and format using a user-defined function. This means the user is not restricted to only adding the pre-defined file types to the SQLite database.

If use_set = FALSE, then subset_patids should be a vector of patid's that the .txt files will be subsetted on before adding to the SQLite database. If use_set = TRUE, then subset_patids should be a dataframe with two columns, patid and set, where set corresponds to the number in the file name following the word 'set'. This functionality is provided to increase computational efficiency when subsetting to a cohort of patients which is very large (millions). This can be a computationally expensive process as each flatfile being read in, must be cross matched with a large vector . The CPRD flatfiles are split up into groups which can be identified from their naming convention. Patients from set 1, will have their data in DrugIssue, Observation, etc, all with the same "set" suffix in the flatfile name. We can utilise this to speed up the process of subsetting the data from the flatfiles to only those with patids in subset_patid. Instead we subset to those with patids in subset_patids, and with the corresponding value of "set", which matches the suffix "set1" in the CPRD flatfile file name. For example, patients in the Patient file which had suffix "set1", will have their medical data in the Observation file with suffix "set1". When subsetting the Observation file to those in subset_patids (our cohort), we only need to do so for patients who were also in the patient file with suffix "set1".

If the cohort of patients for which you want to subset the data to is very small, the computational gains from this argument are minor and it can be ignored.

The function for reading in the .txt file will be chosen from a set of functions provided with rcprd, based on the filetype (filetype). extract_txt_func does not need to be specified unless wanting to manually define the function for doing this. This may be beneficial if wanting to change variable formats, or if the variables in the .txt files change in future releases of CPRD AURUM and rcprd has not been updated.

Value

Adds .txt file to SQLite database on hard disk.

Examples

```
## Create connection to a temporary database
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))

## Add observation data from all observation files in specified directory
cprd_extract(db = aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation")

## Query database
RSQLite::dbGetQuery(aurum_extract, 'SELECT * FROM observation', n = 3)

## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
```

create_directory_system

Create the appropriate directory system to be able to run functions without specifying hard filepaths

Description

Create the appropriate directory system to be able to run functions without specifying hard filepaths

Usage

```
create_directory_system(rootdir = NULL)
```

Arguments

rootdir

Directory within which to create the directory system

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Value

No return value, creates directory system in the specified directory.

Examples

```
## Create directory system compatible with rcprd's automatic saving of output
create_directory_system(tempdir())
file.exists(file.path(tempdir(),"data"))
file.exists(file.path(tempdir(),"code"))
file.exists(file.path(tempdir(),"codelists"))

## Return filespace to how it was prior to example
delete_directory_system(tempdir())
```

db_query

Query an RSQLite database.

Description

Query an RSQLite database stored on the hard disk for observations with specific codes.

Usage

Arguments

codelist

Name of codelist to query the database with.

An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be queried.

Name of SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried.

Full filepath

Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried.

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tab CPRD filetype

table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different

from tab.

codelist_vector

Vector of codes to query the database with.

codelist_df data.frame used to specify the codelist.

n number of observations to output

rm_duplicates TRUE/FALSE whether to remove duplicate values (default is FALSE)

Details

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

Specifying codelist requires a specific underlying directory structure. The codelist on the hard disk must be stored in "codelists/analysis/" relative to the working directory, must be a .csv file, and contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. The codelist can also be read in manually, and supplied as a character vector to codelist_vector. If the codelist is specified through an R data.frame, codelist_df, this must contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. Specifying the codelist this way will retain all the other columns from codelist_df in the queried output.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match the CPRD filetype specified in tab. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

Value

A data.table with observations contained in the specified codelist.

```
## Create connection to a temporary database
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))

## Add observation data from all observation files in specified directory
cprd_extract(db = aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation")

## Query database for a specific medcode
db_query(db_open = aurum_extract,
tab ="observation",
codelist_vector = "187341000000114")</pre>
```

```
## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

delete_directory_system

Deletes directory system created by delete_directory_system

Description

Deletes directory system created by delete_directory_system. Primarily used to restore filespaces to original in examples/tests/vignettes.

Usage

```
delete_directory_system(rootdir = NULL)
```

Arguments

rootdir

Directory within which to delete the directory system

Value

No return value, deletes directory system in the specified directory.

```
## Print current working directory
getwd()

## Create directory system
create_directory_system(tempdir())
file.exists(file.path(tempdir(),"data"))
file.exists(file.path(tempdir(),"code"))
file.exists(file.path(tempdir(),"codelists"))

## Return filespace to how it was prior to example
delete_directory_system(tempdir())
file.exists(file.path(tempdir(),"data"))
file.exists(file.path(tempdir(),"code"))
file.exists(file.path(tempdir(),"codelists"))
```

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extract_bmi

Extract most recent BMI score relative to an index date.

Description

Extract most recent BMI score relative to an index date.

Usage

```
extract_bmi(
  cohort,
  varname = NULL,
  codelist_bmi = NULL,
  codelist_weight = NULL,
  codelist_height = NULL,
  codelist_bmi_vector = NULL,
  codelist_weight_vector = NULL,
  codelist_height_vector = NULL,
  codelist_bmi_df = NULL,
  codelist_weight_df = NULL,
  codelist_height_df = NULL,
  indexdt,
  t = NULL
  t_{varname} = TRUE,
  time_prev = 365.25 * 5,
  time_post = 0,
  lower\_bound = -Inf,
  upper_bound = Inf,
  db_{open} = NULL,
  db = NULL,
  db_filepath = NULL,
  table_name = NULL,
  out_save_disk = FALSE,
 out_subdir = NULL,
 out_filepath = NULL,
  return\_output = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

cohort Cohort to extract age for.

varname Optional name for variable in output dataset.

codelist_bmi Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for BMI to query

the database with.

codelist_weight

Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for weight to query the database with.

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codelist_height

Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for height to query the database with.

codelist_bmi_vector

Vector of codes for BMI to query the database with.

codelist_weight_vector

Vector of codes for weight to query the database with.

codelist_height_vector

Vector of codes for height to query the database with.

codelist_bmi_df

data.frame of codes for BMI to query the database with.

codelist_weight_df

data.frame of codes for weight to query the database with.

codelist_height_df

data.frame of codes for height to query the database with.

indexdt Name of variable which defines index date in cohort.

t Number of days after index date at which to calculate variable.

t_varname Whether to add t to varname.

time_prev Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.

time_post Number of days after index date to look for codes.

lower_bound Lower bound for returned values.

upper_bound Upper bound for returned values.

db_open An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be

queried.

db Name of SQLITE database on hard disk (stored in "data/sql/"), to be queried.

db_filepath Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be gueried.

table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different

from 'observation'.

out_subdir Sub-directory of "data/extraction/" to save outputted data frame into.

out_filepath Full filepath and filename to save outputted data frame into.
return_output If TRUE will return outputted data frame into R workspace.

Details

BMI can either be identified through a directly recorded BMI score, or calculated via height and weight scores. Full details on the algorithm for extracting BMI are given in the vignette: Details-on-algorithms-for-extracting-specific-variables. This vignette can be viewed by running vignette("help", package = "rcprd").

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also

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be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

If out_save_disk = TRUE, the data frame will automatically be written to an .rds file in a subdirectory "data/extraction/" of the working directory. This directory structure must be created in advance. out_subdir can be used to specify subdirectories within "data/extraction/". These options will use a default naming convetion. This can be overwritten using out_filepath to manually specify the location on the hard disk to save. Alternatively, return the data frame into the R workspace using return_output = TRUE and then save onto the hard disk manually.

Specifying the non-vector type codelists requires a specific underlying directory structure. The codelist on the hard disk must be stored in "codelists/analysis/" relative to the working directory, must be a .csv file, and contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. The input to these variables should just be the name of the files (excluding the suffix .csv). The codelists can also be read in manually, and supplied as a character vector. This option will take precedence over the codelists stored on the hard disk if both are specified.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match 'observation'. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

Value

A data frame with variable BMI.

```
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
## Create SQLite database using cprd_extract
cprd_extract(aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation", use_set = FALSE)
## Define cohort and add index date
pat<-extract_cohort(system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))</pre>
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/1955", format = "%d/%m/%Y")
## Extract most recent BMI prior to index date
extract_bmi(cohort = pat,
codelist_bmi_vector = "498521000006119",
codelist_weight_vector = "401539014",
codelist_height_vector = "13483031000006114",
indexdt = "indexdt",
time_prev = Inf,
db_open = aurum_extract,
return_output = TRUE)
## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

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Description

Extract most recent total cholesterol/high-density lipoprotein ratio score relative to an index date.

Usage

```
extract_cholhdl_ratio(
  cohort,
  varname = NULL,
  codelist_ratio = NULL,
  codelist_chol = NULL,
  codelist_hdl = NULL,
  codelist_ratio_vector = NULL,
  codelist_chol_vector = NULL,
  codelist_hdl_vector = NULL,
  codelist_ratio_df = NULL,
  codelist_chol_df = NULL,
  codelist_hdl_df = NULL,
  indexdt,
  t = NULL,
  t_varname = TRUE,
  time_prev = 365.25 * 5,
  time_post = 0,
  lower\_bound = -Inf,
  upper_bound = Inf,
  db_{open} = NULL,
  db = NULL,
  db_filepath = NULL,
  table_name = NULL,
  out_save_disk = FALSE,
 out_subdir = NULL,
  out_filepath = NULL,
  return_output = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

cohort Cohort to extract age for.

varname Optional name for variable in output dataset.

codelist_ratio Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for ratio to query the database with.

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codelist_chol Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for total choles-

terol to query the database with.

codelist_hdl Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for high-density

lipoprotein to query the database with.

codelist_ratio_vector

Vector of codes for ratio to query the database with.

codelist_chol_vector

Vector of codes for total cholesterol to query the database with.

codelist_hdl_vector

Vector of codes for high-density lipoprotein to query the database with.

codelist_ratio_df

data.frame of codes for ratio to query the database with.

codelist_chol_df

data.frame of codes for total cholesterol to query the database with.

codelist_hdl_df

data.frame of codes for high-density lipoprotein to query the database with.

indexdt Name of variable which defines index date in cohort.

t Number of days after index date at which to calculate variable.

t_varname Whether to add t to varname.

time_prev Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.

time_post Number of days after index date to look for codes.

lower_bound Lower bound for returned values.

upper_bound Upper bound for returned values.

db_open An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be

queried.

db Name of SQLITE database on hard disk (stored in "data/sql/"), to be queried.

db_filepath Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried.

table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different

from 'observation'.

out_subdir Sub-directory of "data/extraction/" to save outputted data frame into.

out_filepath Full filepath and filename to save outputted data frame into.
return_output If TRUE will return outputted data frame into R workspace.

Details

Cholesterol/HDL ratio can either be identified through a directly recorded cholesterol/hdl ratio score, or calculated via total cholesterol and HDL scores. Full details on the algorithm for extracting cholesterol/hdl ratio are given in the vignette: Details-on-algorithms-for-extracting-specific-variables. This vignette can be viewed by running vignette("help", package = "rcprd").

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through

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db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

If out_save_disk = TRUE, the data frame will automatically be written to an .rds file in a subdirectory "data/extraction/" of the working directory. This directory structure must be created in advance. out_subdir can be used to specify subdirectories within "data/extraction/". These options will use a default naming convetion. This can be overwritten using out_filepath to manually specify the location on the hard disk to save. Alternatively, return the data frame into the R workspace using return_output = TRUE and then save onto the hard disk manually.

Specifying the non-vector type codelists requires a specific underlying directory structure. The codelist on the hard disk must be stored in "codelists/analysis/" relative to the working directory, must be a .csv file, and contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. The input to these variables should just be the name of the files (excluding the suffix .csv). The codelists can also be read in manually, and supplied as a character vector. This option will take precedence over the codelists stored on the hard disk if both are specified.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match 'observation'. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

Value

A data frame with variable total cholesterol/high-density lipoprotein ratio.

```
## Connect
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
## Create SQLite database using cprd_extract
cprd_extract(aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation", use_set = FALSE)
## Define cohort and add index date
pat<-extract_cohort(system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))</pre>
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/1955", format = "%d/%m/%Y")
## Extract most recent cholhdl_ratio prior to index date
extract_cholhdl_ratio(cohort = pat,
codelist_ratio_vector = "498521000006119",
codelist_chol_vector = "401539014",
codelist_hdl_vector = "13483031000006114",
indexdt = "indexdt",
time_prev = Inf,
db_open = aurum_extract,
return_output = TRUE)
## clean up
```

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```
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

extract_cohort

Create cohort from patient files

Description

Create cohort from patient files

Usage

```
extract_cohort(filepath, patids = NULL, select = NULL, set = FALSE)
```

Arguments

filepath	Path to directory containing patient .txt files.
patids	Patids of patients to retain in the cohort. Character vector. Numeric values should not be used.
select	Character vector of column names to select.
set	If TRUE will create a variable called set which will contain the number that comes after the word 'set' in the file name.

Value

Data frame with patient information

```
## Extract cohort data
pat<-extract_cohort(filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))
pat</pre>
```

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extract_diabetes

Extract diabetes status prior to an index date.

Description

Extract diabetes status prior to an index date.

Usage

```
extract_diabetes(
  cohort,
  varname = NULL,
  codelist_type1 = NULL,
  codelist_type2 = NULL,
  codelist_type1_vector = NULL,
  codelist_type2_vector = NULL,
  codelist_type1_df = NULL,
  codelist_type2_df = NULL,
  indexdt,
  t = NULL,
  t_varname = TRUE,
  db_{open} = NULL,
  db = NULL,
  db_filepath = NULL,
  table_name = NULL,
  out_save_disk = FALSE,
 out_subdir = NULL,
  out_filepath = NULL,
  return\_output = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

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codelist_type2_df

data.frame of codes for type 2 diabetes to query the database with.

indexdt Name of variable which defines index date in cohort.

t Number of days after index date at which to calculate variable.

t_varname Whether to add t to varname.

db_open An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be

queried.

db Name of SQLITE database on hard disk (stored in "data/sql/"), to be queried.

db_filepath Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried.

table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different

from 'observation'.

out_subdir Sub-directory of "data/extraction/" to save outputted data frame into.

out_filepath Full filepath and filename to save outputted data frame into.
return_output If TRUE will return outputted data frame into R workspace.

Details

If an individual is found to have medical codes for both type 1 and type 2 diabetes, the returned value of diabetes status will be type 1 diabetes. Full details on the algorithm for extracting diabetes status are given in the vignette: Details-on-algorithms-for-extracting-specific-variables. This vignette can be viewed by running vignette("help", package = "rcprd").

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

If out_save_disk = TRUE, the data frame will automatically be written to an .rds file in a subdirectory "data/extraction/" of the working directory. This directory structure must be created in advance. out_subdir can be used to specify subdirectories within "data/extraction/". These options will use a default naming convetion. This can be overwritten using out_filepath to manually specify the location on the hard disk to save. Alternatively, return the data frame into the R workspace using return_output = TRUE and then save onto the hard disk manually.

Specifying the non-vector type codelists requires a specific underlying directory structure. The codelist on the hard disk must be stored in "codelists/analysis/" relative to the working directory, must be a .csv file, and contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. The input to these variables should just be the name of the files (excluding the suffix .csv). The codelists can also be read in manually, and supplied as a character vector. This option will take precedence over the codelists stored on the hard disk if both are specified.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match 'observation'. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

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Value

A data frame with variable diabetes status.

Examples

```
## Connect
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
## Create SQLite database using cprd_extract
cprd_extract(aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation", use_set = FALSE)
## Define cohort and add index date
pat<-extract_cohort(system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))</pre>
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/1955", format = "%d/%m/%Y")</pre>
## Extract diabetes prior to index date
extract_diabetes(cohort = pat,
codelist_type1_vector = "498521000006119",
codelist_type2_vector = "401539014",
indexdt = "indexdt",
db_open = aurum_extract)
## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

extract_ho

Extract a 'history of' type variable

Description

Query an RSQLite database and return a data frame with a 0/1 vector depending on whether each individual has at least one observation with relevant code between a specified time period.

Usage

```
extract_ho(
  cohort,
  varname = NULL,
  codelist = NULL,
  codelist_vector = NULL,
  codelist_df = NULL,
  indexdt,
  t = NULL,
  t_varname = TRUE,
  time_prev = Inf,
```

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```
time_post = 0,
numobs = 1,
db_open = NULL,
db = NULL,
db_filepath = NULL,
tab = c("observation", "drugissue", "hes_primary", "death"),
table_name = NULL,
out_save_disk = FALSE,
out_subdir = NULL,
out_filepath = NULL,
return_output = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

cohort Cohort of individuals to extract the 'history of' variable for.

varname Name of variable in the outputted data frame.

codelist Name of codelist (stored on hard disk) to query the database with.

codelist_vector

Vector of codes to query the database with. This takes precedent over codelist

if both are specified.

codelist_df data.frame used to specify the codelist.

indexdt Name of variable in cohort which specifies the index date. The extracted vari-

able will be calculated relative to this.

t Number of days after indexdt at which to extract the variable.

t_varname Whether to alter the variable name in the outputted data frame to reflect t.

time_prev Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.

time_post Number of days after index date to look for codes.

number of observations required to return a value of 1.

db_open An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be

queried.

db Name of SQLITE database on hard disk (stored in "data/sql/"), to be queried.

db_filepath Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried.

tab Table name to query in SQLite database.

table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different

from tab.

out_save_disk If TRUE will attempt to save outputted data frame to directory "data/extraction/".

out_subdir Sub-directory of "data/extraction/" to save outputted data frame into.

out_filepath Full filepath and filename to save outputted data frame into.

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Details

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

If out_save_disk = TRUE, the data frame will automatically be written to an .rds file in a subdirectory "data/extraction/" of the working directory. This directory structure must be created in advance. out_subdir can be used to specify subdirectories within "data/extraction/". These options will use a default naming convention. This can be overwritten using out_filepath to manually specify the location on the hard disk to save. Alternatively, return the data frame into the R workspace using return_output = TRUE and then save onto the hard disk manually.

Codelists can be specified in three ways. The first is to read the codelist into R as a character vector and then specify through the argument codelist_vector. The second is codelists stored on the hard disk, which can = be referred to from the codelist argument, but require a specific underlying directory structure. The codelist on the hard disk must be stored in a directory called "codelists/analysis/" relative to the working directory. The codelist must be a .csv file, and contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the input for argument tab. The input to argument codelist must be a character string of the name of the files (excluding the suffix '.csv'). The third is to specify the codelist through an R data.frame, codelist_df, this must contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. Specifying the codelist this way will retain all the other columns from codelist_df in the queried output.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match the CPRD filetype specified in tab. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

Value

A data frame with a 0/1 vector and patid. 1 = presence of code within the specified time period.

```
## Connect
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
## Create SQLite database using cprd_extract
cprd_extract(aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation", use_set = FALSE)

## Define cohort and add index date
pat<-extract_cohort(system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/1955", format = "%d/%m/%Y")

## Extract a history of type variable prior to index date
extract_ho(pat,
codelist_vector = "187341000000114",</pre>
```

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```
indexdt = "fup_start",
db_open = aurum_extract,
tab = "observation",
return_output = TRUE)

## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

extract_practices

Combine practice files

Description

Combine practice files

Usage

```
extract_practices(filepath, select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath Path to directory containing practice .txt files.
select Character vector of column names to select.

Value

Data frame with patient information

```
## Extract cohort data
prac<-extract_practices(filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))
prac</pre>
```

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extract_smoking

Extract smoking status prior to index date.

Description

Extract smoking status prior to index date.

Usage

```
extract_smoking(
  cohort,
  varname = NULL,
  codelist_non = NULL,
  codelist_ex = NULL,
  codelist_light = NULL,
  codelist_mod = NULL,
  codelist_heavy = NULL,
  codelist_non_vector = NULL,
  codelist_ex_vector = NULL,
  codelist_light_vector = NULL,
  codelist_mod_vector = NULL,
  codelist_heavy_vector = NULL,
  codelist_non_df = NULL,
  codelist_ex_df = NULL,
  codelist_light_df = NULL,
  codelist_mod_df = NULL,
  codelist_heavy_df = NULL,
  indexdt,
  t = NULL
  t_varname = TRUE,
  db_open = NULL,
  db = NULL,
  db_filepath = NULL,
  table_name = NULL,
  out_save_disk = FALSE,
 out_subdir = NULL,
 out_filepath = NULL,
  return\_output = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

cohort Cohort to extract age for.

varname Optional name for variable in output dataset.

 ${\tt codelist_non} \qquad {\tt Name~of~codelist~(stored~on~hard~disk~in~"codelists/analysis/")}~for~non-smoker$

to query the database with.

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Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for ex-smoker to codelist_ex query the database with. codelist_light Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for light smoker to query the database with. Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for moderate codelist_mod smoker to query the database with. codelist_heavy Name of codelist (stored on hard disk in "codelists/analysis/") for heavy smoker to query the database with. codelist_non_vector Vector of codes for non-smoker to query the database with. codelist_ex_vector Vector of codes for ex-smoker to query the database with. codelist_light_vector Vector of codes for light smoker to query the database with. codelist_mod_vector Vector of codes for moderate smoker to query the database with. codelist_heavy_vector Vector of codes for heavy smoker to query the database with. codelist_non_df data.frame of codes for non-smoker to query the database with. codelist_ex_df data.frame of codes for ex-smoker to query the database with. codelist_light_df data.frame of codes for light smoker to query the database with. codelist_mod_df data.frame of codes for moderate smoker to query the database with. codelist_heavy_df data.frame of codes for heavy smoker to query the database with. indexdt Name of variable which defines index date in cohort. Number of days after index date at which to calculate variable. t_varname Whether to add t to varname. db_open An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be queried. db Name of SQLITE database on hard disk (stored in "data/sql/"), to be queried. db_filepath Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried. table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different from 'observation'. If TRUE will attempt to save outputted data frame to directory "data/extraction/". out_save_disk Sub-directory of "data/extraction/" to save outputted data frame into. out_subdir out_filepath Full filepath and filename to save outputted data frame into.

If TRUE will return outputted data frame into R workspace.

return_output

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Details

Returns the most recent value of smoking status. If the most recently recorded observation of smoking status is non-smoker, but the individual has a history of smoking identified through the medical record, the outputted value of smoking status will be ex-smoker. Full details on the algorithm for extracting smoking status are given in the vignette: Details-on-algorithms-for-extracting-specific-variables. This vignette can be viewed by running vignette("help", package = "rcprd").

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

If out_save_disk = TRUE, the data frame will automatically be written to an .rds file in a subdirectory "data/extraction/" of the working directory. This directory structure must be created in advance. out_subdir can be used to specify subdirectories within "data/extraction/". These options will use a default naming convetion. This can be overwritten using out_filepath to manually specify the location on the hard disk to save. Alternatively, return the data frame into the R workspace using return_output = TRUE and then save onto the hard disk manually.

Specifying the non-vector type codelists requires a specific underlying directory structure. The codelist on the hard disk must be stored in "codelists/analysis/" relative to the working directory, must be a .csv file, and contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. The input to these variables should just be the name of the files (excluding the suffix .csv). The codelists can also be read in manually, and supplied as a character vector. This option will take precedence over the codelists stored on the hard disk if both are specified.

We take the most recent smoking status record. If an individuals most recent smoking status is a non-smoker, but they have a history of smoking prior to this, these individuals will be classed as ex-smokers.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match 'observation'. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

Value

A data frame with variable smoking status.

```
## Connect
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
## Create SQLite database using cprd_extract
cprd_extract(aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation", use_set = FALSE)
## Define cohort and add index date
pat<-extract_cohort(system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))</pre>
```

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```
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/1955", format = "%d/%m/%Y")

## Extract smoking status prior to index date
extract_smoking(cohort = pat,
codelist_non_vector = "498521000006119",
codelist_ex_vector = "401539014",
codelist_light_vector = "1280110000000115",
codelist_mod_vector = "380389013",
codelist_heavy_vector = "13483031000006114",
indexdt = "indexdt",
db_open = aurum_extract)

## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
```

extract_test_data

Extract test data.

Description

Query an RSQLite database and return a data frame containing the most recent test result that meets specified criteria.

Usage

```
extract_test_data(
  cohort,
  varname = NULL,
  codelist = NULL,
  codelist_vector = NULL,
  codelist_df = NULL,
  indexdt,
  t = NULL,
  t_varname = TRUE,
  time_prev = Inf,
  time_post = 0,
  lower_bound = -Inf,
  upper_bound = Inf,
  numobs = 1,
  keep_numunit = FALSE,
  db_open = NULL,
  db = NULL,
  db_filepath = NULL,
  table_name = NULL,
  out_save_disk = FALSE,
  out_subdir = NULL,
```

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```
out_filepath = NULL,
return_output = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

cohort Cohort of individuals to extract the 'history of' variable for.

varname Name of variable in the outputted data frame.

codelist Name of codelist (stored on hard disk) to query the database with.

codelist_vector

Vector of codes to query the database with.

codelist_df data.frame used to specify the codelist.

indexdt Name of variable in cohort which specifies the index date. The extracted vari-

able will be calculated relative to this.

t Number of days after indexdt at which to extract the variable.

t_varname Whether to alter the variable name in the outputted data frame to reflect t.

time_prev Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.

time_post Number of days after index date to look for codes.

lower_bound Lower bound for returned values.

upper_bound Upper bound for returned values.

number of test results to return. Will return most recent values that are in the

valid time and bound ranges.

keep_numunit TRUE/FALSE whether to keep numunitid, medcodeid and obsdate in the out-

putted dataset.

db_open An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be

queried.

db Name of SQLITE database on hard disk (stored in "data/sql/"), to be queried.

db_filepath Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried.

table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different

from 'observation'.

out_subdir Sub-directory of "data/extraction/" to save outputted data frame into.

out_filepath Full filepath and filename to save outputted data frame into. return_output If TRUE will return outputted data frame into R workspace.

Details

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter

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db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

If out_save_disk = TRUE, the data frame will automatically be written to an .rds file in a subdirectory "data/extraction/" of the working directory. This directory structure must be created in advance. out_subdir can be used to specify subdirectories within "data/extraction/". These options will use a default naming convetion. This can be overwritten using out_filepath to manually specify the location on the hard disk to save. Alternatively, return the data frame into the R workspace using return_output = TRUE and then save onto the hard disk manually.

Codelists can be specified in three ways. The first is to read the codelist into R as a character vector and then specify through the argument codelist_vector. The second is codelists stored on the hard disk, which can = be referred to from the codelist argument, but require a specific underlying directory structure. The codelist on the hard disk must be stored in a directory called "codelists/analysis/" relative to the working directory. The codelist must be a .csv file, and contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the input for argument tab. The input to argument codelist must be a character string of the name of the files (excluding the suffix '.csv'). The third is to specify the codelist through an R data.frame, codelist_df, this must contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. Specifying the codelist this way will retain all the other columns from codelist_df in the queried output.

Currently only returns most recent test result. This will be updated to return more than one most recent test result if specified.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match 'observation'. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

Value

A data frame containing all test results that meets required criteria.

```
## Connect
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
## Create SQLite database using cprd_extract
cprd_extract(aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation", use_set = FALSE)

## Define cohort and add index date
pat<-extract_cohort(system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/1955", format = "%d/%m/%Y")

## Extract most recent test value prior to index date
extract_test_data(pat,
codelist_vector = "187341000000114",
indexdt = "fup_start",
db_open = aurum_extract,
time_prev = Inf,
return_output = TRUE)</pre>
```

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```
## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

Description

Extract standard deviation of all test data values over a specified time period relative to an index date.

Usage

```
extract_test_data_var(
  cohort,
  varname = NULL,
  codelist = NULL,
  codelist_vector = NULL,
  codelist_df = NULL,
  indexdt,
  t = NULL
  t_varname = TRUE,
  time_prev = 365.25 * 5,
  time_post = 0,
  lower_bound = -Inf,
  upper_bound = Inf,
  db_{open} = NULL,
  db = NULL,
  db_filepath = NULL,
  table_name = NULL,
  out_save_disk = FALSE,
  out_subdir = NULL,
  out_filepath = NULL,
  return_output = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

cohort Cohort of individuals to extract the 'history of' variable for.

varname Name of variable in the outputted data frame.

codelist Name of codelist (stored on hard disk) to query the database with.

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codelist_vector

Vector of codes to query the database with. This takes precedent over codelist

if both are specified.

codelist_df data.frame used to specify the codelist.

indexdt Name of variable in cohort which specifies the index date. The extracted vari-

able will be calculated relative to this.

t Number of days after indexdt at which to extract the variable.

t_varname Whether to alter the variable name in the outputted data frame to reflect t.

time_prev Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.

time_post Number of days after index date to look for codes.

lower_bound Lower bound for returned values.

upper_bound Upper bound for returned values.

db_open An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be

queried.

db Name of SQLITE database on hard disk (stored in "data/sql/"), to be queried.

db_filepath Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried.

table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different

from 'observation'.

out_save_disk If TRUE will attempt to save outputted data frame to directory "data/extraction/".

out_subdir Sub-directory of "data/extraction/" to save outputted data frame into.

out_filepath Full filepath and filename to save outputted data frame into.
return_output If TRUE will return outputted data frame into R workspace.

Details

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

If out_save_disk = TRUE, the data frame will automatically be written to an .rds file in a subdirectory "data/extraction/" of the working directory. This directory structure must be created in advance. out_subdir can be used to specify subdirectories within "data/extraction/". These options will use a default naming convetion. This can be overwritten using out_filepath to manually specify the location on the hard disk to save. Alternatively, return the data frame into the R workspace using return_output = TRUE and then save onto the hard disk manually.

Currently only returns most recent test result. This will be updated to return more than one most recent test result if specified.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match 'observation'. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

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Value

A data frame containing standard deviation of test results.

Examples

```
## Connect
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
## Create SQLite database using cprd_extract
cprd_extract(aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation", use_set = FALSE)
## Define cohort and add index date
pat<-extract_cohort(system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))</pre>
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/1955", format = "%d/%m/%Y")
## Extract standard deviation of previous test scores prior to index date
extract_test_data_var(pat,
codelist_vector = "187341000000114",
indexdt = "fup_start",
db_open = aurum_extract,
time_prev = Inf,
return_output = TRUE)
## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

Description

Query an RSQLite database and return a data frame containing the most recent test result that meets specified criteria.

Usage

```
extract_test_recent(
  cohort,
  varname = NULL,
  codelist = NULL,
  codelist_vector = NULL,
  codelist_df = NULL,
  indexdt,
  t = NULL,
  t_varname = TRUE,
```

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```
time_prev = 365.25 * 5,
time_post = 0,
lower_bound = -Inf,
upper_bound = Inf,
keep_numunit = FALSE,
db_open = NULL,
db = NULL,
db_filepath = NULL,
table_name = NULL,
out_save_disk = FALSE,
out_subdir = NULL,
out_filepath = NULL,
return_output = FALSE
```

Arguments

cohort Cohort of individuals to extract the 'history of' variable for.

varname Name of variable in the outputted data frame.

codelist Name of codelist (stored on hard disk) to query the database with.

codelist_vector

Vector of codes to query the database with. This takes precedent over codelist

if both are specified.

codelist_df data.frame used to specify the codelist.

indexdt Name of variable in cohort which specifies the index date. The extracted vari-

able will be calculated relative to this.

t Number of days after indexdt at which to extract the variable.

t_varname Whether to alter the variable name in the outputted data frame to reflect t.

time_prev Number of days prior to index date to look for codes.

time_post Number of days after index date to look for codes.

lower_bound Lower bound for returned values.
upper_bound Upper bound for returned values.

keep_numunit TRUE/FALSE whether to keep numunitid, medcodeid and obsdate in the out-

putted dataset.

db_open An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be

queried.

db Name of SQLITE database on hard disk (stored in "data/sql/"), to be queried.

db_filepath Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried.

table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different

from 'observation'.

out_subdir Sub-directory of "data/extraction/" to save outputted data frame into.

out_filepath Full filepath and filename to save outputted data frame into. return_output If TRUE will return outputted data frame into R workspace.

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Details

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

If out_save_disk = TRUE, the data frame will automatically be written to an .rds file in a subdirectory "data/extraction/" of the working directory. This directory structure must be created in advance. out_subdir can be used to specify subdirectories within "data/extraction/". These options will use a default naming convetion. This can be overwritten using out_filepath to manually specify the location on the hard disk to save. Alternatively, return the data frame into the R workspace using return_output = TRUE and then save onto the hard disk manually.

Codelists can be specified in three ways. The first is to read the codelist into R as a character vector and then specify through the argument codelist_vector. The second is codelists stored on the hard disk, which can = be referred to from the codelist argument, but require a specific underlying directory structure. The codelist on the hard disk must be stored in a directory called "codelists/analysis/" relative to the working directory. The codelist must be a .csv file, and contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the input for argument tab. The input to argument codelist must be a character string of the name of the files (excluding the suffix '.csv'). The third is to specify the codelist through an R data.frame, codelist_df, this must contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. Specifying the codelist this way will retain all the other columns from codelist_df in the queried output.

Currently only returns most recent test result. This will be updated to return more than one most recent test result if specified.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match 'observation'. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

Value

A data frame containing most recent test result that meets required criteria.

Examples

```
## Connect
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
## Create SQLite database using cprd_extract
cprd_extract(aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation", use_set = FALSE)

## Define cohort and add index date
pat<-extract_cohort(system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/1955", format = "%d/%m/%Y")</pre>
```

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```
## Extract most recent test value prior to index date
extract_test_data(pat,
    codelist_vector = "187341000000114",
    indexdt = "fup_start",
    db_open = aurum_extract,
    time_prev = Inf,
    return_output = TRUE)

## clean up
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

extract_time_until

Extract a 'time until' type variable

Description

Query an RSQLite database and a data frame with the time until first code of interest or censoring, and an event/censoring indicator.

Usage

```
extract_time_until(
  cohort,
  varname_time = NULL,
 varname_indicator = NULL,
  codelist = NULL,
  codelist_vector = NULL,
  codelist_df = NULL,
  indexdt,
  censdt,
  censdt_lag = 0,
  t = NULL,
  t_varname = TRUE,
  db_open = NULL,
  db = NULL,
  db_filepath = NULL,
  tab = c("observation", "drugissue", "hes_primary", "death"),
  table_name = NULL,
  out_save_disk = FALSE,
 out_subdir = NULL,
 out_filepath = NULL,
  return_output = FALSE
)
```

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Arguments

cohort Cohort of individuals to extract the variable for.

varname_time Name of time variable in the outputted data frame.

varname_indicator

Name of event/censoring indicator in the outputted data frame.

codelist Name of codelist (stored on hard disk) to query the database with.

codelist_vector

Vector of codes to query the database with. This takes precedent over codelist

if both are specified.

codelist_df data.frame used to specify the codelist.

indexdt Name of variable in cohort which specifies the index date. The extracted vari-

able will be calculated relative to this.

censdt Name of variable in cohort which specifies the censoring date.

censdt_lag Number of days after censoring where events will still be considered, to account

for delays in recording.

t Number of days after indexdt at which to extract the variable.

t_varname Whether to alter the variable name in the outputted data frame to reflect t.

db_open An open SQLite database connection created using RSQLite::dbConnect, to be

queried.

db Name of SQLITE database on hard disk (stored in "data/sql/"), to be queried.

db_filepath Full filepath to SQLITE database on hard disk, to be queried.

tab Table name to query in SQLite database.

table_name Specify name of table in the SQLite database to be queried, if this is different

from tab.

out_subdir Sub-directory of "data/extraction/" to save outputted data frame into.

out_filepath Full filepath and filename to save outputted data frame into. return_output If TRUE will return outputted data frame into R workspace.

Details

Specifying db requires a specific underlying directory structure. The SQLite database must be stored in "data/sql/" relative to the working directory. If the SQLite database is accessed through db, the connection will be opened and then closed after the query is complete. The same is true if the database is accessed through db_filepath. A connection to the SQLite database can also be opened manually using RSQLite::dbConnect, and then using the object as input to parameter db_open. After wards, the connection must be closed manually using RSQLite::dbDisconnect. If db_open is specified, this will take precedence over db or db_filepath.

If out_save_disk = TRUE, the data frame will automatically be written to an .rds file in a subdirectory "data/extraction/" of the working directory. This directory structure must be created in advance. out_subdir can be used to specify subdirectories within "data/extraction/". These options will use a default naming convetion. This can be overwritten using out_filepath to manually specify the

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location on the hard disk to save. Alternatively, return the data frame into the R workspace using return_output = TRUE and then save onto the hard disk manually.

Codelists can be specified in three ways. The first is to read the codelist into R as a character vector and then specify through the argument codelist_vector. The second is codelists stored on the hard disk, which can = be referred to from the codelist argument, but require a specific underlying directory structure. The codelist on the hard disk must be stored in a directory called "codelists/analysis/" relative to the working directory. The codelist must be a .csv file, and contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the input for argument tab. The input to argument codelist must be a character string of the name of the files (excluding the suffix '.csv'). The third is to specify the codelist through an R data.frame, codelist_df, this must contain a column "medcodeid", "prodcodeid" or "ICD10" depending on the chosen tab. Specifying the codelist this way will retain all the other columns from codelist_df in the queried output.

If the time until event is the same as time until censored, this will be considered an event (var_indicator = 1)

If dtcens.lag > 0, then the time until the event of interest will be the time until the minimum of the event of interest, and date of censoring.

The argument table_name is only necessary if the name of the table being queried does not match the CPRD filetype specified in tab. This will occur when str_match is used in cprd_extract or add_to_database to create the .sqlite database.

Value

A data frame with variable patid, a variable containing the time until event/censoring, and a variable containing event/censoring indicator.

Examples

```
## Connect
aurum_extract <- connect_database(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))</pre>
## Create SQLite database using cprd_extract
cprd_extract(aurum_extract,
filepath = system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"),
filetype = "observation", use_set = FALSE)
## Define cohort and add index date and censoring date
pat<-extract_cohort(system.file("aurum_data", package = "rcprd"))</pre>
pat$indexdt <- as.Date("01/01/1955", format = "%d/%m/%Y")
pat$fup\_end <- as.Date("01/01/2000", format = "%d/%m/%Y")
## Extract time until event/censoring
extract_time_until(pat,
codelist_vector = "187341000000114",
indexdt = "fup_start",
censdt = "fup_end",
db_open = aurum_extract,
tab = "observation",
return_output = TRUE)
## clean up
```

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```
RSQLite::dbDisconnect(aurum_extract)
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "temp.sqlite"))
```

extract_txt_char

Read in txt file with all colClasses = "character"

Description

Read in txt file with all colClasses = "character"

Usage

```
extract_txt_char(filepath, ..., select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

select Character vector of variable names to select

extract_txt_cons

Read in raw .txt consultation file

Description

Read in raw .txt consultation file

Usage

```
extract_txt_cons(filepath, ..., select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

select Character vector of variable names to select

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Read in raw ONS death data file

Description

Read in raw ONS death data file

Usage

```
extract_txt_death(filepath, ..., select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

select Character vector of variable names to select

extract_txt_drug

Read in raw .txt drugissue file

Description

Read in raw .txt drugissue file

Usage

```
extract_txt_drug(filepath, ..., select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

select Character vector of variable names to select

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```
extract_txt_hes_primary
```

Read in raw HES primary diagnoses file

Description

Read in raw HES primary diagnoses file

Usage

```
extract_txt_hes_primary(filepath, ..., select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

select Character vector of variable names to select

extract_txt_linkage Read in linkage eligibility file

Description

Read in linkage eligibility file

Usage

```
extract_txt_linkage(filepath, ...)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

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Read in raw .txt observation file

Description

Read in raw .txt observation file

Usage

```
extract_txt_obs(filepath, ..., select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

select Character vector of variable names to select

extract_txt_pat

Read in raw .txt patient file

Description

Read in raw .txt patient file

Usage

```
extract_txt_pat(filepath, ..., set = FALSE)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

set If TRUE will create a variable called set which will contain the number that

comes after the word 'set' in the file name.

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extract_txt_prac

Read in raw .txt practice file

Description

Read in raw .txt practice file

Usage

```
extract_txt_prac(filepath, ..., select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

select Character vector of variable names to select

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Read in raw .txt problem file

Description

Read in raw .txt problem file

Usage

```
extract_txt_prob(filepath, ..., select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread

select Character vector of variable names to select

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extract_txt_ref

Read in raw .txt referral file

Description

Read in raw .txt referral file

Usage

```
extract_txt_ref(filepath, ..., select = NULL)
```

Arguments

filepath File path to raw .txt file

... Arguments to pass onto data.table::fread select Character vector of variable names to select

implement_output

Internal function to implement saving extracted variable to disk or

returning into R workspace.

Description

Will save extracted variable to disk if out_save_disk = TRUE. Note it relies on correct underlying structure of directories. Will output extracted variable into R workspace if return_output = TRUE.

Usage

```
implement_output(
  variable_dat,
  varname,
  out_save_disk,
  out_subdir,
  out_filepath,
  return_output
)
```

Arguments

variable_dat Dataset containing variable

varname Name of variable to use in filename out_save_disk If TRUE will save output to disk

out_subdir Sub-directory of data/ to save output into

out_filepath Full filepath to save dat onto

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