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Description A simple in-memory, LRU cache that can be wrapped around any function to memoize it. The cache is keyed on a hash of the input data (using 'digest') or on pointer equivalence. Also includes a generic hashmap object that can key on any object type.

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memo-package	<i>In-memory caching of repeated computations, by pointer equivalence.</i>
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Description

The ‘memo’ package implements a cache that can be used to avoid repeated computations of functions. The cache lookup is based on object identity (i.e. pointer equivalence) which is suited for functions like accessors or other functions that are called repeatedly on the same object.

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cache_stats	<i>Report cache statistics.</i>
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Description

Report cache statistics.

Usage

```
cache_stats(fn)
```

Arguments

fn A memoized function that was created by [memo](#).

Value

A list with labels "size", "used", "hits", "misses", "expired" counting the number of slots in the cache, the number of slots currently used, the number of times a previous result was recalled, a new result was recorded, and a result was dropped.

hashmap	<i>A reference-valued, key-value store.</i>
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Description

[hashmap()] constructs a hashmap, which is an object that behaves like an [environment] but can key on arbitrary objects rather than just characters.

Usage

```
hashmap()

## S3 method for class 'hashmap'
x[...]

## S3 replacement method for class 'hashmap'
x[...] <- value

## S3 method for class 'hashmap'
x[[...]]

## S3 replacement method for class 'hashmap'
x[[...]] <- value

keys(x, ...)

values(x, ...)

to_pairs(x, ...)

from_pairs(pairs)

hasKey(x, ...)

dropKey(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	a hashmap object.
...	Any number of indices.
value	A replacement value for '['; for ']', a sequence of replacement values.
pairs	A list of pairs, the first element is treated as key and the second as value.

Details

You can use multiple indices in a hashmap; the effect is similar to indexing on a list containing all keys.

Type is significant; for instance, float '1' and integer '1L' are considered distinct indices. It is also permitted to index on NULL, NA, or the empty string.

The 'memo' package hashmap has a performance optimization over other implementations of this concept, in that the md5 digest is memoized on scalar and pointer values. That means that if you lookup using keys that are pointer-identical to previously seen keys, it will skip computing the digest a second time. Indexing using scalar values will also bypass the md5 hash.

Value

'hashmap()' returns a newly constructed hashmap.

'pairs(x)' extracts from a hashmap a list of pairs, each pair being of the form 'list(key=, val=)'.

'hasKey(x)' returns TRUE if there is a key with the same digest as '...' that compares [identical()]

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memo

Memoize a function.

Description

Memoize a function.

Usage

```
memo(fn, cache = lru_cache(5000), key = hybrid_key, ...)
```

Arguments

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| fn | A function to wrap. It should be a pure function (i.e. it should not cause side effects, and should not depend on any variables that may change.) It should not be a nonstandard-evaluating function. All arguments will be forced by the wrapper. |
| cache | A cache to use. Defaults to a new instance of <code>lru_cache</code> . Caches may be shared between memoized functions. |
| key | A hashing strategy. The default "hybrid_key" first checks for pointer equivalence and then falls back to using a hash of the arguments. 'pointer_key' uses just pointer equivalence, and 'digest_key' always performs a hash. |
| ... | Further arguments passed on to key. |

permanent_cache	<i>'permanent_cache' constructs a cache that does not expire old entries. It should be used in situations where you know the number of values to remember is bounded.</i>
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Description

'permanent_cache' constructs a cache that does not expire old entries. It should be used in situations where you know the number of values to remember is bounded.

Construct a cache with least-recently-used policy.

Usage

```
permanent_cache()
```

```
lru_cache(size = 10000)
```

Arguments

size The maximum number of results to keep.

Value

A function `f(key, value)` which takes a string in the first parameter and a lazily evaluated value in the second. 'f' will use the string key to retrieve a value from the cache, or return the matching item from the cache, or force the second argument and return that, remembering the result on future calls.

When the number of entries in the cache exceeds size, the least recently accessed entries are removed.

strategies	<i>Strategies for caching items.</i>
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Description

The function `memo` accepts an argument 'key' which specifies the keying strategy.

Usage

```
digest_key(fn, cache, digest = digest::digest)
```

```
pointer_key(fn, cache)
```

```
hybrid_key(fn, cache, digest = function(x) digest::digest(x, "md5"))
```

Arguments

fn	A function whose results should be cached.
cache	A cache object.
digest	A digest function to use.

Value

A memoized function.

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