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chronotype	<i>Calculate the Chronotype</i>
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Description

This function calculates the Chronotype metric based on the mid-sleep time. If sleep duration on free days is greater than on workdays, it applies a correction as described in Roenneberg et al. (2019).

Usage

```
chronotype(sessions)
```

Arguments

sessions The sessions data frame

Details

This function uses columns:

- time_at_midsleep
- sleep_period
- is_workday

Value

The Chronotype value in hours

See Also

Other sleep metrics: [composite_phase_deviation\(\)](#), [interdaily_stability\(\)](#), [sleep_regularity_index\(\)](#), [social_jet_lag\(\)](#)

Examples

```
chronotype(example_sessions)
```

circ_time_diff	<i>Compute the signed time difference from t1 to t2</i>
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Description

Returns the circular time difference between t1 and t2

Usage

```
circ_time_diff(t1, t2, unit = "hour")
```

Arguments

t1	First time (character, POSIXct, or numeric hour)
t2	Second time (character, POSIXct, or numeric hour)
unit	The unit of time. Can be "second", "minute", or "hour" (default)

Value

The signed time difference in the specified unit

Examples

```
circ_time_diff("07:00", "22:00") # 9
circ_time_diff("22:00", "07:00") # -9
circ_time_diff("07:00", "22:00", unit = "minute") # 540
```

clean_epochs	<i>Clean epoch data</i>
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Description

Clean epoch data

Usage

```
clean_epochs(epochs)
```

Arguments

epochs	A dataframe containing the epoch data
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Value

The cleaned-up epochs dataframe

Examples

```
clean_epochs(example_epochs)
```

clean_sessions	<i>Clean session data</i>
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Description

Clean session data

Usage

```
clean_sessions(sessions)
```

Arguments

sessions	A dataframe containing the session data
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Value

The cleaned-up sessions dataframe

Examples

```
clean_sessions(example_sessions)
```

composite_phase_deviation	<i>Calculate Composite Phase Deviation (CPD)</i>
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Description

This function calculates the Composite Phase Deviation (CPD) metric, used to measure the regularity of the sleep patterns.

Usage

```
composite_phase_deviation(sessions)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions data frame
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Details

This function uses columns:

- time_at_midsleep
- is_workday
- night

Value

The Composite Phase Deviation (CPD) value

See Also

Other sleep metrics: [chronotype\(\)](#), [interdaily_stability\(\)](#), [sleep_regularity_index\(\)](#), [social_jet_lag\(\)](#)

Examples

```
composite_phase_deviation(example_sessions)
```

example_epochs	<i>Example Epoch data</i>
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Description

A data frame containing epoch data recorded by a Somnify device.

Usage

```
example_epochs
```

Format

example_epochs:

A data frame with 18,755 rows and 15 columns. Each row represents a time-point (or epoch) in a session. Epochs are 30 seconds long. The columns are as follows:

- timestamp: The time at which the epoch was recorded in UTC.
- subject_id: The ID of the subject.
- signal_quality_mean: The mean signal quality of the epoch.
- movement_fast_mean: The mean movement detected during the epoch.
- movement_fast_nonzero_pct
- distance_mean: the distance of the subject from the device in meters.
- motion_data_count: The number of data points in the epoch (30).
- light_ambient_mean: The ambient light level during the epoch.
- sound_amplitude_mean: The sound amplitude during the epoch.

- temperature_ambient_mean: The ambient temperature during the epoch.
- humidity_mean: The ambient humidity during the epoch.
- pressure_mean: The ambient pressure during the epoch.
- indoor_air_quality_mean: The indoor air quality during the epoch.
- epoch_duration: The precise duration of the epoch (seconds).
- sleep_stage: The sleep stage as established with the VT algorithm. They are encoded as numbers 0-5

Source

data-raw/example_epochs.csv

example_epochs_v1	<i>Example Epoch data (Somnify API v1)</i>
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Description

A data frame containing epoch data recorded by a Somnify device.

Usage

example_epochs_v1

Format

example_epochs_v1:

A data frame with 1,373 rows and 16 columns. The corresponding session ID is contained in the file name. Each row represents a time-point (or epoch) in a session. Epochs are 30 seconds long. The columns are as follows:

- timestamp: The time at which the epoch was recorded in UTC.
- signal_quality_mean: The mean signal quality of the epoch.
- movement_fast_mean: The mean movement detected during the epoch.
- movement_fast_nonzero_pct
- distance_mean: the distance of the subject from the device in meters.
- motion_data_count: The number of data points in the epoch (30).
- light_ambient_mean: The ambient light level during the epoch.
- sound_amplitude_mean: The sound amplitude during the epoch.
- temperature_ambient_mean: The ambient temperature during the epoch.
- humidity_mean: The ambient humidity during the epoch.
- pressure_mean: The ambient pressure during the epoch.
- indoor_air_quality_mean: The indoor air quality during the epoch.
- epoch_duration: The precise duration of the epoch (seconds).
- sleep_stage: The sleep stage as established with the VT algorithm. They are encoded as numbers 0-5

Source

data-raw/SEtXSxcMEhYXKQAA.example_epochs_v1.csv

example_sessions	<i>Example Sessions data</i>
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Description

A data frame containing sessions recorded by a Somnofy device.

Usage

example_sessions

Format

example_sessions:

A data frame with 124 rows and 60 columns. Each row represents a session. Columns contain metadata about the session, including:

- session_start: The start time of the session in UTC.
- session_end: The end time of the session in UTC.
- subject_id: The ID of the subject.
- device_serial_number: The serial number of the device used.
- time_at_sleep_onset: The time at which the subject fell asleep.
- time_at_wakeup: The time at which the subject woke up. Columns also include various metrics averaged over the session, such as:
- mean heart rate
- mean respiration rate
- Finally, some columns contain environmental parameters, such as:
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Light intensity
- Noise level
- Atmospheric pressure

Source

data-raw/example_sessions.csv

example_sessions_v1	<i>Example Sessions data (Somnify API v1)</i>
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Description

A data frame containing sessions recorded by a Somnify device.

Usage

example_sessions_v1

Format

example_sessions_v1:

A data frame with 87 rows and 70 columns. Each row represents a session. Columns contain metadata about the session, including:

- user_id: The ID of the recorded subject.
- sex: The sex of the recorded subject.
- birth_year: The year of birth of the recorded subject.
- session_start: The start time of the session in UTC.
- session_end: The end time of the session in UTC.
- time_at_sleep_onset: The time at which the subject fell asleep.
- time_at_wakeup: The time at which the subject woke up. Columns also include various metrics averaged over the session, such as:
 - mean heart rate
 - mean respiration rate
- Finally, some columns contain environmental parameters, such as:
 - Temperature
 - Humidity
 - Light intensity
 - Noise level
 - Atmospheric pressure

Source

data-raw/example_sessions_v1.csv

filter_by_age_range	<i>Filter sessions by age range</i>
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Description

Filter sessions by age range

Usage

```
filter_by_age_range(  
  sessions,  
  min_age = NULL,  
  max_age = NULL,  
  return_mask = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
min_age	The minimum age of the subjects (inclusive)
max_age	The maximum age of the subjects (inclusive)
return_mask	If TRUE, returns a logical vector indicating which sessions belong to subjects within the specified age range

Details

This function uses columns:

- birth_year
- night

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that belong to subjects within the specified age range, or a logical vector if return_mask is TRUE

See Also

Other filtering: [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_sessions\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- filter_by_age_range(example_sessions_v1, min_age = 11, max_age = 18)
```

`filter_by_night_range` *Filter sessions for nights within a night range*

Description

Filter sessions for nights within a night range

Usage

```
filter_by_night_range(sessions, from_night, to_night, return_mask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>sessions</code>	The sessions dataframe
<code>from_night</code>	The start night of the range (inclusive) in YYYY-MM-DD format
<code>to_night</code>	The end night of the range (inclusive) in YYYY-MM-DD format
<code>return_mask</code>	If TRUE, returns a logical vector indicating which sessions meet the night range requirement

Details

This function uses columns:

- `night`

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that fall within the specified night range, or a logical vector if `return_mask` is TRUE

See Also

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_sessions\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- filter_by_night_range(example_sessions, "2025-04-07", "2025-04-10")
```

filter_by_sex	<i>Filter by sex</i>
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Description

Filter by sex

Usage

```
filter_by_sex(sessions, sex, return_mask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
sex	The sex to filter for (M, F, or NULL for both)
return_mask	If TRUE, returns a logical vector indicating which sessions belong to the specified sex

Details

This function uses columns:

- sex

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that belong to the specified sex, or a logical vector if return_mask is TRUE

See Also

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_sessions\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- filter_by_sex(example_sessions_v1, "M")
```

`filter_epochs_from_sessions`*Filter epochs based on session IDs*

Description

Filter epochs based on session IDs

Usage

```
filter_epochs_from_sessions(epochs, sessions, return_mask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>epochs</code>	The epochs dataframe
<code>sessions</code>	The sessions dataframe
<code>return_mask</code>	If TRUE, returns a logical vector indicating which epochs belong to the specified sessions

Details

This function uses sessions columns:

- `id` And epoch columns:
- `session_id`

Value

The epochs dataframe with only the epochs that belong to the specified sessions, or a logical vector if `return_mask` is TRUE

See Also

[filter_by_night_range\(\)](#) to filter sessions by night range.

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Apply filtering to sessions to keep specific nights, and filter epochs accordingly
filtered_sessions <- filter_by_night_range(example_sessions, "2025-04-07", "2025-04-10")
filtered_epochs <- filter_epochs_from_sessions(example_epochs, filtered_sessions)
```

get_epochs_summary	<i>Summarise epoch information</i>
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Description

Display the number of sessions in the epoch data, as well as the start and end dates of the epoch data

Usage

```
get_epochs_summary(epochs)
```

Arguments

epochs The epochs dataframe

Details

This function uses columns:

- timestamp
- session_id

Value

A single-row dataframe summarising epoch information

See Also

[get_sessions_summary\(\)](#) to summarise session information.

Other data tables: [get_non_complying_sessions\(\)](#), [get_removed_sessions\(\)](#), [get_sessions_summary\(\)](#)

Examples

```
get_epochs_summary(example_epochs)
```

`get_non_complying_sessions`*Get non-complying sessions (i.e. where there is more than one session on the same day)*

Description

Get non-complying sessions (i.e. where there is more than one session on the same day)

Usage

```
get_non_complying_sessions(sessions)
```

Arguments

`sessions` The sessions dataframe

Details

This function uses columns:

- `night`

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that are non-complying

See Also

Other data tables: [get_epochs_summary\(\)](#), [get_removed_sessions\(\)](#), [get_sessions_summary\(\)](#)

Examples

```
duplicate_sessions <- get_non_complying_sessions(example_sessions)
```

`get_removed_sessions` *Get a table of sessions that were removed during filtering*

Description

Get a table of sessions that were removed during filtering

Usage

```
get_removed_sessions(sessions, filtered_sessions)
```

Arguments

`sessions` The original sessions dataframe
`filtered_sessions` The filtered sessions dataframe

Details

This function uses columns:

- `id`
- `sleep_period`

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that were removed during filtering

See Also

Other data tables: [get_epochs_summary\(\)](#), [get_non_complying_sessions\(\)](#), [get_sessions_summary\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- set_session_start_time_range(example_sessions, "22:00", "06:00")  
removed_sessions <- get_removed_sessions(example_sessions, filtered_sessions)
```

`get_sessions_summary` *Make a summary of session information*

Description

Summarise session information, including the number of sessions, mean session length, mean time at sleep onset and wakeup, subject and device ID.

Usage

```
get_sessions_summary(sessions)
```

Arguments

`sessions` The sessions dataframe.

Details

This function uses columns:

- `time_at_sleep_onset`
- `time_at_wakeup`
- `time_in_bed`
- `sleep_period`

Value

A single-row dataframe summarising session information.

See Also

[get_epochs_summary\(\)](#) to summarise epoch information.

Other data tables: [get_epochs_summary\(\)](#), [get_non_complying_sessions\(\)](#), [get_removed_sessions\(\)](#)

Examples

```
get_sessions_summary(example_sessions)
```

`group_epochs_by_night` *Create a grouping by night for epoch data*

Description

The function creates a new column `night` that groups the epochs by night. Timepoints before 12 PM are considered part of the previous night.

Usage

```
group_epochs_by_night(epochs)
```

Arguments

`epochs` The epochs dataframe

Details

This function uses columns:

- `timestamp`

Value

The epochs dataframe with the `night` column added

See Also

[group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#) to group session data by night.

Other time processing: [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
epochs <- group_epochs_by_night(example_epochs)
```

`group_sessions_by_night`*Create a grouping by night for session data*

Description

The function creates a new column `night` that groups the sessions by night depending on their start time. Sessions that start before 12 PM are considered part of the previous night.

Usage

```
group_sessions_by_night(sessions)
```

Arguments

<code>sessions</code>	The sessions dataframe
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Details

This function uses columns:

- `session_start`

Value

The sessions dataframe with the `night` column added

See Also

[group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#) to group epoch data by night.

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
sessions <- group_sessions_by_night(example_sessions)
```

interdaily_stability	<i>Calculate Interdaily Stability (IS)</i>
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Description

This function calculates the Interdaily Stability (IS) metric from a binary awake/asleep variable

Usage

```
interdaily_stability(epochs)
```

Arguments

epochs	The epochs data frame
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Details

This function uses columns:

- timestamp
- is_asleep

Value

The Interdaily Stability (IS) value

See Also

Other sleep metrics: [chronotype\(\)](#), [composite_phase_deviation\(\)](#), [sleep_regularity_index\(\)](#), [social_jet_lag\(\)](#)

Examples

```
interdaily_stability(example_epochs)
```

keep_longest	<i>Remove duplicate sessions by keeping only the longest</i>
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Description

Remove duplicate sessions by keeping only the longest

Usage

```
keep_longest(sessions)
```

Arguments

sessions The sessions dataframe to process

Details

This function uses columns:

- night
- sleep_period

Value

The sessions dataframe with duplicate sessions removed

See Also

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_session\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
keep_longest(example_sessions)
```

load_batch	<i>Load session or epoch data in batch mode</i>
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Description

Load session or epoch data in batch mode

Usage

```
load_batch(  
  folder_path = NULL,  
  file_list = NULL,  
  pattern = NULL,  
  type = "sessions"  
)
```

Arguments

folder_path The path to the folder containing session files (do not use with file_list)
file_list The list of file paths to load (do not use with folder_path)
pattern An optional pattern to filter files in the folder
type The type of data to load: "sessions" or "epochs"

Value

A dataframe containing the combined session data from all matching files in the folder

See Also

Other data loading: [load_epochs\(\)](#), [load_sessions\(\)](#), [read_edf_epochs\(\)](#), [read_edf_sessions\(\)](#)

Examples

```
tf1 <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
tf2 <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
utils::write.csv(data.frame(id = 1), tf1, row.names = FALSE)
utils::write.csv(data.frame(id = 1), tf2, row.names = FALSE)
load_batch(file_list = c(tf1, tf2))
```

load_epochs

Load epoch data

Description

Load epoch data

Usage

```
load_epochs(epochs_file)
```

Arguments

epochs_file The path to the epochs file

Details

The function loads the epoch data from a file and groups the epochs by night. Supported formats: csv, xls, xlsx, edf

Value

A dataframe containing the epoch data

See Also

Other data loading: [load_batch\(\)](#), [load_sessions\(\)](#), [read_edf_epochs\(\)](#), [read_edf_sessions\(\)](#)

Examples

```
tf <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
utils::write.csv(data.frame(id = 1), tf, row.names = FALSE)
load_epochs(tf)
```

load_sessions	<i>Load session data</i>
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Description

Load session data

Usage

```
load_sessions(sessions_file)
```

Arguments

sessions_file The path to the sessions file

Details

The function loads the session data from a file Supported formats: CSV, Excel, EDF.

Value

A dataframe containing the session data

See Also

Other data loading: [load_batch\(\)](#), [load_epochs\(\)](#), [read_edf_epochs\(\)](#), [read_edf_sessions\(\)](#)

Examples

```
tf <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
utils::write.csv(data.frame(id = 1), tf, row.names = FALSE)
load_sessions(tf)
```

max_time	<i>Calculate the maximum time from 12pm to 12pm</i>
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Description

This function calculates the maximum time from a vector of time strings in the format "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS". It considers a time window from 12pm to 12pm the next day, so 11:00 is considered later than 13:00.

Usage

```
max_time(time_vector)
```

Arguments

time_vector A vector of time strings in the format "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS".

Value

A string representing the maximum time in the format "HH:MM".

See Also

[min_time\(\)](#) to calculate the minimum time in the same format.
Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
max_time(c("2025-04-08 23:00:00", "2025-04-09 01:00:00", "2025-04-09 02:30:00"))
```

mean_time	<i>Calculate the mean time from a vector of time strings</i>
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Description

This function calculates the mean time from a vector of time strings in the format "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS".

Usage

```
mean_time(time_vector, unit = "HH:MM")
```

Arguments

time_vector A vector of time strings in format "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS", "HH:MM:SS" or "HH:MM".
unit The unit of time for the result. Can be "HH:MM" (default), "hour", "minute" or "second".

Value

A string representing the mean time in the format "HH:MM".

See Also

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Use on a vector of time strings representing full dates
time_vector <- c("2025-04-08 23:00:00", "2025-04-09 01:00:00")
mean_time(time_vector)

# Use on time-only strings
time_vector <- c("22:56", "01:32")
mean_time(time_vector)

# Use on a dataframe column
mean_time(example_sessions$time_at_sleep_onset)
```

min_time

*Calculate the minimum time from 12pm to 12pm***Description**

This function calculates the minimum time from a vector of time strings in the format "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS". It considers a time window from 12pm to 12pm the next day, so 11:00 is considered later than 13:00.

Usage

```
min_time(time_vector)
```

Arguments

time_vector A vector of time strings in the format "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS".

Value

A string representing the minimum time in the format "HH:MM".

See Also

[max_time\(\)](#) to calculate the maximum time in the same format.

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
min_time(c("2025-04-08 23:00:00", "2025-04-09 01:00:00", "2025-04-09 02:30:00"))
```

nocturn	<i>nocturn app</i>
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Description

This function launches the nocturn app, a Shiny application for visualizing and analyzing sleep data.

Usage

```
nocturn()
```

Value

No return value, called for side-effects

Examples

```
if(interactive()){nocturn()}
```

parse_date	<i>Parse a vector of date strings into Date objects</i>
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Description

This function parses a vector of date strings into Date objects. All formats containing year, month, and day information are supported.

Usage

```
parse_date(date_vector)
```

Arguments

date_vector A vector of date strings

Value

A vector of Date objects

See Also

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
parse_date("2026-01-02T14:33:09")
```

 parse_time

Parse a vector of time strings into POSIXct objects

Description

This function parses a vector of time strings into POSIXct objects. Supported formats include "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS", "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM", "HH:MM:SS", and "HH:MM". Time-zone information is ignored.

Usage

```
parse_time(time_vector)
```

Arguments

time_vector A vector of time strings

Value

A vector of POSIXct objects

See Also

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
parse_time("2026-01-01T14:34:09")
```

 plot_bedtimes_waketimes

Plot bedtimes and waketimes

Description

Plot bedtimes and waketimes

Usage

```
plot_bedtimes_waketimes(sessions, groupby = "night", color_by = "default")
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
groupby	The grouping variable for the plot. Can be "night", "workday", or "weekday".
color_by	The variable to color the bars by. Can be "default" or any other column name in the sessions dataframe. Note that if color_by is anything else than "default", groupby will be set to "night".

Details

This function uses columns:

- night
- time_at_sleep_onset
- time_at_wakeup
- is_workday

Value

A ggplot graph showing the bedtimes and waketimes

Examples

```
plot_bedtimes_waketimes(example_sessions)
```

plot_bland_altman	<i>Create a Bland-Altman plot</i>
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Description

Create a Bland-Altman plot

Usage

```
plot_bland_altman(sessions1, sessions2, variable)
```

Arguments

sessions1	The first sessions dataframe to be compared
sessions2	The second sessions dataframe to be compared
variable	The name of the variable to compare. Can be a single value for both dataframes, or an array of two values, one for each dataframe

Details

This function uses columns:

- night
- sleep_period

Value

a ggplot object showing the Bland-Altman plot

Examples

```

sessions1 <- data.frame(
  time_at_wakeup = c("2025-03-03T11:24:11.524000+00:00",
                     "2025-03-03T14:44:11.524000+00:00",
                     "2025-03-03T18:24:11.524000+00:00",
                     "2025-03-03T00:24:11.524000+00:00",
                     "2025-03-03T23:24:11.524000+00:00"),
  night = c("2025-03-02", "2025-03-03", "2025-03-03", "2025-03-03", "2025-03-03"),
  sleep_period = c(1000, 1000, 10, 2000, 1500)
)

sessions2 <- data.frame(
  time_at_wakeup = c("2025-03-03T11:14:11.524000+00:00",
                     "2025-03-03T14:24:11.524000+00:00",
                     "2025-03-03T18:00:11.524000+00:00",
                     "2025-03-03T00:22:11.524000+00:00",
                     "2025-03-03T23:12:11.524000+00:00"),
  night = c("2025-03-02", "2025-03-03", "2025-03-03", "2025-03-03", "2025-03-03"),
  sleep_period = c(1000, 1000, 10000, 200, 1500)
)
plot_bland_altman(sessions1, sessions2, "time_at_wakeup")

```

plot_hypnogram

Plot Hypnogram

Description

Plot Hypnogram

Usage

```
plot_hypnogram(epochs)
```

Arguments

epochs The epochs dataframe

Details

This function uses columns:

- timestamp
- sleep_stage

Value

A ggplot object showing the hypnogram as bars

See Also

Other plot epochs: [plot_sleep_spiral\(\)](#), [plot_timeseries\(\)](#)

Examples

```
plot_hypnogram(example_epochs)
```

plot_sleep_bubbles	<i>Plot Sleep Bubbles</i>
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Description

This function creates a bubble plot of sleep sessions, where the size and colour of the bubbles represents the sleep duration.

Usage

```
plot_sleep_bubbles(sessions, color_by = "default", bubble_size = 10)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe.
color_by	The variable to color the bubbles by. Can be "default" or any other column name in the sessions dataframe.
bubble_size	The size of the bubbles. Default is 10.

Details

This function uses columns:

- sleep_period
- night

Value

A ggplot object containing the sleep bubbles graph.

See Also

Other plot sessions: [plot_sleep_clock\(\)](#), [plot_timeseries_comparison\(\)](#), [plot_timeseries_sessions\(\)](#)

Examples

```
plot_sleep_bubbles(example_sessions)
```

plot_sleep_clock	<i>Plot Sleep Clock</i>
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Description

Plot Sleep Clock

Usage

```
plot_sleep_clock(sessions, color_by = "default")
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
color_by	The variable to color the segments by. Can be "default" or any other column name in the sessions dataframe.

Details

This function uses columns:

- time_at_sleep_onset
- time_at_wakeup
- night

Value

A ggplot object showing the sleep clock

See Also

Other plot sessions: [plot_sleep_bubbles\(\)](#), [plot_timeseries_comparison\(\)](#), [plot_timeseries_sessions\(\)](#)

Examples

```
plot_sleep_clock(example_sessions)
```

plot_sleep_spiral	<i>Plot Sleep Spiral</i>
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Description

Plot Sleep Spiral

Usage

```
plot_sleep_spiral(epochs, color_by = "default")
```

Arguments

epochs	The epochs dataframe
color_by	The variable to color the spiral by. Can be "default" or any other column name in the epochs dataframe.

Details

This function uses columns:

- timestamp
- is_asleep

Value

A ggplot object showing the sleep spiral

See Also

Other plot epochs: [plot_hypnogram\(\)](#), [plot_timeseries\(\)](#)

Examples

```
plot_sleep_spiral(example_epochs)
```

plot_timeseries	<i>Plot epoch time series data for a given variable</i>
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Description

Plot epoch time series data for a given variable

Usage

```
plot_timeseries(epochs, variable, color_by = "default", exclude_zero = FALSE)
```

Arguments

epochs	The epochs dataframe
variable	The variable to plot (e.g., "temperature_ambient_mean")
color_by	The variable to color the points by. Can be "default" or any other column name in the epochs dataframe.
exclude_zero	Logical, whether to exclude zero values from the plot (default: FALSE)

Details

This function uses columns:

- timestamp
- night

Value

A ggplot object

See Also

[plot_timeseries_sessions\(\)](#) to plot session data.

Other plot epochs: [plot_hypnogram\(\)](#), [plot_sleep_spiral\(\)](#)

Examples

```
plot_timeseries(example_epochs, variable="signal_quality_mean")
```

`plot_timeseries_comparison`*Plot a timeseries of variables from different session data*

Description

Plot a timeseries of variables from different session data

Usage

```
plot_timeseries_comparison(sessions_list, variable, common_nights_only = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>sessions_list</code>	A named list of sessions dataframes from which to plot
<code>variable</code>	The variable to plot - either a single string, or a list of strings (one per dataframe in <code>sessions_list</code>)
<code>common_nights_only</code>	Whether to only plot night for which all datasets have data

Details

This function uses columns:

- `night`

Value

A ggplot object

See Also

[plot_bland_altman\(\)](#) to compare a variable between two session dataframes

Other plot sessions: [plot_sleep_bubbles\(\)](#), [plot_sleep_clock\(\)](#), [plot_timeseries_sessions\(\)](#)

Examples

```
sessions_list <- list(dataset1 = example_sessions, dataset2 = example_sessions_v1)
plot_timeseries_comparison(sessions_list, variable = "time_at_sleep_onset")
```

plot_timeseries_sessions

Plot session time series data for a given variable

Description

Plot session time series data for a given variable

Usage

```
plot_timeseries_sessions(  
  sessions,  
  variable,  
  color_by = "default",  
  exclude_zero = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
variable	The variable to plot (e.g., "time_at_sleep_onset")
color_by	The variable to color the points by. Can be "default" or any other column name in the sessions dataframe.
exclude_zero	Logical, whether to exclude zero values from the plot (default: FALSE)

Details

This function uses columns:

- night

Value

A ggplot object

See Also

[plot_timeseries\(\)](#) to plot epoch data.

Other plot sessions: [plot_sleep_bubbles\(\)](#), [plot_sleep_clock\(\)](#), [plot_timeseries_comparison\(\)](#)

Examples

```
plot_timeseries_sessions(example_sessions, variable="time_at_midsleep")
```

read_edf_epochs	<i>Read EDF Epochs</i>
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Description

Read EDF Epochs

Usage

```
read_edf_epochs(file)
```

Arguments

file	The path to the EDF file
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Details

The function reads the signals of the EDF file to extract epoch information. It must contain a column for timestamps and a column for sleep stage annotations.

Value

A dataframe containing the epoch data extracted from the EDF file signals

See Also

Other data loading: [load_batch\(\)](#), [load_epochs\(\)](#), [load_sessions\(\)](#), [read_edf_sessions\(\)](#)

Examples

```
edf <- system.file("extdata", "mini.edf", package = "nocturn")
read_edf_epochs(edf)
```

read_edf_sessions	<i>Read EDF Sessions</i>
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Description

Read EDF Sessions

Usage

```
read_edf_sessions(file)
```

Arguments

file	The path to the EDF file
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Details

The function reads the header of the EDF file to extract session information such as start time, duration, and calculates end time and midsleep time.

Value

A dataframe containing the session data extracted from the EDF file header

See Also

Other data loading: [load_batch\(\)](#), [load_epochs\(\)](#), [load_sessions\(\)](#), [read_edf_epochs\(\)](#)

Examples

```
edf <- system.file("extdata", "mini.edf", package = "nocturn")
read_edf_sessions(edf)
```

remove_sessions_no_sleep

Remove sessions with no sleep

Description

Remove sessions with no sleep

Usage

```
remove_sessions_no_sleep(sessions, return_mask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
return_mask	If TRUE, returns a logical vector indicating which sessions have a sleep period greater than 0

Details

This function uses columns:

- sleep_period

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that have a sleep period greater than 0, or a logical vector if return_mask is TRUE

See Also

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_session\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- remove_sessions_no_sleep(example_sessions)
```

sd_time	<i>Calculate the circular standard deviation of a vector of times</i>
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Description

This function calculates the standard deviation of a vector of time strings, accounting for the circular nature of time (e.g., 23:59 is close to 00:00).

Usage

```
sd_time(time_vector, unit = "hour")
```

Arguments

- time_vector A vector of time strings in format "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS", "HH:MM:SS" or "HH:MM".
- unit The unit of time for the result. Can be "second", "minute", or "hour". Default is "hour".

Value

A numeric value representing the standard deviation in the specified unit.

See Also

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
sd_time(c("23:59", "00:01"))
```

select_devices	Select devices by ID
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Description

Select devices by ID

Usage

```
select_devices(sessions, device_ids, return_mask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
device_ids	The device IDs to select
return_mask	If TRUE, returns a logical vector indicating which sessions were recorded by the specified devices

Details

This function uses columns:

- device_id

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions recorded by the specified devices, or a logical vector if return_mask is TRUE

See Also

[select_subjects\(\)](#) to select sessions by subject ID.

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_sessions\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- select_devices(example_sessions, c("VTGVSRTTHCA"))
```

select_subjects	Select subjects by ID
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Description

Select subjects by ID

Usage

```
select_subjects(sessions, subject_ids, return_mask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| sessions | The sessions dataframe |
| subject_ids | The subject IDs to select |
| return_mask | If TRUE, returns a logical vector indicating which sessions belong to the specified subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• subject_id |

Details

This function uses columns:

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that belong to the specified subjects, or a logical vector if return_mask is TRUE

See Also

[select_devices\(\)](#) to select sessions by device ID.

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_session\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- select_subjects(example_sessions, c("sub_01JNDH3Z5NP0PSV82NFBGPV31X"))
```

set_min_sleep_period *Set minimum sleep period*

Description

Set minimum sleep period

Usage

```
set_min_sleep_period(sessions, min_sleep_period, return_mask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
min_sleep_period	The minimum sleep period in hours
return_mask	If TRUE, return a logical vector indicating which sessions meet the minimum sleep period requirement

Details

This function uses columns:

- sleep_period

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that meet the minimum sleep period requirement, or a logical vector if return_mask is TRUE

See Also

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_session\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- set_min_sleep_period(example_sessions, 2)
```

set_min_time_in_bed	<i>Set minimum time in bed</i>
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Description

Set minimum time in bed

Usage

```
set_min_time_in_bed(sessions, min_time_in_bed, return_mask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
min_time_in_bed	The minimum time in bed in hours
return_mask	If TRUE, return a logical vector indicating which sessions meet the minimum time in bed requirement

Details

This function uses columns:

- time_in_bed

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that meet the minimum time in bed requirement, or a logical vector if return_mask is TRUE

See Also

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_session\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- set_min_time_in_bed(example_sessions, 2)
```

```
set_session_sleep_onset_range
```

Set sleep onset time range

Description

Set sleep onset time range

Usage

```
set_session_sleep_onset_range(
  sessions,
  from_time,
  to_time,
  return_mask = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

<code>sessions</code>	The sessions dataframe
<code>from_time</code>	Include sessions where sleep started after this time (in format HH:MM)
<code>to_time</code>	Include sessions where sleep started before this time (in format HH:MM)
<code>return_mask</code>	If TRUE, returns a logical vector indicating which sessions meet the sleep onset time range requirement

Details

This function uses columns:

- `time_at_sleep_onset`

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions where sleep started within the specified time range, or a logical vector if `return_mask` is TRUE

See Also

[set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#) to filter sessions based on start time.

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_session\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_start_time_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- set_session_sleep_onset_range(example_sessions, "22:00", "06:00")
```

set_session_start_time_range
Set session start time range

Description

Set session start time range

Usage

```
set_session_start_time_range(sessions, from_time, to_time, return_mask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
from_time	Include sessions that started after this time (in format HH:MM)
to_time	Include sessions that started before this time (in format HH:MM)
return_mask	If TRUE, returns a logical vector indicating which sessions meet the time range requirement

Details

This function uses columns:

- session_start

Value

The sessions dataframe with only the sessions that started within the specified time range, or a logical vector if return_mask is TRUE

See Also

[set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#) to filter sessions based on sleep onset time.

Other filtering: [filter_by_age_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_night_range\(\)](#), [filter_by_sex\(\)](#), [filter_epochs_from_session\(\)](#), [keep_longest\(\)](#), [remove_sessions_no_sleep\(\)](#), [select_devices\(\)](#), [select_subjects\(\)](#), [set_min_sleep_period\(\)](#), [set_min_time_in_bed\(\)](#), [set_session_sleep_onset_range\(\)](#)

Examples

```
filtered_sessions <- set_session_start_time_range(example_sessions, "22:00", "06:00")
```

shift_times_by_12h	<i>Shift times to break at 12 pm</i>
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Description

This function shifts times so that the day starts at 12 PM. This is useful for plotting night data

Usage

```
shift_times_by_12h(times)
```

Arguments

times	A vector of times in POSIXct format, character convertible to POSIXct, or numerical (in hours).
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Value

A vector of times in POSIXct format (or numerical if numerical provided as input) shifted to start at 12 PM

See Also

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Shift a vector of times in HH:MM format
shift_times_by_12h(c("02:30", "16:00"))
#> "14:30" "04:00"

# Shift times in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format
shift_times_by_12h(c("2025-04-08 23:00:00", "2025-04-09 01:00:00"))
#> "2025-04-08 11:00" "2025-04-09 13:00"

# Shift sessions start times to start at 12 PM
shifted_times <- shift_times_by_12h(example_sessions$session_start)

# Use dplyr::mutate to directly add the shifted times to a dataframe
epochs <- example_epochs |>
  dplyr::mutate(shifted_time = shift_times_by_12h(timestamp))
```

sleeptimes_boxplot	<i>Plot boxplots for sleep onset, midsleep, and wakeup times</i>
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Description

Plot boxplots for sleep onset, midsleep, and wakeup times

Usage

```
sleeptimes_boxplot(sessions, circular = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
circular	Whether to output a circular plot (default FALSE)

Details

This function uses columns:

- time_at_sleep_onset
- time_at_wakeup
- time_at_midsleep

Value

A ggplot object with three horizontal boxplots (onset, midsleep, wakeup)

Examples

```
sleeptimes_boxplot(example_sessions)
```

sleeptimes_density	<i>Plot density curves for sleep onset, midsleep, and wakeup times with a dashed line showing the median</i>
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Description

Plot density curves for sleep onset, midsleep, and wakeup times with a dashed line showing the median

Usage

```
sleeptimes_density(sessions, adjust = 1, circular = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
adjust	The bandwidth adjustment for the density estimate (default 1)
circular	Whether to output a circular plot (default FALSE)

Details

This function uses columns:

- time_at_sleep_onset
- time_at_wakeup
- time_at_midsleep

Value

A ggplot object with three overlaid density curves (sleep onset, midsleep, wakeup)

Examples

```
sleeptimes_density(example_sessions)
```

sleeptimes_histogram *Plot histograms for sleep onset, midsleep, and wakeup times*

Description

Plot histograms for sleep onset, midsleep, and wakeup times

Usage

```
sleeptimes_histogram(sessions, binwidth = 0.25, circular = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
binwidth	The width of the bins for the histogram (default 0.25)
circular	Whether to output a circular plot (default FALSE)

Details

This function uses columns:

- time_at_sleep_onset
- time_at_wakeup
- time_at_midsleep

Value

A ggplot object with three overlaid histograms (sleep onset, midsleep, wakeup)

Examples

```
sleeptimes_histogram(example_sessions)
```

```
sleep_regularity_index
```

Calculate the Sleep Regularity Index (SRI)

Description

The Sleep Regularity Index (SRI) is a measure of the regularity of sleep patterns. It is calculated as the percentage of epochs where the sleep state remains the same after 24 hours.

Usage

```
sleep_regularity_index(epochs)
```

Arguments

epochs	The epochs data frame
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Details

This function uses columns:

- timestamp
- is_asleep

Value

The Sleep Regularity Index (SRI) value

See Also

Other sleep metrics: [chronotype\(\)](#), [composite_phase_deviation\(\)](#), [interdaily_stability\(\)](#), [social_jet_lag\(\)](#)

Examples

```
sleep_regularity_index(example_epochs)
```

sleep_report	<i>Generate a patient sleep report in PDF format</i>
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Description

This function generates a sleep report in PDF format using an SVG template. It is designed to work with Somnofy data. Other data types may be supported in the future.

Usage

```
sleep_report(sessions, title = "", output_file = "Sleep_report.pdf")
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions dataframe
title	The title of the report. Default is an empty string.
output_file	Path for the output PDF. Default is "Sleep_report.pdf"

Details

This function uses columns:

- night
- time_at_sleep_onset
- time_at_wakeup
- time_at_midsleep
- sleep_onset_latency
- sleep_period
- time_in_bed

Value

No return value. Called for side-effects

Examples

```
sleep_report(example_sessions)
```

social_jet_lag	<i>Calculate Social Jet Lag</i>
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Description

This function calculates the Social Jet Lag (SJL) metric as the difference in mid-sleep times between workdays and free days.

Usage

```
social_jet_lag(sessions)
```

Arguments

sessions	The sessions data frame
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Details

This function uses columns:

- `time_at_midsleep`
- `is_workday`

Value

The Social Jet Lag (SJL) value in hours

See Also

Other sleep metrics: [chronotype\(\)](#), [composite_phase_deviation\(\)](#), [interdaily_stability\(\)](#), [sleep_regularity_index\(\)](#)

Examples

```
social_jet_lag(example_sessions)
```

time_diff	<i>Compute the forward time difference from t1 to t2 (wrapping at 24)</i>
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Description

Returns the time from t1 to t2, always moving forward on the clock. For example, from 07:00 to 22:00 is 15 hours, from 22:00 to 07:00 is 9 hours.

Usage

```
time_diff(t1, t2, unit = "hour")
```

Arguments

t1	First time (character, POSIXct, or numeric hour)
t2	Second time (character, POSIXct, or numeric hour)
unit	The unit of time. Can be "second", "minute", or "hour". Default is "hour".

Value

The forward difference in the specified unit (numeric, always positive, $0 \leq x < 24$)

See Also

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
time_diff("07:00", "22:00") # 15
time_diff("22:00", "07:00") # 9
time_diff("07:00", "22:00", unit = "minute") # 540
```

time_to_hours	<i>Convert time vector to numeric hours</i>
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Description

This function converts a vector of time strings or POSIXct objects to numeric hours.

Usage

```
time_to_hours(time_vector)
```

Arguments

time_vector A vector of time strings

Details

See [parse_time\(\)](#) for supported time formats.

Value

A numeric vector representing the time in hours

See Also

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [update_date\(\)](#)

Examples

```
time_to_hours(c("2026-10-12T14:20:09"))
```

update_date

Update the date component of a POSIXct time object

Description

This function updates the date component of a POSIXct time object while preserving the time component.

Usage

```
update_date(time, date)
```

Arguments

time A POSIXct time object or a character string convertible to POSIXct
date A Date object or a character string convertible to Date

Value

A POSIXct time object with the updated date

See Also

Other time processing: [group_epochs_by_night\(\)](#), [group_sessions_by_night\(\)](#), [max_time\(\)](#), [mean_time\(\)](#), [min_time\(\)](#), [parse_date\(\)](#), [parse_time\(\)](#), [sd_time\(\)](#), [shift_times_by_12h\(\)](#), [time_diff\(\)](#), [time_to_hours\(\)](#)

Examples

```
update_date("2026-01-01T14:09:09", "0000-01-01")
```

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