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Always includes the whole range of data by default. Flexible labelling.
Convenience functions for cutting by quantiles etc. Handles dates and times.

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santoku-package	<i>A versatile cutting tool for R</i>
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Description

santoku is a tool for cutting data into intervals. It provides the function `chop()`, which is similar to base R's `cut()` or `Hmisc::cut2()`. `chop(x,breaks)` takes a vector `x` and returns a factor of the same length, coding which interval each element of `x` falls into.

Details

Here are some advantages of santoku:

- By default, `chop()` always covers the whole range of the data, so you won't get unexpected NA values.
- Unlike `cut()` or `cut2()`, `chop()` can handle single values as well as intervals. For example, `chop(x,breaks = c(1,2,2,3))` will create a separate factor level for values exactly equal to 2.
- Flexible and easy labelling.
- Convenience functions for creating quantile intervals, evenly-spaced intervals or equal-sized groups.
- Convenience functions to quickly tabulate chopped data.
- Can chop numbers, dates or date-times.

These advantages make santoku especially useful for exploratory analysis, where you may not know the range of your data in advance.

To get started, read the vignette:

```
vignette("santoku")
```

For more details, start with the documentation for [chop\(\)](#).

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/hughjonesd/santoku>
- <https://hughjonesd.github.io/santoku/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/hughjonesd/santoku/issues>

breaks-class	<i>Class representing a set of intervals</i>
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Description

Class representing a set of intervals

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'breaks'
format(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'breaks'
print(x, ...)

is.breaks(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A breaks object
...	Unused

brk-left-right	<i>Left- or right-closed breaks</i>
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Description

Questioning

Usage

```
brk_left(breaks)
```

```
brk_right(breaks)
```

Arguments

breaks	A numeric vector.
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Details

These functions are in the "questioning" stage because they clash with the left argument to [chop\(\)](#) and friends.

These functions override the left argument of [chop\(\)](#).

Value

A (function which returns an) object of class breaks.

Examples

```
chop(5:7, brk_left(5:7))
```

```
chop(5:7, brk_right(5:7))
```

```
chop(5:7, brk_left(5:7))
```

brk_default	<i>Create a standard set of breaks</i>
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Description

Create a standard set of breaks

Usage

```
brk_default(breaks)
```

Arguments

breaks	A numeric vector.
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Value

A (function which returns an) object of class breaks.

Examples

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8))
chop(1:10, brk_default(c(2, 5, 8)))
```

brk_manual	Create a breaks object manually
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Description

Create a breaks object manually

Usage

```
brk_manual(breaks, left_vec)
```

Arguments

- breaks A vector, which must be sorted.
- left_vec A logical vector, the same length as breaks. Specifies whether each break is left-closed or right-closed.

Details

All breaks must be closed on exactly one side, like ..., x) [x, ... (left-closed) or ..., x) [x, ... (right-closed).

For example, if breaks = 1:3 and left = c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE), then the resulting intervals are

```
T            F            T
[ 1,  2 ] ( 2,  3 )
```

Singleton breaks are created by repeating a number in breaks. Singletons must be closed on both sides, so if there is a repeated number at indices i, i+1, left[i] *must* be TRUE and left[i+1] must be FALSE.

Value

A (function which returns an) object of class breaks.

Examples

```
lbrks <- brk_manual(1:3, rep(TRUE, 3))
chop(1:3, lbrks, extend = FALSE)

rbrks <- brk_manual(1:3, rep(FALSE, 3))
chop(1:3, rbrks, extend = FALSE)

brks_singleton <- brk_manual(
  c(1, 2, 2, 3),
  c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))

chop(1:3, brks_singleton, extend = FALSE)
```

brk_width-for-datetime

Equal-width intervals for dates or datetimes

Description

brk_width can be used with time interval classes from base R or the lubridate package.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Duration'
brk_width(width, start)
```

Arguments

width	A scalar difftime , Period or Duration object.
start	A scalar of class Date or POSIXct . Can be omitted.

Details

If width is a [Period](#), [lubridate::add_with_rollback\(\)](#) is used to calculate the widths. This can be useful for e.g. calendar months.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("lubridate")) {
  year2001 <- as.Date("2001-01-01") + 0:364
  tab_width(year2001, months(1),
    labels = lbl_discrete(" to ", fmt = "%e %b %y"))
}
```

chop

*Cut numeric data into intervals***Description**

chop cuts x into intervals. It returns a factor of the same length as x , representing which interval contains each element of x .

Usage

```
chop(
  x,
  breaks,
  labels,
  extend = NULL,
  left = TRUE,
  close_end = FALSE,
  drop = TRUE
)
```

```
kiru(
  x,
  breaks,
  labels,
  extend = NULL,
  left = TRUE,
  close_end = FALSE,
  drop = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A numeric vector.
<code>breaks</code>	See below.
<code>labels</code>	See below.
<code>extend</code>	Logical. Extend breaks to +/-Inf?
<code>left</code>	Logical. Left-closed breaks?
<code>close_end</code>	Logical. Close last break at right? (If <code>left</code> is FALSE, close first break at left?)
<code>drop</code>	Logical. Drop unused levels from the result?

Details

`breaks` may be a numeric vector or a function.

If it is a vector, `breaks` gives the break endpoints. Repeated values create singleton intervals. For example `breaks = c(1, 3, 3, 5)` creates 3 intervals: `[1, 3)`, `{3}` and `(3, 5]`.

By default, left-closed intervals are created. If `left` is FALSE, right- closed intervals are created.

If `close_end` is TRUE the end break will be closed at both ends, ensuring that all values y with $\min(x) \leq y \leq \max(x)$ are included in the default intervals. That is:

- If `left` is `TRUE` and `close_end` is `TRUE`, breaks will look like `[x1, x2), [x2, x3) ... [x_n-1, x_n]`.
- If `left` is `FALSE` and `close_end` is `TRUE`, breaks will look like `[x1, x2], (x2, x3) ... (x_n-1, x_n]`.
- If `left` is `TRUE` and `close_end` is `FALSE`, all breaks will look like `...[x1, x2) ...`
- If `left` is `FALSE` and `close_end` is `FALSE`, all breaks will look like `...(x1, x2] ...`

If `breaks` is a function it is called with the `x`, `extend`, `left` and `close_end` arguments, and should return an object of class `breaks`. Use `brk_` functions in this context, to create a variety of data-dependent breaks.

`labels` may be a character vector. It should have the same length as the number of intervals. Alternatively, use a `lbl_` function such as `[lbl_seq()]`.

If `extend` is `TRUE`, intervals will be extended to `[-Inf, min(breaks))` and `(max(breaks), Inf]`.

If `extend` is `NULL` (the default), intervals will be extended to `[min(x), min(breaks))` and `(max(breaks), max(x)]`, *only* if necessary – i.e. if `min(x) < min(breaks)` and `max(x) > max(breaks)` respectively.

Extending intervals, either by `extend = NULL` or `extend = FALSE`, *always* leaves the central, non-extended intervals unchanged. In particular, `close_end` applies to the central intervals, not to the extended ones. For example, if `breaks = c(1, 3, 5)` and `close_end = TRUE`, the resulting breaks will be

```
[1, 3), [3, 5]
```

and if they are extended on both ends the result will be e.g.

```
[-Inf, 1), [1, 3), [3, 5], (5, Inf]
```

`NA` values in `x`, and values which are outside the (extended) endpoints, return `NA`.

Note that `chop`, like all of R, uses binary arithmetic. Thus, numbers may not be exactly equal to what you think they should be. There is an example below.

```
[x1, x2) ...‘
```

- If `left` is `FALSE` and `close_end` is `FALSE`, all breaks will look like ‘`...(x1, x2]: R:x1,%20x2)%20...%60%0A*%20If [lbl_seq()]: R:lbl_seq() [3, 5]: R:3,%205 [3, 5]: R:3,%205`

`kiru` is a synonym for `chop`. If you load `tidyr`, you can use it to avoid confusion with `tidyr::chop()`.

Value

A [factor](#) of the same length as `x`, representing the intervals containing the value of `x`.

See Also

`cut`

Other chopping functions: [chop_mean_sd\(\)](#), [chop_n\(\)](#), [chop_quantiles\(\)](#), [chop_width\(\)](#), [fillet\(\)](#)

Examples

```
chop(1:3, 2)
```

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8))
```

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), extend = FALSE)
```

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 5, 8))
```

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), left = FALSE)
```



```

chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), close_end = TRUE)

chop(1:10, brk_quantiles(c(0.25, 0.75)))

chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), labels = lbl_dash())

# floating point inaccuracy:
chop(0.3/3, c(0, 0.1, 0.1, 1))

```

chop_mean_sd	<i>Chop by standard deviations</i>
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Description

Intervals of width 1 standard deviation are included on either side of the mean. The outermost pair of intervals will be shorter if sd is not a whole number.

Usage

```

chop_mean_sd(x, sd = 3, ...)

brk_mean_sd(sd = 3)

```

Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
sd	Positive number: include up to sd standard deviations.
...	Passed to chop() .

Value

For chop_* functions, a factor of the same length as x.

See Also

Other chopping functions: [chop_n\(\)](#), [chop_quantiles\(\)](#), [chop_width\(\)](#), [chop\(\)](#), [fillet\(\)](#)

Examples

```

chop_mean_sd(1:10)

chop(1:10, brk_mean_sd())

```

chop_n	<i>Chop into fixed-sized groups</i>
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Description

chop_n() creates intervals containing a fixed number of elements. One interval may have fewer elements.

Usage

```
chop_n(x, n, ..., close_end = TRUE)
```

```
brk_n(n)
```

Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
n	Integer: number of elements in each interval.
...	Passed to chop() .
close_end	Passed to chop() .

Details

Note that chop_n() sets close_end = TRUE by default.

Groups may be larger than n, if there are too many duplicated elements in x. If so, a warning is given.

Value

For chop_* functions, a factor of the same length as x.

See Also

Other chopping functions: [chop_mean_sd\(\)](#), [chop_quantiles\(\)](#), [chop_width\(\)](#), [chop\(\)](#), [fillet\(\)](#)

Examples

```
table(chop_n(1:10, 5))

table(chop_n(1:10, 4))

# too many duplicates
x <- rep(1:2, each = 3)
chop_n(x, 2)
```

chop_quantiles	<i>Chop by quantiles</i>
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Description

chop_quantiles chops data by quantiles. chop_equally chops data into equal-sized groups. chop_deciles is a convenience shortcut and chops into deciles.

Usage

```
chop_quantiles(x, probs, ..., left = is.numeric(x), close_end = TRUE)

chop_deciles(x, ...)

chop_equally(x, groups, ..., left = is.numeric(x), close_end = TRUE)

brk_quantiles(probs, ...)

brk_equally(groups)
```

Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
probs	A vector of probabilities for the quantiles.
...	Passed to chop() , or for brk_quantiles to stats::quantile() .
left	Passed to chop() .
close_end	Passed to chop() .
groups	Number of groups.

Details

Note that these functions set `close_end = TRUE` by default. This helps ensure that e.g. `chop_quantiles(x, c(0, 1/3, 2/3, 1))` will split the data into three equal-sized groups.

For non-numeric x, `left` is set to `FALSE` by default. This works better for calculating "type 1" quantiles, since they round down. See [stats::quantile\(\)](#).

Value

For chop_* functions, a factor of the same length as x.

See Also

Other chopping functions: [chop_mean_sd\(\)](#), [chop_n\(\)](#), [chop_width\(\)](#), [chop\(\)](#), [fillet\(\)](#)

Examples

```

chop_quantiles(1:10, 1:3/4)

chop(1:10, brk_quantiles(1:3/4))

chop_deciles(1:10)

chop_equally(1:10, 5)

# to label by the quantiles themselves:
chop_quantiles(1:10, 1:3/4, lbl_intervals(raw = TRUE))

```

chop_width	<i>Chop into equal-width intervals</i>
------------	--

Description

chop_width() chops x into intervals of width width. chop_evenly chops x into intervals intervals of equal width.

Usage

```

chop_width(x, width, start, ...)

chop_evenly(x, intervals, ..., groups, close_end = TRUE)

brk_width(width, start)

## Default S3 method:
brk_width(width, start)

brk_evenly(intervals)

```

Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
width	Width of intervals.
start	Leftpoint of first interval. By default the lowest finite x.
...	Passed to chop() .
intervals	Integer: number of intervals to create.
groups	Do not use. Deprecated
close_end	Passed to chop() .

Details

Note that chop_evenly sets close_end = TRUE by default.

Value

For chop_* functions, a factor of the same length as x.

See Also

[brk_width-for-datetime](#)

Other chopping functions: [chop_mean_sd\(\)](#), [chop_n\(\)](#), [chop_quantiles\(\)](#), [chop\(\)](#), [fillet\(\)](#)

Examples

```
chop_width(1:10, 2)

chop_width(1:10, 2, start = 0)

chop(1:10, brk_width(2, 0))

chop_evenly(0:10, 5)
```

exactly

Syntactic sugar

Description

exactly lets you write `chop(x, c(1, exactly(2), 3))`. This is the same as `chop(x, c(1, 2, 2, 3))` but conveys your intent more clearly.

Usage

```
exactly(x)
```

Arguments

x A numeric vector.

Value

The same as `rep(x, each = 2)`.

Examples

```
chop(1:10, c(2, exactly(5), 8))

# same:
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 5, 8))
```

fillet	<i>Chop data precisely (for programmers)</i>
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Description

Chop data precisely (for programmers)

Usage

```
fillet(x, breaks, labels, left = TRUE, close_end = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
breaks	Passed to chop() .
labels	Passed to chop() .
left	Passed to chop() .
close_end	Passed to chop() .

Details

`fillet()` calls [chop\(\)](#) with `extend = FALSE` and `drop = FALSE`. This ensures that you get only the breaks and labels you ask for. When programming, consider using `fillet()` instead of `chop()`.

Value

For `chop_*` functions, a factor of the same length as `x`.

See Also

Other chopping functions: [chop_mean_sd\(\)](#), [chop_n\(\)](#), [chop_quantiles\(\)](#), [chop_width\(\)](#), [chop\(\)](#)

Examples

```
fillet(1:10, c(2, 5, 8))
```

knife	<i>Deprecated</i>
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Description

Soft-deprecated `knife()` is deprecated in favour of [purrr::partial\(\)](#).

Usage

```
knife(...)
```

Arguments

...	Parameters for chop() .
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Value

A function.

lbl_dash	<i>Label chopped intervals like 1 - 3, 4 - 5, ...</i>
----------	---

Description

This label style is user-friendly, but doesn't distinguish between left- and right-closed intervals.

Usage

```
lbl_dash(symbol = " - ", raw = FALSE, fmt = NULL)
```

Arguments

symbol	String: symbol to use for the dash.
raw	Logical. Always use raw breaks in labels, rather than e.g. quantiles or standard deviations?
fmt	A format. Can be a string, passed into <code>base::sprintf()</code> or <code>format()</code> methods; or a one-argument formatting function.

Value

A vector of labels for chop, or a function that creates labels.

See Also

Other labelling functions: [lbl_discrete\(\)](#), [lbl_format\(\)](#), [lbl_intervals\(\)](#), [lbl_manual\(\)](#), [lbl_seq\(\)](#)

Examples

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), lbl_dash())

chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), lbl_dash(" to ", fmt = "%.1f"))

pretty <- function(x) prettyNum(x, big.mark = ",", digits = 1)
chop(runif(10) * 10000, c(3000, 7000), lbl_dash(" to ", fmt = pretty))
```

lbl_discrete	<i>Label discrete data</i>
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Description

Experimental

Usage

```
lbl_discrete(symbol = " - ", fmt = NULL)
```

Arguments

symbol	String: symbol to use for the dash.
fmt	A format. Can be a string, passed into <code>base::sprintf()</code> or <code>format()</code> methods; or a one-argument formatting function.

Details

lbl_discrete creates labels for discrete data such as integers. For example, breaks `c(1, 3, 4, 6, 7)` are labelled: "1 - 2", "3", "4 - 5", "6 - 7".

No check is done that the data is discrete-valued. If it isn't, then these labels may be misleading. Here, discrete-valued means that if $x < y$, then $x \leq y - 1$.

Be aware that Date objects may have non-integer values. See [Date](#).

Value

A vector of labels for chop, or a function that creates labels.

See Also

Other labelling functions: [lbl_dash\(\)](#), [lbl_format\(\)](#), [lbl_intervals\(\)](#), [lbl_manual\(\)](#), [lbl_seq\(\)](#)

Examples

```
tab(1:7, c(1, 3, 5), lbl_discrete())

# Misleading labels for non-integer data
chop(2.5, c(1, 3, 5), lbl_discrete())
```

lbl_endpoint	<i>Label chopped intervals by their left or right endpoints</i>
--------------	---

Description

This is useful when the left endpoint unambiguously indicates the interval.

Usage

```
lbl_endpoint(fmt = NULL, raw = FALSE, left = TRUE)
```

Arguments

fmt	A format. Can be a string, passed into <code>base::sprintf()</code> or <code>format()</code> methods; or a one-argument formatting function.
raw	Logical. Always use raw breaks in labels, rather than e.g. quantiles or standard deviations?
left	Flag. Use left endpoint or right endpoint?

Value

A vector of labels for chop, or a function that creates labels.

Examples

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), lbl_endpoint(left = TRUE))
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), lbl_endpoint(left = FALSE))
if (requireNamespace("lubridate")) {
  tab_width(
    as.Date("2000-01-01") + 0:365,
    months(1),
    labels = lbl_endpoint(fmt = "%b")
  )
}
```

lbl_format	<i>Label chopped intervals with arbitrary formatting</i>
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Description**Questioning****Usage**

```
lbl_format(fmt, fmt1 = "%.3g", raw = FALSE)
```

Arguments

fmt	A format. Can be a string, passed into <code>base::sprintf()</code> or <code>format()</code> methods; or a one-argument formatting function.
fmt1	Format for breaks consisting of a single value.
raw	Logical. Always use raw breaks in labels, rather than e.g. quantiles or standard deviations?

Details

These labels let you format breaks arbitrarily, using either a string (passed to `sprintf()`) or a function.

If `fmt` is a function, it must accept two arguments, representing the left and right endpoints of each interval.

If breaks are non-numeric, you can only use `"%s"` in a string `fmt`. breaks will be converted to character in this case.

`lbl_format()` is in the "questioning" stage. As an alternative, consider using `lbl_dash()` or `lbl_intervals()` with the `fmt` argument.

Value

A vector of labels for chop, or a function that creates labels.

See Also

Other labelling functions: `lbl_dash()`, `lbl_discrete()`, `lbl_intervals()`, `lbl_manual()`, `lbl_seq()`

Examples

```
tab(1:10, c(1,3, 3, 7),
    label = lbl_format("%.3g to %.3g"))
tab(1:10, c(1,3, 3, 7),
    label = lbl_format("%.3g to %.3g", "Exactly %.3g"))

percent2 <- function (x, y) {
  sprintf("%.2f%% - %.2f%%", x*100, y*100)
}
tab(runif(100), c(0.25, 0.5, .75),
    labels = lbl_format(percent2))
```

lbl_intervals

Label chopped intervals using set notation

Description

Label chopped intervals using set notation

Usage

```
lbl_intervals(raw = FALSE, fmt = NULL)
```

Arguments

raw	Logical. Always use raw breaks in labels, rather than e.g. quantiles or standard deviations?
fmt	A format. Can be a string, passed into <code>base::sprintf()</code> or <code>format()</code> methods; or a one-argument formatting function.

Details

Mathematical set notation is as follows:

- $[a, b]$: all numbers x where $a \leq x \leq b$;
- (a, b) : all numbers where $a < x < b$;
- $[a, b)$: all numbers where $a \leq x < b$;
- $(a, b]$: all numbers where $a < x \leq b$;
- $\{a\}$: just the number a .

Value

A vector of labels for chop, or a function that creates labels.

See Also

Other labelling functions: `lbl_dash()`, `lbl_discrete()`, `lbl_format()`, `lbl_manual()`, `lbl_seq()`

Examples

```
tab(-10:10, c(-3, 0, 0, 3),
    labels = lbl_intervals())

tab_evenly(runif(20), 10,
    labels = lbl_intervals(fmt = percent))
```

lbl_manual
Label chopped intervals in a user-defined sequence

Description

`lbl_manual()` uses an arbitrary sequence to label intervals. If the sequence is too short, it will be pasted with itself and repeated.

Usage

```
lbl_manual(sequence, fmt = "%s")
```

Arguments

sequence	A character vector of labels.
fmt	A format. Can be a string, passed into <code>base::sprintf()</code> or <code>format()</code> methods; or a one-argument formatting function.

Value

A vector of labels for chop, or a function that creates labels.

See Also

Other labelling functions: [lbl_dash\(\)](#), [lbl_discrete\(\)](#), [lbl_format\(\)](#), [lbl_intervals\(\)](#), [lbl_seq\(\)](#)

Examples

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), lbl_manual(c("w", "x", "y", "z")))
```

```
# if labels need repeating:
chop(1:10, 1:10, lbl_manual(c("x", "y", "z")))
```

lbl_seq	<i>Label chopped intervals in sequence</i>
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Description

lbl_seq labels intervals sequentially, using numbers or letters.

Usage

```
lbl_seq(start = "a")
```

Arguments

start String. A template for the sequence. See below.

Details

start shows the first element of the sequence. It must contain exactly *one* character out of the set "a", "A", "i", "I" or "1". For later elements:

- "a" will be replaced by "a", "b", "c", ...
- "A" will be replaced by "A", "B", "C", ...
- "i" will be replaced by lower-case Roman numerals "i", "ii", "iii", ...
- "I" will be replaced by upper-case Roman numerals "I", "II", "III", ...
- "1" will be replaced by numbers "1", "2", "3", ...

Other characters will be retained as-is.

See Also

Other labelling functions: [lbl_dash\(\)](#), [lbl_discrete\(\)](#), [lbl_format\(\)](#), [lbl_intervals\(\)](#), [lbl_manual\(\)](#)

Examples

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), lbl_seq())
```

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), lbl_seq("i."))
```

```
chop(1:10, c(2, 5, 8), lbl_seq("(A)"))
```

percent	<i>Simple formatter</i>
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Description

For a wider range of formatters, consider the ["scales" package](#).

Usage

```
percent(x)
```

Arguments

x	Numeric values.
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Value

x formatted as a percent.

Examples

```
percent(0.5)
```

tab	<i>Tabulate data by intervals</i>
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Description

These functions call their related chop_XXX function, and call [table\(\)](#) on the result.

Usage

```
tab(...)
```

```
tab_width(...)
```

```
tab_evenly(...)
```

```
tab_n(...)
```

```
tab_mean_sd(...)
```

Arguments

...	Passed to chop
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Value

A [table\(\)](#).

Examples

```
tab(1:10, c(2, 5, 8))
```

```
tab_mean_sd(1:10)
```

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