

Package ‘ggbreak’

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scale_wrap

scale-wrap

Description

This scale function wraps a 'gg' plot over multiple rows to make plots with long x axes easier to read.

Usage

```
scale_wrap(n)
```

Arguments

n the number of subplot pieces.

Details

A plot can be broken on both axes (`scale_x_break()` with `scale_y_break()`), but a wrapping, breaking or cutting scale cannot be combined with a different one of them.

Value

gg object

Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
library(ggbreak)
p <- ggplot(economics, aes(x=date, y = unemploy, colour = uempmed)) +
  geom_line()
p + scale_wrap(n=4)
```

scale_x_break*scale_x_break*

Description

Set an axis break point for a 'gg' plot

Usage

```

scale_x_break(
  breaks,
  scales = "fixed",
  ticklabels = NULL,
  expand = TRUE,
  space = 0.1,
  symbol = NULL,
  bridge = FALSE
)

scale_y_break(
  breaks,
  scales = "fixed",
  ticklabels = NULL,
  expand = TRUE,
  space = 0.1,
  symbol = NULL,
  bridge = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

breaks	break point. For a discrete axis these are the names of two levels, and the levels lying strictly between them are dropped, so two adjacent levels only insert a gap. For a date or datetime axis they may be given as Date, as character or as numeric (days or seconds since the epoch) besides POSIXct.
scales	relative width or height of subplots, default is "fixed". If scale is 'free', all subplots have equal width or height. It also can be any number to set relative width or height compare to first subplot.
ticklabels	the axis labels to subplot, default is NULL.
expand	default is TRUE, logical or a vector of range expansion constants used to add some padding around the data to ensure that they are placed some distance away from the axes. Use the convenience function <code>expansion()</code> of <code>ggplot2</code> to generate the values for the <code>expand</code> argument. The defaults are to expand the scale by 5% on each side for continuous variables. If it is logical, the TRUE means the default of <code>ggplot2</code> (foregoing statement), and FALSE means no expand for the plot.
space	the blank space among the subplots after break, default is 0.1 (cm).
symbol	the break symbol, default is NULL, could be 'slash'.
bridge	whether to draw the piece of a line that the break hides, so that a line crossing the break reads as one line instead of two, default is FALSE. Only the lines of <code>geom_line()</code> , <code>geom_path()</code> and <code>geom_step()</code> are bridged, and only for a single break on a continuous axis; a break on a discrete axis and a plot that is faceted along the broken axis are left alone.

Details

This scale function set an axis break point for a 'gg' plot. Either 'x' and 'y' axes are supported. The result is still a 'gg' object and user can progressively add layers to it. A plot can be broken on both axes (scale_x_break() with scale_y_break()), but a wrapping, breaking or cutting scale cannot be combined with a different one of them.

Value

gg object

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Examples

```
require(ggplot2 )
set.seed(2019-01-19)
d <- data.frame(
  x = 1:20,
  y = c(rnorm(5) + 4, rnorm(5) + 20, rnorm(5) + 5, rnorm(5) + 22)
)

p <- ggplot(d, aes(x, y)) + geom_col()
x <- p+scale_y_break(c(7, 17 ) )
print(x)
```

scale_x_cut

scale_x_cut

Description

scale_x_cut

scale_y_cut

Usage

```
scale_x_cut(breaks, which = NULL, scales = NULL, expand = FALSE, space = 0.1)
```

```
scale_y_cut(breaks, which = NULL, scales = NULL, expand = FALSE, space = 0.1)
```

Arguments

breaks	a numeric or numeric vector, the points to be divided
which	integer, the position of subplots to scales, started from left to right or top to bottom.
scales	numeric, relative width or height of subplots.

expand	default is FALSE, logical a vector of range expansion constants used to add some padding around the data to ensure that they are placed some distance away from the axes. Use the convenience function <code>expansion()</code> of <code>ggplot2</code> to generate the values for the <code>expand</code> argument. The defaults are to expand the scale by 5% on each side for continuous variables. If it is logical, the TRUE means the default of <code>ggplot2</code> (foregoing statement), and FALSE means no expand for the plot.
space	the blank space among the subplots after cut, default is 0.1 (cm).

Details

A plot can be broken on both axes (`scale_x_break()` with `scale_y_break()`), but a wrapping, breaking or cutting scale cannot be combined with a different one of them.

Value

gg object

Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
library(ggbreak)
set.seed(2019-01-19)
d <- data.frame(
  x = 1:20,
  y = c(rnorm(5) + 4, rnorm(5) + 20, rnorm(5) + 5, rnorm(5) + 22)
)
p <- ggplot(d, aes(x, y)) + geom_col()
p + scale_y_cut(breaks=c(7, 18), which=c(1, 3), scales=c(3, 0.5))
```

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