

Package ‘rmapshaper’

July 23, 2025

Type Package

Title Client for 'mapshaper' for 'Geospatial' Operations

Version 0.5.0

Description Edit and simplify 'geojson', 'Spatial', and 'sf' objects. This is wrapper around the 'mapshaper' JavaScript library by Matthew Bloch <<https://github.com/mbloch/mapshaper/>> to perform topologically-aware polygon simplification, as well as other operations such as clipping, erasing, dissolving, and converting 'multi-part' to 'single-part' geometries.

License MIT + file LICENSE

URL <https://github.com/ateucher/rmapshaper>

BugReports <https://github.com/ateucher/rmapshaper/issues>

Imports methods, geojsonsf (>= 2.0.2), jsonify (>= 1.2.0), readr (>= 2.1.0), sf (>= 1.0.0), sp (>= 1.4-0), V8 (>= 4.0.0)

Suggests knitr, magrittr, rmarkdown, testthat (>= 3.0.0), jsonlite, covr, units, withr

VignetteBuilder knitr

Encoding UTF-8

RoxygenNote 7.2.3

Config/testthat/edition 3

NeedsCompilation no

Author Andy Teucher [aut, cre],
Kenton Russell [aut] (JavaScript support),
Matthew Bloch [cph] (mapshaper Javascript library)

Maintainer Andy Teucher <andy.teucher@gmail.com>

Repository CRAN

Date/Publication 2023-04-11 02:20:02 UTC

Contents

apply_mapshaper_commands	2
check_sys_mapshaper	3
drop_null_geometries	4
ms_clip	4
ms_dissolve	6
ms_erase	8
ms_explode	9
ms_filter_fields	11
ms_filter_islands	12
ms_innerlines	14
ms_lines	15
ms_points	17
ms_simplify	18
rmapshaper	21

Index	22
--------------	-----------

apply_mapshaper_commands

Apply a mapshaper command string to a geojson object

Description

Apply a mapshaper command string to a geojson object

Usage

```
apply_mapshaper_commands(
  data,
  command,
  force_FC = TRUE,
  sys = FALSE,
  sys_mem = getOption("mapshaper.sys_mem", default = 8),
  quiet = getOption("mapshaper.sys_quiet", default = FALSE)
)
```

Arguments

data	character containing geojson or path to geojson file. If a file path, sys must be true.
command	valid mapshaper command string
force_FC	should the output be forced to be a FeatureCollection (or sf object or Spatial*DataFrame) even if there are no attributes? Default TRUE. If FALSE and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a GeometryCollection (or Spatial object with no dataframe, or sfc) will be output.

sys	Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the PATH.
sys_mem	How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (sys = TRUE)? Default 8. Ignored if sys = FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_mem"
quiet	If sys = TRUE, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_quiet"

Value

geojson

Examples

```
nc <- sf::read_sf(system.file("gpkg/nc.gpkg", package = "sf"))
rmapshaper::apply_mapshaper_commands(geojsonsf::sf_geojson(nc), "-clean")
```

check_sys_mapshaper *Check the system mapshaper*

Description

Check the system mapshaper

Usage

```
check_sys_mapshaper(command = "mapshaper-x1", verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

command	either "mapshaper-x1" (default) or "mapshaper"
verbose	Print a message stating mapshaper's current version? Default TRUE

Value

character path to mapshaper executable if appropriate version is installed, otherwise throws an error

drop_null_geometries *Drop features from a geo_json FeatureCollection with null geometries*

Description

Drop features from a geo_json FeatureCollection with null geometries

Usage

```
drop_null_geometries(x)
```

Arguments

x a geo_json FeatureCollection

Value

a geo_json FeatureCollection with Features with null geometries removed

ms_clip *Remove features or portions of features that fall outside a clipping area.*

Description

Removes portions of the target layer that fall outside the clipping layer or bounding box.

Usage

```
ms_clip(target, clip = NULL, bbox = NULL, remove_slivers = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

target the target layer from which to remove portions. One of:

- geo_json or character points, lines, or polygons;
- SpatialPolygons, SpatialLines, SpatialPoints;
- sf or sfc points, lines, or polygons object

clip the clipping layer (polygon). One of:

- geo_json or character polygons;
- SpatialPolygons*;
- sf or sfc polygons object

bbox supply a bounding box instead of a clipping layer to extract from the target layer. Supply as a numeric vector: c(minX, minY, maxX, maxY).

remove_slivers Remove tiny sliver polygons created by clipping. (Default FALSE)

... Arguments passed on to [apply_mapshaper_commands](#)

force_FC should the output be forced to be a FeatureCollection (or sf object or Spatial*DataFrame) even if there are no attributes? Default TRUE. If FALSE and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a GeometryCollection (or Spatial object with no dataframe, or sfc) will be output.

sys Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the PATH.

sys_mem How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (sys = TRUE)? Default 8. Ignored if sys = FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_mem"

quiet If sys = TRUE, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_quiet"

Value

clipped target in the same class as the input target

Examples

```
if (rmapshaper:::check_v8_major_version() >= 6L) {
  library(geojsonsf, quietly = TRUE)
  library(sf)

  poly <- structure("{\"type\":\"FeatureCollection\",
    \"features\": [{\"type\":\"Feature\", \"properties\": {},
    \"geometry\": {\"type\":\"Polygon\", \"coordinates\":
    [[[52.8658,-44.7219],[53.7702,-40.4873],[55.3204,-37.5579],
    [56.2757,-37.917],[56.184,-40.6443],[61.0835,-40.7529],
    [58.0202,-43.634],[61.6699,-45.0678],[62.737,-46.2841],
    [55.7763,-46.2637],[54.9742,-49.1184],[52.799,-45.9386],
    [52.0329,-49.5677],[50.1747,-52.1814],[49.0098,-52.3641],
    [52.7068,-45.7639],[43.2278,-47.1908],[48.4755,-45.1388],
    [50.327,-43.5207],[48.0804,-41.2784],[49.6307,-40.6159],
    [52.8658,-44.7219]]]]}], class = c("geojson", "json"))
  poly <- geojson_sf(poly)
  plot(poly)

  clip_poly <- structure('{
  "type": "Feature",
  "properties": {},
  "geometry": {
  "type": "Polygon",
  "coordinates": [
  [
  [51, -40],
  [55, -40],
  [55, -45],
  [51, -45],
```

```

[51, -40]
]
]
}
}', class = c("geojson", "json"))
clip_poly <- geojson_sf(clip_poly)
plot(clip_poly)

out <- ms_clip(poly, clip_poly)
plot(out, add = TRUE)
}

```

ms_dissolve

Aggregate shapes in a polygon or point layer.

Description

Aggregates using specified field, or all shapes if no field is given. For point layers, replaces a group of points with their centroid.

Usage

```

ms_dissolve(
  input,
  field = NULL,
  sum_fields = NULL,
  copy_fields = NULL,
  weight = NULL,
  snap = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

input	spatial object to dissolve. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geo_json or character points or polygons; • SpatialPolygons, or SpatialPoints
field	the field to dissolve on
sum_fields	fields to sum
copy_fields	fields to copy. The first instance of each field will be copied to the aggregated feature.
weight	Name of an attribute field for generating weighted centroids (points only).
snap	Snap together vertices within a small distance threshold to fix small coordinate misalignment in adjacent polygons. Default TRUE.
...	Arguments passed on to apply_mapshaper_commands

- `force_FC` should the output be forced to be a FeatureCollection (or sf object or Spatial*DataFrame) even if there are no attributes? Default TRUE. If FALSE and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a GeometryCollection (or Spatial object with no dataframe, or sfc) will be output.
- `sys` Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the PATH.
- `sys_mem` How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (`sys = TRUE`)? Default 8. Ignored if `sys = FALSE`. This can also be set globally with the option `"mapshaper.sys_mem"`
- `quiet` If `sys = TRUE`, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option `"mapshaper.sys_quiet"`

Value

the same class as the input

Examples

```
library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)

poly <- structure('{ "type": "FeatureCollection",
  "features": [
    { "type": "Feature",
      "properties": { "a": 1, "b": 2 },
      "geometry": { "type": "Polygon", "coordinates": [ [
        [102, 2], [102, 3], [103, 3], [103, 2], [102, 2]
      ] ] }
    }, { "type": "Feature",
      "properties": { "a": 5, "b": 3 },
      "geometry": { "type": "Polygon", "coordinates": [ [
        [100, 0], [100, 1], [101, 1], [101, 0], [100, 0]
      ] ] }
    }
  ] }', class = c("geojson", "json"))
poly <- geojson_sf(poly)
plot(poly)
length(poly)
poly

# Dissolve the polygon
out <- ms_dissolve(poly)
plot(out)
length(out)
out

# Dissolve and summing columns
out <- ms_dissolve(poly, sum_fields = c("a", "b"))
plot(out)
out
```

ms_erase	<i>Remove features or portions of features that fall inside a specified area</i>
----------	--

Description

Removes portions of the target layer that fall inside the erasing layer or bounding box.

Usage

```
ms_erase(target, erase = NULL, bbox = NULL, remove_slivers = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

target	the target layer from which to remove portions. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geo_json or character points, lines, or polygons; • SpatialPolygons, SpatialLines, SpatialPoints
erase	the erase layer (polygon). One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geo_json or character polygons; • SpatialPolygons*
bbox	supply a bounding box instead of an erasing layer to remove from the target layer. Supply as a numeric vector: c(minX, minY, maxX, maxY).
remove_slivers	Remove tiny sliver polygons created by erasing. (Default FALSE)
...	Arguments passed on to apply_mapshaper_commands
	force_FC should the output be forced to be a FeatureCollection (or sf object or Spatial*DataFrame) even if there are no attributes? Default TRUE. If FALSE and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a GeometryCollection (or Spatial object with no dataframe, or sfc) will be output.
	sys Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the PATH.
	sys_mem How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (sys = TRUE)? Default 8. Ignored if sys = FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_mem"
	quiet If sys = TRUE, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_quiet"

Value

erased target in the same format as the input target

Examples

```

if (rmapshaper:::check_v8_major_version() >= 6L) {
  library(geojsonsf, quietly = TRUE)
  library(sf)

  points <- structure("{\type\": \"FeatureCollection\",
    \features\": [{\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {},
    \geometry\": {\type\": \"Point\", \coordinates\":
    [52.8658, -44.7219]}}, {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {},
    \geometry\": {\type\": \"Point\", \coordinates\":
    [53.7702, -40.4873]}}, {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {},
    \geometry\": {\type\": \"Point\", \coordinates\": [55.3204, -37.5579]}},
    {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {}, \geometry\":
    {\type\": \"Point\", \coordinates\": [56.2757, -37.917]}},
    {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {}, \geometry\":
    {\type\": \"Point\", \coordinates\": [56.184, -40.6443]}},
    {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {}, \geometry\":
    {\type\": \"Point\", \coordinates\": [61.0835, -40.7529]}},
    {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {}, \geometry\":
    {\type\": \"Point\", \coordinates\": [58.0202, -43.634]}]}",
    class = c("geojson", "json"))
  points <- geojson_sf(points)
  plot(points)

  erase_poly <- structure('{
  "type": "Feature",
  "properties": {},
  "geometry": {
  "type": "Polygon",
  "coordinates": [
  [
  [51, -40],
  [55, -40],
  [55, -45],
  [51, -45],
  [51, -40]
  ]
  ]
  }
  }', class = c("geojson", "json"))
  erase_poly <- geojson_sf(erase_poly)

  out <- ms_erase(points, erase_poly)
  plot(out, add = TRUE)
}

```

Description

For objects of class `Spatial` (e.g., `SpatialPolygonsDataFrame`), you may find it faster to use `sp::disaggregate`.

Usage

```
ms_explode(input, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>input</code>	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>geo_json</code> or character multipart lines, or polygons; • multipart <code>SpatialPolygons</code>, <code>SpatialLines</code>; • <code>sf</code> or <code>sfc</code> multipart lines, or polygons object
<code>...</code>	Arguments passed on to apply_mapshaper_commands
<code>force_FC</code>	Should the output be forced to be a <code>FeatureCollection</code> (or <code>sf</code> object or <code>Spatial*DataFrame</code>) even if there are no attributes? Default <code>TRUE</code> . If <code>FALSE</code> and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a <code>GeometryCollection</code> (or <code>Spatial</code> object with no dataframe, or <code>sfc</code>) will be output.
<code>sys</code>	Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the <code>PATH</code> .
<code>sys_mem</code>	How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (<code>sys = TRUE</code>)? Default 8. Ignored if <code>sys = FALSE</code> . This can also be set globally with the option <code>"mapshaper.sys_mem"</code>
<code>quiet</code>	If <code>sys = TRUE</code> , should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default <code>FALSE</code> . This can also be set globally with the option <code>"mapshaper.sys_quiet"</code>

Details

There is currently no method for `SpatialMultiPoints`

Value

same class as `input`

Examples

```
library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)

poly <- '{"type":"FeatureCollection","features":
  [{"type":"Feature","geometry":{"type":
    "MultiPolygon","coordinates":[[[102,2],[102,3],
    [103,3],[103,2],[102,2]],[[100,0],[100,1],[101,1],
    [101,0],[100,0]]]]},"properties":{"a":0}}]}'

poly <- geojson_sf(poly)
```

```

plot(poly)
length(poly)
poly

# Explode the polygon
out <- ms_explode(poly)
plot(out)
length(out)
out

```

ms_filter_fields	<i>Delete fields in the attribute table</i>
------------------	---

Description

Removes all fields except those listed in the fields parameter

Usage

```
ms_filter_fields(input, fields, ...)
```

Arguments

input	spatial object to filter fields on. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geo_json or character points, lines, or polygons; • SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, SpatialLinesDataFrame, SpatialPointsDataFrame; • sf object
fields	character vector of fields to retain.
...	Arguments passed on to apply_mapshaper_commands
sys	Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the PATH.
sys_mem	How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (sys = TRUE)? Default 8. Ignored if sys = FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_mem"
quiet	If sys = TRUE, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_quiet"

Value

object with only specified attributes retained, in the same class as the input

Examples

```

library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)

poly <- structure("{\"type\":\"FeatureCollection\",
  \"features\":[{\"type\":\"Feature\",
    \"properties\":{\"a\": 1, \"b\":2, \"c\": 3},
    \"geometry\":{\"type\":\"Polygon\",
      \"coordinates\":[[[102,2],[102,4],[104,4],[104,2],[102,2]]]]}],
  class = c(\"geojson\", \"json\")
poly <- geojson_sf(poly)
poly

# Filter (keep) fields a and b, drop c
out <- ms_filter_fields(poly, c(\"a\", \"b\"))
out

```

ms_filter_islands *Remove small detached polygons (islands)*

Description

Remove small detached polygons, keeping those with a minimum area and/or a minimum number of vertices. Optionally remove null geometries.

Usage

```

ms_filter_islands(
  input,
  min_area = NULL,
  min_vertices = NULL,
  drop_null_geometries = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

input	spatial object to filter. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geo_json or character polygons; • SpatialPolygons*; • sf or sfc polygons object
min_area	minimum area of polygons to retain. Area is calculated using planar geometry, except for the area of unprojected polygons, which is calculated using spherical geometry in units of square meters.
min_vertices	minimum number of vertices in polygons to retain.

```

drop_null_geometries
    should features with empty geometries be dropped? Default TRUE. Ignored for
    SpatialPolygons*, as it is always TRUE.

...
Arguments passed on to apply\_mapshaper\_commands

force_FC should the output be forced to be a FeatureCollection (or sf object or
    Spatial*DataFrame) even if there are no attributes? Default TRUE. If FALSE
    and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a GeometryCol-
    lection (or Spatial object with no dataframe, or sfc) will be output.

sys Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper?
    Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node pack-
    age to be installed and on the PATH.

sys_mem How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system
    mapshaper (sys = TRUE)? Default 8. Ignored if sys = FALSE. This can also
    be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_mem"

quiet If sys = TRUE, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default
    FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_quiet"

```

Value

object with only specified features retained, in the same class as the input

Examples

```

library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)

poly <- structure("{\type\": \"FeatureCollection\",
  \features\": [{\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {},
  \geometry\": {\type\": \"Polygon\",
  \coordinates\": [[[102, 2], [102, 4], [104, 4], [104, 2], [102, 2]]]}},
  {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {},
  \geometry\": {\type\": \"Polygon\",
  \coordinates\": [[[100, 2], [98, 4], [101.5, 4], [100, 2]]]}},
  {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {},
  \geometry\": {\type\": \"Polygon\",
  \coordinates\": [[[100, 0], [100, 1], [101, 1], [101, 0], [100, 0]]]}]}]",
  class = c("geojson", "json"))

poly <- geojson_sf(poly)
plot(poly)

out <- ms_filter_islands(poly, min_area = 12391399903)
plot(out)

```

ms_innerlines	<i>Create a line layer consisting of shared boundaries with no attribute data</i>
---------------	---

Description

Create a line layer consisting of shared boundaries with no attribute data

Usage

```
ms_innerlines(input, ...)
```

Arguments

input	input polygons object to convert to inner lines. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geo_json or character polygons; • SpatialPolygons*; • sf or sfc polygons object
...	Arguments passed on to apply_mapshaper_commands
force_FC	Should the output be forced to be a FeatureCollection (or sf object or Spatial*DataFrame) even if there are no attributes? Default TRUE. If FALSE and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a GeometryCollection (or Spatial object with no dataframe, or sfc) will be output.
sys	Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the PATH.
sys_mem	How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (sys = TRUE)? Default 8. Ignored if sys = FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_mem"
quiet	If sys = TRUE, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_quiet"

Value

lines in the same class as the input layer, but without attributes

Examples

```
library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)

poly <- structure('{"type":"FeatureCollection",
  "features":[
    {"type":"Feature",
      "properties":{"foo": "a"},
      "geometry":{"type":"Polygon","coordinates":[[
```

```

      [102,2],[102,3],[103,3],[103,2],[102,2]
    ]]}
, {"type": "Feature",
  "properties": {"foo": "a"},
  "geometry": {"type": "Polygon", "coordinates": [[
    [103,3],[104,3],[104,2],[103,2],[103,3]
  ]]}},
{"type": "Feature",
  "properties": {"foo": "b"},
  "geometry": {"type": "Polygon", "coordinates": [[
    [102,1],[102,2],[103,2],[103,1],[102,1]
  ]]}},
{"type": "Feature",
  "properties": {"foo": "b"},
  "geometry": {"type": "Polygon", "coordinates": [[
    [103,1],[103,2],[104,2],[104,1],[103,1]
  ]]}]}], class = c("geojson", "json"))

poly <- geojson_sf(poly)
plot(poly)

out <- ms_innerlines(poly)
plot(out)

```

ms_lines

*Convert polygons to topological boundaries (lines)***Description**

Convert polygons to topological boundaries (lines)

Usage

```
ms_lines(input, fields = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

input	input polygons object to convert to inner lines. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geo_json or character polygons; • SpatialPolygons*; • sf or sfc polygons object
fields	character vector of field names. If left as NULL (default), external (unshared) boundaries are attributed as TYPE 0 and internal (shared) boundaries are TYPE 1. Giving a field name adds an intermediate level of hierarchy at TYPE 1, with the lowest-level internal boundaries set to TYPE 2. Supplying a character vector of field names adds additional levels of hierarchy.
...	Arguments passed on to apply_mapshaper_commands

- `force_FC` should the output be forced to be a FeatureCollection (or sf object or Spatial*DataFrame) even if there are no attributes? Default TRUE. If FALSE and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a GeometryCollection (or Spatial object with no dataframe, or sfc) will be output.
- `sys` Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the PATH.
- `sys_mem` How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (`sys = TRUE`)? Default 8. Ignored if `sys = FALSE`. This can also be set globally with the option `"mapshaper.sys_mem"`
- `quiet` If `sys = TRUE`, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option `"mapshaper.sys_quiet"`

Value

topological boundaries as lines, in the same class as the input

Examples

```
library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)

poly <- structure('{"type":"FeatureCollection",
  "features":[
    {"type":"Feature",
     "properties":{"foo": "a"},
     "geometry":{"type":"Polygon","coordinates":[[
       [102,2],[102,3],[103,3],[103,2],[102,2]
     ]]]}
    ,{"type":"Feature",
     "properties":{"foo": "a"},
     "geometry":{"type":"Polygon","coordinates":[[
       [103,3],[104,3],[104,2],[103,2],[103,3]
     ]]]},
    {"type":"Feature",
     "properties":{"foo": "b"},
     "geometry":{"type":"Polygon","coordinates":[[
       [102.5,1],[102.5,2],[103.5,2],[103.5,1],[102.5,1]
     ]]]}]', class = c("geojson", "json"))

poly <- geojson_sf(poly)
summary(poly)
plot(poly)

out <- ms_lines(poly)
summary(out)
plot(out)
```


ms_points

*Create points from a polygon layer***Description**

Can be generated from the polygons by specifying location to be "centroid" or "inner", OR by specifying fields in the attributes of the layer containing x and y coordinates.

Usage

```
ms_points(input, location = NULL, x = NULL, y = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

input	input polygons object to convert to points. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geo_json or character polygons; • SpatialPolygons*; • sf or sfc polygons object
location	either "centroid" or "inner". If "centroid", creates points at the centroid of the largest ring of each polygon feature. if "inner", creates points in the interior of the largest ring of each polygon feature. Inner points are located away from polygon boundaries. Must be NULL if x and y are specified. If left as NULL (default), will use centroids.
x	name of field containing x coordinate values. Must be NULL if location is specified.
y	name of field containing y coordinate values. Must be NULL if location is specified.
...	Arguments passed on to apply_mapshaper_commands
	force_FC should the output be forced to be a FeatureCollection (or sf object or Spatial*DataFrame) even if there are no attributes? Default TRUE. If FALSE and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a GeometryCollection (or Spatial object with no dataframe, or sfc) will be output.
	sys Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the PATH.
	sys_mem How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (sys = TRUE)? Default 8. Ignored if sys = FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper . sys_mem"
	quiet If sys = TRUE, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper . sys_quiet"

Value

points in the same class as the input.

Examples

```

library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)

poly <- structure("{\type\": \"FeatureCollection\",
  \features\": [{\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\":
    {\x_pos\": 1, \y_pos\": 2},
    \geometry\": {\type\": \"Polygon\",
    \coordinates\": [[[102,2],[102,4],[104,4],[104,2],[102,2]]]}},
    {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {\x_pos\": 3, \y_pos\": 4},
    \geometry\": {\type\": \"Polygon\",
    \coordinates\": [[[100,2],[98,4],[101.5,4],[100,2]]]}},
    {\type\": \"Feature\", \properties\": {\x_pos\": 5, \y_pos\": 6},
    \geometry\": {\type\": \"Polygon\",
    \coordinates\": [[[100,0],[100,1],[101,1],[101,0],[100,0]]]}]}],
  class = c(\"geojson\", \"json\")

poly <- geojson_sf(poly)
summary(poly)
plot(poly)

# Convert to points using centroids
out <- ms_points(poly, location = \"centroid\")
summary(out)
plot(out)

# Can also specify locations using attributes in the data
out <- ms_points(poly, x = \"x_pos\", y = \"y_pos\")
summary(out)
plot(out)

```

ms_simplify

Topologically-aware geometry simplification.

Description

Uses `mapshaper` to simplify polygons.

Usage

```

ms_simplify(
  input,
  keep = 0.05,
  method = NULL,
  weighting = 0.7,
  keep_shapes = FALSE,
  no_repair = FALSE,
  snap = TRUE,

```

```

    explode = FALSE,
    drop_null_geometries = TRUE,
    snap_interval = NULL,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

input	spatial object to simplify. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geo_json or character polygons or lines; • SpatialPolygons* or SpatialLines*; • sf or sfc polygons or lines object
keep	proportion of points to retain (0-1; default 0.05)
method	simplification method to use: "vis" for Visvalingam algorithm, or "dp" for Douglas-Peucker algorithm. If left as NULL (default), uses Visvalingam simplification but modifies the area metric by underweighting the effective area of points at the vertex of more acute angles, resulting in a smoother appearance. See this link for more information.
weighting	Coefficient for weighting Visvalingam simplification (default is 0.7). Higher values produce smoother output. weighting=0 is equivalent to unweighted Visvalingam simplification.
keep_shapes	Prevent small polygon features from disappearing at high simplification (default FALSE)
no_repair	disable intersection repair after simplification (default FALSE).
snap	Snap together vertices within a small distance threshold to fix small coordinate misalignment in adjacent polygons. Default TRUE.
explode	Should multipart polygons be converted to singlepart polygons? This prevents small shapes from disappearing during simplification if keep_shapes = TRUE. Default FALSE
drop_null_geometries	should Features with null geometries be dropped? Ignored for Spatial* objects, as it is always TRUE.
snap_interval	Specify snapping distance in source units, must be a numeric. Default NULL
...	Arguments passed on to apply_mapshaper_commands
	force_FC should the output be forced to be a FeatureCollection (or sf object or Spatial*DataFrame) even if there are no attributes? Default TRUE. If FALSE and there are no attributes associated with the geometries, a GeometryCollection (or Spatial object with no dataframe, or sfc) will be output.
	sys Should the system mapshaper be used instead of the bundled mapshaper? Gives better performance on large files. Requires the mapshaper node package to be installed and on the PATH.
	sys_mem How much memory (in GB) should be allocated if using the system mapshaper (sys = TRUE)? Default 8. Ignored if sys = FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper . sys_mem"

quiet If `sys = TRUE`, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default `FALSE`. This can also be set globally with the option `"mapshaper.sys_quiet"`

Value

a simplified representation of the geometry in the same class as the input

Examples

```
# With a simple geojson object
poly <- structure('{
  "type": "Feature",
  "properties": {},
  "geometry": {
    "type": "Polygon",
    "coordinates": [[
      [-70.603637, -33.399918],
      [-70.614624, -33.395332],
      [-70.639343, -33.392466],
      [-70.659942, -33.394759],
      [-70.683975, -33.404504],
      [-70.697021, -33.419406],
      [-70.701141, -33.434306],
      [-70.700454, -33.446339],
      [-70.694274, -33.458369],
      [-70.682601, -33.465816],
      [-70.668869, -33.472117],
      [-70.646209, -33.473835],
      [-70.624923, -33.472117],
      [-70.609817, -33.468107],
      [-70.595397, -33.458369],
      [-70.587158, -33.442901],
      [-70.587158, -33.426283],
      [-70.590591, -33.414248],
      [-70.594711, -33.406224],
      [-70.603637, -33.399918]
    ]]
  }
}', class = c("geojson", "json"))

ms_simplify(poly, keep = 0.1)

# With an sf object

poly_sf <- geojsonsfc::geojson_sf(poly)
ms_simplify(poly_sf, keep = 0.5)
```

Description

Edit and simplify 'geojson', 'Spatial', and 'sf' objects. This is wrapper around the 'mapshaper' 'javascript' library by Matthew Bloch <https://github.com/mbloch/mapshaper/> to perform topologically-aware polygon simplification, as well as other operations such as clipping, erasing, dissolving, and converting 'multi-part' to 'single-part' geometries.

rmapshaper functions

All functions

- [ms_simplify](#) - simplify polygons or lines
- [ms_clip](#) - clip an area out of a layer using a polygon layer or a bounding box. Works on polygons, lines, and points
- [ms_erase](#) - erase an area from a layer using a polygon layer or a bounding box. Works on polygons, lines, and points
- [ms_dissolve](#) - aggregate polygon features, optionally specifying a field to aggregate on. If no field is specified, will merge all polygons into one.
- [ms_explode](#) - convert multipart shapes to single part. Works with polygons, lines, and points in geojson format, but currently only with polygons and lines in the Spatial classes (not SpatialMultiPoints and SpatialMultiPointsDataFrame).
- [ms_lines](#) - convert polygons to topological boundaries (lines)
- [ms_innerlines](#) - convert polygons to shared inner boundaries (lines)
- [ms_points](#) - create points from a polygon layer
- [ms_filter_fields](#) - Remove fields from the attributes
- [ms_filter_islands](#) - Remove small detached polygons

Author(s)

Andy Teucher <andy.teucher@gmail.com>

Index

`apply_mapshaper_commands`, [2](#), [5](#), [6](#), [8](#), [10](#),
[11](#), [13–15](#), [17](#), [19](#)

`check_sys_mapshaper`, [3](#)

`drop_null_geometries`, [4](#)

`ms_clip`, [4](#), [21](#)

`ms_dissolve`, [6](#), [21](#)

`ms_erase`, [8](#), [21](#)

`ms_explode`, [9](#), [21](#)

`ms_filter_fields`, [11](#), [21](#)

`ms_filter_islands`, [12](#), [21](#)

`ms_innerlines`, [14](#), [21](#)

`ms_lines`, [15](#), [21](#)

`ms_points`, [17](#), [21](#)

`ms_simplify`, [18](#), [21](#)

`rmapshaper`, [21](#)