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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),
  gj2008 = 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 Spa-

tial*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.

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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"
gj2008	Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

Value

geojson

Examples

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

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

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 ${\tt drop_null_geometries} \quad {\tt \it Drop\ features\ from\ a\ geo_json\ \it FeatureCollection\ with\ null\ geometries}$

Description

Drop features from a geo_json FeatureCollection with null geometries

Usage

```
drop_null_geometries(x)
```

Arguments

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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).

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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"
- gj2008 Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

Value

clipped target in the same class as the input target

```
if (rmapshaper:::v8_version() >= "6") {
 library(geojsonsf, quietly = TRUE)
 library(sf)
 poly <- structure("{\"type\":\"FeatureCollection\",</pre>
    \"features\":[{\"type\":\"Feature\",\"properties\":{},
    \label{lem:coordinates} $$ "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)</pre>
 plot(poly)
 clip_poly <- structure('{</pre>
  "type": "Feature",
  "properties": {},
  "geometry": {
  "type": "Polygon",
  "coordinates": [
```

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```
[
[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)
}</pre>
```

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:

- 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.

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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"
- gj2008 Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

Value

the same class as the input

```
library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)
poly <- structure('{"type":"FeatureCollection",</pre>
  "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)</pre>
plot(poly)
length(poly)
poly
# Dissolve the polygon
```

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

ms_erase

Remove features or portions of features that fall inside a specified area

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:

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

erase

the erase layer (polygon). One of:

- 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)

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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"

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quiet If sys = TRUE, should the mapshaper messages be silenced? Default FALSE. This can also be set globally with the option "mapshaper.sys_quiet" gj2008 Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

Value

erased target in the same format as the input target

```
if (rmapshaper:::v8_version() >= "6") {
 library(geojsonsf, quietly = TRUE)
 library(sf)
 points <- structure("{\"type\":\"FeatureCollection\",</pre>
   \"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]}},
   {\"":\"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)</pre>
 plot(points)
 erase_poly <- structure('{</pre>
 "type": "Feature",
 "properties": {},
 "geometry": {
 "type": "Polygon",
  "coordinates": [
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 [51, -40],
 [55, -40],
 [55, -45],
 [51, -45],
 [51, -40]
 ]
 ]
 }
```

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```
}', class = c("geojson", "json"))
erase_poly <- geojson_sf(erase_poly)

out <- ms_erase(points, erase_poly)
plot(out, add = TRUE)
}</pre>
```

ms_explode

Convert multipart lines or polygons to singlepart

Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

input

One of:

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

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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"
- gj2008 Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

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Details

There is currently no method for SpatialMultiPoints

Value

same class as input

Examples

```
library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)
poly <- "{\"type\":\"FeatureCollection\",\"features\":</pre>
           [\n{\"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}}\n]}"
poly <- geojson_sf(poly)</pre>
plot(poly)
length(poly)
poly
# Explode the polygon
out <- ms_explode(poly)</pre>
plot(out)
length(out)
out
```

ms_filter_fields

Delete fields in the attribute table

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:

- geo_json or character points, lines, or polygons;
- SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, SpatialLinesDataFrame, SpatialPointsDataFrame;
- sf object

fields

character vector of fields to retain.

ms_filter_islands

... 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

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,
   ...
)
```

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Arguments

input

spatial object to filter. One of:

- 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 SpatialPolyons*, 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 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"
- gj2008 Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

Value

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

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ms_innerlines

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

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:

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

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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"
- gj2008 Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

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Value

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

Examples

```
library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)
poly <- structure('{"type":"FeatureCollection",</pre>
            "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)</pre>
plot(poly)
out <- ms_innerlines(poly)</pre>
plot(out)
```

ms_lines

Convert polygons to topological boundaries (lines)

Description

Convert polygons to topological boundaries (lines)

Usage

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

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Arguments

input

input polygons object to convert to inner lines. One of:

- 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"
- gj2008 Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

Value

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

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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:

- 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

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- 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"
- gj2008 Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

Value

points in the same class as the input.

```
library(geojsonsf)
library(sf)
poly <- structure("{\"type\":\"FeatureCollection\",</pre>
           \"features\":[{\"type\":\"Feature\",\"properties\":
           {\"x_pos\": 1, \"y_pos\": 2},
           \"geometry\":{\"type\":\"Polygon\"
           \"coordinates\":[[[102,2],[102,4],[104,4],[104,2],[102,2]]]}},
           {\"":\"Feature",\"":\{\"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)</pre>
summary(poly)
plot(poly)
# Convert to points using centroids
out <- ms_points(poly, location = "centroid")</pre>
summary(out)
plot(out)
# Can also specify locations using attributes in the data
out <- ms_points(poly, x = "x_pos", y = "y_pos")
```

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```
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:

- 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-Peuker 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 Vis-

valingam simplification.

keep_shapes Prevent small polygon features from disappearing at high simplification (default

FALSE)

no_repair disable intersection repair after simplification (default FALSE).

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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* ob-

jects, 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"

gj2008 Generate output that is consistent with the pre-RFC 7946 GeoJSON spec (dating to 2008). Polygon rings are CW and holes are CCW, which is the opposite of the default RFC 7946-compatible output. This should be rarely needed, though may be useful when preparing data for D3-based data visualizations (such as plotly::plot_ly()). Default FALSE

Value

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

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```
[-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 <- geojsonsf::geojson_sf(poly)</pre>
ms\_simplify(poly\_sf, keep = 0.5)
```

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