

# Package ‘sf’

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 aggregate.sf

*aggregate an sf object*


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## Description

aggregate an sf object, possibly union-ing geometries

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sf'
aggregate(x, by, FUN, ..., do_union = TRUE,
          simplify = TRUE, join = st_intersects)
```

## Arguments

x	object of class <a href="#">sf</a>
by	either a list of grouping vectors with length equal to <code>nrow(x)</code> (see <a href="#">aggregate</a> ), or an object of class <code>sf</code> or <code>sfc</code> with geometries that are used to generate groupings, using the binary predicate specified by the argument <code>join</code>
FUN	function passed on to <a href="#">aggregate</a> , in case <code>ids</code> was specified and attributes need to be grouped
...	arguments passed on to FUN
do_union	logical; should grouped geometries be unioned using <a href="#">st_union</a> ? See details.
simplify	logical; see <a href="#">aggregate</a>
join	logical spatial predicate function to use if <code>by</code> is a simple features object or geometry; see <a href="#">st_join</a>

## Details

In case `do_union` is `FALSE`, `aggregate` will simply combine geometries using [c.sfg](#). When polygons sharing a boundary are combined, this leads to geometries that are invalid; see <https://github.com/r-spatial/sf/issues/681>.

## Value

an `sf` object with aggregated attributes and geometries; additional grouping variables having the names of `names(ids)` or are named `Group.i` for `ids[[i]]`; see [aggregate](#).

## Note

Does not work using the formula notation involving `~` defined in [aggregate](#).

## Examples

```

m1 = cbind(c(0, 0, 1, 0), c(0, 1, 1, 0))
m2 = cbind(c(0, 1, 1, 0), c(0, 0, 1, 0))
pol = st_sfc(st_polygon(list(m1)), st_polygon(list(m2)))
set.seed(1985)
d = data.frame(matrix(runif(15), ncol = 3))
p = st_as_sf(x = d, coords = 1:2)
plot(pol)
plot(p, add = TRUE)
(p_ag1 = aggregate(p, pol, mean))
plot(p_ag1) # geometry same as pol
# works when x overlaps multiple objects in 'by':
p_buff = st_buffer(p, 0.2)
plot(p_buff, add = TRUE)
(p_ag2 = aggregate(p_buff, pol, mean)) # increased mean of second
# with non-matching features
m3 = cbind(c(0, 0, -0.1, 0), c(0, 0.1, 0.1, 0))
pol = st_sfc(st_polygon(list(m3)), st_polygon(list(m1)), st_polygon(list(m2)))
(p_ag3 = aggregate(p, pol, mean))
plot(p_ag3)
# In case we need to pass an argument to the join function:
(p_ag4 = aggregate(p, pol, mean,
  join = function(x, y) st_is_within_distance(x, y, dist = 0.3)))

```

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as *Methods to coerce simple features to Spatial\* and Spatial\*DataFrame objects*

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## Description

`as_Spatial()` allows to convert `sf` and `sfc` to `Spatial*DataFrame` and `Spatial*` for `sp` compatibility. You can also use `as(x, "Spatial")` To transform `sp` objects to `sf` and `sfc` with `as(x, "sf")`.

## Usage

```
as_Spatial(from, cast = TRUE, IDs = paste0("ID", 1:length(from)))
```

## Arguments

from	object of class <code>sf</code> , <code>sfc_POINT</code> , <code>sfc_MULTIPPOINT</code> , <code>sfc_LINESTRING</code> , <code>sfc_MULTILINESTRING</code> , <code>sfc_POLYGON</code> , or <code>sfc_MULTIPOLYGON</code> .
cast	logical; if <code>TRUE</code> , <code>st_cast()</code> from before converting, so that e.g. <code>GEOMETRY</code> objects with a mix of <code>POLYGON</code> and <code>MULTIPOLYGON</code> are cast to <code>MULTIPOLYGON</code> .
IDs	character vector with IDs for the <code>Spatial*</code> geometries

**Details**

`sp` supports three dimensions for POINT and MULTIPOINT (`SpatialPoint*`). Other geometries must be two-dimensional (XY). Dimensions can be dropped using `st_zm()` with `what = "M"` or `what = "ZM"`.

For converting simple features (i.e., `sf` objects) to their Spatial counterpart, use `as(obj, "Spatial")`

**Value**

geometry-only object deriving from `Spatial`, of the appropriate class

**Examples**

```
nc <- st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
# convert to SpatialPolygonsDataFrame
spdf <- as_Spatial(nc)
# identical to
spdf <- as(nc, "Spatial")
# convert to SpatialPolygons
as(st_geometry(nc), "Spatial")
# back to sf
as(spdf, "sf")
```

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 bind

*Bind rows (features) of sf objects*


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**Description**

Bind rows (features) of `sf` objects

Bind columns (variables) of `sf` objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sf'
rbind(..., deparse.level = 1)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
cbind(..., deparse.level = 1, sf_column_name = NULL)

st_bind_cols(...)
```

**Arguments**

`...` objects to bind; note that for the `rbind` and `cbind` methods, all objects have to be of class `sf`; see [dotsMethods](#)

`deparse.level` integer; see [rbind](#)

`sf_column_name` character; specifies active geometry; passed on to [st\\_sf](#)

**Details**

both `rbind` and `cbind` have non-standard method dispatch (see [cbind](#)): the `rbind` or `cbind` method for `sf` objects is only called when all arguments to be binded are of class `sf`.

If you need to `cbind` e.g. a `data.frame` to an `sf`, use [data.frame](#) directly and use [st\\_sf](#) on its result, or use [bind\\_cols](#); see examples.

`st_bind_cols` is deprecated; use `cbind` instead.

**Value**

`cbind` called with multiple `sf` objects warns about multiple geometry columns present when the geometry column to use is not specified by using argument `sf_column_name`; see also [st\\_sf](#).

**Examples**

```
crs = st_crs(3857)
a = st_sf(a=1, geom = st_sfc(st_point(0:1)), crs = crs)
b = st_sf(a=1, geom = st_sfc(st_linestring(matrix(1:4,2))), crs = crs)
c = st_sf(a=4, geom = st_sfc(st_multilinestring(list(matrix(1:4,2)))), crs = crs)
rbind(a,b,c)
rbind(a,b)
rbind(a,b)
rbind(b,c)
cbind(a,b,c) # warns
if (require(dplyr))
  dplyr::bind_cols(a,b)
c = st_sf(a=4, geomc = st_sfc(st_multilinestring(list(matrix(1:4,2)))), crs = crs)
cbind(a,b,c, sf_column_name = "geomc")
df = data.frame(x=3)
st_sf(data.frame(c, df))
dplyr::bind_cols(c, df)
```

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dbDataType, PostgreSQLConnection, sf-method

*Determine database type for R vector*

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**Description**

Determine database type for R vector

Determine database type for R vector

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'PostgreSQLConnection,sf'
dbDataType(dbObj, obj)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'DBIObject,sf'
dbDataType(dbObj, obj)
```

**Arguments**

dbObj	DBIObject driver or connection.
obj	Object to convert

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db_drivers	<i>Drivers for which update should be TRUE by default</i>
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**Description**

Drivers for which update should be TRUE by default

**Usage**

db\_drivers

**Format**

An object of class character of length 12.

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extension_map	<i>Map extension to driver</i>
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**Description**

Map extension to driver

**Usage**

extension\_map

**Format**

An object of class list of length 24.



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gdal *functions to interact with gdal not meant to be called directly by users  
(but e.g. by stars::st\_stars)*

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### Description

functions to interact with gdal not meant to be called directly by users (but e.g. by stars::st\_stars)

### Usage

```
gdal_read(x, ..., options = character(0), driver = character(0),
  read_data = TRUE, NA_value = NA_real_,
  RasterIO_parameters = list())
```

```
gdal_write(x, ..., file, driver = "GTiff", options = character(0),
  type = "Float32", NA_value = NA_real_, geotransform,
  update = FALSE)
```

```
gdal_inv_geotransform(gt)
```

```
gdal_crs(file, options = character(0))
```

```
gdal_metadata(file, domain_item = character(0), options = character(0),
  parse = TRUE)
```

```
gdal_subdatasets(file, options = character(0), name = TRUE)
```

```
gdal_polygonize(x, mask = NULL, file = tempfile(), driver = "GTiff",
  use_integer = TRUE, geotransform,
  breaks = classInt::classIntervals(na.omit(as.vector(x[[1]])))$brks,
  use_contours = FALSE, contour_lines = FALSE, connect8 = FALSE, ...)
```

```
gdal_rasterize(sf, x, gt, file, driver = "GTiff",
  options = character())
```

### Arguments

x	character vector, possibly of length larger than 1 when more than one raster is read
...	ignored
options	character; raster layer read options
driver	character; when empty vector, driver is auto-detected.
read_data	logical; if FALSE, only the imagery metadata is returned
NA_value	(double) non-NA value to use for missing values; if NA, when writing missing values are not specially flagged in output dataset, when reading the default (dataset) missing values are used (if present / set).

**RasterIO\_parameters**

	list with named parameters to GDAL's RasterIO; see the stars::read_stars documentation.
file	character; file name
type	gdal write type
geotransform	length 6 numeric vector with GDAL geotransform parameters.
update	logical; TRUE if in an existing raster file pixel values shall be updated.
gt	double vector of length 6
domain_item	character vector of length 0, 1 (with domain), or 2 (with domain and item); use "" for the default domain, use NA_character_ to query the domain names.
parse	logical; should metadata be parsed into a named list (TRUE) or returned as character data?
name	logical; retrieve name of subdataset? If FALSE, retrieve description
mask	stars object with NA mask (0 where NA), or NULL
use_integer	boolean; if TRUE, raster values are read as (and rounded to) unsigned 32-bit integers values; if FALSE they are read as 32-bit floating points numbers. The former is supposedly faster.
breaks	numeric vector with break values for contour polygons (or lines)
use_contours	logical;
contour_lines	logical;
connect8	logical; if TRUE use 8 connection algorithm, rather than 4
sf	object of class sf

**Details**

gdal\_inv\_geotransform returns the inverse geotransform

gdal\_crs reads coordinate reference system from GDAL data set

get\_metadata gets metadata of a raster layer

gdal\_subdatasets returns the subdatasets of a gdal dataset

**Value**

object of class crs, see [st\\_crs](#).

named list with metadata items

gdal\_subdatasets returns a zero-length list if file does not have subdatasets, and else a named list with subdatasets.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
f = system.file("tif/L7_ETMs.tif", package="stars")
f = system.file("nc/avhrr-only-v2.19810901.nc", package = "stars")
gdal_metadata(f)
gdal_metadata(f, NA_character_)
```

```

try(gdal_metadata(f, "wrongDomain"))
gdal_metadata(f, c("", "AREA_OR_POINT"))

## End(Not run)

```

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gdal\_utils

*Native interface to gdal utils*


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## Description

Native interface to gdal utils

## Usage

```

gdal_utils(util = "info", source, destination, options = character(0),
  quiet = FALSE, processing = character(0),
  colorfilename = character(0))

```

## Arguments

util	character; one of info, warp, rasterize, translate, vectortranslate, buildvrt, demprocessing, nearblack, grid
source	character; name of input layer(s); for warp or buildvrt this can be more than one
destination	character; name of output layer
options	character; raster layer read options
quiet	logical; if TRUE, suppress printing of output for info
processing	character; processing options for demprocessing
colorfilename	character; name of color file for demprocessing (mandatory if processing="color-relief")

## Value

info returns a character vector with the raster metadata; all other utils return (invisibly) a logical indicating success (i.e., TRUE); in case of failure, an error is raised.

**Description**

Perform geometric set operations with simple feature geometry collections

**Usage**

```
st_intersection(x, y)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_intersection(x, y)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_intersection(x, y)

st_difference(x, y)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_difference(x, y)

st_sym_difference(x, y)

st_snap(x, y, tolerance)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
y	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
tolerance	tolerance values used for st_snap; numeric value or object of class units; may have tolerance values for each feature in x

**Details**

A spatial index is built on argument x; see <http://r-spatial.org/r/2017/06/22/spatial-index.html>. The reference for the STR tree algorithm is: Leutenegger, Scott T., Mario A. Lopez, and Jeffrey Edgington. "STR: A simple and efficient algorithm for R-tree packing." Data Engineering, 1997. Proceedings. 13th international conference on. IEEE, 1997. For the pdf, search Google Scholar.

When called with missing y, the sfc method for st\_intersection returns all non-empty intersections of the geometries of x; an attribute idx contains a list-column with the indexes of contributing geometries.

when called with a missing y, the sf method for st\_intersection returns an sf object with attributes taken from the contributing feature with lowest index; two fields are added: n.overlaps

with the number of overlapping features in  $x$ , and a list-column `origins` with indexes of all overlapping features.

When `st_difference` is called with a single argument, overlapping areas are erased from geometries that are indexed at greater numbers in the argument to  $x$ ; geometries that are empty or contained fully inside geometries with higher priority are removed entirely. The `st_difference.sfc` method with a single argument returns an object with an `"idx"` attribute with the original index for returned geometries.

### Value

The intersection, difference or symmetric difference between two sets of geometries. The returned object has the same class as that of the first argument ( $x$ ) with the non-empty geometries resulting from applying the operation to all geometry pairs in  $x$  and  $y$ . In case  $x$  is of class `sf`, the matching attributes of the original object(s) are added. The `sfc` geometry list-column returned carries an attribute `idx`, which is an  $n$ -by-2 matrix with every row the index of the corresponding entries of  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.

### Note

To find whether pairs of simple feature geometries intersect, use the function `st_intersects` instead of `st_intersection`.

### See Also

`st_union` for the union of simple features collections; `intersect` and `setdiff` for the base R set operations.

### Examples

```
set.seed(131)
library(sf)
m = rbind(c(0,0), c(1,0), c(1,1), c(0,1), c(0,0))
p = st_polygon(list(m))
n = 100
l = vector("list", n)
for (i in 1:n)
  l[[i]] = p + 10 * runif(2)
s = st_sfc(l)
plot(s, col = sf.colors(categorical = TRUE, alpha = .5))
title("overlapping squares")
d = st_difference(s) # sequential differences: s1, s2-s1, s3-s2-s1, ...
plot(d, col = sf.colors(categorical = TRUE, alpha = .5))
title("non-overlapping differences")
i = st_intersection(s) # all intersections
plot(i, col = sf.colors(categorical = TRUE, alpha = .5))
title("non-overlapping intersections")
summary(lengths(st_overlaps(s, s))) # includes self-counts!
summary(lengths(st_overlaps(d, d)))
summary(lengths(st_overlaps(i, i)))
sf = st_sf(s)
i = st_intersection(sf) # all intersections
```

```

plot(i["n.overlaps"])
summary(i$n.overlaps - lengths(i$origins))
# A helper function that erases all of y from x:
st_erase = function(x, y) st_difference(x, st_union(st_combine(y)))

```

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geos\_binary\_pred      *Geometric binary predicates on pairs of simple feature geometry sets*

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## Description

Geometric binary predicates on pairs of simple feature geometry sets

## Usage

```

st_intersects(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_disjoint(x, y = x, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_touches(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_crosses(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_within(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_contains(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_contains_properly(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_overlaps(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_equals(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = FALSE)
st_covers(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_covered_by(x, y, sparse = TRUE, prepared = TRUE)
st_equals_exact(x, y, par, sparse = TRUE, prepared = FALSE)
st_is_within_distance(x, y, dist, sparse = TRUE)

```

## Arguments

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
y	object of class sf, sfc or sfg; if missing, x is used
sparse	logical; should a sparse index list be returned (TRUE) or a dense logical matrix? See below.
prepared	logical; prepare geometry for x, before looping over y? See Details.

par	numeric; parameter used for "equals_exact" (margin);
dist	distance threshold; geometry indexes with distances smaller or equal to this value are returned; numeric value or units value having distance units.

## Details

If prepared is TRUE, and x contains POINT geometries and y contains polygons, then the polygon geometries are prepared, rather than the points.

For most predicates, a spatial index is built on argument x; see <http://r-spatial.org/r/2017/06/22/spatial-index.html>. Specifically, st\_intersects, st\_disjoint, st\_touches, st\_crosses, st\_within, st\_contains, st\_contains\_properly, st\_overlaps, st\_equals, st\_covers and st\_covered\_by all build spatial indexes for more efficient geometry calculations. st\_relate, st\_equals\_exact, and st\_is\_within\_distance do not.

If y is missing, 'st\_predicate(x, x)' is effectively called, and a square matrix is returned with diagonal elements 'st\_predicate(x[i], x[i])'.

Sparse geometry binary predicate ([sgbp](#)) lists have the following attributes: region.id with the row.names of x (if any, else 1:n), ncol with the number of features in y, and predicate with the name of the predicate used.

'st\_contains\_properly(A,B)' is true if A intersects B's interior, but not its edges or exterior; A contains A, but A does not properly contain A.

See also [st\\_relate](#) and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DE-9IM> for a more detailed description of the underlying algorithms.

st\_equals\_exact returns true for two geometries of the same type and their vertices corresponding by index are equal up to a specified tolerance.

## Value

If sparse=FALSE, st\_predicate (with predicate e.g. "intersects") returns a dense logical matrix with element i, j TRUE when predicate(x[i], y[j]) (e.g., when geometry of feature i and j intersect); if sparse=TRUE, an object of class [sgbp](#) with a sparse list representation of the same matrix, with list element i an integer vector with all indices j for which predicate(x[i],y[j]) is TRUE (and hence integer(0) if none of them is TRUE). From the dense matrix, one can find out if one or more elements intersect by apply(mat, 1, any), and from the sparse list by lengths(lst) > 0, see examples below.

## Note

For intersection on pairs of simple feature geometries, use the function [st\\_intersection](#) instead of st\_intersects.

## Examples

```
pts = st_sfc(st_point(c(.5,.5)), st_point(c(1.5, 1.5)), st_point(c(2.5, 2.5)))
pol = st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0,0), c(2,0), c(2,2), c(0,2), c(0,0))))
(lst = st_intersects(pts, pol))
(mat = st_intersects(pts, pol, sparse = FALSE))
# which points fall inside a polygon?
apply(mat, 1, any)
```

```
lengths(lst) > 0
# which points fall inside the first polygon?
st_intersects(pol, pts)[[1]]
```

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geos\_combine

*Combine or union feature geometries*


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## Description

Combine several feature geometries into one, without unioning or resolving internal boundaries

## Usage

```
st_combine(x)

st_union(x, y, ..., by_feature = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
y	object of class sf, sfc or sfg (optional)
...	ignored
by_feature	logical; if TRUE, union each feature, if FALSE return a single feature that is the geometric union of the set of features

## Details

st\_combine combines geometries without resolving borders, using [c.sfg](#) (analogous to [c](#) for ordinary vectors).

If st\_union is called with a single argument, x, (with y missing) and by\_feature is FALSE all geometries are unioned together and an sfg or single-geometry sfc object is returned. If by\_feature is TRUE each feature geometry is unioned. This can for instance be used to resolve internal boundaries after polygons were combined using st\_combine. If y is provided, all elements of x and y are unioned, pairwise (and by\_feature is ignored). The former corresponds to [gUnaryUnion](#), the latter to [gUnion](#).

Unioning a set of overlapping polygons has the effect of merging the areas (i.e. the same effect as iteratively unioning all individual polygons together). Unioning a set of LineStrings has the effect of fully nodding and dissolving the input linework. In this context "fully noded" means that there will be a node or endpoint in the output for every endpoint or line segment crossing in the input. "Dissolved" means that any duplicate (e.g. coincident) line segments or portions of line segments will be reduced to a single line segment in the output. Unioning a set of Points has the effect of merging all identical points (producing a set with no duplicates).



**Value**

`st_combine` returns a single, combined geometry, with no resolved boundaries; returned geometries may well be invalid.

If `y` is missing, `st_union(x)` returns a single geometry with resolved boundaries, else the geometries for all unioned pairs of `x[i]` and `y[j]`.

**See Also**

[st\\_intersection](#), [st\\_difference](#), [st\\_sym\\_difference](#)

**Examples**

```
nc = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
st_combine(nc)
plot(st_union(nc))
```

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geos\_measures

*Compute geometric measurements*

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**Description**

Compute Euclidian or great circle distance between pairs of geometries; compute, the area or the length of a set of geometries.

**Usage**

```
st_area(x, ...)
```

```
st_length(x)
```

```
st_distance(x, y, ..., dist_fun, by_element = FALSE,
  which = "distance", par = 0, tolerance = 0)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	object of class <code>sf</code> , <code>sfc</code> or <code>sfg</code>
<code>...</code>	ignored
<code>y</code>	object of class <code>sf</code> , <code>sfc</code> or <code>sfg</code> , defaults to <code>x</code>
<code>dist_fun</code>	deprecated
<code>by_element</code>	logical; if <code>TRUE</code> , return a vector with distance between the first elements of <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> , the second, etc. if <code>FALSE</code> , return the dense matrix with all pairwise distances.
<code>which</code>	character; if equal to <code>Hausdorff</code> or <code>Frechet</code> , <code>Hausdorff</code> resp. <code>Frechet</code> distances are returned
<code>par</code>	for which equal to <code>Hausdorff</code> or <code>Frechet</code> , use a positive value this to densify the geometry

tolerance ignored if `st_is_longlat(x)` is FALSE; otherwise, if set to a positive value, the first distance smaller than `tolerance` will be returned, and true distance may be smaller; this may speed up computation. In meters, or a `units` object convertible to meters.

### Details

great circle distance calculations use function `geod_inverse` from `proj.4` if `proj.4` is at version larger than 4.8.0, or else the Vincenty method implemented in `liblwgeom` (this should correspond to what PostGIS does).

### Value

If the coordinate reference system of `x` was set, these functions return values with unit of measurement; see [set\\_units](#).

`st_area` returns the area of a geometry, in the coordinate reference system used; in case `x` is in degrees longitude/latitude, [st\\_geod\\_area](#) is used for area calculation.

`st_length` returns the length of a LINESTRING or MULTILINESTRING geometry, using the coordinate reference system. POINT, MULTIPOINT, POLYGON or MULTIPOLYGON geometries return zero.

If `by_element` is FALSE `st_distance` returns a dense numeric matrix of dimension `length(x)` by `length(y)`; otherwise it returns a numeric vector of length `x` or `y`, the shorter one being recycled.

### See Also

[st\\_dimension](#), [st\\_cast](#) to convert geometry types

### Examples

```
b0 = st_polygon(list(rbind(c(-1,-1), c(1,-1), c(1,1), c(-1,1), c(-1,-1))))
b1 = b0 + 2
b2 = b0 + c(-0.2, 2)
x = st_sfc(b0, b1, b2)
st_area(x)
line = st_sfc(st_linestring(rbind(c(30,30), c(40,40))), crs = 4326)
st_length(line)

outer = matrix(c(0,0,10,0,10,10,0,10,0,0),ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
hole1 = matrix(c(1,1,1,2,2,2,2,1,1,1),ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
hole2 = matrix(c(5,5,5,6,6,6,6,5,5,5),ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)

poly = st_polygon(list(outer, hole1, hole2))
mpoly = st_multipolygon(list(
  list(outer, hole1, hole2),
  list(outer + 12, hole1 + 12)
))

st_length(st_sfc(poly, mpoly))
p = st_sfc(st_point(c(0,0)), st_point(c(0,1)), st_point(c(0,2)))
st_distance(p, p)
st_distance(p, p, by_element = TRUE)
```

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geos_query	<i>Dimension, simplicity, validity or is_empty queries on simple feature geometries</i>
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### Description

Dimension, simplicity, validity or is\_empty queries on simple feature geometries

### Usage

```
st_dimension(x, NA_if_empty = TRUE)

st_is_simple(x)

st_is_empty(x)

st_is_valid(x, NA_on_exception = TRUE, reason = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
NA_if_empty	logical; if TRUE, return NA for empty geometries
NA_on_exception	logical; if TRUE, for polygons that would otherwise raise a GEOS error (exception, e.g. for a POLYGON having more than zero but less than 4 points, or a LINESTRING having one point) return an NA rather than raising an error, and suppress warning messages (e.g. about self-intersection); if FALSE, regular GEOS errors and warnings will be emitted.
reason	logical; if TRUE, return a character with, for each geometry, the reason for invalidity, NA on exception, or "Valid Geometry" otherwise.

### Value

st\_dimension returns a numeric vector with 0 for points, 1 for lines, 2 for surfaces, and, if NA\_if\_empty is TRUE, NA for empty geometries.

st\_is\_simple returns a logical vector, indicating for each geometry whether it is simple (e.g., not self-intersecting)

st\_is\_empty returns for each geometry whether it is empty

st\_is\_valid returns a logical vector indicating for each geometries of x whether it is valid.

### Examples

```
x = st_sfc(
  st_point(0:1),
  st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0),c(1,1))),
  st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0,0),c(1,0),c(0,1),c(0,0)))))
```

```

st_multipoint(),
st_linestring(),
st_geometrycollection()
st_dimension(x)
st_dimension(x, FALSE)
ls = st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0), c(1,1), c(1,0), c(0,1)))
st_is_simple(st_sfc(ls, st_point(c(0,0))))
ls = st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0), c(1,1), c(1,0), c(0,1)))
st_is_empty(st_sfc(ls, st_point(), st_linestring()))
p1 = st_as_sfc("POLYGON((0 0, 0 10, 10 0, 10 10, 0 0))")
st_is_valid(p1)
st_is_valid(st_sfc(st_point(0:1), p1[[1]]), reason = TRUE)

```

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geos\_unary

*Geometric unary operations on simple feature geometry sets*


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## Description

Geometric unary operations on simple feature geometries. These are all generics, with methods for `sfg`, `sfc` and `sf` objects, returning an object of the same class. All operations work on a per-feature basis, ignoring all other features.

## Usage

```

st_buffer(x, dist, nQuadSegs = 30, endCapStyle = "ROUND",
  joinStyle = "ROUND", mitreLimit = 1)

st_boundary(x)

st_convex_hull(x)

st_simplify(x, preserveTopology = FALSE, dTolerance = 0)

st_triangulate(x, dTolerance = 0, bOnlyEdges = FALSE)

st_voronoi(x, envelope, dTolerance = 0, bOnlyEdges = FALSE)

st_polygonize(x)

st_line_merge(x)

st_centroid(x, ..., of_largest_polygon = FALSE)

st_point_on_surface(x)

st_node(x)

st_segmentize(x, dfMaxLength, ...)

```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	object of class <code>sfg</code> , <code>sfg</code> or <code>sf</code>
<code>dist</code>	numeric; buffer distance for all, or for each of the elements in <code>x</code> ; in case <code>dist</code> is a <code>units</code> object, it should be convertible to <code>arc_degree</code> if <code>x</code> has geographic coordinates, and to <code>st_crs(x)\$units</code> otherwise
<code>nQuadSegs</code>	integer; number of segments per quadrant (fourth of a circle), for all or per-feature
<code>endCapStyle</code>	character; style of line ends, one of 'ROUND', 'FLAT', 'SQUARE'
<code>joinStyle</code>	character; style of line joins, one of 'ROUND', 'MITRE', 'BEVEL'
<code>mitreLimit</code>	numeric; limit of extension for a join if <code>joinStyle</code> 'MITRE' is used (default 1.0, minimum 0.0)
<code>preserveTopology</code>	logical; carry out topology preserving simplification? May be specified for each, or for all feature geometries. Note that topology is preserved only for single feature geometries, not for sets of them.
<code>dTolerance</code>	numeric; tolerance parameter, specified for all or for each feature geometry.
<code>bOnlyEdges</code>	logical; if TRUE, return lines, else return polygons
<code>envelope</code>	object of class <code>sfc</code> or <code>sfg</code> containing a POLYGON with the envelope for a voronoi diagram; this only takes effect when it is larger than the default envelope, chosen when <code>envelope</code> is an empty polygon
<code>...</code>	ignored
<code>of_largest_polygon</code>	logical; for <code>st_centroid</code> : if TRUE, return centroid of the largest (sub)polygon of a MULTIPOLYGON rather than of the whole MULTIPOLYGON
<code>dfMaxLength</code>	maximum length of a line segment. If <code>x</code> has geographical coordinates (long/lat), <code>dfMaxLength</code> is either a numeric expressed in meter, or an object of class <code>units</code> with length units <code>rad</code> or <code>degree</code> ; segmentation in the long/lat case takes place along the great circle, using <code>st_geod_segmentize</code> .

**Details**

`st_buffer` computes a buffer around this geometry/each geometry. If any of `endCapStyle`, `joinStyle`, or `mitreLimit` are set to non-default values ('ROUND', 'ROUND', 1.0 respectively) then the underlying 'buffer with style' GEOS function is used.

`st_boundary` returns the boundary of a geometry

`st_convex_hull` creates the convex hull of a set of points

`st_simplify` simplifies lines by removing vertices

`st_triangulate` triangulates set of points (not constrained). `st_triangulate` requires GEOS version 3.4 or above

`st_voronoi` creates voronoi tessellation. `st_voronoi` requires GEOS version 3.5 or above

`st_polygonize` creates polygon from lines that form a closed ring. In case of `st_polygonize`, `x` must be an object of class `LINestring` or `MULTILINestring`, or an `sfc` geometry list-column object containing these

`st_line_merge` merges lines. In case of `st_line_merge`, `x` must be an object of class `MULTILINESTRING`, or an `sfc` geometry list-column object containing these

`st_centroid` gives the centroid of a geometry

`st_point_on_surface` returns a point guaranteed to be on the (multi)surface.

`st_node` adds nodes to linear geometries at intersections without a node, and only works on individual linear geometries

`st_segmentize` adds points to straight lines

## Value

an object of the same class of `x`, with manipulated geometry.

## Examples

```
## st_buffer, style options (taken from rgeos gBuffer)
l1 = st_as_sfc("LINESTRING(0 0,1 5,4 5,5 2,8 2,9 4,4 6.5)")
op = par(mfrow=c(2,3))
plot(st_buffer(l1, dist = 1, endCapStyle="ROUND"), reset = FALSE, main = "endCapStyle: ROUND")
plot(l1,col='blue',add=TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l1, dist = 1, endCapStyle="FLAT"), reset = FALSE, main = "endCapStyle: FLAT")
plot(l1,col='blue',add=TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l1, dist = 1, endCapStyle="SQUARE"), reset = FALSE, main = "endCapStyle: SQUARE")
plot(l1,col='blue',add=TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l1, dist = 1, nQuadSegs=1), reset = FALSE, main = "nQuadSegs: 1")
plot(l1,col='blue',add=TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l1, dist = 1, nQuadSegs=2), reset = FALSE, main = "nQuadSegs: 2")
plot(l1,col='blue',add=TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l1, dist = 1, nQuadSegs= 5), reset = FALSE, main = "nQuadSegs: 5")
plot(l1,col='blue',add=TRUE)
par(op)
```

```
l2 = st_as_sfc("LINESTRING(0 0,1 5,3 2)")
op = par(mfrow = c(2, 3))
plot(st_buffer(l2, dist = 1, joinStyle="ROUND"), reset = FALSE, main = "joinStyle: ROUND")
plot(l2, col = 'blue', add = TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l2, dist = 1, joinStyle="MITRE"), reset = FALSE, main = "joinStyle: MITRE")
plot(l2, col = 'blue', add = TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l2, dist = 1, joinStyle="BEVEL"), reset = FALSE, main = "joinStyle: BEVEL")
plot(l2, col = 'blue', add=TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l2, dist = 1, joinStyle="MITRE" , mitreLimit=0.5), reset = FALSE,
      main = "mitreLimit: 0.5")
plot(l2, col = 'blue', add = TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l2, dist = 1, joinStyle="MITRE",mitreLimit=1), reset = FALSE,
      main = "mitreLimit: 1")
plot(l2, col = 'blue', add = TRUE)
plot(st_buffer(l2, dist = 1, joinStyle="MITRE",mitreLimit=3), reset = FALSE,
      main = "mitreLimit: 3")
plot(l2, col = 'blue', add = TRUE)
par(op)
```

```

nc = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
plot(st_convex_hull(nc))
plot(nc, border = grey(.5))
set.seed(1)
x = st_multipoint(matrix(runif(10),,2))
box = st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0,0),c(1,0),c(1,1),c(0,1),c(0,0))))
if (sf_extSoftVersion()["GEOS"] >= "3.5.0") {
  v = st_sfc(st_voronoi(x, st_sfc(box)))
  plot(v, col = 0, border = 1, axes = TRUE)
  plot(box, add = TRUE, col = 0, border = 1) # a larger box is returned, as documented
  plot(x, add = TRUE, col = 'red', cex=2, pch=16)
  plot(st_intersection(st_cast(v), box)) # clip to smaller box
  plot(x, add = TRUE, col = 'red', cex=2, pch=16)
}
mls = st_multilinestring(list(matrix(c(0,0,0,1,1,1,0,0),,2,byrow=TRUE)))
st_polygonize(st_sfc(mls))
mls = st_multilinestring(list(rbind(c(0,0), c(1,1)), rbind(c(2,0), c(1,1))))
st_line_merge(st_sfc(mls))
plot(nc, axes = TRUE)
plot(st_centroid(nc), add = TRUE, pch = 3)
mp = st_combine(st_buffer(st_sfc(lapply(1:3, function(x) st_point(c(x,x)))), 0.2 * 1:3))
plot(mp)
plot(st_centroid(mp), add = TRUE, col = 'red') # centroid of combined geometry
plot(st_centroid(mp, of_largest_polygon = TRUE), add = TRUE, col = 'blue', pch = 3)
plot(nc, axes = TRUE)
plot(st_point_on_surface(nc), add = TRUE, pch = 3)
(l = st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0), c(1,1), c(0,1), c(1,0), c(0,0))))
st_polygonize(st_node(l))
st_node(st_multilinestring(list(rbind(c(0,0), c(1,1), c(0,1), c(1,0), c(0,0))))))
sf = st_sf(a=1, geom=st_sfc(st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0),c(1,1))))), crs = 4326)
seg = st_segmentize(sf, units::set_units(100, km))
seg = st_segmentize(sf, units::set_units(0.01, rad))
nrow(seg$geom[[1]])

```

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internal

*Internal functions*


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## Description

Internal functions

## Usage

```
.stop_geos(msg)
```

## Arguments

msg                    error message

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is\_driver\_available    *Check if driver is available*

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### Description

Search through the driver table if driver is listed

### Usage

```
is_driver_available(drv, drivers = st_drivers())
```

### Arguments

drv	character. Name of driver
drivers	data.frame. Table containing driver names and support. Default is from <a href="#">st_drivers</a>

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is\_driver\_can    *Check if a driver can perform an action*

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### Description

Search through the driver table to match a driver name with an action (e.g. "write") and check if the action is supported.

### Usage

```
is_driver_can(drv, drivers = st_drivers(), operation = "write")
```

### Arguments

drv	character. Name of driver
drivers	data.frame. Table containing driver names and support. Default is from <a href="#">st_drivers</a>
operation	character. What action to check



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is_geometry_column	<i>Check if the columns could be of a coercable type for sf</i>
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**Description**

Check if the columns could be of a coercable type for sf

**Usage**

```
is_geometry_column(con, x, classes = "")
```

**Arguments**

con	database connection
x	inherits data.frame
classes	classes inherited

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merge.sf	<i>merge method for sf and data.frame object</i>
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**Description**

merge method for sf and data.frame object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sf'
merge(x, y, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf
y	object of class data.frame
...	arguments passed on to merge.data.frame

**Examples**

```
a = data.frame(a = 1:3, b = 5:7)
st_geometry(a) = st_sfc(st_point(c(0,0)), st_point(c(1,1)), st_point(c(2,2)))
b = data.frame(x = c("a", "b", "c"), b = c(2,5,6))
merge(a, b)
merge(a, b, all = TRUE)
```

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nc *North Carolina SIDS data*

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### Description

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) sample data for North Carolina counties, two time periods (1974-78 and 1979-84). The details of the columns can be found on the [seealso URL](#), `spdep` package's vignette. Please note that, though this is basically the same as `nc.sids` dataset in `spData` package, `nc` only contains a subset of variables. The differences are also discussed on the vignette.

### See Also

<https://r-spatial.github.io/spdep/articles/sids.html>

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Ops *S3 Ops Group Generic Functions for simple feature geometries*

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### Description

S3 Ops Group Generic Functions for simple feature geometries

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sfg'
Ops(e1, e2)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
Ops(e1, e2)
```

### Arguments

e1	object of class <code>sfg</code> or <code>sfc</code>
e2	numeric, or object of class <code>sfg</code> ; in case e1 is of class <code>sfc</code> also an object of class <code>sfc</code> is allowed

### Details

in case e2 is numeric, `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`,

If e1 is of class `sfc`, and e2 is a length 2 numeric, then it is considered a two-dimensional point (and if needed repeated as such) only for operations `+` and `-`, in other cases the individual numbers are repeated; see commented examples.

### Value

object of class `sfg`

**Examples**

```

st_point(c(1,2,3)) + 4
st_point(c(1,2,3)) * 3 + 4
m = matrix(0, 2, 2)
diag(m) = c(1, 3)
# affine:
st_point(c(1,2)) * m + c(2,5)
# world in 0-360 range:
library(maps)
w = st_as_sf(map('world', plot = FALSE, fill = TRUE))
w2 = (st_geometry(w) + c(360,90)) %% c(360) - c(0,90)
w3 = st_wrap_dateline(st_set_crs(w2 - c(180,0), 4326)) + c(180,0)
plot(st_set_crs(w3, 4326), axes = TRUE)
(mp <- st_point(c(1,2)) + st_point(c(3,4))) # MULTIPOINT (1 2, 3 4)
mp - st_point(c(3,4)) # POINT (1 2)
opar = par(mfrow = c(2,2), mar = c(0, 0, 1, 0))
a = st_buffer(st_point(c(0,0)), 2)
b = a + c(2, 0)
p = function(m) { plot(c(a,b)); plot(eval(parse(text=m)), col=grey(.9), add = TRUE); title(m) }
lapply(c('a | b', 'a / b', 'a & b', 'a %% b'), p)
par(opar)
sfc = st_sfc(st_point(0:1), st_point(2:3))
sfc + c(2,3) # added to EACH geometry
sfc * c(2,3) # first geometry multiplied by 2, second by 3
nc = st_transform(st_read(system.file("gpkg/nc.gpkg", package="sf")), 32119) # nc state plane, m
b = st_buffer(st_centroid(st_union(nc)), units::set_units(50, km)) # shoot a hole in nc:
plot(st_geometry(nc) / b, col = grey(.9))

```

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plot

*plot sf object*


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**Description**

plot one or more attributes of an sf object on a map Plot sf object

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'sf'
plot(x, y, ..., main, pal = NULL, nbreaks = 10,
     breaks = "pretty", max.plot = if (is.null(n <-
     options("sf_max.plot")[[1]])) 9 else n, key.pos = get_key_pos(x, ...),
     key.length = 0.618, key.width = lcm(1.8), reset = TRUE,
     logz = FALSE)

```

```

get_key_pos(x, ...)

```

```

## S3 method for class 'sfc_POINT'
plot(x, y, ..., pch = 1, cex = 1, col = 1,
     bg = 0, lwd = 1, lty = 1, type = "p", add = FALSE)

```

```

## S3 method for class 'sfc_MULTIPPOINT'
plot(x, y, ..., pch = 1, cex = 1, col = 1,
      bg = 0, lwd = 1, lty = 1, type = "p", add = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sfc_LINestring'
plot(x, y, ..., lty = 1, lwd = 1, col = 1,
      pch = 1, type = "l", add = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sfc_CIRCULARSTRING'
plot(x, y, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfc_MULTILINestring'
plot(x, y, ..., lty = 1, lwd = 1,
      col = 1, pch = 1, type = "l", add = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sfc_POLYGON'
plot(x, y, ..., lty = 1, lwd = 1, col = NA,
      cex = 1, pch = NA, border = 1, add = FALSE, rule = "evenodd")

## S3 method for class 'sfc_MULTIPOLYGON'
plot(x, y, ..., lty = 1, lwd = 1,
      col = NA, border = 1, add = FALSE, rule = "evenodd")

## S3 method for class 'sfc_GEOMETRYCOLLECTION'
plot(x, y, ..., pch = 1, cex = 1,
      bg = 0, lty = 1, lwd = 1, col = 1, border = 1, add = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sfc_GEOMETRY'
plot(x, y, ..., pch = 1, cex = 1, bg = 0,
      lty = 1, lwd = 1, col = ifelse(st_dimension(x) == 2, NA, 1),
      border = 1, add = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
plot(x, ...)

plot_sf(x, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, asp = NA, axes = FALSE,
        bgc = par("bg"), ..., xaxs, yaxs, lab, setParUsrBB = FALSE,
        bgMap = NULL, expandBB = c(0, 0, 0, 0), graticule = NA_crs_,
        col_graticule = "grey")

sf.colors(n = 10, cutoff.tails = c(0.35, 0.2), alpha = 1,
          categorical = FALSE)

```

### Arguments

x	object of class sf
y	ignored

...	further specifications, see <a href="#">plot_sf</a> and <a href="#">plot</a> and details.
main	title for plot (NULL to remove)
pal	palette function, similar to <a href="#">rainbow</a> , or palette values; if omitted, <a href="#">sf.colors</a> is used
nbreaks	number of colors breaks (ignored for factor or character variables)
breaks	either a numeric vector with the actual breaks, or a name of a method accepted by the <code>style</code> argument of <a href="#">classIntervals</a>
max.plot	integer; lower boundary to maximum number of attributes to plot; the default value (9) can be overridden by setting the global option <code>sf_max.plot</code> , e.g. <code>options(sf_max.plot=2)</code>
key.pos	integer; side to plot a color key: 1 bottom, 2 left, 3 top, 4 right; set to NULL to omit key, or -1 to select automatically. If multiple columns are plotted in a single function call by default no key is plotted and every subplot is stretched individually; if a key is requested (and <code>col</code> is missing) all maps are colored according to a single key. Auto select depends on plot size, map aspect, and, if set, parameter <code>asp</code> .
key.length	amount of space reserved for the key along its axis, length of the scale bar
key.width	amount of space reserved for the key (incl. labels), thickness/width of the scale bar
reset	logical; if FALSE, keep the plot in a mode that allows adding further map elements; if TRUE restore original mode after plotting; see details.
logz	logical; if TRUE, use log10-scale for the attribute variable. In that case, breaks and at need to be given as log10-values; see examples.
pch	plotting symbol
cex	symbol size
col	color for plotting features; if <code>length(col)</code> does not equal 1 or <code>nrow(x)</code> , a warning is emitted that colors will be recycled. Specifying <code>col</code> suppresses plotting the legend key.
bg	symbol background color
lwd	line width
lty	line type
type	plot type: 'p' for points, 'l' for lines, 'b' for both
add	logical; add to current plot? Note that when using <code>add=TRUE</code> , you may have to set <code>reset=FALSE</code> in the first plot command.
border	color of polygon border(s)
rule	see <a href="#">polypath</a> ; for winding, exterior ring direction should be opposite that of the holes; with <code>evenodd</code> , plotting is robust against misspecified ring directions
xlim	see <a href="#">plot.window</a>
ylim	see <a href="#">plot.window</a>
asp	see below, and see <a href="#">par</a>
axes	logical; should axes be plotted? (default FALSE)
bgc	background color

<code>xaxs</code>	see <a href="#">par</a>
<code>yaxs</code>	see <a href="#">par</a>
<code>lab</code>	see <a href="#">par</a>
<code>setParUsrBB</code>	default FALSE; set the par “usr” bounding box; see below
<code>bgMap</code>	object of class <code>ggmap</code> , or returned by function <code>RgoogleMaps::GetMap</code>
<code>expandBB</code>	numeric; fractional values to expand the bounding box with, in each direction (bottom, left, top, right)
<code>graticule</code>	logical, or object of class <code>crs</code> (e.g., <code>st_crs(4326)</code> for a WGS84 graticule), or object created by <a href="#">st_graticule</a> ; TRUE will give the WGS84 graticule or object returned by <a href="#">st_graticule</a>
<code>col_graticule</code>	color to used for the graticule (if present)
<code>n</code>	integer; number of colors
<code>cutoff.tails</code>	numeric, in [0,0.5] start and end values
<code>alpha</code>	numeric, in [0,1], transparency
<code>categorical</code>	logical; do we want colors for a categorical variable? (see details)

## Details

`plot.sf` maximally plots `max.plot` maps with colors following from attribute columns, one map per attribute. It uses `sf.colors` for default colors. For more control over placement of individual maps, set parameter `mfrow` with [par](#) prior to plotting, and plot single maps one by one; note that this only works in combination with setting parameters `key.pos=NULL` (no legend) and `reset=FALSE`.

`plot.sfc` plots the geometry, additional parameters can be passed on to control color, lines or symbols.

When setting `reset` to FALSE, the original device parameters are lost, and the device must be reset using `dev.off()` in order to reset it.

parameter `at` can be set to specify where labels are placed along the key; see examples.

`plot_sf` sets up the plotting area, axes, graticule, or webmap background; it is called by all `plot` methods before anything is drawn.

The argument `setParUsrBB` may be used to pass the logical value TRUE to functions within `plot.Spatial`. When set to TRUE, `par(“usr”)` will be overwritten with `c(xlim, ylim)`, which defaults to the bounding box of the spatial object. This is only needed in the particular context of graphic output to a specified device with given width and height, to be matched to the spatial object, when using `par(“xaxs”)` and `par(“yaxs”)` in addition to `par(mar=c(0, 0, 0, 0))`.

The default aspect for map plots is 1; if however data are not projected (coordinates are long/lat), the aspect is by default set to  $1/\cos(My * \pi/180)$  with `My` the y coordinate of the middle of the map (the mean of `ylim`, which defaults to the y range of bounding box). This implies an **Equirectangular projection**.

non-categorical colors from `sf.colors` were taken from [bpy.colors](#), with modified `cutoff.tails` defaults. If `categorical` is TRUE, default colors are from <http://www.colorbrewer2.org/> (if `n < 9`, Set2, else Set3).

**Examples**

```

nc = st_read(system.file("gpkg/nc.gpkg", package="sf"), quiet = TRUE)
# plot single attribute, auto-legend:
plot(nc["SID74"])
# plot multiple:
plot(nc[c("SID74", "SID79")]) # better use ggplot2::geom_sf to facet and get a single legend!
# adding to a plot of an sf object only works when using reset=FALSE in the first plot:
plot(nc["SID74"], reset = FALSE)
plot(st_centroid(st_geometry(nc)), add = TRUE)
# log10 z-scale:
plot(nc["SID74"], logz = TRUE, breaks = c(0,.5,1,1.5,2), at = c(0,.5,1,1.5,2))
# and we need to reset the plotting device after that, e.g. by
layout(1)
# when plotting only geometries, the reset=FALSE is not needed:
plot(st_geometry(nc))
plot(st_geometry(nc)[1], col = 'red', add = TRUE)
# add a custom legend to an arbitray plot:
layout(matrix(1:2, ncol = 2), widths = c(1, lcm(2)))
plot(1)
.image_scale(1:10, col = sf.colors(9), key.length = lcm(8), key.pos = 4, at = 1:10)
sf.colors(10)

```

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prefix\_map

*Map prefix to driver*


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**Description**

Map prefix to driver

**Usage**

```
prefix_map
```

**Format**

An object of class list of length 10.

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rawToHex

*Convert raw vector(s) into hexadecimal character string(s)*


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**Description**

Convert raw vector(s) into hexadecimal character string(s)

**Usage**

```
rawToHex(x)
```

**Arguments**

x raw vector, or list with raw vectors

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sf *Create sf object*

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**Description**

Create sf, which extends data.frame-like objects with a simple feature list column

**Usage**

```
st_sf(..., agr = NA_agr_, row.names,
      stringsAsFactors = default.stringsAsFactors(), crs, precision,
      sf_column_name = NULL, check_ring_dir = FALSE, sfc_last = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE, op = st_intersects]

## S3 method for class 'sf'
print(x, ..., n = getOption("sf_max_print", default = 10))
```

**Arguments**

... column elements to be binded into an sf object or a single list or data.frame with such columns; at least one of these columns shall be a geometry list-column of class sfc or be a list-column that can be converted into an sfc by [st\\_as\\_sfc](#).

agr character vector; see details below.

row.names row.names for the created sf object

stringsAsFactors logical; logical: should character vectors be converted to factors? The ‘factory-fresh’ default is TRUE, but this can be changed by setting `options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE)`.

crs coordinate reference system: integer with the EPSG code, or character with proj4string

precision numeric; see [st\\_as\\_binary](#)

sf\_column\_name character; name of the active list-column with simple feature geometries; in case there is more than one and sf\_column\_name is NULL, the first one is taken.

check\_ring\_dir see [st\\_read](#)

sfc\_last logical; if TRUE, sfc columns are always put last, otherwise column order is left unmodified.

x object of class sf

i record selection, see [\[.data.frame\]](#)

j variable selection, see [\[.data.frame\]](#)



drop	logical, default FALSE; if TRUE drop the geometry column and return a <code>data.frame</code> , else make the geometry sticky and return a <code>sf</code> object.
op	function; geometrical binary predicate function to apply when <code>i</code> is a simple feature object
n	maximum number of features to print; can be set globally by <code>options(sf_max_print=...)</code>

## Details

`agr`, attribute-geometry-relationship, specifies for each non-geometry attribute column how it relates to the geometry, and can have one of following values: "constant", "aggregate", "identity". "constant" is used for attributes that are constant throughout the geometry (e.g. land use), "aggregate" where the attribute is an aggregate value over the geometry (e.g. population density or population count), "identity" when the attributes uniquely identifies the geometry of particular "thing", such as a building ID or a city name. The default value, `NA_agr_`, implies we don't know.

When confronted with a `data.frame`-like object, `'st_sf'` will try to find a geometry column of class `'sfc'`, and otherwise try to convert list-columns when available into a geometry column, using [st\\_as\\_sfc](#).

`[.sf` will return a `data.frame` or vector if the geometry column (of class `sfc`) is dropped (`drop=TRUE`), an `sfc` object if only the geometry column is selected, and otherwise return an `sf` object; see also [\[.data.frame\]](#); for `[.sf ...` arguments are passed to `op`.

## Examples

```
g = st_sfc(st_point(1:2))
st_sf(a=3,g)
st_sf(g, a=3)
st_sf(a=3, st_sfc(st_point(1:2))) # better to name it!
# create empty structure with preallocated empty geometries:
nrows <- 10
geometry = st_sfc(lapply(1:nrows, function(x) st_geometrycollection()))
df <- st_sf(id = 1:nrows, geometry = geometry)
g = st_sfc(st_point(1:2), st_point(3:4))
s = st_sf(a=3:4, g)
s[1,]
class(s[1,])
s[,1]
class(s[,1])
s[,2]
class(s[,2])
g = st_sf(a=2:3, g)
pol = st_sfc(st_polygon(list(cbind(c(0,3,3,0,0),c(0,0,3,3,0)))))
h = st_sf(r = 5, pol)
g[h,]
h[g,]
```

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 sf-deprecated

*Deprecated functions in sf*


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### Description

These functions are provided for compatibility with older version of sf. They may eventually be completely removed.

### Usage

```
st_read_db(conn = NULL, table = NULL, query = NULL,
           geom_column = NULL, EWKB = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

conn	open database connection
table	table name
query	SQL query to select records; see details
geom_column	deprecated. Geometry column name
EWKB	logical; is the WKB of type EWKB? if missing, defaults to TRUE
...	parameter(s) passed on to <a href="#">st_as_sf</a>

### Details

The `geom_column` argument is deprecated. The function will automatically find the geometry type columns. For the RPostgreSQL drivers it will try to cast all the character columns, which can be long for very wide tables.

### Details

<code>st_read_db</code>	now a synonym for <a href="#">st_read</a>
<code>st_write_db</code>	now a synonym for <a href="#">st_write</a>

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 sfc

*Create simple feature geometry list column*


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### Description

Create simple feature geometry list column, set class, and add coordinate reference system and precision

**Usage**

```
st_sfc(..., crs = NA_crs_, precision = 0, check_ring_dir = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

... zero or more simple feature geometries (objects of class `sfg`), or a single list of such objects; NULL values will get replaced by empty geometries.

crs coordinate reference system: integer with the EPSG code, or character with proj4string

precision numeric; see [st\\_as\\_binary](#)

check\_ring\_dir see [st\\_read](#)

**Details**

A simple feature geometry list-column is a list of class `c("stc_TYPE", "sfc")` which most often contains objects of identical type; in case of a mix of types or an empty set, TYPE is set to the superclass GEOMETRY.

**Value**

an object of class `sfc`, which is a classed list-column with simple feature geometries.

**Examples**

```
pt1 = st_point(c(0,1))
pt2 = st_point(c(1,1))
(sfc = st_sfc(pt1, pt2))
d = st_sf(data.frame(a=1:2, geom=sfc))
```

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sf\_extSoftVersion      *Provide the external dependencies versions of the libraries linked to sf*

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**Description**

Provide the external dependencies versions of the libraries linked to sf

**Usage**

```
sf_extSoftVersion()
```

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sf_project	<i>directly transform a set of coordinates</i>
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**Description**

directly transform a set of coordinates

**Usage**

```
sf_project(from, to, pts)
```

**Arguments**

from	character; proj4string of pts
to	character; target coordinate reference system
pts	two-column numeric matrix, or object that can be coerced into a matrix

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sgbp	<i>Methods for dealing with sparse geometry binary predicate lists</i>
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**Description**

Methods for dealing with sparse geometry binary predicate lists

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sgbp'
print(x, ..., n = 10, max_nb = 10)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sgbp'
t(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sgbp'
as.matrix(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sgbp'
dim(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sgbp
...	ignored
n	integer; maximum number of items to print
max_nb	integer; maximum number of neighbours to print for each item

## Details

sgbp are sparse matrices, stored as a list with integer vectors holding the ordered TRUE indices of each row. This means that for a dense,  $m \times n$  matrix  $Q$  and a list  $L$ , if  $Q[i, j]$  is TRUE then  $j$  is an element of  $L[[i]]$ . Reversed: when  $k$  is the value of  $L[[i]][j]$ , then  $Q[i, k]$  is TRUE.

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st	<i>Create simple feature from a numeric vector, matrix or list</i>
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## Description

Create simple feature from a numeric vector, matrix or list

## Usage

```

st_point(x = c(NA_real_, NA_real_), dim = "XYZ")

st_multipoint(x = matrix(numeric(0), 0, 2), dim = "XYZ")

st_linestring(x = matrix(numeric(0), 0, 2), dim = "XYZ")

st_polygon(x = list(), dim = if (length(x)) "XYZ" else "XY")

st_multilinestring(x = list(), dim = if (length(x)) "XYZ" else "XY")

st_multipolygon(x = list(), dim = if (length(x)) "XYZ" else "XY")

st_geometrycollection(x = list(), dims = "XY")

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
print(x, ..., width = 0)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
head(x, n = 10L, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
format(x, ..., width = 30)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
c(..., recursive = FALSE, flatten = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
as.matrix(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	for <code>st_point</code> , numeric vector (or one-row-matrix) of length 2, 3 or 4; for <code>st_linestring</code> and <code>st_multipoint</code> , numeric matrix with points in rows; for <code>st_polygon</code> and <code>st_multilinestring</code> , list with numeric matrices with points in rows; for <code>st_multipolygon</code> , list of lists with numeric matrices; for <code>st_geometrycollection</code> list with (non- <code>geometrycollection</code> ) simple feature objects
<code>dim</code>	character, indicating dimensions: "XY", "XYZ", "XYM", or "XYZM"; only really needed for three-dimensional points (which can be either XYZ or XYM) or empty geometries; see details
<code>dims</code>	character; specify dimensionality in case of an empty (NULL) <code>geometrycollection</code> , in which case <code>x</code> is the empty <code>list()</code> .
<code>...</code>	objects to be pasted together into a single simple feature
<code>width</code>	integer; number of characters to be printed (max 30; 0 means print everything)
<code>n</code>	integer; number of elements to be selected
<code>recursive</code>	logical; ignored
<code>flatten</code>	logical; if TRUE, try to simplify results; if FALSE, return <code>geometrycollection</code> containing all objects

**Details**

"XYZ" refers to coordinates where the third dimension represents altitude, "XYM" refers to three-dimensional coordinates where the third dimension refers to something else ("M" for measure); checking of the sanity of `x` may be only partial.

When `flatten=TRUE`, this method may merge points into a multipoint structure, and may not preserve order, and hence cannot be reverted. When given fish, it returns fish soup.

**Value**

object of the same nature as `x`, but with appropriate class attribute set

`as.matrix` returns the set of points that form a geometry as a single matrix, where each point is a row; use `unlist(x, recursive = FALSE)` to get sets of matrices.

**Examples**

```
(p1 = st_point(c(1,2)))
class(p1)
st_bbox(p1)
(p2 = st_point(c(1,2,3)))
class(p2)
(p3 = st_point(c(1,2,3), "XYM"))
pts = matrix(1:10, , 2)
(mp1 = st_multipoint(pts))
pts = matrix(1:15, , 3)
(mp2 = st_multipoint(pts))
(mp3 = st_multipoint(pts, "XYM"))
pts = matrix(1:20, , 4)
(mp4 = st_multipoint(pts))
```

```

pts = matrix(1:10, , 2)
(ls1 = st_linestring(pts))
pts = matrix(1:15, , 3)
(ls2 = st_linestring(pts))
(ls3 = st_linestring(pts, "XYM"))
pts = matrix(1:20, , 4)
(ls4 = st_linestring(pts))
outer = matrix(c(0,0,10,0,10,10,0,10,0,0),ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
hole1 = matrix(c(1,1,1,2,2,2,2,1,1,1),ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
hole2 = matrix(c(5,5,5,6,6,6,6,5,5,5),ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
pts = list(outer, hole1, hole2)
(ml1 = st_multilinestring(pts))
pts3 = lapply(pts, function(x) cbind(x, 0))
(ml2 = st_multilinestring(pts3))
(ml3 = st_multilinestring(pts3, "XYM"))
pts4 = lapply(pts3, function(x) cbind(x, 0))
(ml4 = st_multilinestring(pts4))
outer = matrix(c(0,0,10,0,10,10,0,10,0,0),ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
hole1 = matrix(c(1,1,1,2,2,2,2,1,1,1),ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
hole2 = matrix(c(5,5,5,6,6,6,6,5,5,5),ncol=2, byrow=TRUE)
pts = list(outer, hole1, hole2)
(pl1 = st_polygon(pts))
pts3 = lapply(pts, function(x) cbind(x, 0))
(pl2 = st_polygon(pts3))
(pl3 = st_polygon(pts3, "XYM"))
pts4 = lapply(pts3, function(x) cbind(x, 0))
(pl4 = st_polygon(pts4))
pol1 = list(outer, hole1, hole2)
pol2 = list(outer + 12, hole1 + 12)
pol3 = list(outer + 24)
mp = list(pol1,pol2,pol3)
(mp1 = st_multipolygon(mp))
pts3 = lapply(mp, function(x) lapply(x, function(y) cbind(y, 0)))
(mp2 = st_multipolygon(pts3))
(mp3 = st_multipolygon(pts3, "XYM"))
pts4 = lapply(mp2, function(x) lapply(x, function(y) cbind(y, 0)))
(mp4 = st_multipolygon(pts4))
(gc = st_geometrycollection(list(pl1, ls1, pl1, mp1)))
st_geometrycollection() # empty geometry
c(st_point(1:2), st_point(5:6))
c(st_point(1:2), st_multipoint(matrix(5:8,2)))
c(st_multipoint(matrix(1:4,2)), st_multipoint(matrix(5:8,2)))
c(st_linestring(matrix(1:6,3)), st_linestring(matrix(11:16,3)))
c(st_multilinestring(list(matrix(1:6,3))), st_multilinestring(list(matrix(11:16,3))))
pl = list(rbind(c(0,0), c(1,0), c(1,1), c(0,1), c(0,0)))
c(st_polygon(pl), st_polygon(pl))
c(st_polygon(pl), st_multipolygon(list(pl)))
c(st_linestring(matrix(1:6,3)), st_point(1:2))
c(st_geometrycollection(list(st_point(1:2), st_linestring(matrix(1:6,3))),
  st_geometrycollection(list(st_multilinestring(list(matrix(11:16,3))))))
c(st_geometrycollection(list(st_point(1:2), st_linestring(matrix(1:6,3))),
  st_multilinestring(list(matrix(11:16,3))), st_point(5:6),
  st_geometrycollection(list(st_point(10:11))))

```

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stars *functions only exported to be used internally by stars*

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### Description

functions only exported to be used internally by stars

### Usage

```
.get_layout(bb, n, total_size, key.pos, key.length)

.degAxis(side, at, labels, ..., lon, lat, ndiscr, reset)

.image_scale(z, col, breaks = NULL, key.pos, add.axis = TRUE,
  at = NULL, ..., axes = FALSE, key.length, logz = FALSE)

.image_scale_factor(z, col, breaks = NULL, key.pos, add.axis = TRUE,
  ..., axes = FALSE, key.width, key.length)
```

### Arguments

bb	ignore
n	ignore
total_size	ignore
key.pos	ignore
key.length	ignore
side	ignore
at	ignore
labels	ignore
...	ignore
lon	ignore
lat	ignore
ndiscr	ignore
reset	ignore
z	ignore
col	ignore
breaks	ignore
add.axis	ignore
axes	ignore
logz	ignore
key.width	ignore



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st_agr	<i>get or set relation_to_geometry attribute of an sf object</i>
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**Description**

get or set relation\_to\_geometry attribute of an sf object

**Usage**

```
NA_agr_  
st_agr(x, ...)  
st_agr(x) <- value  
st_set_agr(x, value)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf
...	ignored
value	character, or factor with appropriate levels; if named, names should correspond to the non-geometry list-column columns of x

**Format**

An object of class factor of length 1.

**Details**

NA\_agr\_ is the agr object with a missing value.

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st_as_binary	<i>Convert sfc object to an WKB object</i>
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**Description**

Convert sfc object to an WKB object

**Usage**

```

st_as_binary(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_as_binary(x, ..., EWKB = FALSE,
             endian = .Platform$endian, pureR = FALSE, precision = attr(
               "precision"), hex = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
st_as_binary(x, ..., endian = .Platform$endian,
             EWKB = FALSE, pureR = FALSE, hex = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

x	object to convert
...	ignored
EWKB	logical; use EWKB (PostGIS), or (default) ISO-WKB?
endian	character; either "big" or "little"; default: use that of platform
pureR	logical; use pure R solution, or C++?
precision	numeric; if zero, do not modify; to reduce precision: negative values convert to float (4-byte real); positive values convert to round(x*precision)/precision. See details.
hex	logical; return as (unclassed) hexadecimal encoded character vector?

**Details**

st\_as\_binary is called on sfc objects on their way to the GDAL or GEOS libraries, and hence does rounding (if requested) on the fly before e.g. computing spatial predicates like [st\\_intersects](#). The examples show a round-trip of an sfc to and from binary.

For the precision model used, see also <https://locationtech.github.io/jts/javadoc/org/locationtech/jts/geom/PrecisionModel.html>. There, it is written that: "... to specify 3 decimal places of precision, use a scale factor of 1000. To specify -3 decimal places of precision (i.e. rounding to the nearest 1000), use a scale factor of 0.001.". Note that ALL coordinates, so also Z or M values (if present) are affected.

**Examples**

```

# examples of setting precision:
st_point(c(1/3, 1/6)) %>% st_sfc(precision = 1000) %>% st_as_binary %>% st_as_sfc
st_point(c(1/3, 1/6)) %>% st_sfc(precision = 100) %>% st_as_binary %>% st_as_sfc
st_point(1e6 * c(1/3, 1/6)) %>% st_sfc(precision = 0.01) %>% st_as_binary %>% st_as_sfc
st_point(1e6 * c(1/3, 1/6)) %>% st_sfc(precision = 0.001) %>% st_as_binary %>% st_as_sfc

```

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st_as_grob	<i>Convert sf* object to a grob</i>
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**Description**

Convert sf\* object to an grid graphics object (grob)

**Usage**

```
st_as_grob(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object to be converted into an object class grob
...	passed on to the xxxGrob function, e.g. gp = gpar(col = 'red')

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st_as_sf	<i>Convert foreign object to an sf object</i>
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**Description**

Convert foreign object to an sf object

**Usage**

```
st_as_sf(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
st_as_sf(x, ..., agr = NA_agr_, coords, wkt,
  dim = "XYZ", remove = TRUE, na.fail = TRUE,
  sf_column_name = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_as_sf(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'Spatial'
st_as_sf(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'map'
st_as_sf(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ppp'
st_as_sf(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'psp'
```

```
st_as_sf(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'lpp'
st_as_sf(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	object to be converted into an object class sf
...	passed on to <a href="#">st_sf</a> , might included named arguments crs or precision
agr	character vector; see details section of <a href="#">st_sf</a>
coords	in case of point data: names or numbers of the numeric columns holding coordinates
wkt	name or number of the character column that holds WKT encoded geometries
dim	passed on to <a href="#">st_point</a> (only when argument coords is given)
remove	logical; when coords or wkt is given, remove these columns from data.frame?
na.fail	logical; if TRUE, raise an error if coordinates contain missing values
sf_column_name	character; name of the active list-column with simple feature geometries; in case there is more than one and sf_column_name is NULL, the first one is taken.

## Details

setting argument wkt annihilates the use of argument coords. If x contains a column called "geometry", coords will result in overwriting of this column by the [sfc](#) geometry list-column. Setting wkt will replace this column with the geometry list-column, unless remove\_coordinates is FALSE.

## Examples

```
pt1 = st_point(c(0,1))
pt2 = st_point(c(1,1))
st_sfc(pt1, pt2)
d = data.frame(a = 1:2)
d$geom = st_sfc(pt1, pt2)
df = st_as_sf(d)
d$geom = c("POINT(0 0)", "POINT(0 1)")
df = st_as_sf(d, wkt = "geom")
d$geom2 = st_sfc(pt1, pt2)
st_as_sf(d) # should warn
data(meuse, package = "sp")
meuse_sf = st_as_sf(meuse, coords = c("x", "y"), crs = 28992, agr = "constant")
meuse_sf[1:3,]
summary(meuse_sf)
library(sp)
x = rbind(c(-1,-1), c(1,-1), c(1,1), c(-1,1), c(-1,-1))
x1 = 0.1 * x + 0.1
x2 = 0.1 * x + 0.4
x3 = 0.1 * x + 0.7
y = x + 3
y1 = x1 + 3
y3 = x3 + 3
```

```

m = matrix(c(3, 0), 5, 2, byrow = TRUE)
z = x + m
z1 = x1 + m
z2 = x2 + m
z3 = x3 + m
p1 = Polygons(list( Polygon(x[5:1,]), Polygon(x2), Polygon(x3),
  Polygon(y[5:1,]), Polygon(y1), Polygon(x1), Polygon(y3)), "ID1")
p2 = Polygons(list( Polygon(z[5:1,]), Polygon(z2), Polygon(z3), Polygon(z1)),
  "ID2")
if (require("rgeos")) {
  r = createSPComment(SpatialPolygons(list(p1,p2)))
  comment(r)
  comment(r@polygons[[1]])
  scan(text = comment(r@polygons[[1]]), quiet = TRUE)
  library(sf)
  a = st_as_sf(r)
  summary(a)
}
demo(meuse, ask = FALSE, echo = FALSE)
summary(st_as_sf(meuse))
summary(st_as_sf(meuse.grid))
summary(st_as_sf(meuse.area))
summary(st_as_sf(meuse.riv))
summary(st_as_sf(as(meuse.riv, "SpatialLines")))
pol.grd = as(meuse.grid, "SpatialPolygonsDataFrame")
summary(st_as_sf(pol.grd))
summary(st_as_sf(as(pol.grd, "SpatialLinesDataFrame")))
## Not run:
  require(spatstat)
  g = st_as_sf(gorillas)
  # select only the points:
  g[st_is(g, "POINT"),]

## End(Not run)
## Not run: # because of spatstat interfering with units
if (require(spatstat)) {
  data(chicago)
  plot(st_as_sf(chicago)["label"])
  plot(st_as_sf(chicago)[-1,"label"])
}

## End(Not run)

```

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st\_as\_sfc

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*Convert foreign geometry object to an sfc object*


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## Description

Convert foreign geometry object to an sfc object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'list'
st_as_sfc(x, ..., crs = NA_crs_)

## S3 method for class 'blob'
st_as_sfc(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bbox'
st_as_sfc(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'WKB'
st_as_sfc(x, ..., EWKB = FALSE, spatialite = FALSE,
  pureR = FALSE, crs = NA_crs_)

## S3 method for class 'raw'
st_as_sfc(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
st_as_sfc(x, crs = NA_integer_, ...,
  GeoJSON = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'factor'
st_as_sfc(x, ...)

st_as_sfc(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'SpatialPoints'
st_as_sfc(x, ..., precision = 0)

## S3 method for class 'SpatialPixels'
st_as_sfc(x, ..., precision = 0)

## S3 method for class 'SpatialMultiPoints'
st_as_sfc(x, ..., precision = 0)

## S3 method for class 'SpatialLines'
st_as_sfc(x, ..., precision = 0,
  forceMulti = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'SpatialPolygons'
st_as_sfc(x, ..., precision = 0,
  forceMulti = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'map'
st_as_sfc(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object to convert
...	further arguments
crs	integer or character; coordinate reference system for the
EWKB	logical; if TRUE, parse as EWKB (extended WKB; PostGIS: ST_AsEWKB), otherwise as ISO WKB (PostGIS: ST_AsBinary)
spatialite	logical; if TRUE, WKB is assumed to be in the spatialite dialect, see <a href="https://www.gaia-gis.it/gaia-sins/BLOB-Geometry.html">https://www.gaia-gis.it/gaia-sins/BLOB-Geometry.html</a> ; this is only supported in native endian-ness (i.e., files written on system with the same endian-ness as that on which it is being read).
pureR	logical; if TRUE, use only R code, if FALSE, use compiled (C++) code; use TRUE when the endian-ness of the binary differs from the host machine (.Platform\$endian).
GeoJSON	logical; if TRUE, try to read geometries from GeoJSON text strings geometry, see <a href="#">st_crs()</a>
precision	precision value; see <a href="#">st_as_binary</a>
forceMulti	logical; if TRUE, force coercion into MULTIPOLYGON or MULTILINE objects, else autodetect

**Details**

When converting from WKB, the object x is either a character vector such as typically obtained from PostGIS (either with leading "0x" or without), or a list with raw vectors representing the features in binary (raw) form.

If x is a character vector, it should be a vector containing [well-known-text](#), or [Postgis EWKT](#) or [GeoJSON](#) representations of a single geometry for each vector element.

If x is a factor, it is converted to character.

**Examples**

```
wkb = structure(list("01010000204071000000000000801A064100000000AC5C1441"), class = "WKB")
st_as_sfc(wkb, EWKB = TRUE)
wkb = structure(list("0x01010000204071000000000000801A064100000000AC5C1441"), class = "WKB")
st_as_sfc(wkb, EWKB = TRUE)
st_as_sfc(st_as_binary(st_sfc(st_point(0:1)))[[1]]), crs = 4326)
st_as_sfc("SRID=3978;LINESTRING(1663106 -105415,1664320 -104617)")
```

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st_as_text	<i>Return Well-known Text representation of simple feature geometry or coordinate reference system</i>
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**Description**

Return Well-known Text representation of simple feature geometry or coordinate reference system

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'crs'
st_as_text(x, ..., pretty = FALSE)

st_as_text(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
st_as_text(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_as_text(x, ..., EWKT = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sfg, sfc or crs
...	modifiers; in particular digits can be passed to control the number of digits used
pretty	logical; if TRUE, print human-readable well-known-text representation of a coordinate reference system
EWKT	logical; if TRUE, print SRID=xxx; before the WKT string if epsg is available

**Details**

The returned WKT representation of simple feature geometry conforms to the [simple features access](#) specification and extensions, [known as EWKT](#), supported by PostGIS and other simple features implementations for addition of SRID to a WKT string.

**Examples**

```

st_as_text(st_point(1:2))
st_as_text(st_sfc(st_point(c(-90,40))), crs = 4326), EWKT = TRUE)

```

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st\_bbox

*Return bounding of a simple feature or simple feature set*


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**Description**

Return bounding of a simple feature or simple feature set

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'bbox'
is.na(x)

st_bbox(obj, ...)

```



```
## S3 method for class 'POINT'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'MULTIPOINT'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'LINESTRING'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'POLYGON'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'MULTILINESTRING'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'MULTIPOLYGON'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'GEOMETRYCOLLECTION'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'MULTISURFACE'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'MULTICURVE'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'CURVEPOLYGON'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'COMPOUNDCURVE'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'POLYHEDRALSURFACE'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'TIN'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'TRIANGLE'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'CIRCULARSTRING'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfc'  
st_bbox(obj, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_bbox(obj, ...)

## S3 method for class 'Spatial'
st_bbox(obj, ...)

## S3 method for class 'Raster'
st_bbox(obj, ...)

## S3 method for class 'Extent'
st_bbox(obj, ..., crs = NA_crs_)

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
st_bbox(obj, ..., crs = NA_crs_)

NA_bbox_
```

### Arguments

x	object of class bbox
obj	object to compute the bounding box from
...	ignored
crs	object of class crs, or argument to <a href="#">st_crs</a> , specifying the CRS of this bounding box.

### Format

An object of class bbox of length 4.

### Details

NA\_bbox\_ represents the missing value for a bbox object

### Value

a numeric vector of length four, with xmin, ymin, xmax and ymax values; if obj is of class sf, sfc, Spatial or Raster, the object returned has a class bbox, an attribute crs and a method to print the bbox and an st\_crs method to retrieve the coordinate reference system corresponding to obj (and hence the bounding box). [st\\_as\\_sfc](#) has a methods for bbox objects to generate a polygon around the four bounding box points.

### Examples

```
a = st_sf(a = 1:2, geom = st_sfc(st_point(0:1), st_point(1:2)), crs = 4326)
st_bbox(a)
st_as_sfc(st_bbox(a))
st_bbox(c(xmin = 16.1, xmax = 16.6, ymax = 48.6, ymin = 47.9), crs = st_crs(4326))
```

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st_cast	<i>Cast geometry to another type: either simplify, or cast explicitly</i>
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**Description**

Cast geometry to another type: either simplify, or cast explicitly

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'MULTIPOLYGON'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'MULTILINESTRING'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'MULTIPOINT'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'POLYGON'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'LINESTRING'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'POINT'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'GEOMETRYCOLLECTION'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'CIRCULARSTRING'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'MULTISURFACE'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'COMPOUNDCURVE'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'CURVE'
st_cast(x, to, ...)

st_cast(x, to, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_cast(x, to, ..., ids = seq_along(x),
        group_or_split = TRUE)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_cast(x, to, ..., warn = TRUE, do_split = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'sfc_CIRCULARSTRING'
st_cast(x, to, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	object of class sfg, sfc or sf
to	character; target type, if missing, simplification is tried; when x is of type sfg (i.e., a single geometry) then to needs to be specified.
...	ignored
ids	integer vector, denoting how geometries should be grouped (default: no grouping)
group_or_split	logical; if TRUE, group or split geometries; if FALSE, carry out a 1-1 per-geometry conversion.
warn	logical; if TRUE, warn if attributes are assigned to sub-geometries
do_split	logical; if TRUE, allow splitting of geometries in sub-geometries

### Details

the `st_cast` method for `sf` objects can only split geometries, e.g. cast `MULTIPOINT` into multiple `POINT` features. In case of splitting, attributes are repeated and a warning is issued when non-constant attributes are assigned to sub-geometries. To merge feature geometries and attribute values, use [aggregate](#) or [summarise](#).

### Value

object of class `to` if successful, or unmodified object if unsuccessful. If information gets lost while type casting, a warning is raised.

In case `to` is missing, `st_cast.sfc` will coerce combinations of "POINT" and "MULTIPOINT", "LINESTRING" and "MULTILINESTRING", "POLYGON" and "MULTIPOLYGON" into their "MULTI..." form, or in case all geometries are "GEOMETRYCOLLECTION" will return a list of all the contents of the "GEOMETRYCOLLECTION" objects, or else do nothing. In case `to` is specified, if `to` is "GEOMETRY", geometries are not converted, else, `st_cast` will try to coerce all elements into `to`; `ids` may be specified to group e.g. "POINT" objects into a "MULTIPOINT", if not specified no grouping takes place. If e.g. a "sfc\_MULTIPOINT" is cast to a "sfc\_POINT", the objects are split, so no information gets lost, unless `group_or_split` is FALSE.

### Examples

```
example(st_read)
mpl <- nc$geometry[[4]]
#st_cast(x) ## error 'argument "to" is missing, with no default'
cast_all <- function(xg) {
  lapply(c("MULTIPOLYGON", "MULTILINESTRING", "MULTIPOINT", "POLYGON", "LINESTRING", "POINT"),
    function(x) st_cast(xg, x))
}
```

```

}
st_sfc(cast_all(mpl))
## no closing coordinates should remain for multipoint
any(duplicated(unclass(st_cast(mpl, "MULTIPOINT")))) ## should be FALSE
## number of duplicated coordinates in the linestrings should equal the number of polygon rings
## (... in this case, won't always be true)
sum(duplicated(do.call(rbind, unclass(st_cast(mpl, "MULTILINESTRING"))))
  ) == sum(unlist(lapply(mpl, length))) ## should be TRUE

p1 <- structure(c(0, 1, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 2, 4, 4, 0), .Dim = c(6L, 2L))
p2 <- structure(c(1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1), .Dim = c(4L, 2L))
st_polygon(list(p1, p2))
m1s <- st_cast(nc$geometry[[4]], "MULTILINESTRING")
st_sfc(cast_all(m1s))
mpt <- st_cast(nc$geometry[[4]], "MULTIPOINT")
st_sfc(cast_all(mpt))
p1 <- st_cast(nc$geometry[[4]], "POLYGON")
st_sfc(cast_all(p1))
l1s <- st_cast(nc$geometry[[4]], "LINESTRING")
st_sfc(cast_all(l1s))
pt <- st_cast(nc$geometry[[4]], "POINT")
## st_sfc(cast_all(pt)) ## Error: cannot create MULTIPOLYGON from POINT
st_sfc(lapply(c("POINT", "MULTIPOINT"), function(x) st_cast(pt, x)))
s = st_multipoint(rbind(c(1,0)))
st_cast(s, "POINT")

```

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st\_cast\_sfc\_default    *Coerce geometry to MULTI\* geometry*

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### Description

Mixes of POINTS and MULTIPOINTS, LINESTRING and MULTILINESTRING, POLYGON and MULTIPOLYGON are returned as MULTIPOINTS, MULTILINESTRING and MULTIPOLYGONS respectively

### Usage

```
st_cast_sfc_default(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    list of geometries or simple features

### Details

Geometries that are already MULTI\* are left unchanged. Features that can't be cast to a single MULTI\* geometry are return as a GEOMETRYCOLLECTION

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`st_collection_extract` *Given an object with geometries of type GEOMETRY or GEOMETRYCOLLECTION, return an object consisting only of elements of the specified type.*

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## Description

Similar to ST\_CollectionExtract in PostGIS. If there are no sub-geometries of the specified type, an empty geometry is returned.

## Usage

```
st_collection_extract(x, type = c("POLYGON", "POINT", "LINESTRING"),
  warn = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
st_collection_extract(x, type = c("POLYGON", "POINT",
  "LINESTRING"), warn = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_collection_extract(x, type = c("POLYGON", "POINT",
  "LINESTRING"), warn = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_collection_extract(x, type = c("POLYGON", "POINT",
  "LINESTRING"), warn = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>sf</code> , <code>sfc</code> or <code>sfg</code> that has mixed geometry (GEOMETRY or GEOMETRYCOLLECTION).
<code>type</code>	character; one of "POLYGON", "POINT", "LINESTRING"
<code>warn</code>	logical; if TRUE, warn if attributes are assigned to sub-geometries when casting (see <a href="#">st_cast</a> )

## Value

An object having the same class as `x`, with geometries consisting only of elements of the specified type. For `sfg` objects, an `sfg` object is returned if there is only one geometry of the specified type, otherwise the geometries are combined into an `sfc` object of the relevant type. If any subgeometries in the input are MULTI, then all of the subgeometries in the output will be MULTI.

## Examples

```
pt <- st_point(c(1, 0))
ls <- st_linestring(matrix(c(4, 3, 0, 0), ncol = 2))
poly1 <- st_polygon(list(matrix(c(5.5, 7, 7, 6, 5.5, 0, 0, -0.5, -0.5, 0), ncol = 2)))
poly2 <- st_polygon(list(matrix(c(6.6, 8, 8, 7, 6.6, 1, 1, 1.5, 1.5, 1), ncol = 2)))
```

```
multipoly <- st_multipolygon(list(poly1, poly2))

i <- st_geometrycollection(list(pt, ls, poly1, poly2))
j <- st_geometrycollection(list(pt, ls, poly1, poly2, multipoly))

st_collection_extract(i, "POLYGON")
st_collection_extract(i, "POINT")
st_collection_extract(i, "LINESTRING")

## A GEOMETRYCOLLECTION
aa <- rbind(st_sf(a=1, geom = st_sfc(i)),
st_sf(a=2, geom = st_sfc(j)))

## With sf objects
st_collection_extract(aa, "POLYGON")
st_collection_extract(aa, "LINESTRING")
st_collection_extract(aa, "POINT")

## With sfc objects
st_collection_extract(st_geometry(aa), "POLYGON")
st_collection_extract(st_geometry(aa), "LINESTRING")
st_collection_extract(st_geometry(aa), "POINT")

## A GEOMETRY of single types
bb <- rbind(
st_sf(a = 1, geom = st_sfc(pt)),
st_sf(a = 2, geom = st_sfc(ls)),
st_sf(a = 3, geom = st_sfc(poly1)),
st_sf(a = 4, geom = st_sfc(multipoly))
)

st_collection_extract(bb, "POLYGON")

## A GEOMETRY of mixed single types and GEOMETRYCOLLECTIONS
cc <- rbind(aa, bb)

st_collection_extract(cc, "POLYGON")
```

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st\_coordinates

*retrieve coordinates in matrix form*

---

### Description

retrieve coordinates in matrix form

### Usage

```
st_coordinates(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
...	ignored

**Value**

matrix with coordinates (X, Y, possibly Z and/or M) in rows, possibly followed by integer indicators L1,...,L3 that point out to which structure the coordinate belongs; for POINT this is absent (each coordinate is a feature), for LINESTRING L1 refers to the feature, for MULTIPOLYGON L1 refers to the main ring or holes, L2 to the ring id in the MULTIPOLYGON, and L3 to the simple feature.

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st_crop	<i>crop an sf object to a specific rectangle</i>
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**Description**

crop an sf object to a specific rectangle

**Usage**

```
st_crop(x, y, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_crop(x, y, ..., xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_crop(x, y, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf or sfc
y	numeric vector with named elements xmin, ymin, xmax and ymax, or object of class bbox, or object for which there is an <a href="#">st_bbox</a> method to convert it to a bbox object
...	ignored
xmin	minimum x extent of cropping area
ymin	minimum y extent of cropping area
xmax	maximum x extent of cropping area
ymax	maximum y extent of cropping area

**Details**

setting arguments xmin, ymin, xmax and ymax implies that argument y gets ignored.



**Examples**

```

box = c(xmin = 0, ymin = 0, xmax = 1, ymax = 1)
pol = st_sfc(st_buffer(st_point(c(.5, .5)), .6))
pol_sf = st_sf(a=1, geom=pol)
plot(st_crop(pol, box))
plot(st_crop(pol_sf, st_bbox(box)))
# alternative:
plot(st_crop(pol, xmin = 0, ymin = 0, xmax = 1, ymax = 1))

```

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st\_crs

*Retrieve coordinate reference system from object*


---

**Description**

Retrieve coordinate reference system from sf or sfc object

Set or replace retrieve coordinate reference system from object

**Usage**

```

st_crs(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_crs(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
st_crs(x, proj4text = "", valid = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
st_crs(x, ..., wkt)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_crs(x, ..., parameters = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'bbox'
st_crs(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'crs'
st_crs(x, ...)

st_crs(x) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'sf'
st_crs(x) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'sfc'
st_crs(x) <- value

```

```

st_set_crs(x, value)

NA_crs_

## S3 method for class 'crs'
is.na(x)

## S3 method for class 'crs'
x$name

```

### Arguments

x	numeric, character, or object of class <code>sf</code> or <code>sfc</code>
...	ignored
proj4text	character. Must be used in conjunction with <code>valid = FALSE</code> .
valid	default TRUE. This allows to create crs without checking against the local proj4 database. It can be used to synchronize crs with a remote database, but avoid it as much as possible.
wkt	character well-known-text representation of the crs
parameters	logical; FALSE by default; if TRUE return a list of coordinate reference system parameters, with named elements <code>SemiMajor</code> , <code>InvFlattening</code> , <code>units_gdal</code> , <code>IsVertical</code> , <code>WktPretty</code> , and <code>Wkt</code>
value	one of (i) character: a valid proj4string (ii) integer, a valid EPSG value (numeric), or (iii) a list containing named elements proj4string (character) and/or epsg (integer) with (i) and (ii).
name	element name; epsg or proj4string, or one of proj4strings named components without the +; see examples

### Format

An object of class `crs` of length 2.

### Details

The `*crs` functions create, get, set or replace the `crs` attribute of a simple feature geometry list-column. This attribute is of class `crs`, and is a list consisting of `epsg` (integer EPSG code) and `proj4string` (character). Two objects of class `crs` are semantically identical when: (1) they are completely identical, or (2) they have identical `proj4string` but one of them has a missing EPSG ID. As a consequence, equivalent but different `proj4strings`, e.g. `"+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84"` and `"+datum=WGS84 +proj=longlat"`, are considered different. The operators `==` and `!=` are overloaded for `crs` objects to establish semantical identity.

In case a coordinate reference system is replaced, no transformation takes place and a warning is raised to stress this. EPSG values are either read from `proj4strings` that contain `+init=epsg:...` or set to 4326 in case the `proj4string` contains `+proj=longlat` and `+datum=WGS84`, literally.

If both `epsg` and `proj4string` are provided, they are assumed to be consistent. In processing them, the EPSG code, if not missing valued, is used and the `proj4string` is derived from it by a call to

GDAL (which in turn will call PROJ.4). Warnings are raised when epsg is not consistent with a proj4string that is already present.

NA\_crs\_ is the crs object with missing values for epsg and proj4string.

### Value

If x is numeric, return crs object for SRID x; if x is character, return crs object for proj4string x; if wkt is given, return crs object for well-known-text representation wkt; if x is of class sf or sfc, return its crs object.

Object of class crs, which is a list with elements epsg (length-1 integer) and proj4string (length-1 character).

### Examples

```
sfc = st_sfc(st_point(c(0,0)), st_point(c(1,1)))
sf = st_sf(a = 1:2, geom = sfc)
st_crs(sf) = 4326
st_geometry(sf)
sfc = st_sfc(st_point(c(0,0)), st_point(c(1,1)))
st_crs(sfc) = 4326
sfc
sfc = st_sfc(st_point(c(0,0)), st_point(c(1,1)))
library(dplyr)
x = sfc %>% st_set_crs(4326) %>% st_transform(3857)
x
st_crs("+init=epsg:3857")$epsg
st_crs("+init=epsg:3857")$proj4string
st_crs("+init=epsg:3857 +units=km")$b      # numeric
st_crs("+init=epsg:3857 +units=km")$units # character
```

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st\_drivers

*Get GDAL drivers*

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### Description

Get a list of the available GDAL drivers

### Usage

```
st_drivers(what = "vector")
```

### Arguments

what                    character: "vector" or "raster", anything else will return all drivers.

**Details**

The drivers available will depend on the installation of GDAL/OGR, and can vary; the `st_drivers()` function shows which are available, and which may be written (but all are assumed to be readable). Note that stray files in data source directories (such as \*.dbf) may lead to spurious errors that accompanying \*.shp are missing.

field `vsi` refers to the driver's capability to read/create datasets through the VSI\*L API.

**Value**

a `data.frame` with driver metadata

**Examples**

```
st_drivers()
```

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st\_geometry

*Get, set, or replace geometry from an sf object*

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**Description**

Get, set, or replace geometry from an sf object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_geometry(obj, ...)

st_geometry(obj, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_geometry(obj, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_geometry(obj, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
st_geometry(obj, ...)

st_geometry(x) <- value

st_set_geometry(x, value)

st_drop_geometry(x)
```

**Arguments**

obj	object of class sf or sfc
...	ignored
x	object of class data.frame
value	object of class sfc, or character

**Details**

when applied to a data.frame and when value is an object of class sfc, st\_set\_geometry and st\_geometry<- will first check for the existence of an attribute sf\_column and overwrite that, or else look for list-columns of class sfc and overwrite the first of that, or else write the geometry list-column to a column named geometry. In case value is character and x is of class sf, the "active" geometry column is set to x[[value]].

the replacement function applied to sf objects will overwrite the geometry list-column, if value is NULL, it will remove it and coerce x to a data.frame.

st\_drop\_geometry drops the geometry of its argument, and reclasses it accordingly

**Value**

st\_geometry returns an object of class [sfc](#), a list-column with geometries

st\_geometry returns an object of class [sfc](#). Assigning geometry to a data.frame creates an [sf](#) object, assigning it to an [sf](#) object replaces the geometry list-column.

**Examples**

```
df = data.frame(a = 1:2)
sfc = st_sfc(st_point(c(3,4)), st_point(c(10,11)))
st_geometry(sfc)
st_geometry(df) <- sfc
class(df)
st_geometry(df)
st_geometry(df) <- sfc # replaces
st_geometry(df) <- NULL # remove geometry, coerce to data.frame
sf <- st_set_geometry(df, sfc) # set geometry, return sf
st_set_geometry(sf, NULL) # remove geometry, coerce to data.frame
```

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st_geometry_type	<i>Return geometry type of an object</i>
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**Description**

Return geometry type of an object, as a factor

**Usage**

```
st_geometry_type(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object of class `sf` or `sfc`

**Value**

a factor with the geometry type of each simple feature in x

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st\_graticule

*Compute graticules and their parameters*

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**Description**

Compute graticules and their parameters

**Usage**

```
st_graticule(x = c(-180, -90, 180, 90), crs = st_crs(x),
             datum = st_crs(4326), ..., lon = NULL, lat = NULL, ndiscr = 100,
             margin = 0.001)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object of class `sf`, `sfc` or `sfg` or numeric vector with bounding box given as (minx, miny, maxx, maxy).

crs                  object of class `crs`, with the display coordinate reference system

datum                either an object of class `crs` with the coordinate reference system for the graticules, or `NULL` in which case a grid in the coordinate system of x is drawn, or `NA`, in which case an empty `sf` object is returned.

...                  ignored

lon                  numeric; degrees east for the meridians

lat                  numeric; degrees north for the parallels

ndiscr               integer; number of points to discretize a parallel or meridian

margin               numeric; small number to trim a longlat bounding box that touches or crosses +/-180 long or +/-90 latitude.

**Value**

an object of class `sf` with additional attributes describing the type (E: meridian, N: parallel) degree value, label, start and end coordinates and angle; see example.

## Use of graticules

In cartographic visualization, the use of graticules is not advised, unless the graphical output will be used for measurement or navigation, or the direction of North is important for the interpretation of the content, or the content is intended to display distortions and artifacts created by projection. Unnecessary use of graticules only adds visual clutter but little relevant information. Use of coastlines, administrative boundaries or place names permits most viewers of the output to orient themselves better than a graticule.

## Examples

```
library(sf)
library(maps)

usa = st_as_sf(map('usa', plot = FALSE, fill = TRUE))
laea = st_crs("+proj=laea +lat_0=30 +lon_0=-95") # Lambert equal area
usa <- st_transform(usa, laea)

bb = st_bbox(usa)
bbox = st_linestring(rbind(c( bb[1],bb[2]),c( bb[3],bb[2]),
  c( bb[3],bb[4]),c( bb[1],bb[4]),c( bb[1],bb[2])))

g = st_graticule(usa)
plot(usa, xlim = 1.2 * c(-2450853.4, 2186391.9))
plot(g[1], add = TRUE, col = 'grey')
plot(bbox, add = TRUE)
points(g$x_start, g$y_start, col = 'red')
points(g$x_end, g$y_end, col = 'blue')

invisible(lapply(seq_len(nrow(g)), function(i) {
  if (g$type[i] == "N" && g$x_start[i] - min(g$x_start) < 1000)
    text(g[i,"x_start"], g[i,"y_start"], labels = parse(text = g[i,"degree_label"]),
    srt = g$angle_start[i], pos = 2, cex = .7)
  if (g$type[i] == "E" && g$y_start[i] - min(g$y_start) < 1000)
    text(g[i,"x_start"], g[i,"y_start"], labels = parse(text = g[i,"degree_label"]),
    srt = g$angle_start[i] - 90, pos = 1, cex = .7)
  if (g$type[i] == "N" && g$x_end[i] - max(g$x_end) > -1000)
    text(g[i,"x_end"], g[i,"y_end"], labels = parse(text = g[i,"degree_label"]),
    srt = g$angle_end[i], pos = 4, cex = .7)
  if (g$type[i] == "E" && g$y_end[i] - max(g$y_end) > -1000)
    text(g[i,"x_end"], g[i,"y_end"], labels = parse(text = g[i,"degree_label"]),
    srt = g$angle_end[i] - 90, pos = 3, cex = .7)
}))
plot(usa, graticule = st_crs(4326), axes = TRUE, lon = seq(-60,-130,by=-10))
```

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st\_interpolate\_aw

*Areal-weighted interpolation of polygon data*


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## Description

Areal-weighted interpolation of polygon data

**Usage**

```
st_interpolate_aw(x, to, extensive, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf, for which we want to aggregate attributes
to	object of class sf or sfc, with the target geometries
extensive	logical; if TRUE, the attribute variables are assumed to be spatially extensive (like population) and the sum is preserved, otherwise, spatially intensive (like population density) and the mean is preserved.
...	ignored

**Examples**

```
nc = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
g = st_make_grid(nc, n = c(20,10))
a1 = st_interpolate_aw(nc["BIR74"], g, extensive = FALSE)
sum(a1$BIR74) / sum(nc$BIR74) # not close to one: property is assumed spatially intensive
a2 = st_interpolate_aw(nc["BIR74"], g, extensive = TRUE)
# verify mass preservation (pyncophylactic) property:
sum(a2$BIR74) / sum(nc$BIR74)
a1$intensive = a1$BIR74
a1$extensive = a2$BIR74
plot(a1[c("intensive", "extensive")], key.pos = 4)
```

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st\_is

*test equality between the geometry type and a class or set of classes*


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**Description**

test equality between the geometry type and a class or set of classes

**Usage**

```
st_is(x, type)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
type	character; class, or set of classes, to test against



**Examples**

```

st_is(st_point(0:1), "POINT")
sfc = st_sfc(st_point(0:1), st_linestring(matrix(1:6,,2)))
st_is(sfc, "POINT")
st_is(sfc, "POLYGON")
st_is(sfc, "LINESTRING")
st_is(st_sf(a = 1:2, sfc), "LINESTRING")
st_is(sfc, c("POINT", "LINESTRING"))

```

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st_is_longlat	<i>Assert whether simple feature coordinates are longlat degrees</i>
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**Description**

Assert whether simple feature coordinates are longlat degrees

**Usage**

```
st_is_longlat(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object of class `sf` or `sfc`

**Value**

TRUE if `+proj=longlat` is part of the `proj4string`, NA if this string is missing, FALSE otherwise

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st_jitter	<i>jitter geometries</i>
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**Description**

jitter geometries

**Usage**

```
st_jitter(x, amount, factor = 0.002)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object of class `sf` or `sfc`

amount              numeric; amount of jittering applied; if missing, the amount is set to `factor * the bounding box diagonal`; units of coordinates.

factor               numeric; fractional amount of jittering to be applied

## Details

jitters coordinates with an amount such that `'coderunif(1, -amount, amount)` is added to the coordinates. x- and y-coordinates are jittered independently but all coordinates of a single geometry are jittered with the same amount, meaning that the geometry shape does not change. For longlat data, a latitude correction is made such that jittering in East and North directions are identical in distance in the center of the bounding box of x.

## Examples

```
nc = read_sf(system.file("gpkg/nc.gpkg", package="sf"))
pts = st_centroid(st_geometry(nc))
plot(pts)
plot(st_jitter(pts, .05), add = TRUE, col = 'red')
plot(st_geometry(nc))
plot(st_jitter(st_geometry(nc), factor = .01), add = TRUE, col = '#ff8888')
```

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st_join	<i>spatial left or inner join</i>
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## Description

spatial left or inner join

## Usage

```
st_join(x, y, join = st_intersects, FUN, suffix = c(".x", ".y"), ...,
        left = TRUE, largest = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

x	object of class sf
y	object of class sf
join	geometry predicate function with the same profile as <a href="#">st_intersects</a> ; see details
FUN	deprecated;
suffix	length 2 character vector; see <a href="#">merge</a>
...	arguments passed on to the join function (e.g. <code>prepared</code> , or a pattern for <a href="#">st_relate</a> )
left	logical; if TRUE carry out left join, else inner join; see also <a href="#">left_join</a>
largest	logical; if TRUE, return x features augmented with the fields of y that have the largest overlap with each of the features of x; see <a href="https://github.com/r-spatial/sf/issues/578">https://github.com/r-spatial/sf/issues/578</a>

## Details

alternative values for argument `join` are: [st\\_disjoint](#) [st\\_touches](#) [st\\_crosses](#) [st\\_within](#) [st\\_contains](#) [st\\_overlaps](#) [st\\_covers](#) [st\\_covered\\_by](#) [st\\_equals](#) or [st\\_equals\\_exact](#), or user-defined functions of the same profile

**Value**

an object of class sf, joined based on geometry

**Examples**

```
a = st_sf(a = 1:3,
  geom = st_sfc(st_point(c(1,1)), st_point(c(2,2)), st_point(c(3,3))))
b = st_sf(a = 11:14,
  geom = st_sfc(st_point(c(10,10)), st_point(c(2,2)), st_point(c(2,2)), st_point(c(3,3))))
st_join(a, b)
st_join(a, b, left = FALSE)
# two ways to aggregate y's attribute values outcome over x's geometries:
st_join(a, b) %>% aggregate(list(. $a.x), mean)
library(dplyr)
st_join(a, b) %>% group_by(a.x) %>% summarise(mean(a.y))
# example of largest = TRUE:
nc <- st_transform(st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf")), 2264)
gr = st_sf(
  label = apply(expand.grid(1:10, LETTERS[10:1])[,2:1], 1, paste0, collapse = " "),
  geom = st_make_grid(nc))
gr$col = sf.colors(10, categorical = TRUE, alpha = .3)
# cut, to check, NA's work out:
gr = gr[-(1:30),]
nc_j <- st_join(nc, gr, largest = TRUE)
# the two datasets:
opar = par(mfrow = c(2,1), mar = rep(0,4))
plot(st_geometry(nc_j))
plot(st_geometry(gr), add = TRUE, col = gr$col)
text(st_coordinates(st_centroid(gr)), labels = gr$label)
# the joined dataset:
plot(st_geometry(nc_j), border = 'black', col = nc_j$col)
text(st_coordinates(st_centroid(nc_j)), labels = nc_j$label, cex = .8)
plot(st_geometry(gr), border = 'green', add = TRUE)
par(opar)
```

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st\_layers

*List layers in a datasource*


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**Description**

List layers in a datasource

**Usage**

```
st_layers(dsn, options = character(0), do_count = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

dsn	data source name (interpretation varies by driver - for some drivers, dsn is a file name, but may also be a folder, or contain the name and access credentials of a database)
options	character; driver dependent dataset open options, multiple options supported.
do_count	logical; if TRUE, count the features by reading them, even if their count is not reported by the driver

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st_line_sample	<i>Sample points on a linear geometry</i>
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**Description**

Sample points on a linear geometry

**Usage**

```
st_line_sample(x, n, density, type = "regular", sample = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
n	integer; number of points to choose per geometry; if missing, n will be computed as <code>round(density * st_length(geom))</code> .
density	numeric; density (points per distance unit) of the sampling, possibly a vector of length equal to the number of features (otherwise recycled); density may be of class units.
type	character; indicate the sampling type, either "regular" or "random"
sample	numeric; a vector of numbers between 0 and 1 indicating the points to sample - if defined sample overrules n, density and type.

**Examples**

```
ls = st_sfc(st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0),c(0,1))),
st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0),c(10,0))))
st_line_sample(ls, density = 1)
ls = st_sfc(st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0),c(0,1))),
st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0),c(.1,0))), crs = 4326)
try(st_line_sample(ls, density = 1/1000)) # error
st_line_sample(st_transform(ls, 3857), n = 5) # five points for each line
st_line_sample(st_transform(ls, 3857), n = c(1, 3)) # one and three points
st_line_sample(st_transform(ls, 3857), density = 1/1000) # one per km
st_line_sample(st_transform(ls, 3857), density = c(1/1000, 1/10000)) # one per km, one per 10 km
st_line_sample(st_transform(ls, 3857), density = units::set_units(1, 1/km)) # one per km
# five equidistant points including start and end:
st_line_sample(st_transform(ls, 3857), sample = c(0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1))
```

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st_make_grid	<i>Create a regular tessellation over the bounding box of an sf or sfc object</i>
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## Description

Create a square or hexagonal grid over the bounding box of an sf or sfc object

## Usage

```
st_make_grid(x, cellsize = c(diff(st_bbox(x)[c(1, 3)]),
  diff(st_bbox(x)[c(2, 4)]))/n, offset = st_bbox(x)[c("xmin", "ymin")],
  n = c(10, 10), crs = if (missing(x)) NA_crs_ else st_crs(x),
  what = "polygons", square = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x	object of class <a href="#">sf</a> or <a href="#">sfc</a>
cellsize	target cellsize
offset	numeric of length 2; lower left corner coordinates (x, y) of the grid
n	integer of length 1 or 2, number of grid cells in x and y direction (columns, rows)
crs	object of class <a href="#">crs</a> ; coordinate reference system of the target of the target grid in case argument x is missing, if x is not missing, its crs is inherited.
what	character; one of: "polygons", "corners", or "centers"
square	logical; if FALSE, create hexagonal grid

## Value

Object of class [sfc](#) (simple feature geometry list column) with, depending on what and square, square or hexagonal polygons, corner points of these polygons, or center points of these polygons.

## Examples

```
plot(st_make_grid(what = "centers"), axes = TRUE)
plot(st_make_grid(what = "corners"), add = TRUE, col = 'green', pch=3)
sfc = st_sfc(st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0,0), c(1,0), c(1,1), c(0,0)))))
plot(st_make_grid(sfc, cellsize = .1, square = FALSE))
plot(sfc, add = TRUE)
# non-default offset:
plot(st_make_grid(sfc, cellsize = .1, square = FALSE, offset = c(0, .05 / (sqrt(3)/2))))
plot(sfc, add = TRUE)
```

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st\_nearest\_feature     *get index of nearest feature*

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### Description

get index of nearest feature

### Usage

```
st_nearest_feature(x, y)
```

### Arguments

x                    object of class sfg, sfc or sf  
y                    object of class sfg, sfc or sf

### Value

for each feature (geometry) in x the index of the nearest feature (geometry) in y

### See Also

[st\\_nearest\\_points](#) for finding the nearest points for pairs of feature geometries

### Examples

```
ls1 = st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0), c(1,0)))
ls2 = st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0.1), c(1,0.1)))
ls3 = st_linestring(rbind(c(0,1), c(1,1)))
(l = st_sfc(ls1, ls2, ls3))

p1 = st_point(c(0.1, -0.1))
p2 = st_point(c(0.1, 0.11))
p3 = st_point(c(0.1, 0.09))
p4 = st_point(c(0.1, 0.9))

(p = st_sfc(p1, p2, p3, p4))
try(st_nearest_feature(p, l))
try(st_nearest_points(p, l[st_nearest_feature(p,l)], pairwise = TRUE))

r = sqrt(2)/10
b1 = st_buffer(st_point(c(.1,.1)), r)
b2 = st_buffer(st_point(c(.9,.9)), r)
b3 = st_buffer(st_point(c(.9,.1)), r)
circles = st_sfc(b1, b2, b3)
plot(circles, col = NA, border = 2:4)
pts = st_sfc(st_point(c(.3,.1)), st_point(c(.6,.2)), st_point(c(.6,.6)), st_point(c(.4,.8)))
plot(pts, add = TRUE, col = 1)
# draw points to nearest circle:
```

```

nearest = try(st_nearest_feature(pts, circles))
if (inherits(nearest, "try-error")) # GEOS 3.6.1 not available
  nearest = c(1, 3, 2, 2)
ls = st_nearest_points(pts, circles[nearest], pairwise = TRUE)
plot(ls, col = 5:8, add = TRUE)

```

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st_nearest_points	<i>get nearest points between pairs of geometries</i>
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### Description

get nearest points between pairs of geometries

### Usage

```

st_nearest_points(x, y, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_nearest_points(x, y, ..., pairwise = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
st_nearest_points(x, y, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_nearest_points(x, y, ...)

```

### Arguments

x	object of class sfg, sfc or sf
y	object of class sfg, sfc or sf
...	ignored
pairwise	logical; if FALSE (default) return nearest points between all pairs, if TRUE, return nearest points between subsequent pairs.

### Value

an [sfc](#) object with all two-point LINESTRING geometries of point pairs from the first to the second geometry, of length  $x * y$ , with  $y$  cycling fastest. See examples for ideas how to convert these to POINT geometries.

### See Also

[st\\_nearest\\_feature](#) for finding the nearest feature

**Examples**

```

r = sqrt(2)/10
pt1 = st_point(c(.1,.1))
pt2 = st_point(c(.9,.9))
pt3 = st_point(c(.9,.1))
b1 = st_buffer(pt1, r)
b2 = st_buffer(pt2, r)
b3 = st_buffer(pt3, r)
(ls0 = st_nearest_points(b1, b2)) # sfg
(ls = st_nearest_points(st_sfc(b1), st_sfc(b2, b3))) # sfc
plot(b1, xlim = c(-.2,1.2), ylim = c(-.2,1.2), col = NA, border = 'green')
plot(st_sfc(b2, b3), add = TRUE, col = NA, border = 'blue')
plot(ls, add = TRUE, col = 'red')

nc = read_sf(system.file("gpkg/nc.gpkg", package="sf"))
plot(st_geometry(nc))
ls = st_nearest_points(nc[1,], nc)
plot(ls, col = 'red', add = TRUE)
pts = st_cast(ls, "POINT") # gives all start & end points
# starting, "from" points, corresponding to x:
plot(pts[seq(1, 200, 2)], add = TRUE, col = 'blue')
# ending, "to" points, corresponding to y:
plot(pts[seq(2, 200, 2)], add = TRUE, col = 'green')

```

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st\_normalize

*Normalize simple features*


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**Description**

st\_normalize transforms the coordinates in the input feature to fall between 0 and 1. By default the current domain is set to the bounding box of the input, but other domains can be used as well

**Usage**

```
st_normalize(x, domain = st_bbox(x), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
domain	The domain x should be normalized from as a length 4 vector of the form c(xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax). Defaults to the bounding box of x
...	ignored



**Examples**

```
p1 = st_point(c(7,52))
st_normalize(p1, domain = c(0, 0, 10, 100))

p2 = st_point(c(-30,20))
sfc = st_sfc(p1, p2, crs = 4326)
sfc
sfc_norm <- st_normalize(sfc)
st_bbox(sfc_norm)
```

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st_precision	<i>Get precision</i>
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**Description**

Get precision

Set precision

**Usage**

```
st_precision(x)

st_set_precision(x, precision)

st_precision(x) <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sfc or sf
precision	numeric, or object of class units with distance units (but see details); see <a href="#">st_as_binary</a> for how to do this.
value	precision value

**Details**

If precision is a units object, the object on which we set precision must have a coordinate reference system with compatible distance units.

Setting a precision has no direct effect on coordinates of geometries, but merely set an attribute tag to an sfc object. The effect takes place in [st\\_as\\_binary](#) or, more precise, in the C++ function CPL\_write\_wkb, where simple feature geometries are being serialized to well-known-binary (WKB). This happens always when routines are called in GEOS library (geometrical operations or predicates), for writing geometries using [st\\_write](#) or [write\\_sf](#), [st\\_make\\_valid](#) in package lwgeom; also [aggregate](#) and [summarise](#) by default union geometries, which calls a GEOS library function. Routines in these libraries receive rounded coordinates, and possibly return results based on them. [st\\_as\\_binary](#) contains an example of a roundtrip of sfc geometries through WKB, in order to see the rounding happening to R data.

The reason to support precision is that geometrical operations in GEOS or liblwgeom may work better at reduced precision. For writing data from R to external resources it is harder to think of a good reason to limiting precision.

### See Also

[st\\_as\\_binary](#) for an explanation of what setting precision does, and the examples therein.

### Examples

```
x <- st_sfc(st_point(c(pi, pi)))
st_precision(x)
st_precision(x) <- 0.01
st_precision(x)
```

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st\_read

*Read simple features or layers from file or database*

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### Description

Read simple features from file or database, or retrieve layer names and their geometry type(s)

Read PostGIS table directly through DBI and RPostgreSQL interface, converting Well-Know Binary geometries to sfc

### Usage

```
st_read(dsn, layer, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'character'
st_read(dsn, layer, ..., query = NA,
        options = NULL, quiet = FALSE, geometry_column = 1L, type = 0,
        promote_to_multi = TRUE,
        stringsAsFactors = default.stringsAsFactors(),
        int64_as_string = FALSE, check_ring_dir = FALSE,
        fid_column_name = character(0))
```

```
read_sf(..., quiet = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
        as_tibble = TRUE)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'DBIObject'
st_read(dsn = NULL, layer = NULL, query = NULL,
        EWKB = TRUE, quiet = TRUE, as_tibble = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

dsn	data source name (interpretation varies by driver - for some drivers, dsn is a file name, but may also be a folder, or contain the name and access credentials of a database); in case of GeoJSON, dsn may be the character string holding the geojson data. It can also be an open database connection.
layer	layer name (varies by driver, may be a file name without extension); in case layer is missing, st_read will read the first layer of dsn, give a warning and (unless quiet = TRUE) print a message when there are multiple layers, or give an error if there are no layers in dsn. If dsn is a database connection, then layer can be a table name or a database identifier (see <a href="#">Id</a> ). It is also possible to omit layer and rather use the query argument.
...	parameter(s) passed on to <a href="#">st_as_sf</a>
query	SQL query to select records; see details
options	character; driver dependent dataset open options, multiple options supported.
quiet	logical; suppress info on name, driver, size and spatial reference, or signaling no or multiple layers
geometry_column	integer or character; in case of multiple geometry fields, which one to take?
type	integer; ISO number of desired simple feature type; see details. If left zero, and promote_to_multi is TRUE, in case of mixed feature geometry types, conversion to the highest numeric type value found will be attempted. A vector with different values for each geometry column can be given.
promote_to_multi	logical; in case of a mix of Point and MultiPoint, or of LineString and MultiLineString, or of Polygon and MultiPolygon, convert all to the Multi variety; defaults to TRUE
stringsAsFactors	logical; logical: should character vectors be converted to factors? The 'factory-fresh' default is TRUE, but this can be changed by setting options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE).
int64_as_string	logical; if TRUE, Int64 attributes are returned as string; if FALSE, they are returned as double and a warning is given when precision is lost (i.e., values are larger than 2 <sup>53</sup> ).
check_ring_dir	logical; if TRUE, polygon ring directions are checked and if necessary corrected (when seen from above: exterior ring counter clockwise, holes clockwise)
fid_column_name	character; name of column to write feature IDs to; defaults to not doing this
as_tibble	logical; should the returned table be of class tibble or data.frame?
EWKB	logical; is the WKB of type EWKB? if missing, defaults to TRUE

**Details**

for geometry\_column, see also [https://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/wiki/rfc41\\_multiple\\_geometry\\_fields](https://trac.osgeo.org/gdal/wiki/rfc41_multiple_geometry_fields)

for values for type see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Well-known\\_text#Well-known\\_binary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Well-known_text#Well-known_binary), but note that not every target value may lead to successful conversion. The typical conversion from POLYGON (3) to MULTIPOLYGON (6) should work; the other way around (type=3), secondary rings from MULTIPOLYGONS may be dropped without warnings. `promote_to_multi` is handled on a per-geometry column basis; type may be specified for each geometry column.

In case of problems reading shapefiles from USB drives on OSX, please see <https://github.com/r-spatial/sf/issues/252>.

For query with a character dsn the query text is handed to 'ExecuteSQL' on the GDAL/OGR data set and will result in the creation of a new layer (and layer is ignored). See 'OGRSQL' [https://www.gdal.org/ogr\\_sql.html](https://www.gdal.org/ogr_sql.html) for details. Please note that the 'FID' special field is driver-dependent, and may be either 0-based (e.g. ESRI Shapefile), 1-based (e.g. MapInfo) or arbitrary (e.g. OSM). Other features of OGRSQL are also likely to be driver dependent. The available layer names may be obtained with [st\\_layers](#). Care will be required to properly escape the use of some layer names.

`read_sf` and `write_sf` are aliases for `st_read` and `st_write`, respectively, with some modified default arguments. `read_sf` and `write_sf` are quiet by default: they do not print information about the data source. `read_sf` returns an sf-tibble rather than an sf-data.frame. `write_sf` delete layers by default: it overwrites existing files without asking or warning.

if table is not given but query is, the spatial reference system (crs) of the table queried is only available in case it has been stored into each geometry record (e.g., by PostGIS, when using EWKB)

The function will automatically find the 'geometry' type columns for drivers that support it. For the other drivers, it will try to cast all the character columns, which can be slow for very wide tables.

## Value

object of class `sf` when a layer was successfully read; in case argument `layer` is missing and data source `dsn` does not contain a single layer, an object of class `sf_layers` is returned with the layer names, each with their geometry type(s). Note that the number of layers may also be zero.

## Note

The use of `system.file` in examples make sure that examples run regardless where R is installed: typical users will not use `system.file` but give the file name directly, either with full path or relative to the current working directory (see [getwd](#)). "Shapefiles" consist of several files with the same basename that reside in the same directory, only one of them having extension `.shp`.

## Examples

```
nc = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
summary(nc) # note that AREA was computed using Euclidian area on lon/lat degrees

## only three fields by select clause
## only two features by where clause
nc_sql = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"),
                 query = "SELECT NAME, SID74, FIPS FROM \"nc\" WHERE BIR74 > 20000")
## Not run:
library(sp)
example(meuse, ask = FALSE, echo = FALSE)
```

```

try(st_write(st_as_sf(meuse), "PG:dbname=postgis", "meuse",
  layer_options = "OVERWRITE=true"))
try(st_meuse <- st_read("PG:dbname=postgis", "meuse"))
if (exists("st_meuse"))
  summary(st_meuse)

## End(Not run)

## Not run:
## note that we need special escaping of layer within single quotes (nc.gpkg)
## and that geom needs to be included in the select, otherwise we don't detect it
layer <- st_layers(system.file("gpkg/nc.gpkg", package = "sf"))$name[1]
nc_gpkg_sql = st_read(system.file("gpkg/nc.gpkg", package = "sf"),
  query = sprintf("SELECT NAME, SID74, FIPS, geom FROM \"%s\" WHERE BIR74 > 20000", layer))

## End(Not run)
# read geojson from string:
geojson_txt <- paste("{\"type\":\"MultiPoint\",\"coordinates\":",
  "[[[3.2,4],[3,4.6],[3.8,4.4],[3.5,3.8],[3.4,3.6],[3.9,4.5]]]")
x = read_sf(geojson_txt)
x
## Not run:
library(RPostgreSQL)
try(conn <- dbConnect(PostgreSQL(), dbname = "postgis"))
if (exists("conn") && !inherits(conn, "try-error")) {
  x = st_read(conn, "meuse", query = "select * from meuse limit 3;")
  x = st_read(conn, table = "public.meuse")
  print(st_crs(x)) # SRID resolved by the database, not by GDAL!
  dbDisconnect(conn)
}

## End(Not run)

```

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st_relate	<i>Compute DE9-IM relation between pairs of geometries, or match it to a given pattern</i>
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### Description

Compute DE9-IM relation between pairs of geometries, or match it to a given pattern

### Usage

```
st_relate(x, y, pattern = NA_character_, sparse = !is.na(pattern))
```

### Arguments

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
y	object of class sf, sfc or sfg

pattern	character; define the pattern to match to, see details.
sparse	logical; should a sparse matrix be returned (TRUE) or a dense matrix?

## Value

In case pattern is not given, `st_relate` returns a dense character matrix; element `[i,j]` has nine characters, referring to the DE9-IM relationship between `x[i]` and `y[j]`, encoded as `IxIy,IxBx,IxEy,BxIy,BxBx,BxEy,ExIy,ExBx` where I refers to interior, B to boundary, and E to exterior, and e.g. `BxIy` the dimensionality of the intersection of the the boundary of `x[i]` and the interior of `y[j]`, which is one of 0,1,2,F, digits denoting dimensionality, F denoting not intersecting. When pattern is given, a dense logical matrix or sparse index list returned with matches to the given pattern; see [st\\_intersection](#) for a description of the returned matrix or list. See also <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DE-9IM> for further explanation.

## Examples

```
p1 = st_point(c(0,0))
p2 = st_point(c(2,2))
pol1 = st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0,0),c(1,0),c(1,1),c(0,1),c(0,0)))) - 0.5
pol2 = pol1 + 1
pol3 = pol1 + 2
st_relate(st_sfc(p1, p2), st_sfc(pol1, pol2, pol3))
sfc = st_sfc(st_point(c(0,0)), st_point(c(3,3)))
grd = st_make_grid(sfc, n = c(3,3))
st_intersects(grd)
st_relate(grd, pattern = "****1****") # sides, not corners, internals
st_relate(grd, pattern = "****0****") # only corners touch
st_rook = function(a, b = a) st_relate(a, b, pattern = "F***1****")
st_rook(grd)
# queen neighbours, see \url{https://github.com/r-spatial/sf/issues/234#issuecomment-300511129}
st_queen <- function(a, b = a) st_relate(a, b, pattern = "F***T****")
```

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<code>st_sample</code>	<i>sample points on or in (sets of) spatial features</i>
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## Description

Sample points on or in (sets of) spatial features. By default, returns a pre-specified number of points that is equal to size (if type = "random") or an approximation of size (for other sampling types).

## Usage

```
st_sample(x, size, ..., type = "random", exact = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sf or sfc
size	sample size(s) requested; either total size, or a numeric vector with sample sizes for each feature geometry. When sampling polygons, the returned sampling size may differ from the requested size, as the bounding box is sampled, and sampled points intersecting the polygon are returned.
...	ignored, or passed on to <a href="#">sample</a> for multipoint sampling
type	character; indicates the spatial sampling type; only random is implemented right now
exact	logical; should the length of output be exactly the same as specified by size? TRUE by default. Only applies to polygons, and when type = "random".

**Details**

The function is vectorised: it samples `size` points across all geometries in the object if `size` is a single number, or the specified number of points in each feature if `size` is a vector of integers equal in length to the geometry of `x`.

if `x` has dimension 2 (polygons) and geographical coordinates (long/lat), uniform random sampling on the sphere is applied, see e.g. <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/SpherePointPicking.html>

For regular or hexagonal sampling of polygons, the resulting size is only an approximation.

As parameter called `offset` can be passed to control ("fix") regular or hexagonal sampling: for polygons a length 2 numeric vector (by default: a random point from `st_bbox(x)`); for lines use a number like `runif(1)`.

**Value**

an sfc object containing the sampled POINT geometries

**Examples**

```
nc = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
p1 = st_sample(nc[1:3, ], 6)
p2 = st_sample(nc[1:3, ], 1:3)
plot(st_geometry(nc)[1:3])
plot(p1, add = TRUE)
plot(p2, add = TRUE, pch = 2)
x = st_sfc(st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0,0),c(90,0),c(90,90),c(0,90),c(0,0))))), crs = st_crs(4326))
plot(x, axes = TRUE, graticule = TRUE)
if (sf_extSoftVersion()["proj.4"] >= "4.9.0")
  plot(p <- st_sample(x, 1000), add = TRUE)
x2 = st_transform(st_segmentize(x, 1e4), st_crs("+proj=ortho +lat_0=30 +lon_0=45"))
g = st_transform(st_graticule(), st_crs("+proj=ortho +lat_0=30 +lon_0=45"))
plot(x2, graticule = g)
if (sf_extSoftVersion()["proj.4"] >= "4.9.0") {
  p2 = st_transform(p, st_crs("+proj=ortho +lat_0=30 +lon_0=45"))
  plot(p2, add = TRUE)
}
x = st_sfc(st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0,0),c(90,0),c(90,10),c(0,90),c(0,0)))))) # NOT long/lat:
```

```

plot(x)
p_exact = st_sample(x, 1000)
p_not_exact = st_sample(x, 1000, exact = FALSE)
length(p_exact); length(p_not_exact)
plot(st_sample(x, 1000), add = TRUE)
x = st_sfc(st_polygon(list(rbind(c(-180,-90),c(180,-90),c(180,90),c(-180,90),c(-180,-90))))),
  crs=st_crs(4326))
if (sf_extSoftVersion()["proj.4"] >= "4.9.0") {
  p = st_sample(x, 1000)
  st_sample(p, 3)
}
# hexagonal:
sfc = st_sfc(st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0,0), c(1,0), c(1,1), c(0,0)))))
plot(sfc)
h = st_sample(sfc, 100, type = "hexagonal")
h1 = st_sample(sfc, 100, type = "hexagonal")
plot(h, add = TRUE)
plot(h1, col = 'red', add = TRUE)
c(length(h), length(h1)) # approximate!
pt = st_multipoint(matrix(1:20, ,2))
ls = st_sfc(st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0),c(0,1))),
  st_linestring(rbind(c(0,0),c(.1,0))),
  st_linestring(rbind(c(0,1),c(.1,1))),
  st_linestring(rbind(c(2,2),c(2,2.00001))))
st_sample(ls, 80)
plot(st_sample(ls, 80))

```

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st\_transform

*Transform or convert coordinates of simple feature*


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## Description

Transform or convert coordinates of simple feature

## Usage

```

st_transform(x, crs, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_transform(x, crs, ..., partial = TRUE, check = FALSE,
  use_gdal = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_transform(x, crs, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
st_transform(x, crs, ...)

st_proj_info(type = "proj")

```



```

st_wrap_dateline(x, options, quiet)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_wrap_dateline(x, options = "WRAPDATELINE=YES",
  quiet = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_wrap_dateline(x, options = "WRAPDATELINE=YES",
  quiet = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'sfg'
st_wrap_dateline(x, options = "WRAPDATELINE=YES",
  quiet = TRUE)

```

### Arguments

x	object of class sf, sfc or sfg
crs	coordinate reference system: integer with the EPSG code, or character with proj4string
...	ignored
partial	logical; allow for partial projection, if not all points of a geometry can be projected (corresponds to setting environment variable OGR_ENABLE_PARTIAL_REPROJECTION to TRUE)
check	logical; perform a sanity check on resulting polygons?
use_gdal	logical; this parameter is deprecated. For transformations using PROJ.4 directly rather than indirectly through GDAL, use <a href="#">st_transform_proj</a> of package lwgeom (see Details)
type	character; one of have_datum_files, proj, ellps, datum or units
options	character; should have "WRAPDATELINE=YES" to function; another parameter that is used is "DATELINEOFFSET=10" (where 10 is the default value)
quiet	logical; print options after they have been parsed?

### Details

Transforms coordinates of object to new projection. Features that cannot be transformed are returned as empty geometries.

st\_transform uses GDAL for coordinate transformations; internally, GDAL converts the proj4string into a well-known-text representation, before passing that on to PROJ.4. In this process, some information can get lost. Adding parameter +wktext to the proj4string definition may resolve this; see <https://github.com/edzer/sp/issues/42>.

Some PROJ.4 projections are not supported by GDAL, e.g. "+proj=wintri" because it does not have an inverse projection. Projecting to unsupported projections can be done by [st\\_transform\\_proj](#), part of package lwgeom. Note that the unsupported proj4string cannot be passed as argument to [st\\_crs](#), but has to be given as character string.

The `st_transform` method for `sfg` objects assumes that the CRS of the object is available as an attribute of that name.

`st_proj_info` lists the available projections, ellipses, datums or units supported by the Proj.4 library when `type` is equal to `proj`, `ellps`, `datum` or `units`; when `type` equals `have_datum_files` a boolean is returned indicating whether datum files are installed and accessible (checking for `conus`).

For a discussion of using options, see <https://github.com/r-spatial/sf/issues/280> and <https://github.com/r-spatial/sf/issues/541>

## Examples

```
p1 = st_point(c(7,52))
p2 = st_point(c(-30,20))
sfc = st_sfc(p1, p2, crs = 4326)
sfc
st_transform(sfc, 3857)
st_transform(st_sf(a=2:1, geom=sfc), "+init=epsg:3857")
nc = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
st_area(nc[1,]) # area from long/lat
st_area(st_transform(nc[1,], 32119)) # NC state plane, m
st_area(st_transform(nc[1,], 2264)) # NC state plane, US foot
library(units)
set_units(st_area(st_transform(nc[1,], 2264)), m^2)
st_transform(structure(p1, proj4string = "+init=epsg:4326"), "+init=epsg:3857")
st_proj_info("datum")
st_wrap_dateline(st_sfc(st_linestring(rbind(c(-179,0),c(179,0)))), crs = 4326))
library(maps)
wrld <- st_as_sf(maps::map("world", fill = TRUE, plot = FALSE))
wrld_wrap <- st_wrap_dateline(wrld, options = c("WRAPDATELINE=YES", "DATELINEOFFSET=180"),
  quiet = TRUE)
wrld_moll <- st_transform(wrld_wrap, "+proj=moll")
plot(st_geometry(wrld_moll), col = "transparent")
```

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st\_viewport

*Create viewport from sf, sfc or sfg object*

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## Description

Create viewport from sf, sfc or sfg object

## Usage

```
st_viewport(x, ..., bbox = st_bbox(x), asp)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	object of class sf, sfc or sfg object
<code>...</code>	parameters passed on to <a href="#">viewport</a>
<code>bbox</code>	the bounding box used for aspect ratio
<code>asp</code>	numeric; target aspect ratio (y/x), see Details

**Details**

parameters width, height, xscale and yscale are set such that aspect ratio is honoured and plot size is maximized in the current viewport; others can be passed as . . .

If asp is missing, it is taken as 1, except when isTRUE(st\_is\_longlat(x)), in which case it is set to  $1.0 / \cos(y)$ , with y the middle of the latitude bounding box.

**Value**

The output of the call to [viewport](#)

**Examples**

```
library(grid)
nc = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
grid.newpage()
pushViewport(viewport(width = 0.8, height = 0.8))
pushViewport(st_viewport(nc))
invisible(lapply(st_geometry(nc), function(x) grid.draw(st_as_grob(x, gp = gpar(fill = 'red')))))
```

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st\_write

*Write simple features object to file or database*


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**Description**

Write simple features object to file or database

**Usage**

```
st_write(obj, dsn, layer, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfc'
st_write(obj, dsn, layer, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sf'
st_write(obj, dsn, layer = NULL, ...,
  driver = guess_driver_can_write(dsn), dataset_options = NULL,
  layer_options = NULL, quiet = FALSE, factorsAsCharacter = TRUE,
  update = driver %in% db_drivers, delete_dsn = FALSE,
  delete_layer = FALSE, fid_column_name = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
st_write(obj, dsn, layer = NULL, ...)

write_sf(..., quiet = TRUE, delete_layer = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'PostgreSQLConnection,character,sf'
dbWriteTable(conn, name,
```

```

value, ..., row.names = FALSE, overwrite = FALSE, append = FALSE,
field.types = NULL, factorsAsCharacter = TRUE, binary = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'DBIObject,character,sf'
dbWriteTable(conn, name, value, ...,
  row.names = FALSE, overwrite = FALSE, append = FALSE,
  field.types = NULL, factorsAsCharacter = TRUE, binary = TRUE)

```

## Arguments

obj	object of class sf or sfc
dsn	data source name (interpretation varies by driver - for some drivers, dsn is a file name, but may also be a folder or contain a database name) or a Database Connection (currently official support is for RPostgreSQL connections)
layer	layer name (varies by driver, may be a file name without extension); if layer is missing, the <a href="#">basename</a> of dsn is taken.
...	other arguments passed to <a href="#">dbWriteTable</a> when dsn is a Database Connection
driver	character; name of driver to be used; if missing and dsn is not a Database Connection, a driver name is guessed from dsn; <a href="#">st_drivers()</a> returns the drivers that are available with their properties; links to full driver documentation are found at <a href="http://www.gdal.org/ogr_formats.html">http://www.gdal.org/ogr_formats.html</a> .
dataset_options	character; driver dependent dataset creation options; multiple options supported.
layer_options	character; driver dependent layer creation options; multiple options supported.
quiet	logical; suppress info on name, driver, size and spatial reference
factorsAsCharacter	logical; convert factor objects into character strings (default), else into numbers by <code>as.numeric</code> .
update	logical; FALSE by default for single-layer drivers but TRUE by default for database drivers as defined by <code>db_drivers</code> . For database-type drivers (e.g. GPKG) TRUE values will make GDAL try to update (append to) the existing data source, e.g. adding a table to an existing database.
delete_dsn	logical; delete data source dsn before attempting to write?
delete_layer	logical; delete layer layer before attempting to write? (not yet implemented)
fid_column_name	character, name of column with feature IDs; if specified, this column is no longer written as feature attribute.
conn	DBIObject
name	character vector of names (table names, fields, keywords).
value	a data.frame.
row.names	Add a row.name column, or a vector of length <code>nrow(obj)</code> containing row.names; default FALSE.
overwrite	Will try to drop table before writing; default FALSE.
append	Append rows to existing table; default FALSE.

field.types	default NULL. Allows to override type conversion from R to PostgreSQL. See <code>dbDataType()</code> for details.
binary	Send geometries serialized as Well-Known Binary (WKB); if FALSE, uses Well-Known Text (WKT). Defaults to TRUE (WKB).

### Details

columns (variables) of a class not supported are dropped with a warning. When deleting layers or data sources is not successful, no error is emitted. `delete_dsn` and `delete_layers` should be handled with care; the former may erase complete directories or databases.

### Value

obj, invisibly; in case obj is of class `sfc`, it is returned as an `sf` object.

### See Also

[st\\_drivers](#)

### Examples

```
nc = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
st_write(nc, "nc.shp")
st_write(nc, "nc.shp", delete_layer = TRUE) # overwrites
data(meuse, package = "sp") # loads data.frame from sp
meuse_sf = st_as_sf(meuse, coords = c("x", "y"), crs = 28992)
st_write(meuse_sf, "meuse.csv", layer_options = "GEOMETRY=AS_XY") # writes X and Y as columns
st_write(meuse_sf, "meuse.csv", layer_options = "GEOMETRY=AS_WKT", delete_dsn=TRUE) # overwrites
## Not run:
library(sp)
example(meuse, ask = FALSE, echo = FALSE)
try(st_write(st_as_sf(meuse), "PG:dbname=postgis", "meuse_sf",
  layer_options = c("OVERWRITE=yes", "LAUNDER=true")))
demo(nc, ask = FALSE)
try(st_write(nc, "PG:dbname=postgis", "sids", layer_options = "OVERWRITE=true"))

## End(Not run)
```

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st\_zm

*Drop or add Z and/or M dimensions from feature geometries*

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### Description

Drop Z and/or M dimensions from feature geometries, resetting classes appropriately

### Usage

```
st_zm(x, ..., drop = TRUE, what = "ZM")
```

**Arguments**

x	object of class sfg, sfc or sf
...	ignored
drop	logical; drop, or (FALSE) add?
what	character which dimensions to drop or add

**Details**

Only combinations drop=TRUE, what = "ZM", and drop=FALSE, what="Z" are supported so far. In case add=TRUE, x should have XY geometry, and zero values are added for Z.

**Examples**

```
st_zm(st_linestring(matrix(1:32,8)))
x = st_sfc(st_linestring(matrix(1:32,8)), st_linestring(matrix(1:8,2)))
st_zm(x)
a = st_sf(a = 1:2, geom=x)
st_zm(a)
```

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summary.sfc

*Summarize simple feature column*


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**Description**

Summarize simple feature column

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sfc'
summary(object, ..., maxsum = 7L, maxp4s = 10L)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of class sfc
...	ignored
maxsum	maximum number of classes to summarize the simple feature column to
maxp4s	maximum number of characters to print from the PROJ.4 string

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tibble	<i>Summarize simple feature type for tibble</i>
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**Description**

Summarize simple feature type for tibble

Summarize simple feature item for tibble

**Usage**

```
type_sum.sfc(x, ...)
```

```
obj_sum.sfc(x)
```

```
pillar_shaft.sfc(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object of class sfc

...                  ignored

**Details**

see [type\\_sum](#)

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tidyverse	<i>Tidyverse methods for sf objects (remove .sf suffix!)</i>
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**Description**

Tidyverse methods for sf objects. Geometries are sticky, use [as.data.frame](#) to let dplyr's own methods drop them. Use these methods without the .sf suffix and after loading the tidyverse package with the generic (or after loading package tidyverse).

**Usage**

```
filter.sf(.data, ..., .dots)
```

```
arrange.sf(.data, ..., .dots)
```

```
group_by.sf(.data, ..., add = FALSE)
```

```
ungroup.sf(x, ...)
```

```
mutate.sf(.data, ..., .dots)
```

```
transmute.sf(.data, ..., .dots)

select.sf(.data, ...)

rename.sf(.data, ...)

slice.sf(.data, ..., .dots)

summarise.sf(.data, ..., .dots, do_union = TRUE)

distinct.sf(.data, ..., .keep_all = FALSE)

gather.sf(data, key, value, ..., na.rm = FALSE, convert = FALSE,
  factor_key = FALSE)

spread.sf(data, key, value, fill = NA, convert = FALSE, drop = TRUE,
  sep = NULL)

sample_n.sf(tbl, size, replace = FALSE, weight = NULL,
  .env = parent.frame())

sample_frac.sf(tbl, size = 1, replace = FALSE, weight = NULL,
  .env = parent.frame())

nest.sf(data, ..., .key = "data")

separate.sf(data, col, into, sep = "[^[:alnum:]]+", remove = TRUE,
  convert = FALSE, extra = "warn", fill = "warn", ...)

unite.sf(data, col, ..., sep = "_", remove = TRUE)

unnest.sf(data, ..., .preserve = NULL)

inner_join.sf(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
  ...)

left_join.sf(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
  ...)

right_join.sf(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
  ...)

full_join.sf(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c(".x", ".y"),
  ...)

semi_join.sf(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, ...)
```



```
anti_join.sf(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>.data</code>	data object of class <a href="#">sf</a>
<code>...</code>	other arguments
<code>.dots</code>	see corresponding function in package <a href="#">dplyr</a>
<code>add</code>	see corresponding function in <a href="#">dplyr</a>
<code>x</code>	tbls to join
<code>do_union</code>	logical; in case summary does not create a geometry column, should geometries be created by unioning using <a href="#">st_union</a> , or simply by combining using <a href="#">st_combine</a> ? Using <a href="#">st_union</a> resolves internal boundaries, but in case of unioning points, this will likely change the order of the points; see Details.
<code>.keep_all</code>	see corresponding function in <a href="#">dplyr</a>
<code>data</code>	see original function docs
<code>key</code>	see original function docs
<code>value</code>	see original function docs
<code>na.rm</code>	see original function docs
<code>convert</code>	see original function docs
<code>factor_key</code>	see original function docs
<code>fill</code>	see original function docs
<code>drop</code>	see original function docs
<code>sep</code>	see original function docs
<code>tbl</code>	see original function docs
<code>size</code>	see original function docs
<code>replace</code>	see original function docs
<code>weight</code>	see original function docs
<code>.env</code>	see original function docs
<code>.key</code>	see <a href="#">nest</a>
<code>col</code>	see <a href="#">separate</a>
<code>into</code>	see <a href="#">separate</a>
<code>remove</code>	see <a href="#">separate</a>
<code>extra</code>	see <a href="#">separate</a>
<code>.preserve</code>	see <a href="#">unnest</a>
<code>y</code>	tbls to join
<code>by</code>	a character vector of variables to join by. If <code>NULL</code> , the default, <code>*_join()</code> will do a natural join, using all variables with common names across the two tables. A message lists the variables so that you can check they're right (to suppress the message, simply explicitly list the variables that you want to join). To join by different variables on <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> use a named vector. For example, <code>by = c("a" = "b")</code> will match <code>x.a</code> to <code>y.b</code> .

copy	If x and y are not from the same data source, and copy is TRUE, then y will be copied into the same src as x. This allows you to join tables across srcs, but it is a potentially expensive operation so you must opt into it.
suffix	If there are non-joined duplicate variables in x and y, these suffixes will be added to the output to disambiguate them. Should be a character vector of length 2.

## Details

select keeps the geometry regardless whether it is selected or not; to deselect it, first pipe through `as.data.frame` to let `dplyr`'s own select drop it.

In case one or more of the arguments (expressions) in the summarise call creates a geometry list-column, the first of these will be the (active) geometry of the returned object. If this is not the case, a geometry column is created, depending on the value of `do_union`.

In case `do_union` is FALSE, summarise will simply combine geometries using `c.sfg`. When polygons sharing a boundary are combined, this leads to geometries that are invalid; see for instance <https://github.com/r-spatial/sf/issues/681>.

`distinct` gives distinct records for which all attributes and geometries are distinct; `st_equals` is used to find out which geometries are distinct.

`nest` assumes that a simple feature geometry list-column was among the columns that were nested.

## Value

an object of class `sf`

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)
nc = st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
nc %>% filter(AREA > .1) %>% plot()
# plot 10 smallest counties in grey:
st_geometry(nc) %>% plot()
nc %>% select(AREA) %>% arrange(AREA) %>% slice(1:10) %>% plot(add = TRUE, col = 'grey')
title("the ten counties with smallest area")
nc$area_c1 = cut(nc$AREA, c(0, .1, .12, .15, .25))
nc %>% group_by(area_c1) %>% class()
nc2 <- nc %>% mutate(area10 = AREA/10)
nc %>% transmute(AREA = AREA/10, geometry = geometry) %>% class()
nc %>% transmute(AREA = AREA/10) %>% class()
nc %>% select(SID74, SID79) %>% names()
nc %>% select(SID74, SID79, geometry) %>% names()
nc %>% select(SID74, SID79) %>% class()
nc %>% select(SID74, SID79, geometry) %>% class()
nc2 <- nc %>% rename(area = AREA)
nc %>% slice(1:2)
nc$area_c1 = cut(nc$AREA, c(0, .1, .12, .15, .25))
nc.g <- nc %>% group_by(area_c1)
nc.g %>% summarise(mean(AREA))
nc.g %>% summarise(mean(AREA)) %>% plot(col = grey(3:6 / 7))
nc %>% as.data.frame %>% summarise(mean(AREA))
nc[c(1:100, 1:10), ] %>% distinct() %>% nrow()
```

```
library(tidyr)
nc %>% select(SID74, SID79) %>% gather("VAR", "SID", -geometry) %>% summary()
library(tidyr)
nc$row = 1:100 # needed for spread to work
nc %>% select(SID74, SID79, geometry, row) %>%
gather("VAR", "SID", -geometry, -row) %>%
spread(VAR, SID) %>% head()
storms.sf = st_as_sf(storms, coords = c("long", "lat"), crs = 4326)
x <- storms.sf %>% group_by(name, year) %>% nest
trs = lapply(x$data, function(tr) st_cast(st_combine(tr), "LINESTRING")[[1]]) %>% st_sfc(crs = 4326)
trs.sf = st_sf(x[,1:2], trs)
plot(trs.sf["year"], axes = TRUE)
```

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