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Description Estimate Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) measures from household survey microdata using the Alkire-Foster dual-cutoff counting method (Alkire and Foster, 2011). Load indicator specifications from CSV, Excel, JSON, or plain-text files; compute the headcount ratio (H), intensity (A), and $MPI = H \times A$ across any subgroup; and export results to formatted Excel reports. Supports complex survey designs — stratification, clustering, and probability weights — and optionally appends design-based standard errors and confidence intervals.

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compute_mpi	<i>Compute Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)</i>
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Description

The primary single-call API for computing the MPI using the Alkire-Foster (AF) counting method. Deprivation cutoffs are specified inline using the `deprived` helper, making the workflow self-contained and readable.

Usage

```
compute_mpi(
  .data,
  mpi_specs,
  deprivations,
  ...,
  by = NULL,
  include_deprivation_matrix = FALSE,
  weight = NULL,
  strata = NULL,
  cluster = NULL,
  fpc = NULL,
  survey_design = NULL,
  inference = FALSE,
  ci_level = 0.95
)
```

Arguments

<code>.data</code>	A data frame where each row is the unit of analysis.
<code>mpi_specs</code>	MPI specifications from <code>define_mpi_specs</code> .
<code>deprivations</code>	A named list of <code>deprived</code> calls. Each name must exactly match a variable in <code>mpi_specs</code> .

...	(<i>Optional</i>) Extra columns to carry through into the deprivation matrix (tidyselect). These columns are included in the matrix after by columns but do not affect grouping of summary outputs. Also catches old dotted argument names.
by	(<i>Optional</i>) Columns to group summary outputs by (tidyselect), e.g. c(region, sex). These columns are also included in the deprivation matrix, before any ... columns.
include_deprivation_matrix	Whether to include deprivation matrices. Default FALSE.
weight	Name of the sampling-weight column in .data. When supplied, all estimates are survey-weighted. Requires the survey package.
strata	Name of the stratum column in .data.
cluster	Name of the cluster / PSU column in .data.
fpc	Name of the finite-population correction column in .data.
survey_design	A pre-built survey::svydesign() object. Provide either weight / strata / cluster / fpc <i>or</i> survey_design, not both.
inference	Logical. When TRUE (and a survey design is supplied), standard errors and confidence intervals are appended as *_se, *_ci_low, *_ci_high columns. Default FALSE.
ci_level	Confidence level for intervals. Default 0.95.

Value

A named list of class mpi_output with components:

\$index Named list keyed by k_*: MPI, H, A, n.

\$contribution Named list keyed by k_*: contribution by indicator/dimension.

\$headcount_ratio Named list with uncensored and per-k_* censored ratios.

\$deprivation_matrix Named list with uncensored and per-k_* matrices.

See Also

[define_mpi_specs](#), [deprived](#), [save_mpi](#)

Examples

```
specs <- define_mpi_specs(
  system.file("extdata", "global-mpi-specs.csv", package = "mpindex"),
  uid = "uuid"
)

## Not run:
mpi_result <- compute_mpi(
  df_household,
  mpi_specs = specs,
  deprivations = list(
    nutrition = deprived(
      undernourished == 1 & age < 70,
```

```

    .data = df_household_roster,
    collapse_fn = max
  ),
  child_mortality = deprived(with_child_died == 1),
  year_schooling = deprived(
    completed_6yrs_schooling == 2,
    .data = df_household_roster,
    collapse_fn = max
  ),
  school_attendance = deprived(
    attending_school == 2 & age %in% c(5:24),
    .data = df_household_roster,
    collapse_fn = max
  ),
  cooking_fuel = deprived(cooking_fuel %in% c(4:6, 9)),
  sanitation = deprived(toilet > 1),
  drinking_water = deprived(drinking_water == 2),
  electricity = deprived(electricity == 2),
  housing = deprived(
    roof %in% c(5, 7, 9) | walls %in% c(5, 8, 9, 99) == 2 | floor %in% c(5, 6, 9)
  ),
  assets = deprived(!(
    (asset_tv + asset_telephone + asset_mobile_phone + asset_computer +
     asset_animal_cart + asset_bicycle + asset_motorcycle +
     asset_refrigerator) > 1 &
    (asset_car + asset_truck) > 0
  ))
)
)

## End(Not run)

```

define_deprivation *Define deprivation cutoffs*

Description

Sets a deprivation cutoff for a single indicator. For each unit of analysis, the result is 0 (not deprived), 1 (deprived), or NA (missing). An additional weighted column (indicator value \times weight) is also computed.

Usage

```

define_deprivation(
  .data,
  indicator,
  cutoff,
  mpi_specs = NULL,
  collapse_fn = NULL,

```

```

    set_na_equal_to = 0,
    ...
  )

```

Arguments

<code>.data</code>	A data frame or tibble.
<code>indicator</code>	Name of the indicator as defined in the MPI Specs (must exactly match the variable column).
<code>cutoff</code>	A logical expression that evaluates to TRUE for deprived units.
<code>mpi_specs</code>	MPI specifications from define_mpi_specs .
<code>collapse_fn</code>	An optional function to collapse roster-level data to the unit-of-analysis level (e.g. <code>max</code>). NULL (default) means no collapsing.
<code>set_na_equal_to</code>	Coerce NA values to 0 (not deprived, default) or 1 (deprived).
<code>...</code>	Reserved; passing old dotted names triggers a helpful error.

Value

A data frame with columns `*_unweighted` and `*_weighted`.

See Also

[define_mpi_specs](#)

Examples

```

specs_file <- system.file(
  "extdata",
  "global-mpi-specs.csv",
  package = "mpindex"
)

specs <- define_mpi_specs(specs_file, uid = "uuid")

df_household |>
  define_deprivation(
    indicator = drinking_water,
    cutoff    = drinking_water == 2,
    mpi_specs = specs
  )

df_household_roster |>
  define_deprivation(
    indicator = school_attendance,
    cutoff    = attending_school == 2,
    mpi_specs = specs,
    collapse_fn = max
  )

```

define_mpi_specs *Define MPI specifications: dimensions, indicators, and weights*

Description

Use to define MPI dimensions, indicators and its corresponding weights using any of the supported file types: `.xlsx` (Excel), `.json`, `.csv`, or `.txt` (TSV). You can also set the poverty cutoff or list of poverty cutoffs.

Usage

```
define_mpi_specs(
  mpi_specs_file = NULL,
  indicators = NULL,
  poverty_cutoffs = NULL,
  unit_of_analysis = NULL,
  uid = NULL,
  source_of_data = NULL,
  names_separator = getOption("mpindex.options")$names_separator %||% "__",
  save_as_global_options = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>mpi_specs_file</code>	Path to a <code>.xlsx</code> , <code>.json</code> , <code>.csv</code> , or <code>.txt</code> (TSV) file. The file must contain columns: Dimension, Indicator, Variable, Weight, and optionally Description.
<code>indicators</code>	A data frame of MPI indicators. Alternative to <code>mpi_specs_file</code> when you prefer to define indicators inline.
<code>poverty_cutoffs</code>	Single value or vector of poverty cutoffs (k). All values must be in $(0, 1]$. Default is <code>NULL</code> which will be automatically set to $1/n$, where n is the total number of dimensions.
<code>unit_of_analysis</code>	e.g. "individuals", "households". Default <code>NULL</code> .
<code>uid</code>	Column name containing the unique ID (unit of analysis).
<code>source_of_data</code>	Source of data; used in output footnotes.
<code>names_separator</code>	[Deprecated] Column separator for the header hierarchy.
<code>save_as_global_options</code>	[Deprecated] No longer has any effect.
<code>...</code>	Reserved for forward-compatibility; passing old dotted argument names (e.g. <code>.uid</code>) triggers a helpful error.

Value

An `mpi_specs` object. Pass this directly as the `mpi_specs` argument in `compute_mpi`, `define_deprivation`, and `save_mpi`.

See Also

[compute_mpi](#)

Examples

```
specs_file <- system.file(
  "extdata",
  "global-mpi-specs.csv",
  package = "mpindex"
)
system.file("extdata", package = "mpindex") |> list.files()
```

 deprived

Specify a deprivation cutoff for use in compute_mpi

Description

A helper that captures a bare deprivation cutoff expression and optional per-indicator settings for use inside the `deprivations` argument of `compute_mpi`.

Usage

```
deprived(.cutoff, .data = NULL, collapse_fn = NULL, set_na_equal_to = 0, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>.cutoff</code>	A bare logical expression evaluated against the indicator's data frame. Rows where this evaluates to TRUE are considered deprived.
<code>.data</code>	An optional data frame to use for this indicator instead of the primary <code>.data</code> passed to <code>compute_mpi</code> . Useful when one or more indicators are at a different unit of analysis (e.g. person-level roster).
<code>collapse_fn</code>	An optional function applied to collapse roster-level data to the unit-of-analysis level (e.g. <code>max</code> to flag a household as deprived if any member is deprived). If NULL (default), no collapsing is performed. NAs are removed before calling the function; if all values are NA the result is NA.
<code>set_na_equal_to</code>	Coerce NA deprivation values to 0 (not deprived, default) or 1 (deprived).
<code>...</code>	Reserved; passing old dotted names (e.g. <code>.collapse_fn</code>) triggers a helpful error.

Value

An object of class `mpi_d`.

See Also

[compute_mpi](#)

Examples

```
deprived(drinking_water == 2)
deprived(undernourished == 1 & age < 70, .data = df_household_roster, collapse_fn = max)
```

df_household	<i>Sample dataset of households</i>
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Description

This is a synthetic dataset containing household information primarily used for demonstration purposes on how to use the `mpindex` package.

Usage

```
df_household
```

Format

A tibble with 198 rows and 21 variables:

uuid Unique ID

class Urbanity: Rural or Urban

drinking_water Access to drinking water: 1 - improved; 2 - unimproved

toilet Service level of toilet or sanitation facility: 1 - basic; 2 - limited; 3 - unimproved; 4 - open defecation

with_child_died With at least one (1) child died in the last five (5) years: 1 - with child died; 2 - without child died

roof Main construction material of the roof: 1 - galvanized iron/aluminum; 2 - concrete/clay tile; 3 - half galvanized iron and half concrete; 4 - wood/bamboo; 5 - cogon/nipa/anahaw; 6 - asbestos; 7 - makeshift/salvaged/improvised materials; 9 - other construction material

walls Main construction material of the outer walls: 1 - concrete/brick/stone; 2 - wood; 3 - half concrete/brick/stone and half wood; 4 - Galvanized iron/aluminum; 5 - bamboo/sawali/cogon/nipa; 6 - asbestos; 7 - glass; 8 - makeshift/salvaged/improvised materials; 9 - none; 10 - concrete hollow blocks; 11 - concrete hollow blocks/wood; 12 - shear walls; 99 - other construction material

floor Main construction material of the floor: 1 - concrete; 2 - wood; 3 - coconut lumber; 4 - bamboo; 5 - earth/sand/mud; 6 - makeshift/salvaged/improvised materials; 9 - other construction material

electricity Access to electricity: 1 - with access to electricity; 2 - without access to electricity

cooking_fuel Fuel use for cooking: 1 - electricity; 2 - kerosene (gaas); 3 - liquified petroleum gas (LPG); 4 - charcoal; 5 - wood; 6 - none; 9 - other cooking fuel such as dung, agricultural crop, or shrubs

asset_radio Number of working radio owned by the household

asset_tv Number of working television owned by the household

asset_telephone Number of working telephone owned by the household

asset_mobile_phone Number of working mobile phone owned by the household

asset_computer Number of working computer owned by the household

asset_animal_cart Number of animal carts owned by the household

asset_bicycle Number of bicycle owned by the household

asset_motorcycle Number of motorcylce owned by the household

asset_refrigerator Number of working refrigerator owned by the household

asset_car Number of car owned by the household

asset_truck Number of trucks owned by the household

See Also

[df_household_roster](#)

Examples

```
df_household
```

df_household_roster *Sample dataset of household members*

Description

This dataset contains a many-to-one relationship with the [df_household](#) dataset. Hence, you can apply joins using the `uuid`.

Usage

```
df_household_roster
```

Format

A tibble with 905 rows and 8 variables:

uuid Unique ID

line_number Number identifier for each member within the household

class Urbanity: Rural or Urban

sex Sex of the household member

age Age of the household member

attending_school Whether the household member (aged 5-24 years old) is currently attending school: 1 - currently attending; 2 - currently not attending

completed_6yrs_schooling Whether completed at least six (6) years of schooling: 1 - completed; 2 -not completed

undernourished Whether the household member (aged below 70 years old) is undernourished: 1 - undernourished; 2 - not undernourished

See Also

[df_household](#)

Examples

```
df_household_roster
```

```
global_mpi_specs
```

Load the built-in Global MPI specification

Description

Returns the `mpi_specs` object for the standard Global MPI (10 indicators across Health, Education, and Living Standards). Assign the result and pass it explicitly as `mpi_specs`.

Usage

```
global_mpi_specs(..., poverty_cutoffs = 1/3)
```

Arguments

`...` Additional arguments passed to [define_mpi_specs](#), e.g. `uid`, `poverty_cutoffs`.

`poverty_cutoffs`

Single value or vector of poverty cutoffs (k). All values must be in $(0, 1]$. Default is $1/3$.

Value

An `mpi_specs` object.

Examples

```
mpi_specs <- global_mpi_specs(uid = "uuid")
```

save_mpi	<i>Save MPI output</i>
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Description

Save the MPI output to an Excel file using the [tsg](#) package for publication-ready table formatting.

Usage

```
save_mpi(
  mpi_output,
  mpi_specs,
  ...,
  filename = NULL,
  include_specs = FALSE,
  overall_label = "Overall",
  facade = tsg::get_tsg_facade()
)
```

Arguments

mpi_output	An object derived from compute_mpi .
mpi_specs	MPI specifications defined in define_mpi_specs .
...	Reserved; passing old dotted names triggers a helpful error.
filename	Output filename. The <code>.xlsx</code> extension is added automatically when missing. Defaults to "MPI Results.xlsx" in the current working directory.
include_specs	Whether to include MPI specification as a separate sheet. Defaults to FALSE.
overall_label	Overall label to assign when grouping is defined in <code>compute_mpi()</code> through by argument. Default is "Overall". Accepts vector of elements matching the number of grouping variables defined.
facade	tsg facade (see add_facade).

Value

Returns the normalized file path of the generated Excel file.

Examples

```
## Not run:
mpi_result <- compute_mpi(df_household, mpi_specs = specs, deprivations = deps)
save_mpi(mpi_result, mpi_specs = specs, filename = "MPI Sample Output")

## End(Not run)
```

use_global_mpi_specs *Use Global MPI specification*

Description

[Deprecated] Please use [global_mpi_specs](#) instead.

Usage

```
use_global_mpi_specs(...)
```

Arguments

... Passed to [global_mpi_specs](#).

Value

An `mpi_specs` object.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Deprecated - use global_mpi_specs() instead  
mpi_specs <- use_global_mpi_specs(uid = "uuid")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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