

# Package ‘portion’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Extracting a Data Portion

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**Description** Provides simple methods to extract data portions from various objects.  
The relative portion size and the way the portion is selected can be chosen.

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portion

*Extracting a data portion*

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## Description

Methods to extract portions of different objects.

## Usage

```
portion(x, proportion, how = "random", centers = 2L, ...)
```

```
## Default S3 method:
```

```
portion(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
```

```
portion(x, proportion, how = "random", centers = 2L, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'character'
```

```
portion(x, proportion, how = "random", ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'logical'
```

```
portion(x, proportion, how = "random", centers = 2L, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
```

```
portion(  
  x,  
  proportion,  
  how = "random",  
  centers = 2L,  
  byrow = TRUE,  
  ignore = integer(),  
  ...  
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
```

```
portion(  
  x,  
  proportion,  
  how = "random",  
  centers = 2L,  
  byrow = TRUE,  
  ignore = integer(),  
  ...  
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'list'
```

```
portion(x, proportion, how = "random", centers = 2L, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object to be portioned.
proportion	[numeric(1)] The relative portion size between 0 and 1 (rounded up).
how	[character(1)] Specifying how to portion, one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "random" (default), portion at random</li> <li>• "first", portion to the first elements.</li> <li>• "last", portion to the last elements</li> <li>• "similar", portion to similar elements</li> <li>• "dissimilar", portion to dissimilar elements</li> </ul> Options "similar" and "dissimilar" are based on clustering via <a href="#">kmeans</a> and hence are only available for numeric x.
centers	[integer(1)] Only relevant if how = "similar" or how = "dissimilar". In this case, passed on to <a href="#">kmeans</a> for clustering.
...	Further arguments to be passed to or from other methods.
byrow	[logical(1)] Only relevant if x has two dimensions (rows and columns). In this case, set to TRUE to portion row-wise (default) or FALSE to portion column-wise.
ignore	[integer()] Only relevant if how = "similar" or how = "dissimilar". In this case, row indices (or column indices if byrow = FALSE) to ignore during clustering.

**Value**

The portioned input x with selected (row, column) indices as attributes "indices".

**Examples**

```
# can portion vectors, matrices, data.frames, and lists of such types
portion(
  list(
    1:10,
    matrix(LETTERS[1:12], nrow = 3, ncol = 4),
    data.frame(a = 1:6, b = -6:-1)
  ),
  proportion = 0.5,
  how = "first"
)

# can portion similar and dissimilar elements (based on kmeans clustering)
x <- c(1, 1, 2, 2)
portion(x, proportion = 0.5, how = "similar")
```

```
portion(x, proportion = 0.5, how = "dissimilar")

# object attributes are preserved
x <- structure(1:10, "test_attribute" = "test")
x[1:5]
portion(x, proportion = 0.5, how = "first")
```

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