

# Package ‘bigsparser’

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**Title** Sparse Matrix Format with Data on Disk

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**Description** Provide a sparse matrix format with data stored on disk, to be used in both R and C++. This is intended for more efficient use of sparse data in C++ and also when parallelizing, since data on disk does not need copying. Only a limited number of features will be implemented. For now, conversion can be performed from a 'dgCMatrix' or a 'dsCMatrix' from R package 'Matrix'. A new compact format is also now available.

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dim, SFBM-method	<i>Dimension and type methods for class SFBM.</i>
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**Description**

Dimension and type methods for class SFBM.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SFBM'
dim(x)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'SFBM'
length(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class <a href="#">SFBM</a> .
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SFBM-class	<i>Class SFBM</i>
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**Description**

A reference class for storing and accessing sparse matrix-like data stored in files on disk.

Convert a 'dgCMatrix' or 'dsCMatrix' to an SFBM.

**Usage**

```
as_SFBM(spmat, backingfile = tempfile(), compact = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

spmat	A 'dgCMatrix' (non-symmetric sparse matrix of type 'double') or 'dsCMatrix' (symmetric sparse matrix of type 'double').
backingfile	Path to file where to store data. Extension .sbk is automatically added.
compact	Whether to use a compact format? Default is FALSE. This is useful when non-zero values in columns are contiguous (or almost).

## Details

An object of class SFBM has many fields:

- `$address`: address of the external pointer containing the underlying C++ object to be used as a `XPtr<SFBM>` in C++ code
- `$extptr`: (internal) use `$address` instead
- `$nrow`: number of rows
- `$ncol`: number of columns
- `$nval`: number of non-zero values
- `$p`: vector of column positions
- `$backingfile` or `$sbk`: File with extension 'sbk' that stores the data of the SFBM
- `$rds`: 'rds' file (that may not exist) corresponding to the 'sbk' file
- `$is_saved`: whether this object is stored in `$rds`?

And some methods:

- `$save()`: Save the SFBM object in `$rds`. Returns the SFBM.
- `$add_columns()`: Add new columns from a 'dgCMatrix' or a 'dsCMatrix'.

## Value

The new [SFBM](#).

## Examples

```
spmat2 <- Matrix::Diagonal(4, 0:3)
spmat2[4, 2] <- 5
spmat2[1, 4] <- 6
spmat2[3, 4] <- 7
spmat2

# Stores all (i, x) for x != 0
(X2 <- as_SFBM(spmat2))
matrix(readBin(X2$sbk, what = double(), n = 100), 2)

# Stores only x, but all (even the zero ones) from first to last being not 0
(X3 <- as_SFBM(spmat2, compact = TRUE))
X3$first_i
readBin(X3$sbk, what = double(), n = 100)
```

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SFBM\_compact-class      *Class SFBM\_compact*

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## Description

A reference class for storing and accessing sparse matrix-like data stored in files on disk, in a compact format (when non-zero values in columns are contiguous).

## Details

It inherits the fields and methods from class [SFBM](#).

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sp\_prodVec

*Products with a vector*

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## Description

Products between an [SFBM](#) and a vector.

## Usage

```
sp_prodVec(X, y)
```

```
sp_cprodVec(X, y)
```

## Arguments

X	An <a href="#">SFBM</a> .
y	A vector of same size of the number of columns of X for sp_prodVec() and as the number of rows of X for sp_cprodVec().

## Value

- sp\_prodVec(): the vector which is equivalent to  $X \%*\% y$  if X was a dgCMatrix.
- sp\_cprodVec(): the vector which is equivalent to `Matrix::crossprod(X, y)` if X was a dgCMatrix.

## Examples

```
spmat <- Matrix::rsparsematrix(1000, 1000, 0.01)
X <- as_SFBM(spmat)
sp_prodVec(X, rep(1, 1000))
sp_cprodVec(X, rep(1, 1000))
```

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 sp\_solve\_sym

*Solver for symmetric SFBM*


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### Description

Solve  $Ax=b$  where  $A$  is a symmetric SFBM, and  $b$  is a vector.

### Usage

```
sp_solve_sym(
  A,
  b,
  add_to_diag = rep(0, ncol(A)),
  tol = 1e-10,
  maxiter = 10 * ncol(A)
)
```

### Arguments

<code>A</code>	A symmetric <a href="#">SFBM</a> .
<code>b</code>	A vector.
<code>add_to_diag</code>	Vector (or single value) to <i>virtually</i> add to the diagonal of $A$ . Default is 0s.
<code>tol</code>	Tolerance for convergence. Default is $1e-10$ .
<code>maxiter</code>	Maximum number of iterations for convergence.

### Value

The vector  $x$ , solution of  $Ax=b$ .

### Examples

```
N <- 100
spmat <- Matrix::rsparsematrix(N, N, 0.01, symmetric = TRUE)
X <- bigsparser::as_SFBM(as(spmat, "dgCMatrix"))
b <- runif(N)

test <- tryCatch(as.vector(Matrix::solve(spmat, b)), error = function(e) print(e))
test2 <- tryCatch(sp_solve_sym(X, b), error = function(e) print(e))

test3 <- as.vector(Matrix::solve(spmat + Matrix::Diagonal(N, 1:N), b))
test4 <- sp_solve_sym(X, b, add_to_diag = 1:N)
all.equal(test3, test4)
```

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[, SFBM, ANY, ANY, ANY-method

*Accessor methods for class SFBM.*

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## Description

Accessor methods for class SFBM.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SFBM,ANY,ANY,ANY'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'SFBM_compact,ANY,ANY,ANY'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
```

## Arguments

x	A <a href="#">SFBM</a> object.
i	A vector of indices (or nothing). You can use positive and negative indices, and also logical indices (that are recycled).
j	A vector of indices (or nothing). You can use positive and negative indices, and also logical indices (that are recycled).
...	Not used. Just to make <a href="#">nargs</a> work.
drop	Not implemented; always return a sparse matrix (drop = FALSE).

## Examples

```
spmat <- Matrix::Diagonal(4, 0:3)
spmat[4, 2] <- 5
spmat[1, 4] <- 6
spmat[3, 4] <- 7
spmat
```

```
X <- as_SFBM(spmat)
X[1:3, 2:3]
X[, 4] # parameter drop is not implemented
X[-1, 3:4]
```

```
X2 <- as_SFBM(spmat, compact = TRUE)
X2[1:3, 2:3]
```

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