

# Package ‘bigparser’

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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)

## S4 method for signature 'SFBM'
diag(x)

## S4 method for signature 'SFBM_compact'
diag(x)

## S4 method for signature 'SFBM_corr_compact'
diag(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    An object of class [SFBM](#).

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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**

<code>spmat</code>	A 'dgCMatrix' (non-symmetric sparse matrix of type 'double') or 'dsCMatrix' (symmetric sparse matrix of type 'double').
<code>backingfile</code>	Path to file where to store data. Extension <code>.sbk</code> is automatically added.
<code>compact</code>	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.
- `$add_columns()`: Add new columns from a 'dgCMatrix' or a 'dsCMatrix'.
- `$dense_acc()`: Equivalent to `as.matrix(.[,ind_row, ind_col])`. Use with caution; `ind_row` and `ind_col` must be positive indices within range.

**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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SFBM\_corr\_compact-class  
                                   *Class SFBM\_corr\_compact*

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### Description

A reference class for storing and accessing from disk a sparse correlation matrix where non-zero values in columns are mostly contiguous. It rounds correlation values with precision 1/32767 to store them using 2 bytes only. This class has been specifically designed for package 'bigsnpr'.

Convert a 'dgCMatrix' or 'dsCMatrix' to an SFBM\_corr\_compact.

### Usage

```
as_SFBM_corr_compact(spmat, backingfile = tempfile())
```

### 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.

### Details

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

### Value

The new [SFBM\\_corr\\_compact](#).

**Examples**

```

spmat2 <- as(cor(iris[1:4]), "dsCMatrix")
(X2 <- as_SFBM_corr_compact(spmat2))
(bin <- readBin(X2$sbk, what = integer(), size = 2, n = 100))
matrix(bin / 32767, 4)
spmat2

```

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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]

## S4 method for signature 'SFBM_corr_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]
X$dense_acc(2:4, 3:4)

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

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