

ustr substr() — Extract Unicode substring

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Description

`ustr substr(s, n1, n2)` returns the Unicode substring of *s*, starting at Unicode character *n1*, for a length of *n2*. If *n1* < 0, *n1* is interpreted as the distance from the last Unicode character of *s*; if *n2* = . (*missing*), the remaining portion of the Unicode string is returned.

`ustr left(s, n)` returns the first *n* Unicode characters of the Unicode string *s*.

`ustr right(s, n)` returns the last *n* Unicode characters of the Unicode string *s*.

When arguments are not scalar, the functions return element-by-element results.

Syntax

string matrix `ustr substr(string matrix s, real matrix n1, real matrix n2)`

string matrix `ustr left(string matrix s, real matrix n)`

string matrix `ustr right(string matrix s, real matrix n)`

Remarks and examples

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$n \leq 0$ is interpreted as the distance from the end of the Unicode string; $n = -1$ means the distance starting at the last Unicode character.

An invalid UTF-8 sequence is replaced with a Unicode replacement character `\ufffd`. Null terminator `char(0)` in a binary string is a valid UTF-8 character and will be counted and treated as such.

Use `udsubstr()` to extract a substring based on display columns. Use `substr()` to extract a substring based on bytes.

Conformability

`ustr substr(s, b, l)`:

<i>s</i> :	$r \times c$
<i>b</i> :	$r \times c$ or 1×1
<i>l</i> :	$r \times c$ or 1×1
<i>result</i> :	$r \times c$

Diagnostics

`ustrsubstr(s, b, l)`, `ustrleft(s, b, l)`, and `ustrright(s, b, l)` return an empty string if an error occurs.

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