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.init *backend for i\_labelled*

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### Description

all arguments are passed from i\_labelled

### Usage

```
.init(  
  x,  
  label = NULL,  
  labels = NULL,  
  na_values = NULL,  
  na_range = NULL,  
  scale = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

### Arguments

x	vector
label	variable label
labels	value labels as named vector
na_values	missing values (e.g. c(888, 999))
na_range	range of missing values (e.g. c(-9,-1))
scale	scale level (nominal, ordinal, scale)
...	further attributes passed to class

### Value

x as i\_labelled object with attributes applied to it

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.is\_sequential *checks if vector is numeric sequence*

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### Description

checks if vector is numeric sequence

### Usage

```
.is_sequential(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector

**Value**

T/F

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*.i\_find\_in*                    *internal replacement of match function for remove missing values (match is much slower but can handle more data classes)*

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**Description**

description description

**Usage**

*.i\_find\_in(x, y)*

**Arguments**

x                    vector  
y                    vector

**Value**

Vector of T/F values with length of x

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*.i\_in*                    *Match values*

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**Description**

Find matches (return T/F)

**Usage**

*.i\_in(x, table)*

**Arguments**

x                    vector or NULL: the values to be matched. Long vectors are supported.  
table                vector or NULL: the values to be matched against. Long vectors are not supported.

**Value**

Vector of T/F values with length of x

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.merge\_labels            *combine old value labels with new value labels*

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**Description**

combine old value labels with new value labels

**Usage**

```
.merge_labels(old_labs, new_labs)
```

**Arguments**

old\_labs            named vector  
new\_labs            named vector

**Value**

Returns names vector of value labels

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.valid\_label            *validate variable label - intern*

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**Description**

run-time-tests for variable label runs internally

**Usage**

```
.valid_label(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector

**Value**

T/F

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*.valid\_labels*      *validate value labels - intern*

---

**Description**

contains several run-time-tests for value labels runs internally

**Usage**

`.valid_labels(x)`

**Arguments**

x                    named vector (label = value)

**Value**

No return value. Aborts process when run-time-tests fail.

---

*.valid\_missing*      *validate missing values/range - intern*

---

**Description**

validate missing values/range - intern

**Usage**

`.valid_missing(x)`

**Arguments**

x                    vector

**Value**

T/F

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.valid\_scale            *validate scale label - intern*

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**Description**

run-time-tests for scale level runs internally

**Usage**

.valid\_scale(x)

**Arguments**

x                    vector

**Value**

T/F

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as.i\_labelled            *coerce to i\_labelled class*

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**Description**

coerce to i\_labelled class

**Usage**

as.i\_labelled(x, ...)

**Arguments**

x                    vector  
...                    attributes passed to class

**Value**

Vector of class i\_labelled

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grapesingrapes	<i>generic for %in%</i>
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**Description**

generic for %in%

**Usage**

x %in% table

**Arguments**

x	vector or NULL: the values to be matched. Long vectors are supported.
table	vector or NULL: the values to be matched against. Long vectors are not supported.

**Value**

T/F

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is.i_labelled	<i>check for class i_labelled</i>
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**Description**

check for class i\_labelled

**Usage**

is.i\_labelled(x)

**Arguments**

x	vector of class i_labelled
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**Value**

T/F



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is_decimal	<i>Check if vector contains decimal values</i>
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**Description**

Check if vector contains decimal values

**Usage**

```
is_decimal(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric vector
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**Value**

T/F

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i_assert_labels	<i>Check for required value labels in set of variables</i>
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**Description**

Check for required value labels in set of variables

**Usage**

```
i_assert_labels(x, labels, info = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	data.frame
labels	character vector
info	string with info message (purpose of assertion) - optional
verbose	return TRUE when assertion is successful

**Value**

No return value (except when verbose = T). Aborts process when test not valid.

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`i_as_character`      *as character*

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**Description**

make character from `i_labelled`

**Usage**

```
i_as_character(  
  x,  
  missing_to_na = FALSE,  
  require_all_labels = FALSE,  
  keep_attributes = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

`x`                      vector  
`missing_to_na`      as missing declared values will become NA  
`require_all_labels`  
                         process will be interrupted, when not all values have valid labels  
`keep_attributes`  
                         should attributes be preserved

**Value**

Character vector

---

`i_as_factor`              *as factor*

---

**Description**

make factor from `i_labelled`

**Usage**

```
i_as_factor(  
  x,  
  missing_to_na = FALSE,  
  require_all_labels = FALSE,  
  keep_attributes = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

`x` vector  
`missing_to_na` as missing declared values will become NA  
`require_all_labels`  
process will be interrupted, when not all values have valid labels  
`keep_attributes`  
should attributes be preserved

**Value**

Vector of class factor

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*i\_copy* *copy labels from one variable to another*

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**Description**

copy labels from one variable to another

**Usage**

```
i_copy(to, from, what = "all", ...)
```

**Arguments**

`to` vector  
`from` vector  
`what` character vector describing which labels are copied: 'all' (default), 'label', 'labels', 'na\_values', 'na\_range'  
`...` further attributes passed to structure

**Value**

Returns 'to' with ilabelled attributes copied from 'from'

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<code>i_get_label</code>	<i>get variable label</i>
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**Description**

return variable label when applied to vector return list when applied to data.frame

**Usage**

```
i_get_label(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector or data.frame

**Value**

Variable label

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<code>i_get_labels</code>	<i>get value labels</i>
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---

**Description**

return labels when applied to vector return list when applied to data.frame

**Usage**

```
i_get_labels(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector or data.frame

**Value**

Values and value labels as data.frame

---

*i\_get\_na\_range*      *get missing range*

---

**Description**

return missing range when applied to vector return list when applied to data.frame

**Usage**

`i_get_na_range(x)`

**Arguments**

x                      vector or data.frame

**Value**

Return missing range

---

*i\_get\_na\_values*      *get missing values*

---

**Description**

return missing values when applied to vector return list when applied to data.frame

**Usage**

`i_get_na_values(x)`

**Arguments**

x                      vector or data.frame

**Value**

Return missing values

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<code>i_get_scale</code>	<i>get scale level</i>
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**Description**

return scale level when applied to vector return list when applied to data.frame

**Usage**

```
i_get_scale(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                   vector or data.frame

**Value**

Returns scale level

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<code>i_label</code>	<i>set variable label</i>
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**Description**

set variable label

**Usage**

```
i_label(x, label)
```

**Arguments**

x                   vector  
label               variable label as string or NULL (NULL will remove label)

**Value**

x with variable label applied

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i_labelled	<i>class constructor</i>
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**Description**

class constructor

**Usage**

```
i_labelled(  
  x,  
  label = NULL,  
  labels = NULL,  
  na_values = NULL,  
  na_range = NULL,  
  scale = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector or data.frame
label	variable label
labels	value labels as named vector (e.g. c("A"=1, "B"=2) or setNames(c(1,2), c("A","B")))
na_values	missing values (e.g. c(888, 999))
na_range	range of missing values as vector length 2 (e.g. c(-9,-1))
scale	scale level (nominal, ordinal, scale)
...	further attributes passed to class

**Value**

vector or data.frame

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i_labels	<i>set value labels</i>
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**Description**

set value labels

**Usage**

```
i_labels(x, ..., overwrite = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	vector
<code>...</code>	set labels for values (e.g. <code>label_of_choice = 1</code> or "Label of Choice" = 1); remove single label with <code>NULL = value</code> (e.g. <code>NULL = 1</code> ); removes all value labels when only <code>NULL</code> (e.g. <code>i_label(x, NULL)</code> )
<code>overwrite</code>	should new labels be merged with existing labels or remove existing labels

**Value**

returns `x` with value labels applied

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<code>i_missing_to_na</code>	<i>missing values to NA</i>
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**Description**

all values declared as missing will be recoded as NA

**Usage**

```
i_missing_to_na(x, remove_missing_labels = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	vector or data.frame
<code>remove_missing_labels</code>	remove values labels from values which are declared as missing

**Value**

Returns `x` with missing values coerced to NA

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<code>i_na_range</code>	<i>define missing range</i>
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**Description**

define which values will be handled as missing values

**Usage**

```
i_na_range(x, values)
```



**Arguments**

x	vector
values	vector with missing range e.g. c(-9:-1) or NULL (NULL will remove all missing values)

**Value**

Returns x with missing range set

---

<i>i_na_values</i>	<i>define missing values</i>
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**Description**

define which values will be handled as missing values

**Usage**

```
i_na_values(x, values, sort = TRUE, desc = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector
values	vector with missing values e.g. c(888,999) or NULL (NULL will remove all missing values)
sort	sort values
desc	sort values in descending order

**Value**

Returns x with missing values set

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<i>i_print_label</i>	<i>print variable label</i>
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**Description**

print variable label

**Usage**

```
i_print_label(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector

**Value**

No return value. Print variable label to console

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*i\_print\_labels*            *print value labels*

---

**Description**

print value labels

**Usage**

`i_print_labels(x)`

**Arguments**

x                    vector

**Value**

No return value. Print labels to console

---

*i\_print\_na\_range*            *print missing range*

---

**Description**

print missing range

**Usage**

`i_print_na_range(x)`

**Arguments**

x                    vector

**Value**

No return value. Print na range to console

---

*i\_print\_na\_values*      *print missing values*

---

**Description**

print missing values

**Usage**

`i_print_na_values(x)`

**Arguments**

x                      vector

**Value**

No return value. Print na values to console

---

*i\_print\_scale*              *print scale level*

---

**Description**

print scale level

**Usage**

`i_print_scale(x)`

**Arguments**

x                      vector

**Value**

No return value. Print scale level to console

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i\_recode                      *i\_recode* Function for recoding new variable from origin variable(s).

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### Description

Returns a vector object of class `i_labelled`

### Usage

```
i_recode(
  x,
  ...,
  label = NULL,
  na_values = NULL,
  na_range = NULL,
  scale = NULL,
  copy = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	vector
<code>...</code>	formula for recoding of values. See examples.
<code>label</code>	variable label
<code>na_values</code>	a vector with missing values
<code>na_range</code>	a vector for missing range
<code>scale</code>	scale level (nominal, ordinal, metric)
<code>copy</code>	a variable from <code>x</code> . Copy the values of an existing variable before recoding values according to ...

### Details

Can be applied to either vector or `data.frame`. When `x` is `data.frame` the formula passed to `...` is different from when it is applied to single vector. When function is applied to a `data.frame`, multiple conditions on multiple variables are possible (e.g when variable X is equal to this, do that; when variable Y is not equal to this, do that, etc.). See examples for further clarification.

You can recode directly via value labels by using

### Value

Returns `i_labelled` vector with values defined by formula and information given to function.

**Examples**

```
# When applied to a single vector:
# keep in mind that when function is applied to vector, instead of a column use x
myVector <- i_labelled(1:4, labels = c("A" = 1, "B" = 2, "C" = 3, "D" = 4))
i_recode(x = myVector, "AB" = 1 ~ x %in% c("A", "B"), "CD" = 2 ~ x == c(3, 4))

# When applied to data.frame (multiple conditions)
myData <- data.frame(
  V1 = i_labelled(1:3, labels = c("A" = 1, "B" = 2, "C" = 3)),
  V2 = i_labelled(c(2:3,-9))
)
i_recode(x = myData, A = 1 ~ V1 %in% c("A", "B"), 2 ~ "V2" == 3, "C" = 999 ~ V2 == -9)
```

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i_remove_label	<i>remove variable label</i>
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**Description**

remove variable label keep other attributes

**Usage**

```
i_remove_label(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      vector or data.frame

**Value**

Returns x without variable label

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i_remove_labels	<i>remove all value labels</i>
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**Description**

remove all value labels keep other attributes

**Usage**

```
i_remove_labels(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      vector or data.frame

**Value**

Returns x without value labels

---

`i_remove_missing_labels`  
*remove missing labels*

---

**Description**

remove values labels from values which are declared as missing

**Usage**

```
i_remove_missing_labels(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector or data.frame

**Value**

Returns x without missing labels

---

`i_remove_na_range`     *remove as na range*

---

**Description**

remove na range (information which values should be handled as missing) keep other attributes

**Usage**

```
i_remove_na_range(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector or data.frame

**Value**

Returns x without na-range

---

*i\_remove\_na\_values*      *remove as na values*

---

**Description**

remove na values (information which values should be handled as missing) keep other attributes

**Usage**

```
i_remove_na_values(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      vector or data.frame

**Value**

Returns x without na-values

---

*i\_scale*                      *set scale level*

---

**Description**

set scale level

**Usage**

```
i_scale(x, scale = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x                      vector  
scale                  scale level (nominal, ordinal, scale) as string or NULL (NULL will remove scale level)

**Value**

Returns x with scale label set

---

i_sort_labels	<i>sort value labels by values or by labels</i>
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**Description**

sort value labels by values or by labels

**Usage**

```
i_sort_labels(x, by = "values", decreasing = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector or data.frame
by	either values or labels
decreasing	sort decreasing

**Value**

Returns x with sorted value labels

---

i_to_base_class	<i>remove class i_labelled and return base R class</i>
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**Description**

- when value labels for all values are available will return factor
- when value labels are missing will unclass i\_labelled
- remove class i\_labelled and return variable as base R class

**Usage**

```
i_to_base_class(
  x,
  missing_to_na = TRUE,
  as_factor = TRUE,
  keep_attributes = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector or data.frame
missing_to_na	missing values will become regular NA
as_factor	convert to factor when value labels are available
keep_attributes	should attributes be preserved



**Value**

Returns x coerced to R base class

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*i\_unclass*                      *unclass variables*

---

**Description**

unclass variables

**Usage**

```
i_unclass(x, keep_attributes = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x                              vector or data.frame  
keep\_attributes                      should attributes be preserved

**Value**

x unclassified

---

*i\_valid\_label*                      *validate variable labels*

---

**Description**

returns boolean when applied to vector  
returns a named list when applied to data.frame

**Usage**

```
i_valid_label(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                              vector or data.frame

**Value**

T/F

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i_valid_labels	<i>validate value labels</i>
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---

**Description**

returns boolean when applied to vector  
returns a named list when applied to data.frame

**Usage**

```
i_valid_labels(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector or data.frame

**Value**

No return value. Aborts process when run-time-tests fail

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print.i_labelled	<i>custom print method for i_labelled</i>
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**Description**

custom print method for i\_labelled

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'i_labelled'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector of class i\_labelled  
...                   not used

**Value**

No return value. Print object data and information to console

---

[.i\_labelled                    *subsetting vectors of class i\_labelled*

---

**Description**

subsetting vectors of class i\_labelled

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'i_labelled'  
x[...]
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector of class i\_labelled  
...                    not used

**Value**

Subset of x

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