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as.linnet	<i>Convert a sfnetwork into a linnet</i>
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### Description

A method to convert an object of class `sfnetwork` into `linnet` format and enhance the interoperability between `sfnetworks` and `spatstat`. Use this method without the `.sfnetwork` suffix and after loading the `spatstat` package.

### Usage

```
as.linnet.sfnetwork(X, ...)
```

### Arguments

X	An object of class <code>sfnetwork</code> with a projected CRS.
...	Arguments passed to <code>linnet</code> .

### Value

An object of class `linnet`.

**See Also**

[as\\_sfnetwork](#) to convert objects of class [linnet](#) into objects of class [sfnetwork](#).

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as\_sfnetwork

*Convert a foreign object to a sfnetwork*

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**Description**

Convert a given object into an object of class [sfnetwork](#). If an object can be read by [as\\_tbl\\_graph](#) and the nodes can be read by [st\\_as\\_sf](#), it is automatically supported.

**Usage**

```
as_sfnetwork(x, ...)  
  
## Default S3 method:  
as_sfnetwork(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sf'  
as_sfnetwork(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'linnet'  
as_sfnetwork(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'psp'  
as_sfnetwork(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfc'  
as_sfnetwork(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfNetwork'  
as_sfnetwork(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
as_sfnetwork(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'tbl_graph'  
as_sfnetwork(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Object to be converted into an [sfnetwork](#).  
...                  Arguments passed on to the [sfnetwork](#) construction function.

**Value**

An object of class [sfnetwork](#).

**Methods (by class)**

- `sf`: Only `sf` objects with either exclusively geometries of type `LINESTRING` or exclusively geometries of type `POINT` are supported. For lines, it is assumed that the given features form the edges. Nodes are created at the endpoints of the lines. Endpoints which are shared between multiple edges become a single node. For points, it is assumed that the given features geometries form the nodes. They will be connected by edges sequentially. Hence, point 1 to point 2, point 2 to point 3, etc.

**Examples**

```
# From an sf object.
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)

# With LINESTRING geometries.
as_sfnetwork(roxel)

oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(st_geometry(roxel))
plot(as_sfnetwork(roxel))
par(oldpar)

# With POINT geometries.
p1 = st_point(c(7, 51))
p2 = st_point(c(7, 52))
p3 = st_point(c(8, 52))
points = st_as_sf(st_sfc(p1, p2, p3))
as_sfnetwork(points)

oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(st_geometry(points))
plot(as_sfnetwork(points))
par(oldpar)

# From a linnet object.
if (require(spatstat, quietly = TRUE)) {
  as_sfnetwork(simplenet)
}

# From a psp object.
if (require(spatstat.geom, quietly = TRUE)) {
  set.seed(42)
  test_psp = psp(runif(10), runif(10), runif(10), runif(10), window=owin())
  as_sfnetwork(test_psp)
}
```

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`as_tibble`*Extract the active element of a sfnetwork as spatial tibble*

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## Description

The sfnetwork method for `as_tibble` is conceptually different. Whenever a geometry list column is present, it will by default return what we call a 'spatial tibble'. With that we mean an object of class `c('sf', 'tbl_df')` instead of an object of class `'tbl_df'`. This little conceptual trick is essential for how tidyverse functions handle `sfnetwork` objects, i.e. always using the corresponding `sf` method if present. When using `as_tibble` on `sfnetwork` objects directly as a user, you can disable this behaviour by setting `spatial = FALSE`.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
as_tibble(x, active = NULL, spatial = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	An object of class <code>sfnetwork</code> .
<code>active</code>	Which network element (i.e. nodes or edges) to activate before extracting. If <code>NULL</code> , it will be set to the current active element of the given network. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .
<code>spatial</code>	Should the extracted tibble be a 'spatial tibble', i.e. an object of class <code>c('sf', 'tbl_df')</code> , if it contains a geometry list column. Defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>...</code>	Arguments passed on to <code>as_tibble</code> .

## Value

The active element of the network as an object of class `tibble`.

## Examples

```
library(tibble, quietly = TRUE)  
  
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel)  
  
# Extract the active network element as a spatial tibble.  
as_tibble(net)  
  
# Extract any network element as a spatial tibble.  
as_tibble(net, "edges")  
  
# Extract the active network element as a regular tibble.  
as_tibble(net, spatial = FALSE)
```

autoplot

*Plot sfnetwork geometries with ggplot2*

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**Description**

Plot the geometries of an object of class `sfnetwork` automatically as a `ggplot` object. Use this method without the `.sfnetwork` suffix and after loading the `ggplot2` package.

**Usage**

```
autoplot.sfnetwork(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	An object of class <code>sfnetwork</code> .
<code>...</code>	Ignored.

**Details**

See `autoplot`.

**Value**

An object of class `ggplot`.

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is.sfnetwork

*Check if an object is a sfnetwork*

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**Description**

Check if an object is a `sfnetwork`

**Usage**

```
is.sfnetwork(x)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Object to be checked.
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**Value**

TRUE if the given object is an object of class `sfnetwork`, FALSE otherwise.

## Examples

```
library(tidygraph, quietly = TRUE, warn.conflicts = FALSE)

net = as_sfnetwork(roxel)
is_sfnetwork(net)
is_sfnetwork(as_tbl_graph(net))
```

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node_coordinates	<i>Query node coordinates</i>
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## Description

These functions allow to query specific coordinate values from the geometries of the nodes.

## Usage

```
node_X()

node_Y()

node_Z()

node_M()
```

## Details

Just as with all query functions in tidygraph, these functions are meant to be called inside tidygraph verbs such as [mutate](#) or [filter](#), where the network that is currently being worked on is known and thus not needed as an argument to the function. If you want to use an algorithm outside of the tidygraph framework you can use [with\\_graph](#) to set the context temporarily while the algorithm is being evaluated.

## Value

A numeric vector of the same length as the number of nodes in the network.

## Note

If a requested coordinate value is not available for a node, NA will be returned.

## Examples

```
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)
library(tidygraph, quietly = TRUE)

# Create a network.
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel)
```

```

# Use query function in a filter call.
filtered = net %>%
  activate("nodes") %>%
  filter(node_X() > 7.54)

oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1))
plot(net, col = "grey")
plot(filtered, col = "red", add = TRUE)
par(oldpar)

# Use query function in a mutate call.
net %>%
  activate("nodes") %>%
  mutate(X = node_X(), Y = node_Y())

```

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plot.sfnetwork

*Plot sfnetwork geometries*


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## Description

Plot the geometries of an object of class [sfnetwork](#).

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'
plot(x, draw_lines = TRUE, ...)

```

## Arguments

x	Object of class <a href="#">sfnetwork</a> .
draw_lines	If the edges of the network are spatially implicit, should straight lines be drawn between connected nodes? Defaults to TRUE. Ignored when the edges of the network are spatially explicit.
...	Arguments passed on to <a href="#">plot.sf</a>

## Details

This is a basic plotting functionality. For more advanced plotting, it is recommended to extract the nodes and edges from the network, and plot them separately with one of the many available spatial plotting functions as can be found in [sf](#), [tmap](#), [ggplot2](#), [ggspatial](#), and others.



## Examples

```
oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,1))
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel)
plot(net)

# When lines are spatially implicit.
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,2))
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel, edges_as_lines = FALSE)
plot(net)
plot(net, draw_lines = FALSE)

# Changing default settings.
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,1))
plot(net, col = 'blue', pch = 18, lwd = 1, cex = 2)
par(oldpar)
```

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roxel

*Road network of Münster Roxel*

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## Description

A dataset containing the road network (roads, bikelanes, footpaths, etc.) of Roxel, a neighborhood in the city of Münster, Germany. The data are taken from OpenStreetMap, querying by key = 'highway'. The topology is cleaned with the v.clean tool in GRASS GIS.

## Usage

```
roxel
```

## Format

An object of class `sf` with LINESTRING geometries, containing 851 features and three columns:

**name** the name of the road, if it exists  
**type** the type of the road, e.g. cycleway  
**geometry** the geometry list column

## Source

<https://www.openstreetmap.org>

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s2 *s2 methods for sfnetworks*

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### Description

s2 methods for sfnetworks

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'
as_s2_geography(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x                    An object of class [sfnetwork](#).  
 ...                  Arguments passed on the corresponding s2 function.

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sf *sf methods for sfnetworks*

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### Description

[sf](#) methods for [sfnetwork](#) objects.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'
st_as_sf(x, active = NULL, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'
st_geometry(x, active = NULL, ...)
```

```
## S3 replacement method for class 'sfnetwork'
st_geometry(x) <- value
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'
st_bbox(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'
st_coordinates(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'
st_is(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'
```

```
st_crs(x, ...)  
  
## S3 replacement method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_crs(x) <- value  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_shift_longitude(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_transform(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_wrap_dateline(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_zm(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_m_range(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_z_range(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_agr(x, active = NULL, ...)  
  
## S3 replacement method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_agr(x) <- value  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_intersects(x, y = x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_reverse(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_simplify(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_join(x, y, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'morphed_sfnetwork'  
st_join(x, y, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'  
st_crop(x, y, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'morphed_sfnetwork'
```

```

st_crop(x, y, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sfnetwork'
st_filter(x, y, ...)

## S3 method for class 'morphed_sfnetwork'
st_filter(x, y, ...)

```

### Arguments

x	An object of class <a href="#">sfnetwork</a> .
active	Which network element (i.e. nodes or edges) to activate before extracting. If NULL, it will be set to the current active element of the given network. Defaults to NULL.
...	Arguments passed on the corresponding <a href="#">sf</a> function.
value	The value to be assigned. See the documentation of the corresponding <a href="#">sf</a> function for details.
y	An object of class <a href="#">sf</a> , or directly convertible to it using <a href="#">st_as_sf</a> . In some cases, it can also be an object of <a href="#">sfg</a> or <a href="#">bbox</a> . Always look at the documentation of the corresponding <a href="#">sf</a> function for details.

### Details

See the [sf](#) documentation.

### Value

The [sfnetwork](#) method for [st\\_as\\_sf](#) returns the active element of the network as object of class [sf](#). The [sfnetwork](#) and [morphed\\_sfnetwork](#) methods for [st\\_join](#), [st\\_filter](#) and [st\\_crop](#) return an object of class [sfnetwork](#) and [morphed\\_sfnetwork](#) respectively. All other methods return the same type of objects as their corresponding [sf](#) function. See the [sf](#) documentation for details.

### Examples

```

library(sf, quietly = TRUE)

net = as_sfnetwork(roxel)

# Extract the active network element.
st_as_sf(net)

# Extract any network element.
st_as_sf(net, "edges")

# Get geometry of the active network element.
st_geometry(net)

# Get geometry of any network element.
st_geometry(net, "edges")

```

```

# Get bbox of the active network element.
st_bbox(net)

# Get CRS of the network.
st_crs(net)

# Get agr factor of the active network element.
st_agr(net)

# Get agr factor of any network element.
st_agr(net, "edges")

# Spatial join applied to the active network element.
net = st_transform(net, 3035)
codes = st_as_sf(st_make_grid(net, n = c(2, 2)))
codes$post_code = as.character(seq(1000, 1000 + nrow(codes) * 10 - 10, 10))

joined = st_join(net, codes, join = st_intersects)
joined

oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(net, col = "grey")
plot(codes, col = NA, border = "red", lty = 4, lwd = 4, add = TRUE)
text(st_coordinates(st_centroid(st_geometry(codes))), codes$post_code)
plot(st_geometry(joined, "edges"))
plot(st_as_sf(joined, "nodes"), pch = 20, add = TRUE)
par(oldpar)
# Spatial filter applied to the active network element.
p1 = st_point(c(4151358, 3208045))
p2 = st_point(c(4151340, 3207520))
p3 = st_point(c(4151756, 3207506))
p4 = st_point(c(4151774, 3208031))

poly = st_multipoint(c(p1, p2, p3, p4)) %>%
  st_cast('POLYGON') %>%
  st_sfc(crs = 3035) %>%
  st_as_sf()

filtered = st_filter(net, poly, .pred = st_intersects)

oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(net, col = "grey")
plot(poly, border = "red", lty = 4, lwd = 4, add = TRUE)
plot(filtered)
par(oldpar)

```

## Description

sfnetwork is a tidy data structure for geospatial networks. It extends the [tbl\\_graph](#) data structure for relational data into the domain of geospatial networks, with nodes and edges embedded in geographical space, and offers smooth integration with [sf](#) for spatial data analysis.

## Usage

```
sfnetwork(
  nodes,
  edges = NULL,
  directed = TRUE,
  node_key = "name",
  edges_as_lines = NULL,
  length_as_weight = FALSE,
  force = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

nodes	The nodes of the network. Should be an object of class <a href="#">sf</a> , or directly convertible to it using <a href="#">st_as_sf</a> . All features should have an associated geometry of type POINT.
edges	The edges of the network. May be an object of class <a href="#">sf</a> , with all features having an associated geometry of type LINESTRING. It may also be a regular <a href="#">data.frame</a> or <a href="#">tbl_df</a> object. In any case, the nodes at the ends of each edge must either be encoded in a to and from column, as integers or characters. Integers should refer to the position of a node in the nodes table, while characters should refer to the name of a node encoded in the column referred to in the node_key argument. Setting edges to NULL will create a network without edges.
directed	Should the constructed network be directed? Defaults to TRUE.
node_key	The name of the column in the nodes table that character represented to and from columns should be matched against. If NA, the first column is always chosen. This setting has no effect if to and from are given as integers. Defaults to 'name'.
edges_as_lines	Should the edges be spatially explicit, i.e. have LINESTRING geometries stored in a geometry list column? If NULL, this will be automatically defined, by setting the argument to TRUE when the edges are given as an object of class <a href="#">sf</a> , and FALSE otherwise. Defaults to NULL.
length_as_weight	Should the length of the edges be stored in a column named weight? If set to TRUE, this will calculate the length of the linestring geometry of the edge in the case of spatially explicit edges, and the straight-line distance between the source and target node in the case of spatially implicit edges. If there is already a column named weight, it will be overwritten. Defaults to FALSE.
force	Should network validity checks be skipped? Defaults to FALSE, meaning that network validity checks are executed when constructing the network. These

checks guarantee a valid spatial network structure. For the nodes, this means that they all should have POINT geometries. In the case of spatially explicit edges, it is also checked that all edges have LINESTRING geometries, nodes and edges have the same CRS and boundary points of edges match their corresponding node coordinates. These checks are important, but also time consuming. If you are already sure your input data meet the requirements, the checks are unnecessary and can be turned off to improve performance.

... Arguments passed on to `st_as_sf`, if nodes need to be converted into an `sf` object during construction.

### Value

An object of class `sfnetwork`.

### Examples

```
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)

## Create sfnetwork from sf objects
p1 = st_point(c(7, 51))
p2 = st_point(c(7, 52))
p3 = st_point(c(8, 52))
nodes = st_as_sf(st_sfc(p1, p2, p3, crs = 4326))

e1 = st_cast(st_union(p1, p2), "LINESTRING")
e2 = st_cast(st_union(p1, p3), "LINESTRING")
e3 = st_cast(st_union(p3, p2), "LINESTRING")
edges = st_as_sf(st_sfc(e1, e2, e3, crs = 4326))
edges$from = c(1, 1, 3)
edges$to = c(2, 3, 2)

# Default.
sfnetwork(nodes, edges)

# Undirected network.
sfnetwork(nodes, edges, directed = FALSE)

# Using character encoded from and to columns.
nodes$name = c("city", "village", "farm")
edges$from = c("city", "city", "farm")
edges$to = c("village", "farm", "village")
sfnetwork(nodes, edges, node_key = "name")

# Spatially implicit edges.
sfnetwork(nodes, edges, edges_as_lines = FALSE)

# Store edge lengths in a weight column.
sfnetwork(nodes, edges, length_as_weight = TRUE)
```

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`sf_attr` *Query sf attributes from the active element of a sfnetwork*

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### Description

Query sf attributes from the active element of a sfnetwork

### Usage

```
sf_attr(x, name, active = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	An object of class <code>sfnetwork</code> .
<code>name</code>	Name of the attribute to query. Either 'sf_column' or 'agr'.
<code>active</code>	Which network element (i.e. nodes or edges) to activate before extracting. If NULL, it will be set to the current active element of the given network. Defaults to NULL.

### Details

sf attributes include `sf_column` (the name of the sf column) and `agr` (the attribute-geometry-relationships).

### Value

The value of the attribute matched, or NULL if no exact match is found.

### Examples

```
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel)
sf_attr(net, "agr", active = "edges")
sf_attr(net, "sf_column", active = "nodes")
```

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`spatial_edge_measures` *Query spatial edge measures*

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### Description

These functions are a collection of specific spatial edge measures, that form a spatial extension to edge measures in `tidygraph`.



## Usage

```
edge_azimuth()

edge_circuitry(Inf_as_NaN = FALSE)

edge_length()

edge_displacement()
```

## Arguments

`Inf_as_NaN` Should the circuitry values of loop edges be stored as NaN instead of Inf? Defaults to FALSE.

## Details

Just as with all query functions in tidygraph, spatial edge measures are meant to be called inside tidygraph verbs such as `mutate` or `filter`, where the network that is currently being worked on is known and thus not needed as an argument to the function. If you want to use an algorithm outside of the tidygraph framework you can use `with_graph` to set the context temporarily while the algorithm is being evaluated.

## Value

A numeric vector of the same length as the number of edges in the graph.

## Functions

- `edge_azimuth`: The angle in radians between a straight line from the edge startpoint pointing north, and the straight line from the edge startpoint and the edge endpoint. Calculated with `st_geod_azimuth`. Requires a geographic CRS.
- `edge_circuitry`: The ratio of the length of an edge linestring geometry versus the straight-line distance between its boundary nodes, as described in [Giacomin & Levinson, 2015](#).
- `edge_length`: The length of an edge linestring geometry as calculated by `st_length`.
- `edge_displacement`: The straight-line distance between the two boundary nodes of an edge, as calculated by `st_distance`.

## Examples

```
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)
library(tidygraph, quietly = TRUE)

net = as_sfnetwork(roxel)

net %>%
  activate("edges") %>%
  mutate(azimuth = edge_azimuth())

net %>%
```

```
activate("edges") %>%
mutate(circuitry = edge_circuitry())

net %>%
  activate("edges") %>%
  mutate(length = edge_length())

net %>%
  activate("edges") %>%
  mutate(displacement = edge_displacement())
```

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## spatial\_edge\_predicates

### *Query edges with spatial predicates*

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#### **Description**

These functions allow to interpret spatial relations between edges and other geospatial features directly inside `filter` and `mutate` calls. All functions return a logical vector of the same length as the number of edges in the network. Element `i` in that vector is TRUE whenever `any(predicate(x[i],y[j]))` is TRUE. Hence, in the case of using `edge_intersects`, element `i` in the returned vector is TRUE when edge `i` intersects with any of the features given in `y`.

#### **Usage**

```
edge_intersects(y, ...)
edge_is_disjoint(y, ...)
edge_touches(y, ...)
edge_crosses(y, ...)
edge_is_within(y, ...)
edge_contains(y, ...)
edge_contains_properly(y, ...)
edge_overlaps(y, ...)
edge_equals(y, ...)
edge_covers(y, ...)
edge_is_covered_by(y, ...)
edge_is_within_distance(y, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`y` The geospatial features to test the edges against, either as an object of class `sf` or `sfc`.

`...` Arguments passed on to the corresponding spatial predicate function of `sf`. See `geos_binary_pred`.

**Details**

See `geos_binary_pred` for details on each spatial predicate. Just as with all query functions in `tidygraph`, these functions are meant to be called inside `tidygraph` verbs such as `mutate` or `filter`, where the network that is currently being worked on is known and thus not needed as an argument to the function. If you want to use an algorithm outside of the `tidygraph` framework you can use `with_graph` to set the context temporarily while the algorithm is being evaluated.

**Value**

A logical vector of the same length as the number of edges in the network.

**Note**

Note that `edge_is_within_distance` is a wrapper around the `st_is_within_distance` predicate from `sf`. Hence, it is based on 'as-the-crow-flies' distance, and not on distances over the network.

**Examples**

```
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)
library(tidygraph, quietly = TRUE)

# Create a network.
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel) %>%
  st_transform(3035)

# Create a geometry to test against.
p1 = st_point(c(4151358, 3208045))
p2 = st_point(c(4151340, 3207520))
p3 = st_point(c(4151756, 3207506))
p4 = st_point(c(4151774, 3208031))

poly = st_multipoint(c(p1, p2, p3, p4)) %>%
  st_cast('POLYGON') %>%
  st_sfc(crs = 3035)

# Use predicate query function in a filter call.
intersects = net %>%
  activate(edges) %>%
  filter(edge_intersects(poly))

oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1))
plot(st_geometry(net, "edges"))
plot(st_geometry(intersects, "edges"), col = "red", lwd = 2, add = TRUE)
```

```

par(oldpar)

# Use predicate query function in a mutate call.
net %>%
  activate(edges) %>%
  mutate(disjoint = edge_is_disjoint(poly)) %>%
  select(disjoint)

```

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spatial\_morphers      *Spatial morphers for sfnetworks*

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## Description

Spatial morphers form spatial add-ons to the set of [morphers](#) provided by tidygraph. These functions are not meant to be called directly. They should either be passed into [morph](#) to create a temporary alternative representation of the input network. Such an alternative representation is a list of one or more network objects. Single elements of that list can be extracted directly as a new network by passing the morpher to [convert](#) instead, to make the changes lasting rather than temporary. Alternatively, if the morphed state contains multiple elements, all of them can be extracted together inside a [tbl\\_df](#) by passing the morpher to [crystallise](#).

## Usage

```

to_spatial_contracted(
  x,
  ...,
  simplify = FALSE,
  summarise_attributes = "ignore",
  store_original_data = FALSE
)

to_spatial_directed(x)

to_spatial_explicit(x, ...)

to_spatial_neighborhood(x, node, threshold, weights = NULL, from = TRUE, ...)

to_spatial_shortest_paths(x, ...)

to_spatial_simple(
  x,
  remove_multiple = TRUE,
  remove_loops = TRUE,
  summarise_attributes = "first",
  store_original_data = FALSE
)

```

```
to_spatial_smooth(x, store_original_data = FALSE)
```

```
to_spatial_subdivision(x)
```

```
to_spatial_subset(x, ..., subset_by = NULL)
```

```
to_spatial_transformed(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	An object of class <code>sfnetwork</code> .
...	Arguments to be passed on to other functions. See the description of each morpher for details.
simplify	Should the network be simplified after contraction? This means that multiple edges and loop edges will be removed. Multiple edges are introduced by contraction when there are several connections between the same groups of nodes. Loop edges are introduced by contraction when there are connections within a group. Note however that setting this to TRUE also removes multiple edges and loop edges that already existed before contraction. Defaults to FALSE.
summarise_attributes	Whenever multiple features (i.e. nodes and/or edges) are merged into a single feature during morphing, how should their attributes be combined? Several options are possible, see <code>igraph-attribute-combination</code> for details.
store_original_data	Whenever multiple features (i.e. nodes and/or edges) are merged into a single feature during morphing, should the data of the original features be stored as an attribute of the new feature, in a column named <code>.orig_data</code> . This is in line with the design principles of <code>tidygraph</code> . Defaults to FALSE.
node	The geospatial point for which the neighborhood will be calculated. Can be an integer, referring to the index of the node for which the neighborhood will be calculated. Can also be an object of class <code>sf</code> or <code>sfc</code> , containing a single feature. In that case, this point will be snapped to its nearest node before calculating the neighborhood. When multiple indices or features are given, only the first one is taken.
threshold	The threshold distance to be used. Only nodes within the threshold distance from the reference node will be included in the neighborhood. Should be a numeric value in the same units as the weight values used for distance calculation.
weights	The edge weights used to calculate distances on the network. Can be a numeric vector giving edge weights, or a column name referring to an attribute column in the edges table containing those weights. If set to NULL, the values of a column named <code>weight</code> in the edges table will be used automatically, as long as this column is present. If not, the geographic edge lengths will be calculated internally and used as weights.
from	Should distances be calculated from the reference node towards the other nodes? Defaults to TRUE. If set to FALSE, distances will be calculated from the other nodes towards the reference node instead.

<code>remove_multiple</code>	Should multiple edges be merged into one. Defaults to TRUE.
<code>remove_loops</code>	Should loop edges be removed. Defaults to TRUE.
<code>subset_by</code>	Whether to create subgraphs based on nodes or edges.

### Details

It is also possible to create your own morphers. See the documentation of [morph](#) for the requirements for custom morphers.

### Value

Either a `morphed_sfnetwork`, which is a list of one or more [sfnetwork](#) objects, or a `morphed_tbl_graph`, which is a list of one or more [tbl\\_graph](#) objects. See the description of each morpher for details.

### Functions

- `to_spatial_contracted`: Combine groups of nodes into a single node per group. ... is forwarded to [group\\_by](#) to create the groups. The centroid of the group of nodes will be used as geometry of the contracted node. If edges are spatially explicit, edge geometries are updated accordingly such that the valid spatial network structure is preserved. Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` containing a single element of class [sfnetwork](#).
- `to_spatial_directed`: Make a network directed in the direction given by the linestring geometries of the edges. Differs from [to\\_directed](#), which makes a network directed based on the node indices given in the `from` and `to` columns. In undirected networks these indices may not correspond with the endpoints of the linestring geometries. Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` containing a single element of class [sfnetwork](#). This morpher requires edges to be spatially explicit. If not, use [to\\_directed](#).
- `to_spatial_explicit`: Create linestring geometries between source and target nodes of edges. If the edges data can be directly converted to an object of class [sf](#) using [st\\_as\\_sf](#), extra arguments can be provided as ... and will be forwarded to [st\\_as\\_sf](#) internally. Otherwise, straight lines will be drawn between the source and target node of each edge. Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` containing a single element of class [sfnetwork](#).
- `to_spatial_neighborhood`: Limit a network to the spatial neighborhood of a specific node. ... is forwarded to [node\\_distance\\_from](#) (if `from` is TRUE) or [node\\_distance\\_to](#) (if `from` is FALSE). Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` containing a single element of class [sfnetwork](#).
- `to_spatial_shortest_paths`: Limit a network to those nodes and edges that are part of the shortest path between two nodes. ... is evaluated in the same manner as [st\\_network\\_paths](#) with `type = 'shortest'`. Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` that may contain multiple elements of class [sfnetwork](#), depending on the number of requested paths. When unmorphing only the first instance of both the node and edge data will be used, as the same node and/or edge can be present in multiple paths.
- `to_spatial_simple`: Remove loop edges and/or merges multiple edges into a single edge. Multiple edges are edges that have the same source and target nodes (in directed networks) or edges that are incident to the same nodes (in undirected networks). When merging them into a single edge, the geometry of the first edge is preserved. The order of the edges can be influenced by calling [arrange](#) before simplifying. Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` containing a single element of class [sfnetwork](#).

- `to_spatial_smooth`: Construct a smoothed version of the network by iteratively removing pseudo nodes, while preserving the connectivity of the network. In the case of directed networks, pseudo nodes are those nodes that have only one incoming and one outgoing edge. In undirected networks, pseudo nodes are those nodes that have two incident edges. Connectivity of the network is preserved by concatenating the incident edges of each removed pseudo node. Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` containing a single element of class `sfnetwork`.
- `to_spatial_subdivision`: Construct a subdivision of the network by subdividing edges at each interior point that is equal to any other interior or boundary point in the edges table. Interior points in this sense are those points that are included in their linestring geometry feature but are not endpoints of it, while boundary points are the endpoints of the linestrings. The network is reconstructed after subdivision such that edges are connected at the points of subdivision. Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` containing a single element of class `sfnetwork`. This morpher requires edges to be spatially explicit.
- `to_spatial_subset`: Subset the network by applying a spatial filter, i.e. a filter on the geometry column based on a spatial predicate. `...` is evaluated in the same manner as `st_filter`. Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` containing a single element of class `sfnetwork`. For filters on an attribute column, use `to_subgraph`.
- `to_spatial_transformed`: Transform the geospatial coordinates of the network into a different coordinate reference system. `...` is evaluated in the same manner as `st_transform`. Returns a `morphed_sfnetwork` containing a single element of class `sfnetwork`.

### See Also

The vignette on [spatial morphers](#).

### Examples

```
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)
library(tidygraph, quietly = TRUE)

net = as_sfnetwork(roxel, directed = FALSE) %>%
  st_transform(3035)

# Temporary changes with morph and unmorph.
net %>%
  activate("edges") %>%
  mutate(weight = edge_length()) %>%
  morph(to_spatial_shortest_paths, from = 1, to = 10) %>%
  mutate(in_paths = TRUE) %>%
  unmorph()

# Lasting changes with convert.
net %>%
  activate("edges") %>%
  mutate(weight = edge_length()) %>%
  convert(to_spatial_shortest_paths, from = 1, to = 10)
```

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`spatial_node_predicates`*Query nodes with spatial predicates*

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### Description

These functions allow to interpret spatial relations between nodes and other geospatial features directly inside `filter` and `mutate` calls. All functions return a logical vector of the same length as the number of nodes in the network. Element `i` in that vector is `TRUE` whenever `any(predicate(x[i],y[j]))` is `TRUE`. Hence, in the case of using `node_intersects`, element `i` in the returned vector is `TRUE` when node `i` intersects with any of the features given in `y`.

### Usage

```
node_intersects(y, ...)  
node_is_disjoint(y, ...)  
node_touches(y, ...)  
node_is_within(y, ...)  
node_equals(y, ...)  
node_is_covered_by(y, ...)  
node_is_within_distance(y, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>y</code>	The geospatial features to test the nodes against, either as an object of class <code>sf</code> or <code>sfc</code> .
<code>...</code>	Arguments passed on to the corresponding spatial predicate function of <code>sf</code> . See <code>geos_binary_pred</code> .

### Details

See `geos_binary_pred` for details on each spatial predicate. Just as with all query functions in `tidygraph`, these functions are meant to be called inside `tidygraph` verbs such as `mutate` or `filter`, where the network that is currently being worked on is known and thus not needed as an argument to the function. If you want to use an algorithm outside of the `tidygraph` framework you can use `with_graph` to set the context temporarily while the algorithm is being evaluated.

### Value

A logical vector of the same length as the number of nodes in the network.



**Note**

Note that `node_is_within_distance` is a wrapper around the `st_is_within_distance` predicate from `sf`. Hence, it is based on 'as-the-crow-flies' distance, and not on distances over the network. For distances over the network, use `node_distance_to` with edge lengths as weights argument.

**Examples**

```
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)
library(tidygraph, quietly = TRUE)

# Create a network.
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel) %>%
  st_transform(3035)

# Create a geometry to test against.
p1 = st_point(c(4151358, 3208045))
p2 = st_point(c(4151340, 3207520))
p3 = st_point(c(4151756, 3207506))
p4 = st_point(c(4151774, 3208031))

poly = st_multipoint(c(p1, p2, p3, p4)) %>%
  st_cast('POLYGON') %>%
  st_sfc(crs = 3035)

# Use predicate query function in a filter call.
within = net %>%
  activate("nodes") %>%
  filter(node_is_within(poly))

disjoint = net %>%
  activate("nodes") %>%
  filter(node_is_disjoint(poly))
oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1))
plot(net)
plot(within, col = "red", add = TRUE)
plot(disjoint, col = "blue", add = TRUE)
par(oldpar)

# Use predicate query function in a mutate call.
net %>%
  activate("nodes") %>%
  mutate(within = node_is_within(poly)) %>%
  select(within)
```

**Description**

A spatial network specific bounding box extractor, returning the combined bounding box of the nodes and edges in the network.

**Usage**

```
st_network_bbox(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`x` An object of class `sfnetwork`.  
`...` Arguments passed on to `st_bbox`.

**Details**

See `st_bbox` for details.

**Value**

The bounding box of the network as an object of class `bbox`.

**Examples**

```
library(sf)

# Create a network.
node1 = st_point(c(8, 51))
node2 = st_point(c(7, 51.5))
node3 = st_point(c(8, 52))
node4 = st_point(c(9, 51))
edge1 = st_sfc(st_linestring(c(node1, node2, node3)))

nodes = st_as_sf(c(st_sfc(node1), st_sfc(node3), st_sfc(node4)))
edges = st_as_sf(edge1)
edges$from = 1
edges$to = 2

net = sfnetwork(nodes, edges)

# Create bounding boxes for nodes, edges and the whole network.
node_bbox = st_bbox(activate(net, "nodes"))
node_bbox
edge_bbox = st_bbox(activate(net, "edges"))
edge_bbox
net_bbox = st_network_bbox(net)
net_bbox

# Plot.
oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(net, lwd = 2, cex = 4, main = "Element bounding boxes")
```

```
plot(st_as_sfc(node_bbox), border = "red", lty = 2, lwd = 4, add = TRUE)
plot(st_as_sfc(edge_bbox), border = "blue", lty = 2, lwd = 4, add = TRUE)
plot(net, lwd = 2, cex = 4, main = "Network bounding box")
plot(st_as_sfc(net_bbox), border = "red", lty = 2, lwd = 4, add = TRUE)
par(oldpar)
```

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st\_network\_blend      *Blend geospatial points into a spatial network*

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### Description

Blending a point into a network is the combined process of first snapping the given point to its nearest point on its nearest edge in the network, subsequently splitting that edge at the location of the snapped point, and finally adding the snapped point as node to the network. If the location of the snapped point is already a node in the network, the attributes of the point (if any) will be joined to that node.

### Usage

```
st_network_blend(x, y, tolerance = Inf)
```

### Arguments

x	An object of class <code>sfnetwork</code> .
y	The spatial features to be blended, either as object of class <code>sf</code> or <code>sfc</code> , with POINT geometries.
tolerance	The tolerance distance to be used. Only features that are at least as close to the network as the tolerance distance will be blended. Should be a non-negative number preferably given as an object of class <code>units</code> . Otherwise, it will be assumed that the unit is meters. If set to <code>Inf</code> all features will be blended. Defaults to <code>Inf</code> .

### Details

There are two important details to be aware of. Firstly: when the snap locations of multiple points are equal, only the first of these points is blended into the network. By arranging y before blending you can influence which (type of) point is given priority in such cases. Secondly: when the snap location of a point intersects with multiple edges, it is only blended into the first of these edges. You might want to run the `to_spatial_subdivision` morpher after blending, such that intersecting but unconnected edges get connected.

### Value

The blended network as an object of class `sfnetwork`.

**Note**

Due to internal rounding of rational numbers, it may occur that the intersection point between a line and a point is not evaluated as actually intersecting that line by the designated algorithm. Instead, the intersection point lies a tiny-bit away from the edge. Therefore, it is recommended to set the tolerance to a very small number (for example  $1e-5$ ) even if you only want to blend points that intersect the line.

**Examples**

```
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)

# Create a network and a set of points to blend.
n11 = st_point(c(0,0))
n12 = st_point(c(1,1))
e1 = st_sfc(st_linestring(c(n11, n12)), crs = 3857)

n21 = n12
n22 = st_point(c(0,2))
e2 = st_sfc(st_linestring(c(n21, n22)), crs = 3857)

n31 = n22
n32 = st_point(c(-1,1))
e3 = st_sfc(st_linestring(c(n31, n32)), crs = 3857)

net = as_sfnetwork(c(e1,e2,e3))

pts = net %>%
  st_bbox() %>%
  st_as_sfc() %>%
  st_sample(10, type = "random") %>%
  st_set_crs(3857) %>%
  st_cast('POINT')

# Blend points into the network.
# --> By default tolerance is set to Inf
# --> Meaning that all points get blended
b1 = st_network_blend(net, pts)
b1

# Blend points with a tolerance.
tol = units::set_units(0.2, "m")
b2 = st_network_blend(net, pts, tolerance = tol)
b2

## Plot results.
# Initial network and points.
oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,3))
plot(net, cex = 2, main = "Network + set of points")
plot(pts, cex = 2, col = "red", pch = 20, add = TRUE)

# Blend with no tolerance
```

```

plot(b1, cex = 2, main = "Blend with tolerance = Inf")
plot(pts, cex = 2, col = "red", pch = 20, add = TRUE)

# Blend with tolerance.
within = st_is_within_distance(pts, st_geometry(net, "edges"), tol)
pts_within = pts[lengths(within) > 0]
plot(b2, cex = 2, main = "Blend with tolerance = 0.2 m")
plot(pts, cex = 2, col = "grey", pch = 20, add = TRUE)
plot(pts_within, cex = 2, col = "red", pch = 20, add = TRUE)
par(oldpar)

```

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st_network_cost	<i>Compute a cost matrix of a spatial network</i>
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### Description

Wrapper around [distances](#) to calculate costs of pairwise shortest paths between points in a spatial network. It allows to provide any set of geospatial point as from and to arguments. If such a geospatial point is not equal to a node in the network, it will be snapped to its nearest node before calculating costs.

### Usage

```

st_network_cost(
  x,
  from = igrph::V(x),
  to = igrph::V(x),
  weights = NULL,
  Inf_as_NaN = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

x	An object of class <a href="#">sfnetwork</a> .
from	The (set of) geospatial point(s) from which the shortest paths will be calculated. Can be an object of class <a href="#">sf</a> or <a href="#">sfc</a> . Alternatively it can be a numeric vector containing the indices of the nodes from which the shortest paths will be calculated, or a character vector containing the names of the nodes from which the shortest paths will be calculated. By default, all nodes in the network are included.
to	The (set of) geospatial point(s) to which the shortest paths will be calculated. Can be an object of class <a href="#">sf</a> or <a href="#">sfc</a> . Features with duplicated nearest node indices will be removed before calculating the cost matrix. Alternatively it can be a numeric vector containing the indices of the nodes to which the shortest paths will be calculated, or a character vector containing the names of the nodes to which the shortest paths will be calculated. Duplicated values will be removed before calculating the cost matrix. By default, all nodes in the network are included.

weights	The edge weights to be used in the shortest path calculation. Can be a numeric vector giving edge weights, or a column name referring to an attribute column in the edges table containing those weights. If set to NULL, the values of a column named weight in the edges table will be used automatically, as long as this column is present. If not, the geographic edge lengths will be calculated internally and used as weights. If set to NA, no weights are used, even if the edges have a weight column.
Inf_as_NaN	Should the cost values of unconnected nodes be stored as NaN instead of Inf? Defaults to FALSE.
...	Arguments passed on to <a href="#">distances</a> .

### Details

Spatial features provided to the `from` and/or `to` argument don't necessarily have to be points. Internally, the nearest node to each feature is found by calling [st\\_nearest\\_feature](#), so any feature with a geometry type that is accepted by that function can be provided as `from` and/or `to` argument.

When directly providing integer node indices or character node names to the `from` and/or `to` argument, keep the following in mind. A node index should correspond to a row-number of the nodes table of the network. A node name should correspond to a value of a column in the nodes table named `name`. This column should contain character values without duplicates.

For more details on the wrapped function from [igraph](#) see the [distances](#) documentation page.

### Value

An  $n$  times  $m$  numeric matrix where  $n$  is the length of the `from` argument, and  $m$  is the length of unique values in the `to` argument. When the `to` argument contains spatial features that have the same nearest node, these features are considered duplicates.

### Note

By default, [distances](#) calculates costs by allowing to travel each edge in both directions, hence by assuming an undirected network. This is the default even when the input network is directed! For directed networks, the behaviour can be changed by setting `mode = "out"` to consider only outbound edges, or `mode = "in"` to consider only inbound edges.

Furthermore, [distances](#) does not allow duplicated values in the `to` argument. This also means that when providing spatial features, sets of multiple features that happen to have the same nearest node will be reduced to one by selecting only the first of these features.

### See Also

[st\\_network\\_paths](#)

### Examples

```
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)
library(tidygraph, quietly = TRUE)

# Create a network with edge lengths as weights.
```

```

# These weights will be used automatically in shortest paths calculation.
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel, directed = FALSE) %>%
  st_transform(3035) %>%
  activate("edges") %>%
  mutate(weight = edge_length())

# Providing node indices.
st_network_cost(net, from = c(495, 121), to = c(495, 121))

# Providing nodes as spatial points.
# Points that don't equal a node will be snapped to their nearest node.
p1 = st_geometry(net, "nodes")[495] + st_sfc(st_point(c(50, -50)))
st_crs(p1) = st_crs(net)
p2 = st_geometry(net, "nodes")[121] + st_sfc(st_point(c(-10, 100)))
st_crs(p2) = st_crs(net)

st_network_cost(net, from = c(p1, p2), to = c(p1, p2))

# Using another column for weights.
net %>%
  activate("edges") %>%
  mutate(foo = runif(n(), min = 0, max = 1)) %>%
  st_network_cost(c(p1, p2), c(p1, p2), weights = "foo")

# Not providing any from or to points includes all nodes by default.
with_graph(net, graph_order()) # Our network has 701 nodes.
cost_matrix = st_network_cost(net)
dim(cost_matrix)

```

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st\_network\_join

*Join two spatial networks based on equality of node geometries*


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## Description

A spatial network specific join function which makes a spatial full join on the geometries of the nodes data, based on the [st\\_equals](#) spatial predicate. Edge data are combined using a [bind\\_rows](#) semantic, meaning that data are matched by column name and values are filled with NA if missing in either of the networks. The from and to columns in the edge data are updated such that they match the new node indices of the resulting network.

## Usage

```
st_network_join(x, y, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	An object of class <a href="#">sfnetwork</a> .
y	An object of class <a href="#">sfnetwork</a> , or directly convertible to it using <a href="#">as_sfnetwork</a> .
...	Arguments passed on to <a href="#">graph_join</a> .

**Value**

The joined networks as an object of class `sfnetwork`.

**Examples**

```
library(sf, quietly = TRUE)

node1 = st_point(c(0, 0))
node2 = st_point(c(1, 0))
node3 = st_point(c(1,1))
node4 = st_point(c(0,1))
edge1 = st_sfc(st_linestring(c(node1, node2)))
edge2 = st_sfc(st_linestring(c(node2, node3)))
edge3 = st_sfc(st_linestring(c(node3, node4)))

net1 = as_sfnetwork(c(edge1, edge2))
net2 = as_sfnetwork(c(edge2, edge3))

joined = st_network_join(net1, net2)
joined

## Plot results.
oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1), mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(net1, pch = 15, cex = 2, lwd = 4)
plot(net2, col = "red", pch = 18, cex = 2, lty = 3, lwd = 4, add = TRUE)
plot(joined, cex = 2, lwd = 4)
par(oldpar)
```

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st\_network\_paths

*Paths between points in geographical space*


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**Description**

Combined wrapper around `shortest_paths`, `all_shortest_paths` and `all_simple_paths` from `igraph`, allowing to provide any geospatial point as `from` argument and any set of geospatial points as `to` argument. If such a geospatial point is not equal to a node in the network, it will be snapped to its nearest node before calculating the shortest or simple paths.

**Usage**

```
st_network_paths(
  x,
  from,
  to = igraph::V(x),
  weights = NULL,
  type = "shortest",
  ...
)
```



**Arguments**

x	An object of class <a href="#">sfnetwork</a> .
from	The geospatial point from which the paths will be calculated. Can be an object of class <a href="#">sf</a> or <a href="#">sfc</a> , containing a single feature. When multiple features are given, only the first one is used. Alternatively, it can be an integer, referring to the index of the node from which the paths will be calculated, or a character, referring to the name of the node from which the paths will be calculated.
to	The (set of) geospatial point(s) to which the paths will be calculated. Can be an object of class <a href="#">sf</a> or <a href="#">sfc</a> . Alternatively it can be a numeric vector containing the indices of the nodes to which the paths will be calculated, or a character vector containing the names of the nodes to which the paths will be calculated. By default, all nodes in the network are included.
weights	The edge weights to be used in the shortest path calculation. Can be a numeric vector giving edge weights, or a column name referring to an attribute column in the edges table containing those weights. If set to NULL, the values of a column named weight in the edges table will be used automatically, as long as this column is present. If not, the geographic edge lengths will be calculated internally and used as weights. If set to NA, no weights are used, even if the edges have a weight column. Ignored when type = 'all_simple'.
type	Character defining which type of path calculation should be performed. If set to 'shortest' paths are calculated using <a href="#">shortest_paths</a> , if set to 'all_shortest' paths are calculated using <a href="#">all_shortest_paths</a> , if set to 'all_simple' paths are calculated using <a href="#">all_simple_paths</a> . Defaults to 'shortest'.
...	Arguments passed on to the corresponding <a href="#">igraph</a> or <a href="#">igraph</a> function. Arguments predecessors and inbound.edges are ignored.

**Details**

Spatial features provided to the from and/or to argument don't necessarily have to be points. Internally, the nearest node to each feature is found by calling [st\\_nearest\\_feature](#), so any feature with a geometry type that is accepted by that function can be provided as from and/or to argument.

When directly providing integer node indices or character node names to the from and/or to argument, keep the following in mind. A node index should correspond to a row-number of the nodes table of the network. A node name should correspond to a value of a column in the nodes table named name. This column should contain character values without duplicates.

For more details on the wrapped functions from [igraph](#) see the [shortest\\_paths](#) or [all\\_simple\\_paths](#) documentation pages.

**Value**

An object of class [tbl\\_df](#) with one row per returned path. Depending on the setting of the type argument, columns can be node\_paths (a list column with for each path the ordered indices of nodes present in that path) and edge\_paths (a list column with for each path the ordered indices of edges present in that path). 'all\_shortest' and 'all\_simple' return only node\_paths, while 'shortest' returns both.

**See Also**[st\\_network\\_cost](#)**Examples**

```

library(sf, quietly = TRUE)
library(tidygraph, quietly = TRUE)

# Create a network with edge lengths as weights.
# These weights will be used automatically in shortest paths calculation.
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel, directed = FALSE) %>%
  st_transform(3035) %>%
  activate("edges") %>%
  mutate(weight = edge_length())

# Providing node indices.
paths = st_network_paths(net, from = 495, to = 121)
paths

node_path = paths %>%
  slice(1) %>%
  pull(node_paths) %>%
  unlist()
node_path

oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1))
plot(net, col = "grey")
plot(slice(activate(net, "nodes"), node_path), col = "red", add = TRUE)
par(oldpar)

# Providing nodes as spatial points.
# Points that don't equal a node will be snapped to their nearest node.
p1 = st_geometry(net, "nodes")[495] + st_sfc(st_point(c(50, -50)))
st_crs(p1) = st_crs(net)
p2 = st_geometry(net, "nodes")[121] + st_sfc(st_point(c(-10, 100)))
st_crs(p2) = st_crs(net)

paths = st_network_paths(net, from = p1, to = p2)
paths

node_path = paths %>%
  slice(1) %>%
  pull(node_paths) %>%
  unlist()
node_path

oldpar = par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mar = c(1,1,1,1))
plot(net, col = "grey")
plot(c(p1, p2), col = "black", pch = 8, add = TRUE)
plot(slice(activate(net, "nodes"), node_path), col = "red", add = TRUE)

```

```
par(oldpar)

# Using another column for weights.
net %>%
  activate("edges") %>%
  mutate(foo = runif(n(), min = 0, max = 1)) %>%
  st_network_paths(p1, p2, weights = "foo")

# Obtaining all simple paths between two nodes.
# Beware, this function can take long when:
# --> Providing a lot of 'to' nodes.
# --> The network is large and dense.
net = as_sfnetwork(roxel, directed = TRUE)
st_network_paths(net, from = 1, to = 12, type = "all_simple")

# Obtaining all shortest paths between two nodes.
# Not using edge weights.
# Hence, a shortest path is the paths with the least number of edges.
st_network_paths(net, from = 5, to = 1, weights = NA, type = "all_shortest")
```

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