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**Description** Exact nearest-neighbour and radius-search routines that operate directly on 'bigmemory::big.matrix' objects. The package streams row blocks through 'BLAS' kernels, supports self-search and external-query search, exposes prepared references for repeated queries, and can build exact k-nearest-neighbour, radius, mutual k-nearest-neighbour, and shared-nearest-neighbour graphs. Version 0.3.0 adds execution plans, serializable prepared caches, resumable streamed graph jobs, coercion helpers, exact candidate reranking, and recall summaries for evaluating approximate neighbours.

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as_edge_list	<i>Coerce bigKNN outputs to edge-list form</i>
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### Description

Coerce bigKNN outputs to edge-list form

### Usage

```
as_edge_list(x, include_distance = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A bigKNN result or graph object.  
 include\_distance    Logical flag controlling whether distances are kept when coercing raw kNN or radius results.

**Value**

A data frame with columns from, to, and either distance or weight.

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as\_sparse\_matrix    *Coerce bigKNN outputs to a sparse matrix*

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**Description**

Coerce bigKNN outputs to a sparse matrix

**Usage**

```
as_sparse_matrix(x, include_distance = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A bigKNN result or graph object.  
 include\_distance    Logical flag controlling whether distances are kept when coercing raw kNN or radius results.

**Value**

A Matrix::dgCMatrix.

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as\_triplet            *Coerce bigKNN outputs to sparse-triplet form*

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**Description**

Coerce bigKNN outputs to sparse-triplet form

**Usage**

```
as_triplet(x, include_distance = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A bigKNN result or graph object.
include_distance	Logical flag controlling whether distances are kept when coercing raw kNN or radius results.

**Value**

A triplet list with components i, j, x, and Dim.

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count\_within\_radius\_bigmatrix  
*Count neighbours within a fixed radius*

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**Description**

Count neighbours within a fixed radius

**Usage**

```
count_within_radius_bigmatrix(  
  x,  
  query = NULL,  
  radius,  
  metric = "euclidean",  
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),  
  plan = NULL,  
  exclude_self = is.null(query)  
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A bigmemory::big.matrix, an external pointer referencing a big.matrix, or a prepared reference returned by <a href="#">knn_prepare_bigmatrix()</a> .
query	Optional query source. Supply NULL for self-search, another big.matrix or external pointer for streamed queries, or a dense numeric matrix.
radius	Distance threshold for including a neighbour.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <a href="#">knn_plan_bigmatrix()</a> .
exclude_self	Logical flag controlling whether a query row may return itself as a neighbour when query references the same matrix as x.

**Value**

An integer vector with one count per query row.

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knn_bigmatrix	<i>Exact k-nearest neighbours for bigmemory::big.matrix</i>
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## Description

Exact k-nearest neighbours for bigmemory::big.matrix

## Usage

```
knn_bigmatrix(
  x,
  query = NULL,
  k = 10L,
  metric = "euclidean",
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  plan = NULL,
  exclude_self = is.null(query)
)
```

## Arguments

x	A bigmemory::big.matrix, an external pointer referencing a big.matrix, or a prepared reference returned by <a href="#">knn_prepare_bigmatrix()</a> .
query	Optional query source. Supply NULL for self-search, another big.matrix or external pointer for streamed queries, or a dense numeric matrix.
k	Number of neighbours to return.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <a href="#">knn_plan_bigmatrix()</a> .
exclude_self	Logical flag controlling whether a query row may return itself as a neighbour when query references the same matrix as x.

## Value

A list with components index, distance, k, metric, n\_ref, n\_query, exact, and backend.

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knn\_graph\_bigmatrix    *Build an exact kNN graph from a bigmemory::big.matrix*

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### Description

Build an exact kNN graph from a bigmemory::big.matrix

### Usage

```
knn_graph_bigmatrix(
  x,
  k = 10L,
  metric = "euclidean",
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  plan = NULL,
  include_distance = TRUE,
  format = c("edge_list", "triplet", "dgCMatrx"),
  symmetrize = c("none", "union", "mutual"),
  exclude_self = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

x	A bigmemory::big.matrix, an external pointer referencing a big.matrix, or a prepared reference returned by <a href="#">knn_prepare_bigmatrix()</a> .
k	Number of neighbours per row.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <a href="#">knn_plan_bigmatrix()</a> .
include_distance	Logical flag controlling whether kNN graph edges store distances or unit weights.
format	Output format. One of "edge_list", "triplet", or "dgCMatrx".
symmetrize	How directed kNN edges should be combined. One of "none", "union", or "mutual".
exclude_self	Logical flag controlling whether self loops are suppressed in the directed kNN graph.

### Value

An edge list, a triplet list, or a Matrix::dgCMatrx, depending on the requested format.

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knn\_graph\_stream\_bigmatrix

*Stream a directed exact kNN graph into destination big.matrix objects*

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## Description

Stream a directed exact kNN graph into destination big.matrix objects

## Usage

```
knn_graph_stream_bigmatrix(
  x,
  k,
  xpFrom,
  xpTo,
  xpValue = NULL,
  metric = "euclidean",
  plan = NULL,
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  include_distance = TRUE,
  checkpoint_path = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

x	A bigmemory::big.matrix or prepared reference with a stored descriptor.
k	Number of neighbours per row.
xpFrom	Writable single-column bigmemory::big.matrix receiving source vertex ids.
xpTo	Writable single-column bigmemory::big.matrix receiving target vertex ids.
xpValue	Optional writable single-column bigmemory::big.matrix receiving distances or unit weights.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <a href="#">knn_plan_bigmatrix()</a> .
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
include_distance	Logical flag controlling whether xpValue stores distances or unit weights.
checkpoint_path	Optional path for a resumable job checkpoint.

## Value

An object of class "bigknn\_job".

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knn_load_prepared	<i>Load a serialized prepared reference</i>
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**Description**

Load a serialized prepared reference

**Usage**

```
knn_load_prepared(cache_path)
```

**Arguments**

cache\_path      Path previously written by `knn_prepare_bigmatrix()` with `cache_path =`.

**Value**

An object of class "bigknn\_prepared".

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knn_plan_bigmatrix	<i>Build an execution plan for exact search</i>
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**Description**

Build an execution plan for exact search

**Usage**

```
knn_plan_bigmatrix(
  x,
  metric = "euclidean",
  memory_budget = "2GB",
  num_threads = getOption("bigKNN.num_threads", 1L),
  progress = getOption("bigKNN.progress", interactive())
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> , external pointer, or prepared reference.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "squeuclidean", and "cosine".
memory_budget	Memory budget expressed in bytes or a compact size string such as "2GB".
num_threads	Requested thread count forwarded to common BLAS/OpenMP environment variables during execution.
progress	Logical flag controlling progress reporting for plan-aware calls.

**Value**

An object of class "bigknn\_plan".

---

knn\_prepare\_bigmatrix *Prepare a bigmemory::big.matrix reference for repeated exact search*

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**Description**

Prepare a bigmemory::big.matrix reference for repeated exact search

**Usage**

```
knn_prepare_bigmatrix(
  x,
  metric = "euclidean",
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  plan = NULL,
  validate = TRUE,
  cache_path = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A bigmemory::big.matrix or an external pointer referencing the reference matrix.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <a href="#">knn_plan_bigmatrix()</a> .
validate	Logical flag controlling whether the preparation pass checks for finite, metric-compatible rows while building the cache.
cache_path	Optional path where a serializable prepared-reference cache should be written with <a href="#">saveRDS()</a> .

**Value**

An object of class "bigknn\_prepared" containing the reference pointer, metric-specific row cache, and metadata reused by later exact search calls.

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knn\_search\_prepared    *Search a prepared exact reference*

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### Description

Search a prepared exact reference

### Usage

```
knn_search_prepared(
  ref,
  query = NULL,
  k = 10L,
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  plan = NULL,
  exclude_self = is.null(query)
)
```

### Arguments

ref	A prepared reference returned by <code>knn_prepare_bigmatrix()</code> .
query	Optional query source. Supply NULL for self-search, another <code>big.matrix</code> or external pointer for streamed queries, or a dense numeric matrix.
k	Number of neighbours to return.
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <code>knn_plan_bigmatrix()</code> .
exclude_self	Logical flag controlling whether a query row may return itself as a neighbour when query references the same matrix as the prepared reference.

### Value

A list with components `index`, `distance`, `k`, `metric`, `n_ref`, `n_query`, `exact`, and `backend`.

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knn\_search\_stream\_prepared  
*Stream prepared exact search results into destination big.matrix objects*

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### Description

Stream prepared exact search results into destination `big.matrix` objects

**Usage**

```
knn_search_stream_prepared(
  ref,
  query = NULL,
  xpIndex,
  xpDistance = NULL,
  k = 10L,
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  plan = NULL,
  exclude_self = is.null(query)
)
```

**Arguments**

ref	A prepared reference returned by <code>knn_prepare_bigmatrix()</code> .
query	Optional query source. Supply NULL for self-search, another <code>big.matrix</code> or external pointer for streamed queries, or a dense numeric matrix.
xpIndex	A writable <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> or external pointer that receives the 1-based neighbour indices.
xpDistance	Optional writable <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> or external pointer that receives the neighbour distances.
k	Number of neighbours to return.
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <code>knn_plan_bigmatrix()</code> .
exclude_self	Logical flag controlling whether a query row may return itself as a neighbour when query references the same matrix as the prepared reference.

**Value**

A list with components `index`, `distance`, `k`, `metric`, `n_ref`, `n_query`, `exact`, and `backend`. The `index` and `distance` entries reference the supplied destination objects.

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`knn_stream_bigmatrix` *Stream exact k-nearest neighbours into destination `big.matrix` objects*

---

**Description**

Stream exact k-nearest neighbours into destination `big.matrix` objects

**Usage**

```
knn_stream_bigmatrix(
  x,
  query = NULL,
  xpIndex,
  xpDistance = NULL,
  k = 10L,
  metric = "euclidean",
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  plan = NULL,
  exclude_self = is.null(query)
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> , an external pointer referencing a <code>big.matrix</code> , or a prepared reference returned by <code>knn_prepare_bigmatrix()</code> .
query	Optional query source. Supply <code>NULL</code> for self-search, another <code>big.matrix</code> or external pointer for streamed queries, or a dense numeric matrix.
xpIndex	A writable <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> or external pointer that receives the 1-based neighbour indices.
xpDistance	Optional writable <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> or external pointer that receives the neighbour distances.
k	Number of neighbours to return.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <code>knn_plan_bigmatrix()</code> .
exclude_self	Logical flag controlling whether a query row may return itself as a neighbour when query references the same matrix as x.

**Value**

A list with components `index`, `distance`, `k`, `metric`, `n_ref`, `n_query`, `exact`, and `backend`. The `index` and `distance` entries reference the supplied destination objects.

---

`knn_validate_prepared` *Validate a prepared reference*

---

**Description**

Validate a prepared reference

**Usage**

```
knn_validate_prepared(ref)
```

**Arguments**

ref                    A prepared reference returned by [knn\\_prepare\\_bigmatrix\(\)](#) or [knn\\_load\\_prepared\(\)](#).

**Value**

Invisibly returns TRUE when the prepared reference is valid.

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mutual\_knn\_graph\_bigmatrix

*Build an exact mutual kNN graph from a bigmemory::big.matrix*

---

**Description**

Build an exact mutual kNN graph from a bigmemory::big.matrix

**Usage**

```
mutual_knn_graph_bigmatrix(
  x,
  k = 10L,
  metric = "euclidean",
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  plan = NULL,
  include_distance = TRUE,
  format = c("edge_list", "triplet", "dgCMatrix")
)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A bigmemory::big.matrix, an external pointer referencing a big.matrix, or a prepared reference returned by [knn\\_prepare\\_bigmatrix\(\)](#).

k                    Number of neighbours per row.

metric              Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".

block\_size          Number of rows to process per query and reference block.

plan                Optional execution plan returned by [knn\\_plan\\_bigmatrix\(\)](#).

include\_distance   Logical flag controlling whether graph edges store distances or unit weights.

format              Output format. One of "edge\_list", "triplet", or "dgCMatrix".

**Value**

An edge list, a triplet list, or a Matrix::dgCMatrix, depending on the requested format.

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radius_bigmatrix	<i>Exact radius search for bigmemory::big.matrix</i>
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### Description

Exact radius search for bigmemory::big.matrix

### Usage

```
radius_bigmatrix(
  x,
  query = NULL,
  radius,
  metric = "euclidean",
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  plan = NULL,
  exclude_self = is.null(query),
  sort = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

x	A bigmemory::big.matrix, an external pointer referencing a big.matrix, or a prepared reference returned by <a href="#">knn_prepare_bigmatrix()</a> .
query	Optional query source. Supply NULL for self-search, another big.matrix or external pointer for streamed queries, or a dense numeric matrix.
radius	Distance threshold for including a neighbour.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <a href="#">knn_plan_bigmatrix()</a> .
exclude_self	Logical flag controlling whether a query row may return itself as a neighbour when query references the same matrix as x.
sort	Logical flag controlling whether each query's matches are sorted by distance and then by index.

### Value

A list with components index, distance, offset, n\_match, radius, metric, n\_ref, n\_query, exact, and backend.

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radius\_graph\_bigmatrix

*Build an exact radius graph from a bigmemory::big.matrix*


---

### Description

Build an exact radius graph from a bigmemory::big.matrix

### Usage

```
radius_graph_bigmatrix(
  x,
  radius,
  metric = "euclidean",
  plan = NULL,
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  include_distance = TRUE,
  format = c("edge_list", "triplet", "dgCMatrix"),
  symmetrize = c("none", "union", "mutual"),
  exclude_self = TRUE,
  sort = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

x	A bigmemory::big.matrix, external pointer, or prepared reference.
radius	Distance threshold for including an edge.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <a href="#">knn_plan_bigmatrix()</a> .
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
include_distance	Logical flag controlling whether graph edges store distances or unit weights.
format	Output format. One of "edge_list", "triplet", or "dgCMatrix".
symmetrize	How directed radius edges should be combined. One of "none", "union", or "mutual".
exclude_self	Logical flag controlling whether self loops are suppressed.
sort	Logical flag controlling whether each query's matches are sorted by distance and then by index.

### Value

A graph representation in the requested format.

---

radius\_stream\_bigmatrix

*Stream exact radius-search results into destination big.matrix objects*

---

## Description

Stream exact radius-search results into destination `big.matrix` objects

## Usage

```
radius_stream_bigmatrix(
  x,
  query = NULL,
  xpIndex,
  xpDistance = NULL,
  xpOffset,
  radius,
  metric = "euclidean",
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  plan = NULL,
  exclude_self = is.null(query),
  sort = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> , an external pointer referencing a <code>big.matrix</code> , or a prepared reference returned by <code>knn_prepare_bigmatrix()</code> .
<code>query</code>	Optional query source. Supply <code>NULL</code> for self-search, another <code>big.matrix</code> or external pointer for streamed queries, or a dense numeric matrix.
<code>xpIndex</code>	A writable single-column <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> or external pointer that receives flattened 1-based neighbour indices.
<code>xpDistance</code>	Optional writable single-column <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> or external pointer that receives flattened neighbour distances.
<code>xpOffset</code>	A writable single-column <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> or external pointer that receives 1-based offsets into the flattened match vectors.
<code>radius</code>	Distance threshold for including a neighbour.
<code>metric</code>	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
<code>block_size</code>	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
<code>plan</code>	Optional execution plan returned by <code>knn_plan_bigmatrix()</code> .
<code>exclude_self</code>	Logical flag controlling whether a query row may return itself as a neighbour when query references the same matrix as <code>x</code> .
<code>sort</code>	Logical flag controlling whether each query's matches are sorted by distance and then by index.

**Value**

A list with components `index`, `distance`, `offset`, `n_match`, `radius`, `metric`, `n_ref`, `n_query`, `exact`, and `backend`. The `index`, `distance`, and `offset` entries reference the supplied destination objects.

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radius\_stream\_job\_bigmatrix

*Stream exact radius-search results into destination `big.matrix` objects with checkpoints*

---

**Description**

Stream exact radius-search results into destination `big.matrix` objects with checkpoints

**Usage**

```
radius_stream_job_bigmatrix(
  x,
  query = NULL,
  xpIndex,
  xpDistance = NULL,
  xpOffset,
  radius,
  metric = "euclidean",
  plan = NULL,
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  exclude_self = is.null(query),
  sort = TRUE,
  checkpoint_path = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> or prepared reference with a stored descriptor.
<code>query</code>	Optional query source. Supply <code>NULL</code> for self-search, another <code>big.matrix</code> , or a dense/sparse matrix.
<code>xpIndex</code>	A writable single-column <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> that receives flattened 1-based neighbour indices.
<code>xpDistance</code>	Optional writable single-column <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> that receives flattened neighbour distances.
<code>xpOffset</code>	A writable single-column <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> that receives 1-based offsets into the flattened output vectors.
<code>radius</code>	Distance threshold for including a neighbour.
<code>metric</code>	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".

<code>plan</code>	Optional execution plan returned by <code>knn_plan_bigmatrix()</code> .
<code>block_size</code>	Number of query rows to process per block.
<code>exclude_self</code>	Logical flag controlling whether self matches are removed when query references the same source as <code>x</code> .
<code>sort</code>	Logical flag controlling whether each query's matches are sorted by distance and then by index.
<code>checkpoint_path</code>	Optional path for a resumable job checkpoint.

**Value**

An object of class "bigknn\_job".

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`recall_against_exact`    *Compare approximate neighbours to exact truth*

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**Description**

Compare approximate neighbours to exact truth

**Usage**

```
recall_against_exact(exact, approx_index, k = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>exact</code>	Exact kNN output or index matrix.
<code>approx_index</code>	Approximate neighbour index matrix or result object.
<code>k</code>	Optional number of neighbours to compare.

**Value**

An object of class "bigknn\_recall".

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```
rerank_candidates_bigmatrix
    Rerank candidate neighbours exactly against a
    bigmemory::big.matrix
```

---

### Description

Rerank candidate neighbours exactly against a `bigmemory::big.matrix`

### Usage

```
rerank_candidates_bigmatrix(
  x,
  query,
  candidate_index,
  metric = "euclidean",
  top_k = NULL,
  plan = NULL,
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),
  exclude_self = is.null(query)
)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> or prepared reference with a stored descriptor.
<code>query</code>	Query source. Supply <code>NULL</code> to rerank self-query candidates.
<code>candidate_index</code>	Candidate neighbour indices supplied as a matrix, <code>bigmemory::big.matrix</code> , or <code>kNN</code> result object.
<code>metric</code>	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
<code>top_k</code>	Number of reranked neighbours to return. Defaults to all supplied candidate columns.
<code>plan</code>	Optional execution plan returned by <code>knn_plan_bigmatrix()</code> .
<code>block_size</code>	Number of query rows to process at a time.
<code>exclude_self</code>	Logical flag controlling whether self ids are removed when <code>query = NULL</code> .

### Value

An object of class "bigknn\_knn\_result".

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resume_knn_job	<i>Resume a checkpointed bigKNN job</i>
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**Description**

Resume a checkpointed bigKNN job

**Usage**

```
resume_knn_job(checkpoint_path)
```

**Arguments**

checkpoint\_path  
 Path previously created by `knn_graph_stream_bigmatrix()` or `radius_stream_job_bigmatrix()`.

**Value**

An object of class "bigknn\_job".

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snn_graph_bigmatrix	<i>Build an exact shared-nearest-neighbour graph from a bigmemory::big.matrix</i>
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**Description**

Build an exact shared-nearest-neighbour graph from a `bigmemory::big.matrix`

**Usage**

```
snn_graph_bigmatrix(  
  x,  
  k = 10L,  
  metric = "euclidean",  
  block_size = knn_default_block_size(),  
  plan = NULL,  
  weight = c("count", "jaccard"),  
  format = c("edge_list", "triplet", "dgCMatrix")  
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A bigmemory::big.matrix, an external pointer referencing a big.matrix, or a prepared reference returned by <a href="#">knn_prepare_bigmatrix()</a> .
k	Number of neighbours per row in the underlying exact kNN search.
metric	Distance metric. Supported values are "euclidean", "sqeuclidean", and "cosine".
block_size	Number of rows to process per query and reference block.
plan	Optional execution plan returned by <a href="#">knn_plan_bigmatrix()</a> .
weight	Shared-nearest-neighbour weight definition. One of "count" or "jaccard".
format	Output format. One of "edge_list", "triplet", or "dgCMatrix".

**Value**

An edge list, a triplet list, or a Matrix::dgCMatrix, depending on the requested format.

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