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A1_to_R1C1	<i>Convert cell reference strings from A1 to R1C1 format</i>
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## Description

Convert cell reference strings from A1 to R1C1 format. Strictly speaking, this only makes sense for absolute references, such as "\$B\$4". Why? Because otherwise, we'd have to know the host cell of the reference. Set `strict = FALSE` to relax and treat pure relative references, like ("B4"), as if they are absolute. Mixed references, like ("B\$4"), will always return NA, no matter the value of `strict`.

## Usage

```
A1_to_R1C1(x, strict = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	character vector of cell references in A1 format
<code>strict</code>	logical, affects reading and writing of A1 formatted cell references. When <code>strict = TRUE</code> , references must be declared absolute through the use of dollar signs, e.g., <code>\$A\$1</code> , for parsing. When making a string, <code>strict = TRUE</code> requests dollar signs for absolute reference. When <code>strict = FALSE</code> , pure relative reference strings will be interpreted as absolute, i.e. A1 and <code>\$A\$1</code> are treated the same. When making a string, <code>strict = FALSE</code> will cause dollars signs to be omitted in the reference string.

## Value

character vector of absolute cell references in R1C1 format

**Examples**

```

A1_to_R1C1("$A$1")
A1_to_R1C1("A1") ## raises a warning, returns NA
A1_to_R1C1("A1", strict = FALSE) ## unless strict = FALSE
A1_to_R1C1(c("A1", "B$4")) ## raises a warning, includes an NA, because
A1_to_R1C1(c("A1", "B$4"), strict = FALSE) ## mixed ref always returns NA

```

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addr_col	<i>Get column from cell location or reference</i>
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**Description**

Get column from cell location or reference

**Usage**

```

addr_col(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cell_addr'
addr_col(x, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x	a suitable representation of cell(s) or a cell area reference
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods

**Value**

integer vector

**Methods (by class)**

- cell\_addr: Method for `cell_addr` objects (`ca <- cell_addr(1:4, 3)`) `addr_col(ca)`

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addr_row	<i>Get row from cell location or reference</i>
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**Description**

Get row from cell location or reference

**Usage**

```

addr_row(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cell_addr'
addr_row(x, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x a suitable representation of cell(s) or a cell area reference  
 ... further arguments passed to or from other methods

**Value**

integer vector

**Methods (by class)**

- `cell_addr`: Method for `cell_addr` objects (`ca <- cell_addr(1:4, 3)`) `addr_row(ca)`

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anchored

*Specify cell limits via an anchor cell*

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**Description**

Specify the targetted cell rectangle via an upper left anchor cell and the rectangle's row and column extent. The extent can be specified directly via `dims` or indirectly via the `input` object. Specification via `input` anticipates a write operation into the spreadsheet. If `input` is one-dimensional, the `byrow` argument controls whether the rectangle will extend down from the anchor or to the right. If `input` is two-dimensional, the `col_names` argument controls whether cells will be reserved for column or variable names. If `col_names` is unspecified, default behavior is to set it to `TRUE` if `input` has column names and `FALSE` otherwise.

**Usage**

```
anchored(anchor = "A1", dim = c(1L, 1L), input = NULL, col_names = NULL,
         byrow = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`anchor` character, specifying the upper left cell in "A1" or "R1C1" notation  
`dim` integer vector, of length two, holding the number of rows and columns of the targetted rectangle; ignored if `input` is provided  
`input` a one- or two-dimensional input object, used to determine the extent of the targetted rectangle  
`col_names` logical, indicating whether a row should be reserved for the column or variable names of a two-dimensional input; if omitted, will be determined by checking whether `input` has column names  
`byrow` logical, indicating whether a one-dimensional input should run down or to the right

**Value**

a `cell_limits` object

**Examples**

```

anchored()
as.range(anchored())
dim(anchored())

anchored("Q24")
as.range(anchored("Q24"))
dim(anchored("Q24"))

anchored(anchor = "R4C2", dim = c(8, 2))
as.range(anchored(anchor = "R4C2", dim = c(8, 2)))
as.range(anchored(anchor = "R4C2", dim = c(8, 2)), fo = "A1")
dim(anchored(anchor = "R4C2", dim = c(8, 2)))

(input <- head(iris))
anchored(input = input)
as.range(anchored(input = input))
dim(anchored(input = input))

anchored(input = input, col_names = FALSE)
as.range(anchored(input = input, col_names = FALSE))
dim(anchored(input = input, col_names = FALSE))

(input <- LETTERS[1:8])
anchored(input = input)
as.range(anchored(input = input))
dim(anchored(input = input))

anchored(input = input, byrow = TRUE)
as.range(anchored(input = input, byrow = TRUE))
dim(anchored(input = input, byrow = TRUE))

```

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as.cell\_addr

*Convert to a cell\_addr object*


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**Description**

Convert various representations of a cell reference into an object of class `cell_addr`. Recall that `cell_addr` objects hold absolute row and column location, so `ra_ref` objects or cell reference strings with relative or mixed references will raise a warning and generate NAs.

**Usage**

```

as.cell_addr(x, ...)

as.cell_addr_v(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ra_ref'

```

```

as.cell_addr(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
as.cell_addr_v(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as.cell_addr(x, fo = NULL, strict = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as.cell_addr_v(x, fo = NULL, strict = TRUE, ...)

```

### Arguments

x	a cell reference
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods
fo	either "R1C1" (the default) or "A1" specifying the cell reference format; in many contexts, it can be inferred and is optional
strict	logical, affects reading and writing of A1 formatted cell references. When strict = TRUE, references must be declared absolute through the use of dollar signs, e.g., <code>\$A\$1</code> , for parsing. When making a string, strict = TRUE requests dollar signs for absolute reference. When strict = FALSE, pure relative reference strings will be interpreted as absolute, i.e. A1 and <code>\$A\$1</code> are treated the same. When making a string, strict = FALSE will cause dollars signs to be omitted in the reference string.

### Value

a `cell_addr` object

### Examples

```

as.cell_addr(ra_ref())
rar <- ra_ref(2, TRUE, 5, TRUE)
as.cell_addr(rar)
## mixed reference
rar <- ra_ref(2, FALSE, 5, TRUE)
as.cell_addr(rar)
ra_ref_list <-
  list(ra_ref(), ra_ref(2, TRUE, 5, TRUE), ra_ref(2, FALSE, 5, TRUE))
as.cell_addr_v(ra_ref_list)
as.cell_addr("$D$12")
as.cell_addr("R4C3")
as.cell_addr(c("$C$4", "$D$12"))
as.cell_addr("$F2")
as.cell_addr("R[-4]C3")
as.cell_addr("F2", strict = FALSE)

```

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as.range	<i>Convert a cell_limits object to a cell range</i>
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## Description

Convert a cell\_limits object to a cell range

## Usage

```
as.range(x, fo = c("R1C1", "A1"), strict = FALSE, sheet = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	a cell_limits object
fo	either "R1C1" (the default) or "A1" specifying the cell reference format; in many contexts, it can be inferred and is optional
strict	logical, affects reading and writing of A1 formatted cell references. When strict = TRUE, references must be declared absolute through the use of dollar signs, e.g., <code>\$A\$1</code> , for parsing. When making a string, strict = TRUE requests dollar signs for absolute reference. When strict = FALSE, pure relative reference strings will be interpreted as absolute, i.e. A1 and <code>\$A\$1</code> are treated the same. When making a string, strict = FALSE will cause dollars signs to be omitted in the reference string.
sheet	logical, indicating whether to include worksheet name; if NULL, worksheet is included if worksheet name is not NA

## Value

length one character vector holding a cell range

## Examples

```
rgCL <- cell_limits(ul = c(1, 2), lr = c(7, 6))
as.range(rgCL)
as.range(rgCL, fo = "A1")

rgCL_ws <- cell_limits(ul = c(1, 2), lr = c(7, 6), sheet = "A Sheet")
as.range(rgCL_ws)
as.range(rgCL_ws, fo = "A1")
```

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as.ra\_ref

*Convert to a ra\_ref object*


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### Description

Convert various representations of a cell reference into an object of class `ra_ref`.

- `as.ra_ref` is NOT vectorized and therefore requires the input to represent exactly one cell, i.e. be of length 1.
- `as.ra_ref_v` accepts input of length  $\geq 1$  and returns a list of `ra_ref()` objects.

### Usage

```
as.ra_ref(x, ...)
```

```
as.ra_ref_v(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'character'
as.ra_ref(x, fo = NULL, strict = TRUE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'character'
as.ra_ref_v(x, fo = NULL, strict = TRUE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'cell_addr'
as.ra_ref(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'cell_addr'
as.ra_ref_v(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	one or more cell references, as a character vector or <code>cell_addr</code> object
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to or from other methods
<code>fo</code>	either "R1C1" (the default) or "A1" specifying the cell reference format; in many contexts, it can be inferred and is optional
<code>strict</code>	logical, affects reading and writing of A1 formatted cell references. When <code>strict = TRUE</code> , references must be declared absolute through the use of dollar signs, e.g., <code>\$A\$1</code> , for parsing. When making a string, <code>strict = TRUE</code> requests dollar signs for absolute reference. When <code>strict = FALSE</code> , pure relative reference strings will be interpreted as absolute, i.e. A1 and <code>\$A\$1</code> are treated the same. When making a string, <code>strict = FALSE</code> will cause dollars signs to be omitted in the reference string.

### Value

a `ra_ref` object, in the case of `as.ra_ref`, or a list of them, in the case of `as.ra_ref_v`



**Examples**

```

## as.ra_ref.character()
as.ra_ref("$F$2")
as.ra_ref("R[-4]C3")
as.ra_ref("B4")
as.ra_ref("B4", strict = FALSE)
as.ra_ref("B$4")

## this is actually ambiguous! is format A1 or R1C1 format?
as.ra_ref("RC2")
## format could be specified in this case
as.ra_ref("RC2", fo = "R1C1")
as.ra_ref("RC2", fo = "A1", strict = FALSE)

## as.ra_ref_v.character()
cs <- c("$A$1", "Sheet1!$F$14", "Sheet2!B$4", "D9")
## Not run:
## won't work because as.ra_ref requires length one input
as.ra_ref(cs)

## End(Not run)
## use as.ra_ref_v instead
as.ra_ref_v(cs, strict = FALSE)
## as.ra_ref.cell_addr
ca <- cell_addr(2, 5)
as.ra_ref(ca)
## as.ra_ref_v.cell_addr()

ca <- cell_addr(1:3, 1)
## Not run:
## won't work because as.ra_ref methods not natively vectorized
as.ra_ref(ca)

## End(Not run)
## use as.ra_ref_v instead
as.ra_ref_v(ca)

```

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cellranger

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**Description**

Helper functions to work with spreadsheets and the "A1:D10" style of cell range specification.

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cell_addr	<i>cell_addr class</i>
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### Description

The `cell_addr` class is used to hold the absolute row and column location for one or more cells. An object of class `cell_addr` is a list with two components of equal length, named `row` and `col`, consisting of integers greater than or equal to one or NA. This is in contrast to the `ra_ref` class, which holds a representation of a single absolute, relative, or mixed cell reference from, e.g., a formula.

### Usage

```
cell_addr(row, col)
```

### Arguments

<code>row</code>	integer. Must be the same length as <code>col</code> or of length one, which will be recycled to the length of <code>col</code> .
<code>col</code>	integer. Same deal as for <code>row</code> .

### Value

a `cell_addr` object

### Reference

Spreadsheet Implementation Technology: Basics and Extensions Peter Sestoft MIT Press 2014

### Examples

```
cell_addr(4, 3)
(ca <- cell_addr(1:4, 3))
ca[2:3]
ca[[4]]
length(ca)
```

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cell_cols	<i>Specify cell limits only for columns</i>
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### Description

How does this differ from `cell_limits`? Two ways. First, the input can have length greater than 2, i.e. the columns can be specified as `1:n`. If the length is greater than 2, both the min and max are taken with `NA.rm = TRUE`. Note it is not possible to request non-contiguous columns, i.e. columns 1, 2, and 5. In this case, the requested columns will run from the minimum of 1 to the maximum of 5. Second, the input can be given in the letter-based format spreadsheets use to label columns.

**Usage**

```
cell_cols(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` vector of column limits; if character, converted to numeric; if length greater than two, min and max will be taken with NA. `rm = TRUE`

**Value**

a `cell_limits` object

**Examples**

```
cell_cols(c(NA, 3))
cell_cols(c(7, NA))
cell_cols(4:16)
cell_cols(c(3, NA, 10))

cell_cols("C:G")
cell_cols(c("B", NA))
cell_cols(LETTERS)
```

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`cell_limits`*Create a cell\_limits object*

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**Description**

A `cell_limits` object is a list with three components:

- `ul` vector specifying upper left cell of target rectangle, of the form `c(ROW_MIN, COL_MIN)`
- `lr` vector specifying lower right cell of target rectangle, of the form `c(ROW_MAX, COL_MAX)`
- `sheet` string specifying worksheet name, which may be NA, meaning it's unspecified

A value of NA in `ul` or `lr` means the corresponding limit is left unspecified. Therefore a verbose way to specify no limits at all would be `cell_limits(c(NA, NA), c(NA, NA))`. If the maximum row or column is specified but the associated minimum is not, then the minimum is set to 1. **NOTE:** I am reconsidering this behavior and might choose to use NA for the minimum in this case.

When specified via character, cell references can be given in A1 or R1C1 notation and must be interpretable as absolute references. For A1, this means either both row and column are annotated with a dollar sign \$ or neither is. So, no mixed references, like B\$4. For R1C1, this means no square brackets, like R[-3]C[3].

**Usage**

```

cell_limits(ul = c(NA_integer_, NA_integer_), lr = c(NA_integer_,
  NA_integer_), sheet = NA_character_)

## S3 method for class 'cell_limits'
dim(x)

as.cell_limits(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cell_limits'
as.cell_limits(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'NULL'
as.cell_limits(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as.cell_limits(x, fo = NULL, ...)

```

**Arguments**

ul	vector identifying upper left cell of target rectangle
lr	vector identifying lower right cell of target rectangle
sheet	string containing worksheet name, optional
x	input to convert into a cell_limits object
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods
fo	either "R1C1" (the default) or "A1" specifying the cell reference format; in many contexts, it can be inferred and is optional

**Value**

a cell\_limits object

**Examples**

```

cell_limits(c(1, 3), c(1, 5))
cell_limits(c(NA, 7), c(3, NA))
cell_limits(c(NA, 7))
cell_limits(lr = c(3, 7))

cell_limits(c(1, 3), c(1, 5), "Sheet1")
cell_limits(c(1, 3), c(1, 5), "Spaces are evil")

dim(as.cell_limits("A1:F10"))

as.cell_limits("A1")
as.cell_limits("$Q$24")
as.cell_limits("A1:D8")
as.cell_limits("R5C11")

```

```
as.cell_limits("R2C3:R6C9")
as.cell_limits("Sheet1!R2C3:R6C9")
as.cell_limits("'Spaces are evil'!R2C3:R6C9")

## Not run:
## explicitly mixed A1 references won't work
as.cell_limits("A$2")
## mixed or relative R1C1 references won't work
as.cell_limits("RC[4]")

## End(Not run)
```

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cell\_rows

*Specify cell limits only for rows*

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### Description

How does this differ from [cell\\_limits](#)? Here the input can have length greater than 2, i.e. the rows can be specified as 1:n. If the length is greater than 2, both the min and max are taken with NA.rm = TRUE. Note it is not possible to request non-contiguous rows, i.e. rows 1, 2, and 5. In this case, the requested rows will run from the minimum of 1 to the maximum of 5.

### Usage

```
cell_rows(x)
```

### Arguments

x numeric vector of row limits; if length greater than two, min and max will be taken with NA.rm = TRUE

### Value

a [cell\\_limits](#) object

### Examples

```
cell_rows(c(NA, 3))
cell_rows(c(7, NA))
cell_rows(4:16)
cell_rows(c(3, NA, 10))

dim(cell_rows(1:5))
```

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guess_fo	<i>Guess cell reference string format</i>
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**Description**

Guess if cell references are in R1C1 or A1 format.

**Usage**

```
guess_fo(x, fo = c("R1C1", "A1"))
```

**Arguments**

x	character vector of cell reference strings
fo	default to assume if format is ambiguous

**Value**

character vector consisting of R1C1, A1, or NA

**Examples**

```
A1 <- c("A1", "$A1", "A$1", "$A$1", "a1")
guess_fo(A1)
R1C1 <- c("R1C1", "R1C[-1]", "R[-1]C1", "R[-1]C[9]")
guess_fo(R1C1)

guess_fo("RC2")
guess_fo("12")
guess_fo(12)
```

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is_A1	<i>Test cell reference strings</i>
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**Description**

Test cell reference strings for a specific format.

**Usage**

```
is_A1(x)

is_R1C1(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	character vector of cell reference strings
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**Value**

a logical vector

**Functions**

- `is_A1`: A1 format, case insensitive; relative, absolute, or mixed
- `is_R1C1`: R1C1 format; relative, absolute, or mixed

**Examples**

```
is_A1("A1")
is_R1C1("A1")
is_R1C1("R4C12")
```

```
x <- c("A1", "$A4", "$b$12", "RC1", "R[-4]C9", "R5C3")
data.frame(x, is_A1(x), is_R1C1(x))
```

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letter-num-conversion *Convert between letter and integer representations of column IDs*

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**Description**

Convert "A1"-style column IDs from a letter representation to an integer, e.g. column A becomes 1, column D becomes 4, etc. Or go the other way around.

**Usage**

```
letter_to_num(x)
```

```
num_to_letter(y)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a character vector of "A1" style column IDs (case insensitive)  
`y` a vector of integer column IDs

**Details**

- Google Sheets have up to 300 columns (column KN).
- Excel 2010 spreadsheets have up to 16,384 columns (column XFD).
- ZZ is column 702.
- ZZZ is column 18,278 (no known spreadsheet actually goes that high).

**Value**

a vector of column IDs, either character or integer

**Examples**

```

letter_to_num('Z')
letter_to_num(c('AA', 'ZZ', 'ABD', 'ZZZ'))
letter_to_num(c(NA, ''))
num_to_letter(28)
num_to_letter(900)
num_to_letter(18278)
num_to_letter(c(25, 52, 900, 18278))
num_to_letter(c(NA, 0, 4.8, -4))

```

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```
print.ra_ref          Print ra_ref object
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**Description**

Print ra\_ref object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ra_ref'
print(x, fo = c("R1C1", "A1"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class <code>ra_ref</code>
fo	either "R1C1" (the default) or "A1" specifying the cell reference format; in many contexts, it can be inferred and is optional
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods

**Examples**

```

(rar <- ra_ref(3, TRUE, 1, TRUE))
print(ra_ref(), fo = "A1")

```

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```
R1C1_to_A1          Convert R1C1 positioning notation to A1 notation
```

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**Description**

Convert cell reference strings from R1C1 to A1 format. This only makes sense for absolute references, such as "R4C2". Why? Because otherwise, we'd have to know the host cell of the reference. Relative and mixed references, like ("R[3]C[-1]" and "R[1]C5"), will therefore return NA.



**Usage**

```
R1C1_to_A1(x, strict = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector of cell positions in R1C1 notation
strict	logical, affects reading and writing of A1 formatted cell references. When <code>strict = TRUE</code> , references must be declared absolute through the use of dollar signs, e.g., <code>\$A\$1</code> , for parsing. When making a string, <code>strict = TRUE</code> requests dollar signs for absolute reference. When <code>strict = FALSE</code> , pure relative reference strings will be interpreted as absolute, i.e. <code>A1</code> and <code>\$A\$1</code> are treated the same. When making a string, <code>strict = FALSE</code> will cause dollar signs to be omitted in the reference string.

**Value**

character vector of absolute cell references in A1 notation

**Examples**

```
R1C1_to_A1("R1C1")
R1C1_to_A1("R10C52", strict = FALSE)
R1C1_to_A1(c("R1C1", "R10C52", "RC4", "R[-3]C[9]"))
```

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ra_ref	<i>ra_ref</i> class
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**Description**

The `ra_ref` class is used to represent a single relative, absolute, or mixed cell reference, presumably found in a formula. When `row_abs` is `TRUE`, it means that `row_ref` identifies a specific row in an absolute sense. When `row_abs` is `FALSE`, it means that `row_ref` holds a positive, zero, or negative offset relative to the address of the cell containing the formula that contains the associated cell reference. Ditto for `col_abs` and `col_ref`.

**Usage**

```
ra_ref(row_ref = 1L, row_abs = TRUE, col_ref = 1L, col_abs = TRUE,
       sheet = NA_character_, file = NA_character_)
```

**Arguments**

row_ref	integer, row or row offset
row_abs	logical indicating whether <code>row_ref</code> is absolute or relative
col_ref	integer, column or column offset
col_abs	logical indicating whether <code>col_ref</code> is absolute or relative
sheet	the name of a sheet (a.k.a. worksheet or tab)
file	the name of a file (a.k.a. workbook)

**Details**

A `ra_ref` object can also store the name of a sheet and a file, though these will often be NA. A cell reference in a formula can potentially be qualified like this: `[my_workbook.xls]Sheet1!R2C3`. In Testoft (2014), he creates an entirely separate class for this, a `cell_ref`, which consists of a sheet- and file-ignorant `ra_ref` object and a sheet reference (he doesn't allow formulas to refer to other files). I hope I don't regret choosing a different path.

**Value**

a `ra_ref` object

**Reference**

Spreadsheet Implementation Technology: Basics and Extensions Peter Sestoft MIT Press 2014

**Examples**

```
ra_ref()
ra_ref(row_ref = 3, col_ref = 2)
ra_ref(row_ref = 10, row_abs = FALSE, col_ref = 3, col_abs = TRUE)
ra_ref(sheet = "a sheet")
```

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to\_string

*Get string representation of cell references*

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**Description**

Convert various representations of a cell reference to character

- `to_string` is not necessarily vectorized. For example, when the the input is of class `ra_ref`, it must of be of length one. However, to be honest, this will actually work for `cell_addr`, even when `length > 1`.
- `to_string_v` is guaranteed to be vectorized. In particular, input can be a `cell_addr` of length `>= 1` or a list of `ra_ref` objects.

If either the row or column reference is relative, note that, in general, it's impossible to convert to an "A1" formatted string. We would have to know "relative to what?".

**Usage**

```
to_string(x, fo = c("R1C1", "A1"), strict = TRUE, sheet = NULL, ...)
```

```
to_string_v(x, fo = c("R1C1", "A1"), strict = TRUE, sheet = NULL, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'ra_ref'
to_string(x, fo = c("R1C1", "A1"), strict = TRUE,
  sheet = NULL, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'list'
to_string_v(x, fo = c("R1C1", "A1"), strict = TRUE,
  sheet = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cell_addr'
to_string(x, fo = c("R1C1", "A1"), strict = TRUE,
  sheet = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cell_addr'
to_string_v(x, fo = c("R1C1", "A1"), strict = TRUE,
  sheet = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	a suitable representation of a cell or cell area reference: a single <a href="#">ra_ref</a> object or a list of them or a <a href="#">cell_addr</a> object
fo	either "R1C1" (the default) or "A1" specifying the cell reference format; in many contexts, it can be inferred and is optional
strict	logical, affects reading and writing of A1 formatted cell references. When <code>strict = TRUE</code> , references must be declared absolute through the use of dollar signs, e.g., <code>\$A\$1</code> , for parsing. When making a string, <code>strict = TRUE</code> requests dollar signs for absolute reference. When <code>strict = FALSE</code> , pure relative reference strings will be interpreted as absolute, i.e. A1 and <code>\$A\$1</code> are treated the same. When making a string, <code>strict = FALSE</code> will cause dollars signs to be omitted in the reference string.
sheet	logical, indicating whether to include worksheet name; if <code>NULL</code> , worksheet is included if worksheet name is not NA
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods

### Value

a character vector

### Examples

```
## exactly one ra_ref --> string
to_string(ra_ref())
to_string(ra_ref(), fo = "A1")
to_string(ra_ref(), fo = "A1", strict = FALSE)
to_string(ra_ref(row_ref = 3, col_ref = 2))
to_string(ra_ref(row_ref = 3, col_ref = 2, sheet = "helloooo"))
(mixed_ref <- ra_ref(row_ref = 10, row_abs = FALSE, col_ref = 3))
to_string(mixed_ref)

## this will raise warning and generate NA, because row reference is
## relative and format is A1
to_string(mixed_ref, fo = "A1")

## a list of ra_ref's --> character vector
```

```
ra_ref_list <-  
  list(ra_ref(), ra_ref(2, TRUE, 5, TRUE), ra_ref(2, FALSE, 5, TRUE))  
to_string_v(ra_ref_list)  
  
## cell_addr --> string  
(ca <- cell_addr(3, 8))  
to_string(ca)  
to_string(ca, fo = "A1")  
  
(ca <- cell_addr(1:4, 3))  
to_string(ca)  
to_string(ca, fo = "A1")  
## explicitly go from cell_addr, length > 1 --> character vector  
(ca <- cell_addr(1:4, 3))  
to_string_v(ca)  
to_string_v(ca, fo = "A1")
```

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