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## Description

Dynamic Programming implemented in 'Rcpp'. Includes example partition and out of sample fitting applications. Also supplies additional custom coders for the 'vtreat' package.

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const_costs	<i>const_costs</i>
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### Description

Built matrix of total out of sample interval square error costs for held-out means. One indexed.

### Usage

```
const_costs(y, w, min_seg, indices)
```

### Arguments

y	NumericVector, values to group in order.
w	NumericVector, weights.
min_seg	positive integer, minimum segment size.
indices	IntegerVector, order list of indices to pair.

### Value

xcosts NumericMatix, for  $j \geq i$   $xcosts(i,j)$  is the cost of partition element  $[i, \dots, j]$  (inclusive).

### Examples

```
const_costs(c(1, 1, 2, 2), c(1, 1, 1, 1), 1, 1:4)
```

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const\_costs\_logistic    *const\_costs\_logistic*

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**Description**

Built matrix of interval logistic costs for held-out means. One indexed.

**Usage**

```
const_costs_logistic(y, w, min_seg, indices)
```

**Arguments**

y	NumericVector, 0/1 values to group in order (should be in interval [0,1]).
w	NumericVector, weights (should be positive).
min_seg	positive integer, minimum segment size.
indices	IntegerVector, order list of indices to pair.

**Value**

xcosts NumericMatix, for  $j \geq i$  xcosts(i,j) is the cost of partition element [i,...j] (inclusive).

**Examples**

```
const_costs_logistic(c(0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.2), c(1, 1, 1, 1), 1, 1:4)
```

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lin\_costs                    *lin\_costs*

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**Description**

Built matrix of interval costs for held-out linear models. One indexed.

**Usage**

```
lin_costs(x, y, w, min_seg, indices)
```

**Arguments**

x	NumericVector, x-coords of values to group.
y	NumericVector, values to group in order.
w	NumericVector, weights.
min_seg	positive integer, minimum segment size.
indices	IntegerVector, ordered list of indices to pair.

**Value**

xcosts NumericMatix, for  $j \geq i$  xcosts(i,j) is the cost of partition element [i,...j] (inclusive).

**Examples**

```
lin_costs(c(1, 2, 3, 4), c(1, 2, 2, 1), c(1, 1, 1, 1), 1, 1:4)
```

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lin\_costs\_logistic     *lin\_costs\_logistic deviance costs.*

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**Description**

Built matrix of interval deviance costs for held-out logistic models. Fits are evaluated in-sample. One indexed.

**Usage**

```
lin_costs_logistic(x, y, w, min_seg, indices)
```

**Arguments**

x	NumericVector, x-coords of values to group.
y	NumericVector, values to group in order (should be in interval [0,1]).
w	NumericVector, weights (should be positive).
min_seg	positive integer, minimum segment size.
indices	IntegerVector, ordered list of indices to pair.

**Value**

xcosts NumericMatix, for  $j \geq i$  xcosts(i,j) is the cost of partition element [i,...j] (inclusive).

**Examples**

```
lin_costs_logistic(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), c(0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0), c(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1), 3, 1:7)
```

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piecewise\_constant     *Piecewise constant fit.*

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### Description

vtreat custom coder based on RcppDynProg::solve\_for\_partition().

### Usage

```
piecewise_constant(varName, x, y, w = NULL)
```

### Arguments

varName	character, name of variable to work on.
x	numeric, input values.
y	numeric, values to estimate.
w	numeric, weights.

### Examples

```
piecewise_constant("x", 1:8, c(-1, -1, -1, -1, 1, 1, 1, 1))
```

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piecewise\_constant\_coder  
*Piecewise constant fit coder factory.*

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### Description

Build a piecewise constant fit coder with some parameters bound in.

### Usage

```
piecewise_constant_coder(penalty = 1, min_n_to_chunk = 1000,  
  min_seg = 10, max_k = 1000)
```

### Arguments

penalty	per-segment cost penalty.
min_n_to_chunk	minimum n to subdivied problem.
min_seg	positive integer, minimum segment size.
max_k	maximum segments to divide into.

**Value**

a vtreat coder

**Examples**

```
coder <- piecewise_constant_coder(min_seg = 1)
coder("x", 1:8, c(-1, -1, -1, -1, 1, 1, 1, 1))
```

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piecewise\_linear      *Piecewise linear fit.*

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**Description**

vtreat custom coder based on `RcppDynProg::solve_for_partition()`.

**Usage**

```
piecewise_linear(varName, x, y, w = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

varName	character, name of variable to work on.
x	numeric, input values.
y	numeric, values to estimate.
w	numeric, weights.

**Examples**

```
piecewise_linear("x", 1:8, c(1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1))
```

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piecewise\_linear\_coder      *Piecewise linear fit coder factory.*

---

**Description**

Build a piecewise linear fit coder with some parameters bound in.

**Usage**

```
piecewise_linear_coder(penalty = 1, min_n_to_chunk = 1000,
  min_seg = 10, max_k = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

penalty            per-segment cost penalty.  
 min\_n\_to\_chunk    minimum n to subdivied problem.  
 min\_seg            positive integer, minimum segment size.  
 max\_k             maximum segments to divide into.

**Value**

a vtreat coder

**Examples**

```
coder <- piecewise_linear_coder(min_seg = 1)
coder("x", 1:8, c(1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1))
```

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RcppDynProg

*RcppDynProg*


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**Description**

Rcpp dynamic programming solutions for partitioning and machine learning problems. Includes out of sample fitting applications. Also supplies additional custom coders for the vtreat package. Please see <https://github.com/WinVector/RcppDynProg> for details.

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run\_package\_tests

*Run package tests.*


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**Description**

For all files with names of the form "*^test\_+\\.R\$*" in the package directory `unit_tests` run all functions with names of the form "*^test\_+\$.*" as RUnit tests. Attaches RUnit and pkg, requires RUnit. Stops on error.

**Usage**

```
run_package_tests(pkg, ..., verbose = TRUE, test_dir = NULL,
  stop_on_issue = TRUE, stop_if_no_tests = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

pkg	character, name of package to test.
...	not used, force later arguments to bind by name.
verbose	logical, if TRUE print more.
test_dir	directory to look for tests in, if not set looks in package unit_tests.
stop_on_issue	logical, if TRUE stop after errors or failures.
stop_if_no_tests	logical, if TRUE stop if no tests were found.

**Details**

Based on <https://github.com/RcppCore/Rcpp/blob/master/tests/doRUnit.R>.

**Value**

nothing

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score_solution	<i>compute the price of a partition solution (and check is valid).</i>
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**Description**

compute the price of a partition solution (and check is valid).

**Usage**

```
score_solution(x, solution)
```

**Arguments**

x	NumericMatrix, for $j \geq i$ $x(i,j)$ is the cost of partition element $[i, \dots, j]$ (inclusive).
solution	vector of indices

**Value**

price

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(c(1,1,5,1,1,0,5,0,1), nrow=3)
s <- c(1, 2, 4)
score_solution(x, s)
```



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solve\_for\_partition    *Solve for a piecewise linear partiton.*

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### Description

Solve for a good set of right-exclusive x-cuts such that the overall graph of  $y \sim x$  is well-approximated by a piecewise linear function. Solution is a ready for use with `base::findInterval()` and `stats::approx()` (demonstrated in the examples).

### Usage

```
solve_for_partition(x, y, ..., w = NULL, penalty = 0,
  min_n_to_chunk = 1000, min_seg = 1, max_k = length(x))
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	numeric, input variable (no NAs).
<code>y</code>	numeric, result variable (no NAs, same length as x).
<code>...</code>	not used, force later arguments by name.
<code>w</code>	numeric, weights (no NAs, positive, same length as x).
<code>penalty</code>	per-segment cost penalty.
<code>min_n_to_chunk</code>	minimum n to subdivied problem.
<code>min_seg</code>	positive integer, minimum segment size.
<code>max_k</code>	maximum segments to divide into.

### Value

a data frame appropriate for `stats::approx()`.

### Examples

```
# example data
d <- data.frame(
  x = 1:8,
  y = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1))

# solve for break points
soln <- solve_for_partition(d$x, d$y)
# show solution
print(soln)

# label each point
d$group <- base::findInterval(
  d$x,
  soln$x[soln$what=='left'])
```

```
# apply piecewise approximation
d$estimate <- stats::approx(
  soln$x,
  soln$pred,
  xout = d$x,
  method = 'linear',
  rule = 2)$y
# show result
print(d)
```

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solve\_for\_partitionc *Solve for a piecewise constant partition.*

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### Description

Solve for a good set of right-exclusive x-cuts such that the overall graph of  $y \sim x$  is well-approximated by a piecewise linear function. Solution is a ready for use with `base::findInterval()` and `stats::approx()` (demonstrated in the examples).

### Usage

```
solve_for_partitionc(x, y, ..., w = NULL, penalty = 0,
  min_n_to_chunk = 1000, min_seg = 1, max_k = length(x))
```

### Arguments

x	numeric, input variable (no NAs).
y	numeric, result variable (no NAs, same length as x).
...	not used, force later arguments by name.
w	numeric, weights (no NAs, positive, same length as x).
penalty	per-segment cost penalty.
min_n_to_chunk	minimum n to subdivided problem.
min_seg	positive integer, minimum segment size.
max_k	maximum segments to divide into.

### Value

a data frame appropriate for `stats::approx()`.

**Examples**

```

# example data
d <- data.frame(
  x = 1:8,
  y = c(-1, -1, -1, -1, 1, 1, 1, 1))

# solve for break points
soln <- solve_for_partitionc(d$x, d$y)
# show solution
print(soln)

# label each point
d$group <- base::findInterval(
  d$x,
  soln$x[soln$what=='left'])
# apply piecewise approximation
d$estimate <- stats::approx(
  soln$x,
  soln$pred,
  xout = d$x,
  method = 'constant',
  rule = 2)$y
# show result
print(d)

```

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solve\_interval\_partition

*solve\_interval\_partition interval partition problem.*

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**Description**

Solve a for a minimal cost partition of the integers  $[1, \dots, \text{row}(x)]$  problem where for  $j \geq i$   $x(i, j)$  is the cost of choosing the partition element  $[i, \dots, j]$ . Returned solution is an ordered vector  $v$  of length  $k \leq k_{\max}$  where:  $v[1] = 1$ ,  $v[k] = \text{row}(x) + 1$ , and the partition is of the form  $[v[i], v[i+1])$  (intervals open on the right).

**Usage**

```
solve_interval_partition(x, kmax)
```

**Arguments**

$x$	NumericMatrix, for $j \geq i$ $x(i, j)$ is the cost of partition element $[i, \dots, j]$ (inclusive).
$k_{\max}$	int, maximum number of segments in solution.

**Value**

dynamic program solution.

**Examples**

```
costs <- matrix(c(1.5, NA ,NA ,1 ,0 , NA, 5, -1, 1), nrow = 3)
solve_interval_partition(costs, nrow(costs))
```

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solve\_interval\_partition\_k

*solve\_interval\_partition interval partition problem with a bound on number of steps.*

---

**Description**

Solve a for a minimal cost partition of the integers  $[1, \dots, \text{nrow}(x)]$  problem where for  $j \geq i$   $x(i, j)$  is the cost of choosing the partition element  $[i, \dots, j]$ . Returned solution is an ordered vector  $v$  of length  $k \leq k_{\max}$  where:  $v[1] = 1$ ,  $v[k] = \text{nrow}(x) + 1$ , and the partition is of the form  $[v[i], v[i+1])$  (intervals open on the right).

**Usage**

```
solve_interval_partition_k(x, kmax)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	NumericMatrix, for $j \geq i$ $x(i, j)$ is the cost of partition element $[i, \dots, j]$ (inclusive).
<code>kmax</code>	int, maximum number of segments in solution.

**Value**

dynamic program solution.

**Examples**

```
costs <- matrix(c(1.5, NA ,NA ,1 ,0 , NA, 5, -1, 1), nrow = 3)
solve_interval_partition(costs, nrow(costs))
```

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 solve\_interval\_partition\_no\_k

*solve\_interval\_partition interval partition problem, no bound on the number of steps.*

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### Description

Not working yet.

### Usage

```
solve_interval_partition_no_k(x)
```

### Arguments

`x` NumericMatrix, for  $j \geq i$   $x(i,j)$  is the cost of partition element  $[i, \dots, j]$  (inclusive).

### Details

Solve a for a minimal cost partition of the integers  $[1, \dots, \text{nrow}(x)]$  problem where for  $j \geq i$   $x(i,j)$  is the cost of choosing the partition element  $[i, \dots, j]$ . Returned solution is an ordered vector  $v$  of length  $k$  where:  $v[1] == 1$ ,  $v[k] == \text{nrow}(x) + 1$ , and the partition is of the form  $[v[i], v[i+1])$  (intervals open on the right).

### Value

dynamic program solution.

### Examples

```
costs <- matrix(c(1.5, NA, NA, 1, 0, NA, 5, -1, 1), nrow = 3)
solve_interval_partition(costs, nrow(costs))
```

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