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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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## 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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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/WinVector/RcppDynProg/>
- <https://winvector.github.io/RcppDynProg/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/WinVector/RcppDynProg/issues>

const\_costs

*const\_costs***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 ( $\geq 1$ ).
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)
```

const\_costs\_logistic   *const\_costs\_logistic***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 ( $\geq 1$ ).
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_logistic(c(0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.2), c(1, 1, 1, 1), 1, 1:4)
```

lin\_costs

*lin\_costs***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 ( $\geq 1$ ).
indices	IntegerVector, ordered list of indices to pair.

**Value**

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

**Examples**

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

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

### 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

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

### Value

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

`piecewise_constant`      *Piecewise constant fit.*

### Description

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

### Usage

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

### Arguments

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

**Examples**

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

**piecewise\_constant\_coder**

*Piecewise constant fit coder factory.*

**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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<code>piecewise_linear</code>	<i>Piecewise linear fit.</i>
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## Description

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

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

## Examples

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

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<code>piecewise_linear_coder</code>	<i>Piecewise linear fit coder factory.</i>
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## 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

<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 vtreat coder

**Examples**

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

*score\_solution*

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

**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

- |                       |                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>        | NumericMatix, for $j \geq i$ $x(i,j)$ is the cost of partition element $[i, \dots, j]$ (inclusive). |
| <code>solution</code> | 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 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_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 <code>x</code> ).
<code>...</code>	not used, force later arguments by name.
<code>w</code>	numeric, weights (no NAs, positive, same length as <code>x</code> ).
<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)

```

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

## 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

<code>x</code>	numeric, input variable (no NAs).
<code>y</code>	numeric, result variable (no NAs, same length as <code>x</code> ).
<code>...</code>	not used, force later arguments by name.
<code>w</code>	numeric, weights (no NAs, positive, same length as <code>x</code> ).
<code>penalty</code>	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 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)

```

**solve\_interval\_partition**

*solve\_interval\_partition interval partition problem.*

**Description**

Solve a for a minimal cost partition of the integers [1,...,nrow(x)] problem where for  $j \geq i$   $x(i,j)$  is the cost of choosing the partition element  $[i,...,j]$ . Returned solution is an ordered vector  $v$  of length  $k \leq k_{\max}$  where:  $v[1] == 1$ ,  $v[k] == nrow(x) + 1$ , 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 square NumericMatix, for  $j \geq i$   $x(i,j)$  is the cost of partition element  $[i, \dots, j]$  (inclusive).
- kmax 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))
```

**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  $k \leq \text{kmax}$  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**

- x square NumericMatix, for  $j \geq i$   $x(i,j)$  is the cost of partition element  $[i, \dots, j]$  (inclusive).
- kmax 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 square NumericMatix, 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  $[1, \dots, nrow(x)]$  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:  $v[1] == 1$ ,  $v[k] == nrow(x) + 1$ , 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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