

Package ‘splitTools’

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Title Tools for Data Splitting

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Description Fast, lightweight toolkit for data splitting. Data sets can be partitioned into disjoint groups (e.g. into training, validation, and test) or into (repeated) k-folds for subsequent cross-validation. Besides basic splits, the package supports stratified, grouped as well as blocked splitting. Furthermore, cross-validation folds for time series data can be created. See e.g. Hastie et al. (2001) [<doi:10.1007/978-0-387-84858-7>](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-0-387-84858-7) for the basic background on data partitioning and cross-validation.

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create_folds	<i>Create Folds</i>
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Description

This function provides a list of row indices used for k-fold cross-validation (basic, stratified, grouped, or blocked). Repeated fold creation is supported as well. By default, in-sample indices are returned.

Usage

```
create_folds(
  y,
  k = 5L,
  type = c("stratified", "basic", "grouped", "blocked"),
  n_bins = 10L,
  m_rep = 1L,
  use_names = TRUE,
  invert = FALSE,
  shuffle = FALSE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

y	Either the variable used for "stratification" or "grouped" splits. For other types of splits, any vector of the same length as the data intended to split.
k	Number of folds.
type	Split type. One of "stratified" (default), "basic", "grouped", "blocked".
n_bins	Approximate numbers of bins for numeric y (only for type = "stratified").
m_rep	How many times should the data be split into k folds? Default is 1, i.e., no repetitions.
use_names	Should folds be named? Default is TRUE.
invert	Set to TRUE in order to receive out-of-sample indices. Default is FALSE, i.e., in-sample indices are returned.
shuffle	Should row indices be randomly shuffled within folds? Default is FALSE.
seed	Integer random seed.

Details

By default, the function uses stratified splitting. This will balance the folds regarding the distribution of the input vector y. (Numeric input is first binned into n_bins quantile groups.) If type = "grouped", groups specified by y are kept together when splitting. This is relevant for clustered or panel data. In contrast to basic splitting, type = "blocked" does not sample indices at random, but rather keeps them in sequential groups.

Value

If `invert = FALSE` (the default), a list with in-sample row indices. If `invert = TRUE`, a list with out-of-sample indices.

See Also

[partition\(\)](#), [create_timefolds\(\)](#)

Examples

```
y <- rep(c(letters[1:4]), each = 5)
create_folds(y)
create_folds(y, k = 2)
create_folds(y, k = 2, m_rep = 2)
create_folds(y, k = 3, type = "blocked")
```

create_timefolds	<i>Creates Folds for Time Series Data</i>
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Description

This function provides a list with in- and out-of-sample indices per fold used for time series k-fold cross-validation, see Details.

Usage

```
create_timefolds(y, k = 5L, use_names = TRUE, type = c("extending", "moving"))
```

Arguments

<code>y</code>	Any vector of the same length as the data intended to split.
<code>k</code>	Number of folds.
<code>use_names</code>	Should folds be named? Default is TRUE.
<code>type</code>	Should in-sample data be "extending" over the folds (default) or consist of one single fold ("moving")?

Details

The data is first partitioned into $k + 1$ sequential blocks B_1 to B_{k+1} . Each fold consists of two index vectors: one with in-sample row numbers, the other with out-of-sample row numbers. The first fold uses B_1 as in-sample and B_2 as out-of-sample data. The second one uses either B_2 (if `type = "moving"`) or $\{B_1, B_2\}$ (if `type = "extending"`) as in-sample, and B_3 as out-of-sample data etc. Finally, the k th fold uses $\{B_1, \dots, B_k\}$ ("extending") or B_k ("moving") as in-sample data, and B_{k+1} as out-of-sample data. This makes sure that out-of-sample data always follows in-sample data.

Value

A nested list with in-sample and out-of-sample indices per fold.

See Also

[partition\(\)](#), [create_folds\(\)](#)

Examples

```
y <- runif(100)
create_timefolds(y)
create_timefolds(y, use_names = FALSE)
create_timefolds(y, use_names = FALSE, type = "moving")
```

multi_strata

Create Strata from Multiple Features

Description

Creates a stratification vector based on multiple columns of a `data.frame` that can then be passed to the splitting functions.

Currently, the function offers two strategies to create the strata:

- "kmeans": k-means cluster analysis on scaled input. (Ordered factors are integer encoded first, unordered factors and character columns are one-hot-encoded.)
- "interaction": All combinations (after binning numeric columns into approximately k bins).

Usage

```
multi_strata(df, strategy = c("kmeans", "interaction"), k = 3L)
```

Arguments

<code>df</code>	A <code>data.frame</code> used to form the stratification vector.
<code>strategy</code>	A string (either "kmeans" or "interaction") to compute the strata, see description.
<code>k</code>	An integer. For <code>strategy = "kmeans"</code> , it is the desired number of strata, while for <code>strategy = "interaction"</code> , it is the approximate number of bins per numeric feature before forming all combinations.

Value

Factor with strata as levels.

See Also

[partition\(\)](#), [create_folds\(\)](#)

Examples

```

y_multi <- data.frame(
  A = rep(c(letters[1:4]), each = 20),
  B = factor(sample(c(0, 1), 80, replace = TRUE)),
  c = rnorm(80)
)
y <- multi_strata(y_multi, k = 3)
folds <- create_folds(y, k = 5)

```

partition

Split Data into Partitions

Description

This function provides row indices for data splitting, e.g., to split data into training, validation, and test. Different types of split strategies are supported, see Details. The partition indices are either returned as list with one element per partition (the default) or as vector of partition IDs.

Usage

```

partition(
  y,
  p,
  type = c("stratified", "basic", "grouped", "blocked"),
  n_bins = 10L,
  split_into_list = TRUE,
  use_names = TRUE,
  shuffle = FALSE,
  seed = NULL
)

```

Arguments

<code>y</code>	Either the variable used for "stratification" or "grouped" splits. For other types of splits, any vector of the same length as the data intended to split.
<code>p</code>	A vector with split probabilities per partition, e.g., <code>c(train = 0.7, valid = 0.3)</code> . Names are passed to the output.
<code>type</code>	Split type. One of "stratified" (default), "basic", "grouped", "blocked".
<code>n_bins</code>	Approximate numbers of bins for numeric <code>y</code> (only for <code>type = "stratified"</code>).
<code>split_into_list</code>	Should the resulting partition vector be split into a list? Default is TRUE.
<code>use_names</code>	Should names of <code>p</code> be used as partition names? Default is TRUE.
<code>shuffle</code>	Should row indices be randomly shuffled within partition? Default is FALSE. Shuffling is only possible when <code>split_into_list = TRUE</code> .
<code>seed</code>	Integer random seed.

Details

By default, the function uses stratified splitting. This will balance the partitions as good as possible regarding the distribution of the input vector *y*. (Numeric input is first binned into *n_bins* quantile groups.) If *type* = "grouped", groups specified by *y* are kept together when splitting. This is relevant for clustered or panel data. In contrast to basic splitting, *type* = "blocked" does not sample indices at random, but rather keeps them in groups: e.g., the first 80% of observations form a training set and the remaining 20% are used for testing.

Value

A list with row indices per partition (if *split_into_list* = TRUE) or a vector of partition IDs.

See Also

[create_folds\(\)](#)

Examples

```
y <- rep(c(letters[1:4]), each = 5)
partition(y, p = c(0.7, 0.3), seed = 1)
partition(y, p = c(0.7, 0.3), split_into_list = FALSE, seed = 1)
p <- c(train = 0.8, valid = 0.1, test = 0.1)
partition(y, p, seed = 1)
partition(y, p, split_into_list = FALSE, seed = 1)
partition(y, p, split_into_list = FALSE, use_names = FALSE, seed = 1)
partition(y, p = c(0.7, 0.3), type = "grouped")
partition(y, p = c(0.7, 0.3), type = "blocked")
```

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