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liver-package

*liver: Foundations Toolkit and Datasets for Data Science*


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## Description

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datasets are curated to highlight practical applications in data exploration, modeling, and multivariate analysis. An early inspiration for the package came from an ancient Persian idiom about "eating the liver," symbolizing deep and immersive engagement with knowledge.

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accuracy	<i>Average classification accuracy</i>
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**Description**

Computes average classification accuracy.

**Usage**

```
accuracy(pred, actual, cutoff = NULL, reference = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

pred	a numerical vector of estimated values.
actual	a numerical vector of actual values.
cutoff	cutoff value for the case that pred is vector of probabilities.
reference	a factor of classes to be used as the true results.

**Value**

the computed average classification accuracy (numeric value).

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**See Also**

[conf.mat](#), [mse](#), [mae](#)

### Examples

```
pred = c("no", "yes", "yes", "no", "no", "yes", "no", "no")
actual = c("yes", "no", "yes", "no", "no", "no", "yes", "yes")

accuracy(pred, actual)
```

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adult	<i>adult data set</i>
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### Description

the adult dataset was collected from the US Census Bureau and the primary task is to predict whether a given adult makes more than \$50K a year based attributes such as education, hours of work per week, etc. the target feature is *income*, a factor with levels " $\leq 50K$ " and " $> 50K$ ", and the remaining 14 variables are predictors.

### Usage

```
data(adult)
```

### Format

the adult dataset, as a data frame, contains 48598 rows and 15 columns (variables/features). the 15 variables are:

- age: age in years.
- workclass: a factor with 6 levels.
- demogweight: the demographics to describe a person.
- education: a factor with 16 levels.
- education.num: number of years of education.
- marital.status: a factor with 5 levels.
- occupation: a factor with 15 levels.
- relationship: a factor with 6 levels.
- race: a factor with 5 levels.
- gender: a factor with levels "Female", "Male".
- capital.gain: capital gains.
- capital.loss: capital losses.
- hours.per.week: number of hours of work per week.
- native.country: a factor with 42 levels.
- income: yearly income as a factor with levels " $\leq 50K$ " and " $> 50K$ ".

## Details

For more information related to the dataset see the UCI Machine Learning Repository:

<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~delve/data/adult/desc.html>

<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~delve/data/adult/adultDetail.html>

## Source

This dataset comes from the UCI repository of machine learning databases:

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu>

## References

Kohavi, R. (1996). Scaling up the accuracy of naive-bayes classifiers: A decision-tree hybrid. *Kdd*.

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

## See Also

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

## Examples

```
data(adult)
str(adult)
```

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advertising

*advertising data set*

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## Description

the dataset is from an anonymous organisation's social media ad campaign. the advertising dataset contains 11 features and 1143 records.

## Usage

```
data(advertising)
```

## Format

the advertising dataset, as a data frame, contains 1143 rows and 11 columns (variables/features). the 11 variables are:

- `ad.id`: an unique ID for each ad.
- `xyz.campaign.id`: an ID associated with each ad campaign of XYZ company.
- `fb.campaign.id`: an ID associated with how Facebook tracks each campaign.
- `age`: age of the person to whom the ad is shown.

- gender: gender of the person to whom the add is shown.
- interest: a code specifying the category to which the person's interest belongs (interests are as mentioned in the person's Facebook public profile).
- impressions: the number of times the ad was shown.
- clicks: number of clicks on for that ad.
- spend: amount paid by company xyz to Facebook, to show that ad.
- conversion: total number of people who enquired about the product after seeing the ad.
- approved: total number of people who bought the product after seeing the ad.

### Details

For more information related to the dataset see:

<https://www.kaggle.com/loveall/clicks-conversion-tracking>

### Source

This dataset is from:

<https://www.kaggle.com/loveall/clicks-conversion-tracking>

### References

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

### See Also

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

### Examples

```
data(advertising)
str(advertising)
```

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bank

*Bank marketing data set*

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### Description

the data is related to direct marketing campaigns of a Portuguese banking institution. the marketing campaigns were based on phone calls. Often, more than one contact to the same client was required, in order to access if the product (bank term deposit) would be (or not) subscribed. the classification goal is to predict if the client will subscribe a term deposit (variable deposit).

### Usage

```
data(bank)
```

## Format

the bank dataset, as a data frame, contains 4521 rows (customers) and 17 columns (variables/features). the 17 variables are:

Bank client data:

- age: numeric.
- job: type of job; categorical: "admin.", "unknown", "unemployed", "management", "housemaid", "entrepreneur", "student", "blue-collar", "self-employed", "retired", "technician", "services".
- marital: marital status; categorical: "married", "divorced", "single"; note: "divorced" means divorced or widowed.
- education: categorical: "secondary", "primary", "tertiary", "unknown".
- default: has credit in default?; binary: "yes", "no".
- balance: average yearly balance, in euros; numeric.
- housing: has housing loan? binary: "yes", "no".
- loan: has personal loan? binary: "yes", "no".

Related with the last contact of the current campaign:

- contact: contact communication type; categorical: "unknown", "telephone", "cellular".
- day: last contact day of the month; numeric.
- month: last contact month of year; categorical: "jan", "feb", "mar", ..., "nov", "dec".
- duration: last contact duration, in seconds; numeric.

Other attributes:

- campaign: number of contacts performed during this campaign and for this client; numeric, includes last contact.
- pdays: number of days that passed by after the client was last contacted from a previous campaign; numeric, -1 means client was not previously contacted.
- previous: number of contacts performed before this campaign and for this client; numeric.
- poutcome: outcome of the previous marketing campaign; categorical: "success", "failure", "unknown", "other".

Target variable:

- deposit: Indicator of whether the client subscribed a term deposit; binary: "yes" or "no".

## Details

For more information related to the dataset see:

<http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Bank+Marketing>

## Source

This dataset comes from the UCI repository of machine learning databases:

<http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Bank+Marketing>

## References

Moro, S., Laureano, R. and Cortez, P. (2011) Using Data Mining for Bank Direct Marketing: An Application of the CRISP-DM Methodology. In P. Novais et al. (Eds.), Proceedings of the European Simulation and Modelling Conference.

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

## See Also

[churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

## Examples

```
data(bank)
str(bank)
```

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caravan

*Caravan insurance data set*

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## Description

The contains 5822 customer records from an insurance company, each described by 86 variables. These include 43 sociodemographic features based on zip codes and 43 indicators of product ownership. The final variable, Purchase, indicates whether a customer bought a caravan insurance policy. Collected for the CoIL 2000 Challenge, the data was designed to address the question: *Can you predict who would be interested in buying a caravan insurance policy and explain why?*

## Usage

```
data(caravan)
```

## Format

A data frame with 5822 observations (rows) and 86 features (columns).

## Details

For more information related to the dataset see <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/uciml/caravan-insurance-challenge>

## Source

The data was supplied by Sentient Machine Research: <https://www.smr.nl>

## References

P. van der Putten and M. van Someren (eds) . CoIL Challenge 2000: The Insurance Company Case. Published by Sentient Machine Research, Amsterdam. Also a Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science Technical Report 2000-09. June 22, 2000.

James, G., Witten, D., Hastie, T., and Tibshirani, R. (2013). An Introduction to Statistical Learning with applications in R, <https://www.statlearning.com>, Springer-Verlag.

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

## See Also

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## Examples

```
data(caravan)
str(caravan)
```

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cereal

*Cereal data set*

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## Description

This dataset contains nutrition information for 77 breakfast cereals and includes 16 variables. the "rating" column is our target as a rating of the cereals (Possibly from Consumer Reports?).

## Usage

```
data(cereal)
```

## Format

the cereal dataset, as a data frame, contains 77 rows (breakfast cereals) and 16 columns (variables/features). the 16 variables are:

- name: Name of cereal.
- manuf: Manufacturer of cereal, coded into seven categories: "A" for American Home Food Products, "G" for General Mills, "K" for Kelloggs, "N" for Nabisco, "P" for Post, "Q" for Quaker Oats, and "R" for Ralston Purina.
- type: cold or hot.
- calories: calories per serving.
- protein: grams of protein.
- fat: grams of fat.
- sodium: milligrams of sodium.

- fiber: grams of dietary fiber.
- carbo: grams of complex carbohydrates.
- sugars: grams of sugars.
- potass: milligrams of potassium.
- vitamins: vitamins and minerals - 0, 25, or 100, indicating the typical percentage of FDA recommended.
- shelf: display shelf (1, 2, or 3, counting from the floor).
- weight: weight in ounces of one serving.
- cups: number of cups in one serving.
- rating: a rating of the cereals (Possibly from Consumer Reports?).

### Details

For more information related to the dataset see

<https://www.openml.org/search?type=data&status=any&id=1095&sort=runs>

### Source

This dataset is originally from

<https://lib.stat.cmu.edu/DASL/Datafiles/Cereals.html>

### References

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

### See Also

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### Examples

```
data(cereal)
str(cereal)
```

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churn

*Churn dataset for Credit Card Customers*

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### Description

The *churn* data set contains 10127 rows (customers) and 21 columns (features). The *churn* column is our target which indicate whether customer churned (left the company) or not.

**Usage**

```
data(churn)
```

**Format**

the churn dataset, as a data frame, contains 10127 rows (customers) and 21 columns (variables/features). the 21 variables are:

- `customer.ID`: Unique identifier for each account holder.
- `age`: Age of the customer, in years.
- `gender`: Gender of the account holder.
- `education`: Educational qualification (high-school, college, graduate, uneducated, post-graduate, doctorate, unknown).
- `marital`: Marital status (married, single, divorced, unknown).
- `income`: Annual income bracket (less than \$40K, \$40K-\$60K, \$60K-\$80K, \$80K-\$120K, over \$120K, unknown).
- `card.category`: Credit card type (blue, silver, gold, platinum).
- `dependent.count`: Number of dependents.
- `months.on.book`: Tenure with the bank, in months.
- `relationship.count`: Total number of products held by the customer (1-6).
- `months.inactive`: Number of inactive months in the past 12 months.
- `contacts.count.12`: Number of customer service contacts in the past 12 months.
- `credit.limit`: Total credit card limit.
- `revolving.balance`: Current revolving balance on the credit card.
- `available.credit`: Available credit line, representing the unused portion of the credit limit. Calculated as `credit.limit - revolving.balance`.
- `transaction.amount.12`: Total transaction amount in the past 12 months.
- `transaction.count.12`: Total number of transactions in the past 12 months.
- `ratio.amount.Q4.Q1`: Ratio of total transaction amount in the fourth quarter to that in the first quarter.
- `ratio.count.Q4.Q1`: Ratio of total transaction count in the fourth quarter to that in the first quarter.
- `utilization.ratio`: Average credit utilization ratio, defined as `revolving.balance / credit.limit`.
- `churn`: Indicator of whether the account was closed (yes) or remained active (no).

**Details**

For more information related to the dataset see:

<https://www.kaggle.com/sakshigoyal7/credit-card-customers>

**Source**

This dataset is originally from <https://leaps.analyttica.com/home>

## References

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

## See Also

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## Examples

```
data(churn)
```

```
str(churn)
```

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churn\_mlc

*Churn data set from MLC++ machine learning*

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## Description

This dataset originates from the MLC++ machine learning software and is used for modeling customer churn. Customer *churn*, also known as customer attrition, refers to the event in which customers stop doing business with a company. The dataset contains 5000 rows (customers) and 20 columns (features). The *churn* column serves as the target variable, indicating whether a customer has churned (left the company) or not.

## Usage

```
data(churn_mlc)
```

## Format

A data frame with 5000 rows (customers) and 20 columns (variables/features). the 20 variables are:

- `state`: Categorical, for the 51 states and the District of Columbia.
- `area.code`: Categorical.
- `account.length`: count, how long account has been active.
- `voice.plan`: Categorical, yes or no, voice mail plan.
- `voice.messages`: Count, number of voice mail messages.
- `intl.plan`: Categorical, yes or no, international plan.
- `intl.mins`: Continuous, minutes customer used service to make international calls.
- `intl.calls`: Count, total number of international calls.
- `intl.charge`: Continuous, total international charge.
- `day.mins`: Continuous, minutes customer used service during the day.
- `day.calls`: Count, total number of calls during the day.

- `day.charge`: Continuous, total charge during the day.
- `eve.mins`: Continuous, minutes customer used service during the evening.
- `eve.calls`: Count, total number of calls during the evening.
- `eve.charge`: Continuous, total charge during the evening.
- `night.mins`: Continuous, minutes customer used service during the night.
- `night.calls`: Count, total number of calls during the night.
- `night.charge`: Continuous, total charge during the night.
- `customer.calls`: Count, number of calls to customer service.
- `churn`: Categorical, yes or no. Indicator of whether the customer has left the company (yes or no).

### Details

For more information related to the dataset see

- OpenML: <https://www.openml.org/search?type=data&sort=runs&id=40701&status=active>
- data.world: <https://data.world/earino/churn>

### Source

This dataset is originally from <http://www.sgi.com/tech/mlc>

### References

Saha, S., Saha, C., Haque, M. M., Alam, M. G. R., and Talukder, A. (2024). ChurnNet: Deep learning enhanced customer churn prediction in telecommunication industry. *IEEE access*, 12, 4471-4484.

Umayaparvathi, V., and Iyakutti, K. (2016). A survey on customer churn prediction in telecom industry: Datasets, methods and metrics. *International Research Journal of Engineering and Technology (IRJET)*, 3(04), 1065-1070

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

### See Also

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### Examples

```
data(churn_mlc)
str(churn_mlc)
```

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churn_tel	<i>churn_tel dataset</i>
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### Description

The *churn\_tel* data set contains 7043 rows (customers) and 21 columns (features). The *churn* column is our target which indicate whether customer churned (left the company) or not.

### Usage

```
data(churn_tel)
```

### Format

the *churn\_tel* dataset, as a data frame, contains 7043 rows (customers) and 21 columns (variables/features). the 21 variables are:

- `customer.ID`: Customer ID.
- `gender`: Whether the customer is a male or a female.
- `senior.citizen`: Whether the customer is a senior citizen or not (1, 0).
- `partner`: Whether the customer has a partner or not (yes, no).
- `dependent`: Whether the customer has dependents or not (yes, no).
- `tenure`: Number of months the customer has stayed with the company.
- `phone.service`: Whether the customer has a phone service or not (yes, no).
- `multiple.lines`: Whether the customer has multiple lines or not (yes, no, no phone service).
- `internet.service`: Customer's internet service provider (DSL, fiber optic, no).
- `online.security`: Whether the customer has online security or not (yes, no, no internet service).
- `online.backup`: Whether the customer has online backup or not (yes, no, no internet service).
- `device.protection`: Whether the customer has device protection or not (yes, no, no internet service).
- `tech.support`: Whether the customer has tech support or not (yes, no, no internet service).
- `streaming.TV`: Whether the customer has streaming TV or not (yes, no, no internet service).
- `streaming.movie`: Whether the customer has streaming movies or not (yes, no, no internet service).
- `contract`: the contract term of the customer (month to month, 1 year, 2 year).
- `paperless.bill`: Whether the customer has paperless billing or not (yes, no).
- `payment.method`: the customer's payment method (electronic check, mail check, bank transfer, credit card).
- `monthly.charge`: the amount charged to the customer monthly.
- `total.charges`: the total amount charged to the customer.
- `churn`: Whether the customer churned or not (yes or no).

**Details**

For more information related to the dataset see:

<https://www.kaggle.com/blastchar/telco-customer-churn>

**Source**

This dataset comes from the IBM Sample Data Sets:

<https://community.ibm.com/community/user/blogs/steven-macko/2019/07/11/telco-customer-churn-1113>

**References**

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

**See Also**

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**Examples**

```
data(churn_tel)
str(churn_tel)
```

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conf.mat

*Confusion Matrix*

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**Description**

Create a Confusion Matrix.

**Usage**

```
conf.mat(pred, actual, cutoff = 0.5, reference = NULL,
         proportion = FALSE, dnn = c("Actual", "Predict"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

pred	a vector of estimated values.
actual	a vector of actual values.
cutoff	cutoff value for the case that pred is vector of probabilities.
reference	a factor of classes to be used as the true results.
proportion	Logical: FALSE (default) for a confusion matrix with number of cases. TRUE, for a confusion matrix with the proportion of cases.
dnn	the names to be given to the dimensions in the result (the dimnames names).
...	options to be passed to table.

**Value**

the results of table on pred and actual.

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**See Also**

[conf.mat.plot](#), [accuracy](#)

**Examples**

```
pred = c("no", "yes", "yes", "no", "no", "yes", "no", "no")
actual = c("yes", "no", "yes", "no", "no", "no", "yes", "yes")

conf.mat(pred, actual)
conf.mat(pred, actual, proportion = TRUE)
```

---

conf.mat.plot

*Plot Confusion Matrix*

---

**Description**

Plot a Confusion Matrix.

**Usage**

```
conf.mat.plot(pred, actual, cutoff = 0.5, reference = NULL, conf.level = 0,
              margin = c(1, 2), color = c("#F4A582", "#A6D854"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

pred	a vector of estimated values.
actual	a vector of actual values.
cutoff	cutoff value for the case that pred is vector of probabilities.
reference	a factor of classes to be used as the true results.
conf.level	confidence level used for the confidence rings on the odds ratios. Must be a single nonnegative number less than 1; if set to 0 (the default), confidence rings are suppressed.
margin	a numeric vector with the margins to equate. Must be one of 1, 2, or c(1, 2) (the default), which corresponds to standardizing the row, column, or both margins in each 2 by 2 table. Only used if std equals "margins".
color	a vector of length 2 specifying the colors to use for the smaller and larger diagonals of each 2 by 2 table.
...	options to be passed to fourfoldplot.

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**See Also**

[conf.mat](#)

**Examples**

```
pred = c("no", "yes", "yes", "no", "no", "yes", "no", "no")
actual = c("yes", "no", "yes", "no", "no", "no", "yes", "yes")

conf.mat.plot(pred, actual)
```

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corona

*Corona data set*

---

**Description**

COVID-19 Coronavirus data - daily (up to 14 December 2020).

**Usage**

```
data(corona)
```

**Format**

the corona dataset, as a data frame, contains 61900 rows and 12 columns (variables/features).

**Source**

The original source can be found:

<https://data.europa.eu/data/datasets/covid-19-coronavirus-data?locale=en>

**See Also**

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#)

**Examples**

```
data(corona)
str(corona)
```

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drug

*drug data set*

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### Description

synthetically generated dataset of 200 patients includes their age, sodium-to-potassium (Na/K) ratio, and the prescribed drug type.

### Usage

```
data(drug)
```

### Format

the drug dataset, as a data frame, contains 200 rows (customers) and 3 columns (variables/features). the 3 variables are:

- age: age of patients.
- ratio: sodium-to-potassium (Na/K) ratio.
- type: the prescribed drug type in three levels (A, B, and C).

### References

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

### See Also

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

### Examples

```
data(drug)  
str(drug)
```

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fertilizer	<i>Fertilizer data set</i>
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**Description**

the fertilizer dataset contains 4 features and 96 records. Results from an experiment to compare yields of a crop obtained under three different fertilizers. the target feature is *yield*.

**Usage**

```
data(fertilizer)
```

**See Also**

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [corona](#)

**Examples**

```
data(fertilizer)
str(fertilizer)
```

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find.na	<i>find.na</i>
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**Description**

Finding missing values.

**Usage**

```
find.na(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a numerical vector, matrix or data.frame.

**Value**

A numeric matrix with two columns.

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl> and Kevin Burke <kevin.burke@ul.ie>

### Examples

```
x = c(2.3, NA, -1.4, 0, 3.45)
```

```
find.na(x)
```

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gapminder

*Gapminder Data on Global Health, Income, and Population*

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### Description

The *gapminder* dataset provides global health, income, and population indicators for 195 countries over the period 1950–2019.

### Usage

```
data(gapminder)
```

### Format

The *gapminder* dataset, provided as a data frame, contains 13,650 rows and 8 columns (features) as follows:

- `country`: Country name.
- `year`: Calendar year of observation (1950–2019).
- `gdp`: Gross domestic product (GDP) in USD, based on World Bank data.
- `life_expectancy`: Average life expectancy at birth (in years).
- `population`: National population size.
- `continent`: Continent to which the country belongs.
- `iso_alpha`: ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 country code.
- `world_group`: A five-category geopolitical grouping of countries used for visualization, with levels *The West*, *Asia*, *Latin America*, *Africa*, and *Others*.

### Details

For more information related to the dataset see:

<https://www.gapminder.org/data/documentation/>

### Source

This dataset is originally from <https://www.gapminder.org/resources/>

### References

Reza Mohammadi (2025). *Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions*. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

**See Also**

[bank](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

**Examples**

```
data(gapminder)
```

```
str(gapminder)
```

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house	<i>house data set</i>
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**Description**

the house dataset contains 6 features and 414 records. the target feature is *unit.price* and the remaining 5 variables are predictors.

**Usage**

```
data(house)
```

**Format**

the house dataset, as a data frame, contains 414 rows and 6 columns (variables/features). the 6 variables are:

- `house.age`: house age (numeric, in year).
- `distance.to.MRT`: distance to the nearest MRT station (numeric).
- `stores.number`: number of convenience stores (numeric).
- `latitude`: latitude (numeric).
- `longitude`: longitude (numeric).
- `unit.price`: house price of unit area (numeric).

**Details**

For more information related to the dataset see:

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/477/real+estate+valuation+data+set>

<https://www.kaggle.com/quantbruce/real-estate-price-prediction>

**Source**

This dataset originally comes from the UCI repository of machine learning databases:

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/477/real+estate+valuation+data+set>

## References

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

## See Also

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

## Examples

```
data(house)
str(house)
```

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house_price	<i>house_price dataset</i>
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## Description

This data set contains 1460 rows and 81 columns (features). the "SalePrice" column is the target.

## Usage

```
data(house_price)
```

## Format

the house\_price dataset, as a data frame, contains 1460 rows and 81 columns (variables/features).

## Details

For more information related to the dataset see:

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/lespin/house-prices-dataset>

## Source

This dataset comes from:

<https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/house-prices-advanced-regression-techniques>

## References

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

## See Also

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

## Examples

```
data(house_price)
str(house_price)
```

---

insurance

*insurance data set*

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## Description

the insurance dataset contains 7 features and 1338 records. the target feature is *charge* and the remaining 6 variables are predictors. This dataset is simulated on the basis of demographic statistics from the US Census Bureau.

## Usage

```
data(insurance)
```

## Format

the insurance dataset, as a data frame, contains 1338 rows (customers) and 7 columns (variables/features). the 7 variables are:

- age: age of primary beneficiary.
- bmi: body mass index, providing an understanding of body, weights that are relatively high or low relative to height, objective index of body weight ( $\text{kg} / \text{m}^2$ ) using the ratio of height to weight, ideally 18.5 to 24.9.
- children: Number of children covered by health insurance / Number of dependents.
- smoker: Smoking as a factor with 2 levels, yes, no.
- gender: insurance contractor gender, female, male.
- region: the beneficiary's residential area in the US, northeast, southeast, southwest, northwest.
- charge: individual medical costs billed by health insurance.

## Details

For more information related to the dataset see:

<https://www.kaggle.com/mirichoi0218/insurance>

## Source

This dataset comes from:

<https://github.com/stedy/Machine-Learning-with-R-datasets>

## References

Brett Lantz (2019). Machine Learning with R: Expert techniques for predictive modeling. *Packt Publishing Ltd.*

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

## See Also

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

## Examples

```
data(insurance)
str(insurance)
```

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kNN

*k-Nearest Neighbour Classification*

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## Description

kNN is used to perform k-nearest neighbour classification for test set using training set. For each row of the test set, the k nearest (based on Euclidean distance) training set vectors are found. then, the classification is done by majority vote (ties broken at random). This function provides a formula interface to the `class::knn()` function of R package `class`. In addition, it allows normalization of the given data using the `scaler` function.

## Usage

```
kNN(formula, train, test, k = 1, scaler = FALSE, type = "class", l = 0,
     use.all = TRUE, na.rm = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>formula</code>	a <a href="#">formula</a> , with a response but no interaction terms. For the case of data frame, it is taken as the model frame (see <a href="#">model.frame</a> ).
<code>train</code>	data frame or matrix of train set cases.
<code>test</code>	data frame or matrix of test set cases.
<code>k</code>	number of neighbours considered.
<code>scaler</code>	a character with options FALSE (default), "minmax", and "zscore". Option "minmax" means no transformation. This option allows the users to use normalized version of the train and test sets for the kNN algorithm.
<code>type</code>	either "class" (default) for the predicted class or "prob" for model confidence values.

l	minimum vote for definite decision, otherwise doubt. (More precisely, less than k-1 dissenting votes are allowed, even if k is increased by ties.)
use.all	controls handling of ties. If true, all distances equal to the kth largest are included. If false, a random selection of distances equal to the kth is chosen to use exactly k neighbours.
na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values in x should be stripped before the computation proceeds.

**Value**

When `type = "class"` (default), a factor vector is returned, in which the doubt will be returned as NA. When `type = "prob"`, a matrix of confidence values is returned (one column per class).

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl> and Kevin Burke <kevin.burke@ul.ie>

**References**

Ripley, B. D. (1996) *Pattern Recognition and Neural Networks*. Cambridge.  
 Venables, W. N. and Ripley, B. D. (2002) *Modern Applied Statistics with S*. Fourth edition. Springer.

**See Also**

[kNN](#), [scaler](#)

**Examples**

```
data(risk)

train = risk[1:100, ]
test = risk[ 101, ]

kNN(risk ~ income + age, train = train, test = test)
```

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kNN.plot

*Visualizing the Optimal Number of k*


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**Description**

Visualizing the Optimal Number of k for k-Nearest Neighbour (kNN) algorithm based on accuracy or Mean Square Error (MSE).

**Usage**

```
kNN.plot(formula, train, test = NULL, ratio = c(0.7, 0.3), k.max = 10,
          scaler = FALSE, base = "accuracy", reference = NULL, cutoff = NULL,
          type = "class", report = FALSE, set.seed = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

formula	a <a href="#">formula</a> , with a response but no interaction terms. For the case of data frame, it is taken as the model frame (see <a href="#">model.frame</a> ).
train	data frame or matrix of train set cases.
test	Data frame or matrix containing the test set observations. If NULL, the train data are partitioned according to <code>ratio</code> .
ratio	Numeric vector of length 1 or 2 specifying the proportions used by <code>partition()</code> to split the train data into training and validation sets.
k.max	the maximum number of neighbors to consider can either be a single value, with a minimum of 2, or a vector representing a range of values k.
scaler	a character with options FALSE (default), "minmax", and "zscore". Option "minmax" means no transformation. This option allows the users to use normalized version of the train and test sets for the kNN algorithm.
base	base measurement: accuracy (default), error, or MSE for Mean Square Error.
reference	a factor of classes to be used as the true results.
cutoff	cutoff value for the case that the output of knn algorithm is vector of probabilities.
type	either "class" (default) for the predicted class or "prob" for model confidence values.
report	a character with options FALSE (default) and TRUE. Option TRUE reports the values of the base measurement.
set.seed	a single value, interpreted as an integer, or NULL.
...	options to be passed to <code>kNN()</code> .

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl> and Kevin Burke <kevin.burke@ul.ie>

**References**

Ripley, B. D. (1996) *Pattern Recognition and Neural Networks*. Cambridge.  
 Venables, W. N. and Ripley, B. D. (2002) *Modern Applied Statistics with S*. Fourth edition. Springer.

**See Also**

[kNN](#), [scaler](#)

**Examples**

```
data(risk)

partition_risk <- partition(data = risk, ratio = c(0.6, 0.4))

train <- partition_risk$part1
test <- partition_risk$part1

kNN.plot(risk ~ income + age, train = train, test = test)
kNN.plot(risk ~ income + age, train = train, test = test, base = "error")
```

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mae	<i>Mean Absolute Error (MAE)</i>
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**Description**

Computes mean absolute error.

**Usage**

```
mae(pred, actual, weight = 1, na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

pred	a numerical vector of estimated values.
actual	a numerical vector of actual values.
weight	a numerical vector of weights the same length as pred.
na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values in pred should be stripped before the computation proceeds.

**Value**

the computed mean squared error (numeric value).

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl> and Kevin Burke <kevin.burke@ul.ie>

**See Also**

[mse](#)

**Examples**

```
pred = c(2.3, -1.4, 0, 3.45)
actual = c(2.1, -0.9, 0, 2.99)

mae(pred, actual)
```

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marketing

*marketing data set*

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### Description

the marketing dataset contains 8 features and 40 records as 40 days that report how much we spent, how many clicks, impressions and transactions we got, whether or not a display campaign was running, as well as our revenue, click-through-rate and conversion rate. the target feature is *revenue* and the remaining 7 variables are predictors.

### Usage

```
data(marketing)
```

### Format

the marketing dataset, as a data frame, contains 40 rows and 8 columns (variables/features). the 8 variables are:

- `spend`: daily send of money on PPC (apy-per-click).
- `clicks`: number of clicks on for that ad.
- `impressions`: amount of impressions per day.
- `display`: whether or not a display campaign was running.
- `transactions`: number of transactions per day.
- `click.rate`: click-through-rate.
- `conversion.rate`: conversion rate.
- `revenue`: daily revenue.

### Details

For more information related to the dataset see:

<https://github.com/chrisBow/marketing-regression-part-one>

### Source

This dataset comes from:

<https://github.com/chrisBow/marketing-regression-part-one>

### References

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

### See Also

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

**Examples**

```
data(marketing)
str(marketing)
```

---

minmax

*Min-Max scaling of numerical variables*

---

**Description**

Performs Min-Max transformation for numerical variables.

**Usage**

```
minmax(x, col = "auto", min = NULL, max = NULL, na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a numerical vector, matrix or data.frame.
col	a character vector of column names or indices. If "auto", all numeric columns will be transformed. If "all", all columns will be transformed.
min	a numerical value or vector indicating the minimum value(s) to use for Min-Max transformation; if NULL, the default is based on x.
max	a numerical value or vector indicating the maximum value(s) to use for Min-Max transformation; if NULL, the default is based on x.
na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values in x should be stripped before the computation proceeds.

**Value**

transformed version of x.

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl> and Kevin Burke <kevin.burke@ul.ie>

**See Also**

[scaler](#), [zscore](#)

**Examples**

```
x = c(2.3, -1.4, 0, 3.45)

minmax(x)

minmax(x, min = 0, max = 1)
```

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mse	<i>Mean Squared Error (MSE)</i>
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**Description**

Computes mean squared error.

**Usage**

```
mse(pred, actual, weight = 1, na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

pred	a numerical vector of estimated values.
actual	a numerical vector of actual values.
weight	a numerical vector of weights the same length as pred.
na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values in pred should be stripped before the computation proceeds.

**Value**

the computed mean squared error (numeric value).

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl> and Kevin Burke <kevin.burke@ul.ie>

**See Also**

[mae](#)

**Examples**

```
pred = c(2.3, -1.4, 0, 3.45)
actual = c(2.1, -0.9, 0, 2.99)

mse(pred, actual)
```

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`one.hot`*One Hot Encoder*

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**Description**

One-Hot-Encode unordered factor columns of a `data.frame`, `matrix`, or `data.table`, using the `mltools::one_hot()` `mltools::one_hot` function.

**Usage**

```
one.hot(data, cols = "auto", sparsifyNAs = FALSE, naCols = FALSE,  
        dropCols = FALSE, dropUnusedLevels = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	a numerical vector, <code>matrix</code> , <code>data.frame</code> , or <code>data.table</code> .
<code>cols</code>	a character vector of column names or indices to one-hot-encode. If "auto", all unordered factor columns will be one-hot-encoded.
<code>sparsifyNAs</code>	a logical value indicating whether to convert NAs to 0s.
<code>naCols</code>	a logical value indicating whether to create a separate column for NAs.
<code>dropCols</code>	a logical value indicating whether to drop the original columns which are one-hot-encoded.
<code>dropUnusedLevels</code>	a logical value indicating whether to drop unused factor levels.

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl> and Kevin Burke <kevin.burke@ul.ie>

**See Also**

[scaler](#)

**Examples**

```
data(risk)  
str(risk)  
  
risk_one_hot <- one.hot(risk, cols = "auto")  
str(risk_one_hot)
```

partition *Partition the data*

---

**Description**

Randomly partitions the data (primarily intended to split into "training" and "test" sets) according to the supplied probabilities.

**Usage**

```
partition(data, ratio = c(0.7, 0.3), set.seed = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

data            an  $(n \times p)$  matrix or a data.frame.  
ratio           a numerical vector in range of [0, 1].  
set.seed        a single value, interpreted as an integer, or NULL.

**Value**

a list which includes the data partitions.

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl> and Kevin Burke <kevin.burke@ul.ie>

**Examples**

```
data(iris)  
partition(data = iris, ratio = c(0.7, 0.3))
```

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prop.conf *Confidence interval for proportion*

---

**Description**

Compute a confidence interval for the proportion of a response variable using the normal distribution.

**Usage**

```
prop.conf(x, n, conf = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a vector of counts of successes, a one-dimensional table with two entries, or a two-dimensional table (or matrix) with 2 columns, giving the counts of successes and failures, respectively.
n	a vector of counts of trials; ignored if x is a matrix or a table.
conf	confidence level of the interval.
...	further arguments to be passed to prop.test.

**Value**

A vector with two values: lower and upper confidence limits for the proportion of the response variable.

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl>

**Examples**

```
data(churn_mlc)
prop.conf(table(churn_mlc$churn), conf = 0.9)
```

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red\_wines

*Red wines data set*

---

**Description**

the red\_wines datasets are related to red variants of the Portuguese "Vinho Verde" wine. Due to privacy and logistic issues, only physicochemical (inputs) and sensory (the output) variables are available (e.g. there is no data about grape types, wine brand, wine selling price, etc.).

the dataset can be viewed as classification or regression tasks. the classes are ordered and not balanced (e.g. there are many more normal wines than excellent or poor ones). Outlier detection algorithms could be used to detect the few excellent or poor wines. Also, we are not sure if all input variables are relevant. So it could be interesting to test feature selection methods.

**Usage**

```
data(red_wines)
```

## Format

the red\_wines dataset, as a data frame, contains 1599 rows and 12 columns (variables/features). the 12 variables are:

Input variables (based on physicochemical tests):

- fixed acidity
- volatile acidity
- citric acid
- residual sugar
- chlorides
- free sulfur dioxide
- total sulfur dioxide
- density
- pH
- sulphates
- alcohol

Output variable (based on sensory data)

- quality: score between 0 and 10.

## Details

For more information related to the dataset see the UCI Machine Learning Repository:

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/186/wine+quality>

## Source

This dataset comes from the UCI repository of machine learning databases:

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/186/wine+quality>

## References

Cortez, P., Cerdeira, A., Almeida, F., Matos, T., and Reis, J. (2009). Modeling wine preferences by data mining from physicochemical properties. *Decision support systems*, 47(4), 547-553.

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

## See Also

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

## Examples

```
data(red_wines)
str(red_wines)
```

---

risk

*Risk data set*

---

### Description

The *risk* dataset contains 246 records and 6 variables. The target variable is *risk*, a factor with two levels ("good risk" and "bad risk"). The remaining five variables serve as predictors. The dataset was simulated to reflect a realistic real-world scenario.

### Usage

```
data(risk)
```

### Format

the *risk* dataset, as a data frame, contains 246 rows (customers) and 6 columns (variables/features). the 6 variables are:

- age: age in years.
- marital: A factor with levels "single", "married", and "other".
- income: yearly income.
- mortgage: A factor with levels "yes" and "no".
- nr\_loans: Number of loans that constomers have.
- risk: A factor with levels "good risk" and "bad risk".

### References

Larose, D. T. and Larose, C. D. (2014). Discovering knowledge in data: an introduction to data mining. *John Wiley & Sons*.

Reza Mohammadi (2025). Data Science Foundations and Machine Learning with R: From Data to Decisions. <https://book-data-science-r.netlify.app>.

### See Also

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [white\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

### Examples

```
data(risk)
str(risk)
```

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`scaler`*Feature scaling*

---

**Description**

Performs feature scaling such as Z-score and min-max scaling.

**Usage**

```
scaler(x, scale = c("minmax", "zscore"), col = "auto",  
       par1 = NULL, par2 = NULL, na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a numerical vector, a matrix or a data.frame.
<code>scale</code>	a transfer for x.
<code>col</code>	a character vector of column names or indices. If "auto", all numeric columns will be transformed. If "all", all columns will be transformed.
<code>par1</code>	a numerical value or vector that for the case <code>scale = "minmax"</code> indicating the maximum value(s) and for the case <code>scale = "zscore"</code> indicating the mean value(s).
<code>par2</code>	a numerical value or vector that for the case <code>scale = "minmax"</code> indicating the maximum value(s) and for the case <code>scale = "zscore"</code> indicating the sd value(s).
<code>na.rm</code>	a logical value indicating whether NA values in x should be stripped before the computation proceeds.

**Value**

transformed version of x.

**Author(s)**

Reza Mohammadi <a.mohammadi@uva.nl> and Kevin Burke <kevin.burke@ul.ie>

**See Also**

[zscore](#), [minmax](#)

**Examples**

```
x = c(2.3, -1.4, 0, 3.45)  
  
scaler(x, scale = "minmax")  
  
scaler(x, scale = "zscore")
```

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skewness	<i>Skewness</i>
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**Description**

Computes the skewness for each field.

**Usage**

```
skewness(x, na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a numerical vector, matrix or data.frame.
na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values in x should be stripped before the computation proceeds.

**Value**

A numeric vector of skewness values.

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**Examples**

```
x = c(2.3, -1.4, 0, 3.45)
skewness(x)
```

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skim	<i>Skim a data frame to get useful summary statistics</i>
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**Description**

skim() provides an overview of a data frame as an alternative to [summary\(\)](#). This function is a wrapper for the `skimr::skim()` function of R package skimr.

**Usage**

```
skim(data, hist = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data a data frame or matrix.  
hist Logical: TRUE (default) to report the histogram of each variable.  
... columns to select for skimming. the default is to skim all columns.

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**See Also**

[summary\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data(risk)
skim(risk)
```

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t\_conf

*Confidence interval for mean*

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**Description**

Compute a confidence interval for the mean of a response variable using the t-distribution.

**Usage**

```
t_conf(x, conf = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.  
conf confidence level of the interval.  
... further arguments to be passed to `t.test`.

**Value**

A vector with two values: lower and upper confidence limits for the mean of the response variable.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(churn_mlc)
t_conf(churn_mlc$customer_calls, conf = 0.9)
```

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`white_wines`*White wines data set*

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### Description

the white\_wines datasets are related to white variants of the Portuguese "Vinho Verde" wine. Due to privacy and logistic issues, only physicochemical (inputs) and sensory (the output) variables are available (e.g. there is no data about grape types, wine brand, wine selling price, etc.).

the dataset can be viewed as classification or regression tasks. the classes are ordered and not balanced (e.g. there are many more normal wines than excellent or poor ones). Outlier detection algorithms could be used to detect the few excellent or poor wines. Also, we are not sure if all input variables are relevant. So it could be interesting to test feature selection methods.

### Usage

```
data(white_wines)
```

### Format

the white\_wines dataset, as a data frame, contains 4898 rows and 12 columns (variables/features). the 12 variables are:

Input variables (based on physicochemical tests):

- fixed acidity
- volatile acidity
- citric acid
- residual sugar
- chlorides
- free sulfur dioxide
- total sulfur dioxide
- density
- pH
- sulphates
- alcohol

Output variable (based on sensory data)

- quality: score between 0 and 10.

### Details

For more information related to the dataset see the UCI Machine Learning Repository:  
<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/186/wine+quality>

**Source**

This dataset comes from the UCI repository of machine learning databases:  
<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/186/wine+quality>

**References**

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**See Also**

[bank](#), [churn\\_mlc](#), [churn](#), [churn\\_tel](#), [adult](#), [risk](#), [cereal](#), [advertising](#), [marketing](#), [drug](#), [house](#), [house\\_price](#), [red\\_wines](#), [insurance](#), [caravan](#), [fertilizer](#), [corona](#)

**Examples**

```
data(white_wines)
str(white_wines)
```

---

z.conf

*Confidence interval for mean using z-distribution*

---

**Description**

Compute a confidence interval for the mean of a response variable using the z-distribution.

**Usage**

```
z.conf(x, sigma = NULL, conf = 0.95)
```

**Arguments**

x	a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.
sigma	the population standard deviation. If NULL, the sample standard deviation is used. This is useful when the population standard deviation is known, otherwise it should be left as NULL.
conf	confidence level of the interval.

**Value**

A vector with two values: lower and upper confidence limits for the mean of the response variable.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(churn_mlc)

z.conf(x = churn_mlc$customer_calls, conf = 0.9)
```

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zscore

*Z-score scaling of numerical variables*

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**Description**

Performs Z-score transformation for numerical variables.

**Usage**

```
zscore(x, col = "auto", mean = NULL, sd = NULL, na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a numerical vector, matrix or data.frame.
col	a character vector of column names or indices. If "auto", all numeric columns will be transformed. If "all", all columns will be transformed.
mean	a numerical value or vector indicating the mean to use for Z-score calculation; if NULL, the default is the mean of x.
sd	a numerical value or vector indicating the standard deviation(s) to use for Z-score calculation; if NULL, the default is the standard deviation of x.
na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values in x should be stripped before the computation proceeds.

**Value**

transformed version of x.

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**See Also**

[scaler](#), [minmax](#)

**Examples**

```
x = c(2.3, -1.4, 0, 3.45)

zscore(x)
zscore(x, mean = 1, sd = 2)
```

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