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FFTs are simple and transparent decision trees for solving binary classification problems.

FFTs can be preferable to more complex algorithms because they require very little information, are easy to understand and communicate, and are robust against overfitting.

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`add_fft_df` *Add an FFT definition to tree definitions*

**Description**

`add_fft_df` adds the definition(s) of one or more FFT(s) (in the multi-line format of an `FFTrees` object) or a single FFT (as a tidy data frame) to the multi-line FFT definitions of an `FFTrees` object. `add_fft_df` allows for collecting and combining (sets of) tree definitions after manipulating them with other tree trimming functions.

**Usage**

```
add_fft_df(fft, ffts_df = NULL, quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fft</code>	A (set of) FFT definition(s) (in the multi-line format of an <code>FFTrees</code> object) or one FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).
<code>ffts_df</code>	A set of FFT definitions (as a data frame, usually from an <code>FFTrees</code> object, with suitable variable names to pass <code>verify_ffts_df</code> . Default: <code>ffts_df = NULL</code> ).
<code>quiet</code>	Hide feedback messages (as logical)? Default: <code>quiet = FALSE</code> .

**Value**

A (set of) FFT definition(s) in the one line FFT definition format used by an `FFTrees` object (as a data frame).

**See Also**

[get\\_fft\\_df](#) for getting the FFT definitions of an `FFTrees` object; [read\\_fft\\_df](#) for reading one FFT definition from tree definitions; [write\\_fft\\_df](#) for writing one FFT to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other tree definition and manipulation functions: [add\\_nodes\(\)](#), [drop\\_nodes\(\)](#), [edit\\_nodes\(\)](#), [flip\\_exits\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [read\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [reorder\\_nodes\(\)](#), [select\\_nodes\(\)](#), [write\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

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add\_nodes *Add nodes to an FFT definition*

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### Description

add\_nodes allows adding one or more nodes to an existing FFT definition (in the tidy data frame format).

add\_nodes allows to directly set and change the value(s) of class, cue, direction, threshold, and exit, in an FFT definition for the specified nodes.

There is only rudimentary verification for plausible entries. Importantly, however, as add\_nodes is ignorant of data, the values of its variables are not validated for a specific set of data.

Values in nodes refer to their new position in the final FFT. Duplicate values of nodes are ignored (and only the last entry is used).

When a new exit node is added, the exit type of a former final node is set to the signal value (i.e., exit\_types[2]).

### Usage

```
add_nodes(
  fft,
  nodes = NA,
  class = NA,
  cue = NA,
  direction = NA,
  threshold = NA,
  exit = NA,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

fft	One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).
nodes	The FFT nodes to be added (as an integer vector). Values refer to their new position in the final FFT (i.e., after adding all nodes to fft). Default: nodes = NA.
class	The class values of nodes (as character).
cue	The cue names of nodes (as character).
direction	The direction values of nodes (as character).
threshold	The threshold values of nodes (as character).
exit	The exit values of nodes (as values from exit_types).
quiet	Hide feedback messages (as logical)? Default: quiet = FALSE.

### Value

One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).

**See Also**

[drop\\_nodes](#) for deleting nodes from an FFT definition; [edit\\_nodes](#) for editing nodes in an FFT definition; [flip\\_exits](#) for reversing exits in an FFT definition; [reorder\\_nodes](#) for reordering nodes of an FFT definition; [select\\_nodes](#) for selecting nodes in an FFT definition; [get\\_fft\\_df](#) for getting the FFT definitions of an FFTrees object; [read\\_fft\\_df](#) for reading one FFT definition from tree definitions; [add\\_fft\\_df](#) for adding FFTs to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other tree definition and manipulation functions: [add\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [drop\\_nodes\(\)](#), [edit\\_nodes\(\)](#), [flip\\_exits\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [read\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [reorder\\_nodes\(\)](#), [select\\_nodes\(\)](#), [write\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

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add_stats	<i>Add decision statistics to data (based on frequency counts of a 2x2 matrix of classification outcomes)</i>
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**Description**

add\_stats assumes the input of the 4 essential classification outcomes (as frequency counts in a data frame "data" with variable names "hi", "fa", "mi", and "cr") and uses them to compute various decision accuracy measures.

**Usage**

```
add_stats(
  data,
  correction = 0.25,
  sens.w = NULL,
  my.goal = NULL,
  my.goal.fun = NULL,
  cost.outcomes = NULL,
  cost.each = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame with 4 frequency counts (as integer values, named "hi", "fa", "mi", and "cr").
correction	numeric. Correction added to all counts for calculating dprime. Default: correction = .25.
sens.w	numeric. Sensitivity weight (for computing weighted accuracy, wacc). Default: sens.w = NULL (to ensure that values are passed by calling function).
my.goal	Name of an optional, user-defined goal (as character string). Default: my.goal = NULL.
my.goal.fun	User-defined goal function (with 4 arguments hi fa mi cr). Default: my.goal.fun = NULL.

<code>cost.outcomes</code>	list. A list of length 4 named "hi", "fa", "mi", "cr", and specifying the costs of a hit, false alarm, miss, and correct rejection, respectively. E.g.; <code>cost.outcomes = listc("hi" = 0, "fa" = 10, "mi" = 20, "cr" = 0)</code> means that a false alarm and miss cost 10 and 20 units, respectively, while correct decisions incur no costs. Default: <code>cost.outcomes = NULL</code> (to ensure that values are passed by calling function).
<code>cost.each</code>	numeric. An optional fixed cost added to all outputs (e.g., the cost of using the cue). Default: <code>cost.each = NULL</code> (to ensure that values are passed by calling function).

### Details

Providing numeric values for `cost.each` (as a vector) and `cost.outcomes` (as a named list) allows computing cost information for the counts of corresponding classification decisions.

### Value

A data frame with variables of computed accuracy and cost measures (but dropping inputs).

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blood	<i>Blood donation data</i>
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### Description

Data from the Blood Transfusion Service Center in Hsin-Chu City in Taiwan.

### Usage

```
blood
```

### Format

A data frame containing 748 rows and 5 columns.

**recency** Months since last donation

**frequency** Total number of donations

**total** Total blood donated (in c.c.)

**time** Months since first donation

**donation.crit** *Criterion:* Did the person donate blood (in March 2007)?

Values: 0/no vs. 1/yes (76.2% vs.\ 23.8%).

### Source

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Blood+Transfusion+Service+Center>

Original owner and donor:

Prof. I-Cheng Yeh

Department of Information Management

Chung-Hua University

**See Also**

Other datasets: [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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breastcancer

*Breast cancer data*

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**Description**

Physiological data of patients tested for breast cancer.

**Usage**

breastcancer

**Format**

A data frame containing 699 patients (rows) and 9 variables (columns).

**thickness** Clump Thickness

**cellsize.unif** Uniformity of Cell Size

**cellshape.unif** Uniformity of Cell Shape

**adhesion** Marginal Adhesion

**epithelial** Single Epithelial Cell Size

**nuclei.bare** Bare Nuclei

**chromatin** Bland Chromatin

**nucleoli** Normal Nucleoli

**mitoses** Mitoses

**diagnosis** *Criterion:* Absence/presence of breast cancer.

Values: FALSE vs. TRUE (65.0% vs. 35.0%).

**Details**

We made the following enhancements to the original data for improved usability:

- The ID number of the cases was excluded.
- The numeric criterion with value 2 for benign and 4 for malignant was converted to logical (i.e., TRUE/FALSE).
- 16 cases were excluded because they contained NA values.

Other than that, the data remains consistent with the original dataset.

**Source**

[https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Breast+Cancer+Wisconsin+\(Original\)](https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Breast+Cancer+Wisconsin+(Original))

Original creator:

Dr. William H. Wolberg (physician) University of Wisconsin Hospitals Madison, Wisconsin, USA

**See Also**

Other datasets: [blood](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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car	<i>Car acceptability data</i>
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**Description**

A dataset on car evaluations based on basic features, derived from a simple hierarchical decision model.

**Usage**

car

**Format**

A data frame containing 1728 cars (rows) and 7 variables (columns).

**buying.price** price for buying the car, Factor (high, low, med, vhigh)

**maint.price** price of the maintenance, Factor (high, low, med, vhigh)

**doors** number of doors, Factor (2, 3, 4, 5more)

**persons** capacity in terms of persons to carry, Factor (2, 4, more)

**luggage** the size of luggage boot, Factor (big, med, small)

**safety** estimated safety of the car, Factor (high, low, med)

**acceptability** *Criterion*: Category of acceptability rating.

Values: unacc/ vgood/ good/ acc

**Details**

The criterion variable is a car's acceptability rating.

The *criterion* for this dataset has not yet been binarized. Before using it with **FFTrees**, this prerequisite step should be completed based on individual preferences.

**Source**

<http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Car+Evaluation>

Original creators and donors: Marko Bohanec and Blaz Zupan

## References

Bohanec, M., Rajkovic, V. (1990): Expert system for decision making. *Sistemica*, 1 (1), 145–157.

## See Also

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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classtable	<i>Compute classification statistics for binary prediction and criterion (e.g.; truth) vectors</i>
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## Description

The main input are 2 logical vectors of prediction and criterion values.

## Usage

```
classtable(
  prediction_v = NULL,
  criterion_v = NULL,
  correction = 0.25,
  sens.w = NULL,
  cost.outcomes = NULL,
  cost_v = NULL,
  my.goal = NULL,
  my.goal.fun = NULL,
  quiet_mis = FALSE,
  na_prediction_action = "ignore"
)
```

## Arguments

prediction_v	logical. A logical vector of predictions.
criterion_v	logical. A logical vector of (TRUE) criterion values.
correction	numeric. Correction added to all counts for calculating dprime. Default: correction = .25.
sens.w	numeric. Sensitivity weight parameter (from 0 to 1, for computing wacc). Default: sens.w = NULL (to ensure that values are passed by calling function).
cost.outcomes	list. A list of length 4 with names 'hi', 'fa', 'mi', and 'cr' specifying the costs of a hit, false alarm, miss, and correct rejection, respectively. For instance, cost.outcomes = listc("hi" = 0, "fa" = 10, "mi" = 20, "cr" = 0) means that a false alarm and miss cost 10 and 20, respectively, while correct decisions have no cost. Default: cost.outcomes = NULL (to ensure that values are passed by calling function).

<code>cost_v</code>	numeric. Additional cost value of each decision (as an optional vector of numeric values). Typically used to include the cue cost of each decision (as a constant for the current level of an FFT). Default: <code>cost_v = NULL</code> (to ensure that values are passed by calling function).
<code>my.goal</code>	Name of an optional, user-defined goal (as character string). Default: <code>my.goal = NULL</code> .
<code>my.goal.fun</code>	User-defined goal function (with 4 arguments <code>hi fa mi cr</code> ). Default: <code>my.goal.fun = NULL</code> .
<code>quiet_mis</code>	A logical value passed to hide/show NA user feedback (usually <code>x\$params\$quiet\$mis</code> of the calling function). Default: <code>quiet_mis = FALSE</code> (i.e., show user feedback).
<code>na_prediction_action</code>	What happens when no prediction is possible? (Experimental and currently unused.)

### Details

The primary confusion matrix is computed by [confusionMatrix](#).

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contraceptive	<i>Contraceptive use data</i>
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### Description

A subset of the 1987 National Indonesia Contraceptive Prevalence Survey.

### Usage

```
contraceptive
```

### Format

A data frame containing 1473 cases (rows) and 10 variables (columns).

**wife.age** Wife's age, Numeric

**wife.edu** Wife's education, Nummeric, (1=low, 2, 3, 4=high)

**hus.ed** Husband's education, Nummeric, (1=low, 2, 3, 4=high)

**children** Number of children ever born, Numeric

**wife.rel** Wife's religion, Numeric, (0=Non-Islam, 1=Islam)

**wife.work** Wife's now working?, Nummeric, (0=Yes, 1=No)

**hus.occ** Husband's occupation, Nummeric, (1, 2, 3, 4)

**sol** Standard-of-living index, Nummeric, (1=low, 2, 3, 4=high)

**media** Media exposure, Numeric, (0=Good, 1=Not good)

**cont.crit** *Criterion*: Use of a contraceptive (as logical).

Values: FALSE vs. TRUE (42.7% vs. 57.3%).

**Details**

The samples describe married women who were either not pregnant or do not know if they were pregnant at the time of the interview.

The problem consists in predicting a woman's current contraceptive method choice (here: binarized `cont.crit`) based on her demographic and socio-economic characteristics.

We made the following enhancements to the original data for improved usability:

- The criterion was binarized from a class attribute variable with three levels (1 = No-use, 2 = Long-term, 3 = Short-term), into a logical variable (TRUE vs. FALSE).

Other than that, the data remains consistent with the original dataset.

**Source**

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Contraceptive+Method+Choice>

Original creator and donor: Tjen-Sien Lim

**See Also**

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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creditapproval

*Credit approval data*

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**Description**

This data reports predictors and the result of credit card applications. Its attribute names and values have been changed to symbols to protect confidentiality.

**Usage**

creditapproval

**Format**

A data frame containing 690 cases (rows) and 15 variables (columns).

**c.1** categorical: b, a

**c.2** continuous

**c.3** continuous

**c.4** categorical: u, y, l, t

**c.5** categorical: g, p, gg

**c.6** categorical: c, d, cc, i, j, k, m, r, q, w, x, e, aa, ff

**c.7** categorical: v, h, bb, j, n, z, dd, ff, o

- c.8** continuous
- c.9** categorical: t, f
- c.10** categorical: t, f
- c.11** continuous
- c.12** categorical: t, f
- c.13** categorical: g, p, s
- c.14** continuous
- c.15** continuous

**crit** *Criterion*: Credit approval.

Values: TRUE (+) vs. FALSE (-) (44.5% vs. 55.5%).

### Details

This dataset contains a mix of attributes – continuous, nominal with small sample sizes, and nominal with larger sample sizes. There are also a few missing values.

We made the following enhancements to the original data for improved usability:

- Any missing values, denoted as "?" in the dataset, were transformed into NA values.
- Binary factor variables with exclusive "t" and "f" values were converted to logical vectors (TRUE/FALSE).

Other than that, the data remains consistent with the original dataset.

### Source

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Credit+Approval>

### See Also

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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describe\_data

*Describe data*

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### Description

Calculate key descriptive statistics for a given set of data.

### Usage

```
describe_data(data, data_name, criterion_name, baseline_value)
```

**Arguments**

**data** A data frame with a criterion variable `criterion_name`.  
**data\_name** A character string specifying a name for the data.  
**criterion\_name** A character string specifying the criterion name.  
**baseline\_value** The value in `criterion_name` denoting the baseline (e.g., TRUE or FALSE).

**Value**

A data frame with the descriptive statistics.

**Examples**

```

data(heartdisease)
describe_data(heartdisease, "heartdisease",
              criterion_name = "diagnosis",
              baseline_value = TRUE)

```

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drop\_nodes

*Drop a node from an FFT definition*

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**Description**

`drop_nodes` deletes one or more nodes from an existing FFT definition (by removing the corresponding rows from the FFT definition in the tidy data frame format).

When dropping the final node, the last remaining node becomes the new final node (i.e., gains a second exit).

Duplicates in nodes are dropped only once (rather than incrementally) and nodes not in the range `1:nrow(fft)` are ignored. Dropping all nodes yields an error.

`drop_nodes` is the inverse function of [select\\_nodes](#). Inserting new nodes is possible by [add\\_nodes](#).

**Usage**

```
drop_nodes(fft, nodes = NA, quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

**fft** One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).  
**nodes** The FFT nodes to drop (as an integer vector). Default: `nodes = NA`.  
**quiet** Hide feedback messages (as logical)? Default: `quiet = FALSE`.

**Value**

One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).

**See Also**

[add\\_nodes](#) for adding nodes to an FFT definition; [edit\\_nodes](#) for editing nodes in an FFT definition; [select\\_nodes](#) for selecting nodes in an FFT definition; [get\\_fft\\_df](#) for getting the FFT definitions of an FFTrees object; [read\\_fft\\_df](#) for reading one FFT definition from tree definitions; [add\\_fft\\_df](#) for adding FFTs to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other tree definition and manipulation functions: [add\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [add\\_nodes\(\)](#), [edit\\_nodes\(\)](#), [flip\\_exits\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [read\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [reorder\\_nodes\(\)](#), [select\\_nodes\(\)](#), [write\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

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edit\_nodes

*Edit nodes in an FFT definition*


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**Description**

`edit_nodes` allows manipulating one or more nodes from an existing FFT definition (in the tidy data frame format).

`edit_nodes` allows to directly set and change the value(s) of `class`, `cue`, `direction`, `threshold`, and `exit`, in an FFT definition for the specified nodes.

There is only rudimentary verification for plausible entries. Importantly, however, as `edit_nodes` is ignorant of data, the values of its variables are not validated for a specific set of data.

Repeated changes of a node are possible (by repeating the corresponding integer value in `nodes`).

**Usage**

```
edit_nodes(
  fft,
  nodes = NA,
  class = NA,
  cue = NA,
  direction = NA,
  threshold = NA,
  exit = NA,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fft</code>	One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).
<code>nodes</code>	The FFT nodes to be edited (as an integer vector). Default: <code>nodes = NA</code> .
<code>class</code>	The class values of nodes (as character).
<code>cue</code>	The cue names of nodes (as character).
<code>direction</code>	The direction values of nodes (as character).
<code>threshold</code>	The threshold values of nodes (as character).
<code>exit</code>	The exit values of nodes (as values from <code>exit_types</code> ).
<code>quiet</code>	Hide feedback messages (as logical)? Default: <code>quiet = FALSE</code> .

**Value**

One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).

**See Also**

[add\\_nodes](#) for adding nodes to an FFT definition; [drop\\_nodes](#) for deleting nodes from an FFT definition; [flip\\_exits](#) for reversing exits in an FFT definition; [reorder\\_nodes](#) for reordering nodes of an FFT definition; [select\\_nodes](#) for selecting nodes in an FFT definition; [get\\_fft\\_df](#) for getting the FFT definitions of an FFTrees object; [read\\_fft\\_df](#) for reading one FFT definition from tree definitions; [add\\_fft\\_df](#) for adding FFTs to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

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fact_clean	<i>Clean factor variables in prediction data</i>
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**Description**

Clean factor variables in prediction data

**Usage**

```
fact_clean(data.train, data.test, show.warning = T)
```

**Arguments**

data.train	A training dataset
data.test	A testing dataset
show.warning	logical

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fertility	<i>Fertility data</i>
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**Description**

This dataset describes a sample of 100 volunteers providing a semen sample that was analyzed according to the WHO 2010 criteria.

**Usage**

```
fertility
```

**Format**

A data frame containing 100 rows and 10 columns.

**season** Season in which the analysis was performed. (winter, spring, summer, fall)

**age** Age at the time of analysis

**child.dis** Childish diseases (ie , chicken pox, measles, mumps, polio) (yes(1), no(0))

**trauma** Accident or serious trauma (yes(1), no(0))

**surgery** Surgical intervention (yes(1), no(0))

**fevers** High fevers in the last year (less than three months ago(-1), more than three months ago (0), no. (1))

**alcohol** Frequency of alcohol consumption (several times a day, every day, several times a week, once a week, hardly ever or never)

**smoking** Smoking habit (never(-1), occasional (0)) daily (1))

**sitting** Number of hours spent sitting per day

**diagnosis** *Criterion:* Diagnosis normal (TRUE) vs. altered (FALSE) (88.0% vs.\ 22.0%).

**Details**

Sperm concentration are related to socio-demographic data, environmental factors, health status, and life habits.

We made the following enhancements to the original data for improved usability:

- The criterion was redefined from a factor variable with two levels (N = Normal, 0 = Altered) into a logical variable (TRUE vs. FALSE).

Other than that, the data remains consistent with the original dataset.

**Source**

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Fertility>

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**See Also**

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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**FFTrees***Main function to create and apply fast-and-frugal trees (FFTs)*

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## Description

FFTrees is the workhorse function of the **FFTrees** package for creating fast-and-frugal trees (FFTs). FFTs are decision algorithms for solving binary classification tasks, i.e., they predict the values of a binary criterion variable based on 1 or multiple predictor variables (cues).

Using FFTrees on data usually generates a range of FFTs and corresponding summary statistics (as an FFTrees object) that can then be printed, plotted, and examined further.

The criterion and predictor variables are specified in [formula](#) notation. Based on the settings of data and data.test, FFTs are trained on a (required) training dataset (given the set of current goal values) and evaluated on (or predict) an (optional) test dataset.

If an existing FFTrees object object or tree.definitions are provided as inputs, no new FFTs are created. When both arguments are provided, tree.definitions take priority over the FFTs in an existing object. Specifically,

- If tree.definitions are provided, these are assigned to the FFTs of x.
- If no tree.definitions are provided, but an existing FFTrees object object is provided, the trees from object are assigned to the FFTs of x.

## Usage

```
FFTrees(  
  formula = NULL,  
  data = NULL,  
  data.test = NULL,  
  algorithm = "ifan",  
  train.p = 1,  
  goal = NULL,  
  goal.chase = NULL,  
  goal.threshold = NULL,  
  max.levels = NULL,  
  numthresh.method = "o",  
  numthresh.n = 10,  
  repeat.cues = TRUE,  
  stopping.rule = "exemplars",  
  stopping.par = 0.1,  
  sens.w = 0.5,  
  cost.outcomes = NULL,  
  cost.cues = NULL,  
  main = NULL,  
  decision.labels = c("False", "True"),  
  my.goal = NULL,  
  my.goal.fun = NULL,  
)
```

```

my.tree = NULL,
object = NULL,
tree.definitions = NULL,
quiet = list(ini = TRUE, fin = FALSE, mis = FALSE, set = TRUE),
comp = NULL,
force = NULL,
rank.method = NULL,
rounding = NULL,
store.data = NULL,
verbose = NULL,
do.comp = NULL,
do.cart = NULL,
do.lr = NULL,
do.rf = NULL,
do.svm = NULL
)

```

### Arguments

formula	A formula. A <a href="#">formula</a> specifying a binary criterion variable (as logical) as a function of 1 or more predictor variables (cues).
data	A data frame. A dataset used for training (fitting) FFTs and alternative algorithms. data must contain the binary criterion variable specified in formula and potential predictors (which can be categorical or numeric variables).
data.test	A data frame. An optional dataset used for model testing (prediction) with the same structure as data.
algorithm	A character string. The algorithm used to create FFTs. Can be 'ifan', 'dfan'.
train.p	numeric. What percentage of the data to use for training when data.test is not specified? For example, train.p = .50 will randomly split data into a 50% training set and a 50% test set. Default: train.p = 1 (i.e., using <i>all</i> data for training).
goal	A character string indicating the statistic to maximize when <i>selecting trees</i> : "acc" = overall accuracy, "bacc" = balanced accuracy, "wacc" = weighted accuracy, "dprime" = discriminability, "cost" = costs (based on cost.outcomes and cost.cues).
goal.chase	A character string indicating the statistic to maximize when <i>constructing trees</i> : "acc" = overall accuracy, "bacc" = balanced accuracy, "wacc" = weighted accuracy, "dprime" = discriminability, "cost" = costs (based on cost.outcomes and cost.cues).
goal.threshold	A character string indicating the criterion to maximize when <i>optimizing cue thresholds</i> : "acc" = overall accuracy, "bacc" = balanced accuracy, "wacc" = weighted accuracy, "dprime" = discriminability, "cost" = costs (based only on cost.outcomes, as cost.cues are constant per cue). All default goals are set in <a href="#">fftrees_create</a> .
max.levels	integer. The maximum number of nodes (or levels) considered for an FFT. As all combinations of possible exit structures are considered, larger values of max.levels will create larger sets of FFTs.

<code>numthresh.method</code>	How should thresholds for numeric cues be determined (as character)? "o" will optimize thresholds (for <code>goal.threshold</code> ), while "m" will use the median. Default: <code>numthresh.method = "o"</code> .
<code>numthresh.n</code>	The number of numeric thresholds to try (as integer). Default: <code>numthresh.n = 10</code> .
<code>repeat.cues</code>	May cues occur multiple times within a tree (as logical)? Default: <code>repeat.cues = TRUE</code> .
<code>stopping.rule</code>	A character string indicating the method to stop growing trees. Available options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"exemplars": A tree grows until only a small proportion of unclassified exemplars remain;</li> <li>"levels": A tree grows until a certain level is reached;</li> <li>"statdelta": A tree grows until the change in the criterion statistic <code>goal.chase</code> exceeds some threshold level. (This setting is currently experimental and includes the first level beyond threshold. As tree statistics can be non-monotonic, this option may yield inconsistent results.)</li> </ul> <p>All stopping methods use <code>stopping.par</code> to set a numeric threshold value. Default: <code>stopping.rule = "exemplars"</code>.</p>
<code>stopping.par</code>	numeric. A numeric parameter indicating the criterion value for the current <code>stopping.rule</code> . For <code>stopping.rule "levels"</code> , this is the number of desired levels (as an integer). For <code>stopping.rule "exemplars"</code> , this is the smallest proportion of exemplars allowed in the last level. For <code>stopping.rule "statdelta"</code> , this is the minimum required change (in the <code>goal.chase</code> value) to include a level. Default: <code>stopping.par = .10</code> .
<code>sens.w</code>	A numeric value from 0 to 1 indicating how to weight sensitivity relative to specificity when optimizing <i>weighted</i> accuracy (e.g., <code>goal = 'wacc'</code> ). Default: <code>sens.w = .50</code> (i.e., <code>wacc</code> corresponds to <code>bacc</code> ).
<code>cost.outcomes</code>	A list of length 4 specifying the cost value for one of the 4 possible classification outcomes. The list elements must be named 'hi', 'fa', 'mi', and 'cr' (for specifying the costs of a hit, false alarm, miss, and correct rejection, respectively) and provide a numeric cost value. E.g.; <code>cost.outcomes = listc("hi" = 0, "fa" = 10, "mi" = 20, "cr" = 0)</code> imposes false alarm and miss costs of 10 and 20 units, respectively, while correct decisions have no costs.
<code>cost.cues</code>	A list containing the cost of each cue (in some common unit). Each list element must have a name corresponding to a cue (i.e., a variable in data), and should be a single (positive numeric) value. Cues in data that are not present in <code>cost.cues</code> are assumed to have no costs (i.e., a cost value of 0).
<code>main</code>	string. An optional label for the dataset. Passed on to other functions, like <code>plot.FFTrees</code> , and <code>print.FFTrees</code> .
<code>decision.labels</code>	A vector of strings of length 2 for the text labels for negative and positive decision/prediction outcomes (i.e., left vs. right, noise vs. signal, 0 vs. 1, respectively, as character). E.g.; <code>decision.labels = c("Healthy", "Diseased")</code> .

<code>my.goal</code>	The name of an optimization measure defined by <code>my.goal.fun</code> (as a character string). Example: <code>my.goal = "my_acc"</code> (see <code>my.goal.fun</code> for corresponding function). Default: <code>my.goal = NULL</code> .
<code>my.goal.fun</code>	The definition of an outcome measure to optimize, defined as a function of the frequency counts of the 4 basic classification outcomes <code>hi</code> , <code>fa</code> , <code>mi</code> , <code>cr</code> (i.e., an R function with 4 arguments <code>hi</code> , <code>fa</code> , <code>mi</code> , <code>cr</code> ). Example: <code>my.goal.fun = function(hi, fa, mi, cr){(hi + cr)/(hi + fa + mi + cr)}</code> (i.e., accuracy). Default: <code>my.goal.fun = NULL</code> .
<code>my.tree</code>	A verbal description of an FFT, i.e., an "FFT in words" (as character string). For example, <code>my.tree = "If age &gt; 20, predict TRUE. If sex = {m}, predict FALSE. Otherwise, predict TRUE."</code> .
<code>object</code>	An optional existing FFTrees object. When specified, no new FFTs are fitted, but existing trees are applied to <code>data</code> and <code>data.test</code> . When <code>formula</code> , <code>data</code> or <code>data.test</code> are not specified, the current values of <code>object</code> are used.
<code>tree.definitions</code>	An optional <code>data.frame</code> of hard-coded FFT definitions (in the format of <code>x\$trees\$definitions</code> of an FFTrees object <code>x</code> ). If specified, no new FFTs are being fitted (i.e., <code>algorithm</code> and functions for evaluating cues and creating FFTs are skipped). Instead, the tree definitions provided are used to re-evaluate the current FFTrees object on current data.
<code>quiet</code>	A list of 4 logical arguments: Should detailed progress reports be suppressed? Setting list elements to <code>FALSE</code> is helpful when diagnosing errors. Default: <code>quiet = list(ini = TRUE, fin = FALSE, mis = FALSE, set = TRUE)</code> , for initial vs. final steps, missing cases, and parameter settings, respectively. Providing a single logical value sets all elements to <code>TRUE</code> or <code>FALSE</code> .
<code>comp</code> , <code>do.comp</code> , <code>do.lr</code> , <code>do.cart</code> , <code>do.svm</code> , <code>do.rf</code> , <code>force</code> , <code>rank.method</code> , <code>rounding</code> , <code>store.data</code> , <code>verbose</code>	Deprecated arguments (unused or replaced, to be retired in future releases).

## Value

An FFTrees object with the following elements:

**criterion\_name** The name of the binary criterion variable (as character).

**cue\_names** The names of all potential predictor variables (cues) in the data (as character).

**formula** The [formula](#) specified when creating the FFTs.

**trees** A list of FFTs created, with further details contained in `n`, `best`, `definitions`, `inwords`, `stats`, `level_stats`, and `decisions`.

**data** The original training and test data (if available).

**params** A list of defined control parameters (e.g.; `algorithm`, `goal`, `sens.w`, as well as various thresholds, stopping rule, and cost parameters).

**cues** A list of cue information, with further details contained in `thresholds` and `stats`.

## See Also

[print.FFTrees](#) for printing FFTs; [plot.FFTrees](#) for plotting FFTs; [summary.FFTrees](#) for summarizing FFTs; [inwords](#) for obtaining a verbal description of FFTs; [showcues](#) for plotting cue accuracies.

## Examples

```
# 1. Create fast-and-frugal trees (FFTs) for heart disease:
heart.fft <- FFTrees(formula = diagnosis ~ .,
                    data = heart.train,
                    data.test = heart.test,
                    main = "Heart Disease",
                    decision.labels = c("Healthy", "Diseased")
                    )

# 2. Print a summary of the result:
heart.fft # same as:
# print(heart.fft, data = "train", tree = "best.train")

# 3. Plot an FFT applied to training data:
plot(heart.fft) # same as:
# plot(heart.fft, what = "all", data = "train", tree = "best.train")

# 4. Apply FFT to (new) testing data:
plot(heart.fft, data = "test") # predict for Tree 1
plot(heart.fft, data = "test", tree = 2) # predict for Tree 2

# 5. Predict classes and probabilities for new data:
predict(heart.fft, newdata = heartdisease)
predict(heart.fft, newdata = heartdisease, type = "prob")

# 6. Create a custom tree (from verbal description) with my.tree:
custom.fft <- FFTrees(
  formula = diagnosis ~ .,
  data = heartdisease,
  my.tree = "If age < 50, predict False.
            If sex = 1, predict True.
            If chol > 300, predict True, otherwise predict False.",
  main = "My custom FFT")

# Plot the (pretty bad) custom tree:
plot(custom.fft)
```

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FFTrees.guide

*Open the **FFTrees** package guide*

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## Description

Open the **FFTrees** package guide

## Usage

```
FFTrees.guide()
```

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects.

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fftrees_cuerank	<i>Calculate thresholds that optimize some statistic (goal) for cues in data</i>
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**Description**

fftrees\_cuerank takes an FFTrees object `x` and optimizes its `goal.threshold` (from `x$params`) for all cues in `newdata` (of type `data`).

**Usage**

```
fftrees_cuerank(x = NULL, newdata = NULL, data = "train", rounding = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	An FFTrees object.
<code>newdata</code>	A dataset with cues to be ranked (as data frame).
<code>data</code>	The type of data with cues to be ranked (as character: 'train', 'test', or 'dynamic'). Default: <code>data = 'train'</code> .
<code>rounding</code>	integer. An integer value indicating the decimal digit to which non-integer numeric cue thresholds are to be rounded. Default: <code>rounding = NULL</code> (i.e., no rounding).

**Details**

fftrees\_cuerank creates a data frame `cuerank_df` that is added to `x$cues$stats`.

Note that the cue directions and thresholds computed by **FFTrees** always predict positive criterion values (i.e., TRUE or signal, rather than FALSE or noise). Using these thresholds for negative exits (i.e., for predicting instances of FALSE or noise) usually requires a reversal (e.g., negating cue direction).

fftrees\_cuerank is called (twice) by the `fftrees_grow_fan` algorithm to grow fast-and-frugal trees (FFTs).

**Value**

A modified FFTrees object (with cue rank information for the current data type in `x$cues$stats`).

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fftrees\_ffttowords      *Describe a fast-and-frugal tree (FFT) in words*

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## Description

fftrees\_ffttowords provides a verbal description of tree definition (as defined in an FFTrees object). Thus, fftrees\_ffttowords translates an abstract FFT definition into natural language output.

fftrees\_ffttowords is the complement function to [fftrees\\_wordstoftrees](#), which parses a verbal description of an FFT into the abstract tree definition of an FFTrees object.

The final sentence (or tree node) of the FFT's description always predicts positive criterion values (i.e., TRUE instances) first, before predicting negative criterion values (i.e., FALSE instances). Note that this may require a reversal of exit directions, if the final cue predicted FALSE instances.

Note that the cue directions and thresholds computed by **FFTrees** always predict positive criterion values (i.e., TRUE or signal, rather than FALSE or noise). Using these thresholds for negative exits (i.e., for predicting instances of FALSE or noise) usually requires a reversal (e.g., negating cue direction).

## Usage

```
fftrees_ffttowords(x = NULL, mydata = "train", digits = 2)
```

## Arguments

x	An FFTrees object created with <a href="#">FFTrees</a> .
mydata	The type of data to which a tree is being applied (as character string "train" or "test"). Default: mydata = "train".
digits	How many digits to round numeric values (as integer)?

## Value

A modified FFTrees object x with x\$trees\$inwords containing a list of string vectors.

## See Also

[fftrees\\_wordstoftrees](#) for converting a verbal description of an FFT into an FFTrees object; [fftrees\\_create](#) for creating FFTrees objects; [fftrees\\_grow\\_fan](#) for creating FFTs by applying algorithms to data; [print.FFTrees](#) for printing FFTs; [plot.FFTrees](#) for plotting FFTs; [summary.FFTrees](#) for summarizing FFTs; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

**Examples**

```
heart.fft <- FFTrees(diagnosis ~ .,
  data = heartdisease,
  decision.labels = c("Healthy", "Disease")
)

inwords(heart.fft)
```

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fftrees\_grow\_fan      *Grow fast-and-frugal trees (FFTs) using the fan algorithms*

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**Description**

fftrees\_grow\_fan is called by [fftrees\\_define](#) to create new FFTs by applying the fan algorithms (specifically, either ifan or dfan) to data.

**Usage**

```
fftrees_grow_fan(x, repeat.cues = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	An FFTrees object.
repeat.cues	Can cues be considered/used repeatedly (as logical)? Default: repeat.cues = TRUE, but only relevant when using the dfan algorithm.

**See Also**

[fftrees\\_create](#) for creating FFTrees objects; [fftrees\\_define](#) for defining FFTs; [fftrees\\_grow\\_fan](#) for creating FFTs by applying algorithms to data; [fftrees\\_wordstoftrees](#) for creating FFTs from verbal descriptions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

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fftrees\_ranktrees      *Rank FFTs by current goal*

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**Description**

fftrees\_ranktrees ranks trees in an FFTrees object x based on the current goal (either "cost" or as specified in x\$params\$goal).

fftrees\_ranktrees is called by the main [FFTrees](#) function when creating FFTs from and applying them to (training) data.

**Usage**

```
fftrees_ranktrees(x, data = "train")
```

**Arguments**

x	An FFTrees object.
data	The type of data to be used (as character). Default: data = "train".

**See Also**

[FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

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ffttrees\_threshold\_factor\_grid

*Perform a grid search over factor and return accuracy statistics for a given factor cue*

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**Description**

Perform a grid search over factor and return accuracy statistics for a given factor cue

**Usage**

```
ffttrees_threshold_factor_grid(
  thresholds = NULL,
  cue_v = NULL,
  criterion_v = NULL,
  directions = "=",
  goal.threshold = NULL,
  sens.w = NULL,
  my.goal = NULL,
  my.goal.fun = NULL,
  cost.each = NULL,
  cost.outcomes = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

thresholds	numeric. A vector of factor thresholds to consider.
cue_v	numeric. Feature/cue values.
criterion_v	logical. A logical vector of (TRUE) criterion values.
directions	character. Character vector of threshold directions to consider.
goal.threshold	A character string indicating the criterion to maximize when <i>optimizing cue thresholds</i> : "acc" = overall accuracy, "bacc" = balanced accuracy, "wacc" = weighted accuracy, "dprime" = discriminability, "cost" = costs (based only on cost.outcomes, as cost.cues are constant per cue). Default: goal.threshold = "bacc".
sens.w	numeric. Sensitivity weight parameter (from 0 to 1, for computing wacc). Default: sens.w = .50.

<code>my.goal</code>	Name of an optional, user-defined goal (as character string). Default: <code>my.goal = NULL</code> .
<code>my.goal.fun</code>	User-defined goal function (with 4 arguments <code>hi fa mi cr</code> ). Default: <code>my.goal.fun = NULL</code> .
<code>cost.each</code>	numeric. A constant cost value to add to each value (e.g., the cost of the cue).
<code>cost.outcomes</code>	list. A list of length 4 with names 'hi', 'fa', 'mi', and 'cr' specifying the costs of a hit, false alarm, miss, and correct rejection, respectively, in some common currency. For instance, <code>cost.outcomes = listc("hi" = 0, "fa" = 10, "mi" = 20, "cr" = 0)</code> means that a false alarm and miss cost 10 and 20 units, respectively, while correct decisions have no cost.

**Value**

A data frame containing accuracy statistics for factor thresholds.

**See Also**

[fftrees\\_threshold\\_numeric\\_grid](#) for numeric cues.

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`fftrees_threshold_numeric_grid`

*Perform a grid search over thresholds and return accuracy statistics for a given numeric cue*

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**Description**

Perform a grid search over thresholds and return accuracy statistics for a given numeric cue

**Usage**

```
fftrees_threshold_numeric_grid(
  thresholds,
  cue_v,
  criterion_v,
  directions = c(">", "<="),
  goal.threshold = NULL,
  sens.w = NULL,
  my.goal = NULL,
  my.goal.fun = NULL,
  cost.each = NULL,
  cost.outcomes = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

thresholds	numeric. A vector of thresholds to consider.
cue_v	numeric. Feature values.
criterion_v	logical. A logical vector of (TRUE) criterion values.
directions	character. Possible directions to consider.
goal.threshold	A character string indicating the criterion to maximize when <i>optimizing cue thresholds</i> : "acc" = overall accuracy, "bacc" = balanced accuracy, "wacc" = weighted accuracy, "dprime" = discriminability, "cost" = costs (based only on cost.outcomes, as cost.cues are constant per cue). Default: goal.threshold = "bacc".
sens.w	numeric. Sensitivity weight parameter (from 0 to 1, for computing wacc). Default: sens.w = .50.
my.goal	Name of an optional, user-defined goal (as character string). Default: my.goal = NULL.
my.goal.fun	User-defined goal function (with 4 arguments hi fa mi cr). Default: my.goal.fun = NULL.
cost.each	numeric. A constant cost value to add to each value (e.g., the cost of the cue).
cost.outcomes	list. A list of length 4 with names 'hi', 'fa', 'mi', and 'cr' specifying the costs of a hit, false alarm, miss, and correct rejection, respectively, in some common currency. For instance, cost.outcomes = listc("hi" = 0, "fa" = 10, "mi" = 20, "cr" = 0) means that a false alarm and miss cost 10 and 20 units, respectively, while correct decisions have no cost.

**Value**

A data frame containing accuracy statistics for numeric thresholds.

**See Also**

[fftrees\\_threshold\\_factor\\_grid](#) for factor cues.

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fftrees\_wordstoftrees

*Convert a verbal description of an FFT into an FFTrees object*

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**Description**

fftrees\_wordstoftrees converts a verbal description of an FFT (provided as a string of text) into a tree definition (of an FFTrees object). Thus, fftrees\_wordstoftrees provides a simple natural language parser for FFTs.

fftrees\_wordstoftrees is the complement function to [fftrees\\_ffttowords](#), which converts an abstract tree definition (of an FFTrees object) into a verbal description (i.e., provides natural language output).

To increase robustness, the parsing of fftrees\_wordstoftrees allows for lower- or uppercase spellings (but not typographical variants) and ignores the else-part of the final sentence (i.e., the part beginning with "otherwise").

**Usage**

```
ffttrees_wordstoftrees(x, my.tree)
```

**Arguments**

`x` An FFTrees object.  
`my.tree` A character string. A verbal description (as a string of text) defining an FFT.

**Value**

An FFTrees object with a new tree definition as described by `my.tree`.

**See Also**

[ffttrees\\_ffttowords](#) for converting FFTs into verbal descriptions; [print.FFTrees](#) for printing FFTs; [plot.FFTrees](#) for plotting FFTs; [summary.FFTrees](#) for summarizing FFTs; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

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flip_exits	<i>Flip exits in an FFT definition</i>
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**Description**

`flip_exits` reverses the exits of one or more nodes from an existing FFT definition (in the tidy data frame format).

`flip_exits` alters the value(s) of the non-final exits specified in nodes (from 0 to 1, or from 1 to 0). By contrast, exits of final nodes remain unchanged.

Duplicates in nodes are flipped only once (rather than repeatedly) and nodes not in the range `1:nrow(fft)` are ignored.

`flip_exits` is a more specialized function than [edit\\_nodes](#).

**Usage**

```
flip_exits(fft, nodes = NA, quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`fft` One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).  
`nodes` The FFT nodes whose exits are to be flipped (as an integer vector). Default: `nodes = NA`.  
`quiet` Hide feedback messages (as logical)? Default: `quiet = FALSE`.

**Value**

One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).

**See Also**

[add\\_nodes](#) for adding nodes to an FFT definition; [edit\\_nodes](#) for editing nodes in an FFT definition; [drop\\_nodes](#) for deleting nodes from an FFT definition; [reorder\\_nodes](#) for reordering nodes of an FFT definition; [select\\_nodes](#) for selecting nodes in an FFT definition; [get\\_fft\\_df](#) for getting the FFT definitions of an FFTrees object; [read\\_fft\\_df](#) for reading one FFT definition from tree definitions; [add\\_fft\\_df](#) for adding FFTs to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other tree definition and manipulation functions: [add\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [add\\_nodes\(\)](#), [drop\\_nodes\(\)](#), [edit\\_nodes\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [read\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [reorder\\_nodes\(\)](#), [select\\_nodes\(\)](#), [write\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

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forestfires

*Forest fires data*


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**Description**

A dataset of forest fire statistics.

**Usage**

```
forestfires
```

**Format**

A data frame containing 517 rows and 13 columns.

**X** Integer -x-axis spatial coordinate within the Montesinho park map: 1 to 9

**Y** Integer - y-axis spatial coordinate within the Montesinho park map: 2 to 9

**month** Factor - month of the year: "jan" to "dec"

**day** Factor -day of the week: "mon" to "sun"

**FFMC** Numeric -FFMC index from the FWI system: 18.7 to 96.20

**DMC** Numeric - DMC index from the FWI system: 1.1 to 291.3

**DC** Numeric - DC index from the FWI system: 7.9 to 860.6

**ISI** Numeric - ISI index from the FWI system: 0.0 to 56.10

**temp** Numeric - temperature in Celsius degrees: 2.2 to 33.30

**RH** Numeric - relative humidity in percent: 15.0 to 100

**wind** Numeric - wind speed in km/h: 0.40 to 9.40

**rain** Numeric - outside rain in mm/m2 : 0.0 to 6.4

**fire.crit** *Criterion*: Was there a fire (greater than 1.00 ha)?

Values: TRUE (yes) vs. FALSE (no) (47.0% vs. 53.0%).

## Details

We made the following enhancements to the original data for improved usability:

- The criterion was redefined from a numeric variable that indicated the number of hectares that burned in a fire into a logical variable (TRUE (for values >1) vs. FALSE (for values <=1)).

Other than that, the data remains consistent with the original dataset.

## Source

<http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Forest+Fires>

Original creator: Prof. Paulo Cortez and Aníbal Morais Department of Information Systems University of Minho, Portugal

## See Also

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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get\_best\_tree

*Select the best tree (from current set of FFTs)*

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## Description

get\_best\_tree selects (looks up and identifies) the best tree (as an integer) from the set (or “fan”) of FFTs contained in the current FFTrees object x, an existing type of data (‘train’ or ‘test’), and a goal for which corresponding statistics are available in the designated data type (in x\$trees\$stats).

## Usage

```
get_best_tree(x, data, goal, my.goal.max = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x	An FFTrees object.
data	The type of data to consider (as character: either ‘train’ or ‘test’).
goal	A goal (as character) to be maximized or minimized when selecting a tree from an existing FFTrees object x (with existing x\$trees\$stats).
my.goal.max	Default direction for user-defined my.goal (as logical): Should my.goal be maximized? Default: my.goal.max = TRUE.

**Details**

Importantly, `get_best_tree` only identifies and selects the ‘tree’ *identifier* (as an integer) from the set of *existing* trees with known statistics, rather than creating new trees or computing new cue thresholds. More specifically, `goal` is used for identifying and selecting the ‘tree’ identifier (as an integer) of the best FFT from an existing set of FFTs, but not for computing new cue thresholds (see `goal.threshold` and `ffttrees_cuerank()`) or creating new trees (see `goal.chase` and `ffttrees_ranktrees()`).

**Value**

An integer denoting the tree that maximizes/minimizes `goal` in data.

**See Also**

[FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other utility functions: [get\\_exit\\_type\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

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<code>get_exit_type</code>	<i>Get exit type (from a vector x of FFT exit descriptions)</i>
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**Description**

`get_exit_type` checks and converts a vector `x` of FFT exit descriptions into exits of an FFT that correspond to the current options of `exit_types` (as a global constant).

**Usage**

```
get_exit_type(x, verify = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A vector of FFT exit descriptions.
<code>verify</code>	A flag to turn verification on/off (as logical). Default: <code>verify = TRUE</code> .

**Details**

`get_exit_type` also verifies that the exit types conform to an FFT (e.g., only the exits of the final node are bi-directional).

**Value**

A vector of `exit_types` (or an error).

**See Also**

[FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other utility functions: [get\\_best\\_tree\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
get_exit_type(c(0, 1, .5))
get_exit_type(c(FALSE, " True ", 2/4))
get_exit_type(c("noise", "signal", "final"))
get_exit_type(c("left", "right", "both"))
```

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get\_fft\_df

*Get FFT definitions (from an FFTrees object x)*


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**Description**

get\_fft\_df gets the FFT definitions of an FFTrees object x (as a data.frame).

**Usage**

```
get_fft_df(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An FFTrees object.

**Details**

The FFTs in the data.frame returned are represented in the one-line per FFT definition format used by an FFTrees object.

In addition to looking up x\$trees\$definitions, get\_fft\_df verifies that the FFT definitions are valid (given current settings).

**Value**

A set of FFT definitions (as a data.frame/tibble, in the one-line per FFT definition format used by an FFTrees object).

**See Also**

[read\\_fft\\_df](#) for reading one FFT definition from tree definitions; [write\\_fft\\_df](#) for writing one FFT to tree definitions; [add\\_fft\\_df](#) for adding FFTs to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other utility functions: [get\\_best\\_tree\(\)](#), [get\\_exit\\_type\(\)](#)

Other tree definition and manipulation functions: [add\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [add\\_nodes\(\)](#), [drop\\_nodes\(\)](#), [edit\\_nodes\(\)](#), [flip\\_exits\(\)](#), [read\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [reorder\\_nodes\(\)](#), [select\\_nodes\(\)](#), [write\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

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heart.cost	<i>Cue costs for the heartdisease data</i>
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**Description**

This data further characterizes the variables (cues) in the [heartdisease](#) dataset.

**Usage**

heart.cost

**Format**

A list of length 13 containing the cost of each cue in the [heartdisease](#) dataset (in dollars). Each list element is a single (positive numeric) value.

**Source**

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/heart-disease/costs/>

**See Also**

[heartdisease](#) data.

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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heart.test	<i>Heart disease testing data</i>
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**Description**

Testing data for a [heartdisease](#) data. This subset is used to test the prediction performance of a model trained on the [heart.train](#) data. The dataset [heartdisease](#) contains both datasets.

**Usage**

heart.test

**Format**

A data frame containing 153 rows and 14 columns (see [heartdisease](#) for details).

**Source**

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Heart+Disease>

**See Also**

[heartdisease](#) dataset.

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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heart.train	<i>Heart disease training data</i>
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**Description**

Training data for a binary prediction model (here: FFT) on (a subset of) the [heartdisease](#) data. The complementary subset for model testing is [heart.test](#). The data in [heartdisease](#) contains both subsets.

**Usage**

```
heart.train
```

**Format**

A data frame containing 150 rows and 14 columns (see [heartdisease](#) for details).

**Source**

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Heart+Disease>

**See Also**

[heartdisease](#) dataset.

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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heartdisease	<i>Heart disease data</i>
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**Description**

A dataset predicting the diagnosis of 303 patients tested for heart disease.

**Usage**

```
heartdisease
```

**Format**

A data frame containing 303 rows and 14 columns, with the following variables:

- diagnosis** True value of binary criterion: TRUE = Heart disease, FALSE = No heart disease
- age** Age (in years)
- sex** Sex, 1 = male, 0 = female
- cp** Chest pain type: ta = typical angina, aa = atypical angina, np = non-anginal pain, a = asymptomatic
- trestbps** Resting blood pressure (in mm Hg on admission to the hospital)
- chol** Serum cholesterol in mg/dl
- fbs** Fasting blood sugar > 120 mg/dl: 1 = true, 0 = false
- restecg** Resting electrocardiographic results. "normal" = normal, "abnormal" = having ST-T wave abnormality (T wave inversions and/or ST elevation or depression of > 0.05 mV), "hypertrophy" = showing probable or definite left ventricular hypertrophy by Estes' criteria.
- thalach** Maximum heart rate achieved
- exang** Exercise induced angina: 1 = yes, 0 = no
- oldpeak** ST depression induced by exercise relative to rest
- slope** The slope of the peak exercise ST segment.
- ca** Number of major vessels (0-3) colored by fluoroscopy
- thal** "normal" = normal, "fd" = fixed defect, "rd" = reversible defect

**Details**

Note that this is a simplified version of the 303 cases of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation (V.A. Medical Center, Long Beach and Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Principal investigator: Robert Detrano, MD, PhD).

The original dataset contains 3 further subsets (from Budapest, Hungary; Long Beach CA; and Zurich, Switzerland), a total of 76 raw attributes, and some missing values.

The original criterion variable num is integer valued from 0 (no presence) to 4 (maximum). To obtain a binary criterion diagnosis, values from 1 to 3 have been collapsed to TRUE.

**Source**

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Heart+Disease>

**See Also**

[heart.cost](#) dataset for cost information.

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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inwords	<i>Provide a verbal description of an FFT</i>
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### Description

inwords generates and provides a verbal description of a fast-and-frugal tree (FFT) from an FFTrees object.

When data remains unspecified, inwords will only look up `x$trees$inwords`. When data is set to either "train" or "test", inwords first employs `ffttrees_ffttowords` to re-generate the verbal descriptions of FFTs in `x`.

### Usage

```
inwords(x, data = NULL, tree = 1)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	An FFTrees object.
<code>data</code>	The type of data to which a tree is being applied (as character string "train" or "test"). Default: <code>data = NULL</code> will only look up <code>x\$trees\$inwords</code> .
<code>tree</code>	The tree to display (as an integer).

### Value

A verbal description of an FFT (as a character string).

### See Also

[ffttrees\\_ffttowords](#) for converting FFTs into verbal descriptions; [print.FFTrees](#) for printing FFTs; [plot.FFTrees](#) for plotting FFTs; [summary.FFTrees](#) for summarizing FFTs; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

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iris.v	<i>Iris data</i>
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### Description

A famous dataset from R.A. Fisher (1936) simplified to predict only the virginica class (i.e., as a binary classification problem).

### Usage

```
iris.v
```

**Format**

A data frame containing 150 rows and 4 columns.

**sep.len** sepal length in cm

**sep.wid** sepal width in cm

**pet.len** petal length in cm

**pet.wid** petal width in cm

**virginica** *Criterion*: Does an iris belong to the class "virginica"?

Values: TRUE vs. FALSE (33.33% vs.66.67%).

**Details**

To improve usability, we made the following changes:

- The criterion was binarized from a factor variable with three levels (*Iris-setosa*, *Iris-versicolor*, *Iris-virginica*), into a logical variable (i.e., TRUE for all instances of *Iris-virginica* and FALSE for the two other levels).

Other than that, the data remains consistent with the original dataset.

**Source**

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Iris>

**References**

Fisher, R.A. (1936): The use of multiple measurements in taxonomic problems. *Annual Eugenics*, 7, Part II, pp. 179–188.

**See Also**

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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mushrooms

*Mushrooms data*

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**Description**

Data describing poisonous vs. non-poisonous mushrooms.

**Usage**

mushrooms

**Format**

A data frame containing 8,124 rows and 23 columns.

See <http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/machine-learning-databases/mushroom/agaricus-lepiota.names> for column descriptions.

**poisonous** *Criterion:* Is the mushroom poisonous?

Values: TRUE (poisonous) vs. FALSE (edible) (48.2% vs. 52.8%).

**cshape** cap-shape, character (bell=b, conical=c, convex=x, flat=f, knobbed=k, sunken=s)

**csurface** cap-surface, character (fibrous=f, grooves=g, scaly=y, smooth=s)

**ccolor** cap-color, character (brown=n, buff=b, cinnamon=c, gray=g, green=r, pink=p, purple=u, red=e, white=w, yellow=y)

**bruises** Are there bruises? logical (TRUE/FALSE)

**odor** character (almond=a, anise=l, creosote=c, fishy=y, foul=f, musty=m, none=n, pungent=p, spicy=s)

**gattach** gill-attachment, character (attached=a, descending=d, free=f, notched=n)

**gspace** gill-spacing, character (close=c, crowded=w, distant=d)

**gsize** gill-size, character (broad=b, narrow=n)

**gcolor** gill-color, character (black=k, brown=n, buff=b, chocolate=h, gray=g, green=r, orange=o, pink=p, purple=u, red=e, white=w, yellow=y)

**sshape** stalk-shape, character (enlarging=e, tapering=t)

**sroot** stalk-root, character (bulbous=b, club=c, cup=u, equal=e, rhizomorphs=z, rooted=r)

**ssaring** stalk-surface-above-ring, character (fibrous=f, scaly=y, silky=k, smooth=s)

**ssbring** stalk-surface-below-ring, character (fibrous=f, scaly=y, silky=k, smooth=s)

**scaring** stalk-color-above-ring, character (brown=n, buff=b, cinnamon=c, gray=g, orange=o, pink=p, red=e, white=w, yellow=y)

**scbring** stalk-color-below-ring, character (brown=n, buff=b, cinnamon=c, gray=g, orange=o, pink=p, red=e, white=w, yellow=y)

**vtype** veil-type, character (partial=p, universal=u)

**vcolor** veil-color, character (brown=n, orange=o, white=w, yellow=y)

**ringnum** character (none=n, one=o, two=t)

**ringtype** character (cobwebby=c, evanescent=e, flaring=f, large=l, none=n, pendant=p, sheathing=s, zone=z)

**sporepc** spore-print-color, character (black=k, brown=n, buff=b, chocolate=h, green=r, orange=o, purple=u, white=w, yellow=y)

**population** character (abundant=a, clustered=c, numerous=n, scattered=s, several=v, solitary=y)

**habitat** character (grasses=g, leaves=l, meadows=m, paths=p, urban=u, waste=w, woods=d)

## Details

This dataset includes descriptions of hypothetical samples corresponding to 23 species of gilled mushrooms in the Agaricus and Lepiota Family. Each species is classified as poisonous (True or False). The Guide clearly states that there is no simple rule for determining the edibility of a mushroom; no rule like “leaflets three, let it be” for Poisonous Oak and Ivy.

We made the following enhancements to the original data for improved usability:

- Any missing values, denoted as "?" in the dataset, were transformed into NAs.
- Binary factor variables with exclusive "t" and "f" values were converted to logical TRUE/FALSE vectors.
- The binary factor *criterion* variable with exclusive "p" and "e" values was converted to a logical TRUE/FALSE vector.

Other than that, the data remains consistent with the original dataset.

## Source

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Mushroom>

## References

Mushroom records drawn from The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms (1981). G.H. Lincoff (Pres.), New York: A.A. Knopf.

## See Also

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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plot.FFTrees

*Plot an FFTrees object*

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## Description

plot.FFTrees visualizes an FFTrees object created by the [FFTrees](#) function.

plot.FFTrees is the main plotting function of the **FFTrees** package and called when evaluating the generic [plot](#) on an FFTrees object.

plot.FFTrees visualizes a selected FFT, key data characteristics, and various aspects of classification performance.

As *x* may not contain test data, plot.FFTrees by default plots the performance characteristics for training data (i.e., fitting), rather than for test data (i.e., for prediction). When test data is available, specifying `data = "test"` plots prediction performance.

Whenever the sensitivity weight (`sens.w`) is set to its default of `sens.w = 0.50`, a level shows *balanced* accuracy (`bacc`). If, however, `sens.w` deviates from its default, the level shows the tree's *weighted* accuracy value (`wacc`) and the current `sens.w` value (below the level).

Many aspects of the plot (e.g., its panels) and the FFT's appearance (e.g., labels of its nodes and exits) can be customized by setting corresponding arguments.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'FFTrees'
plot(
  x = NULL,
  data = "train",
  what = "all",
  tree = 1,
  main = NULL,
  cue.labels = NULL,
  decision.labels = NULL,
  truth.labels = NULL,
  cue.cex = NULL,
  threshold.cex = NULL,
  decision.cex = 1,
  comp = TRUE,
  show.header = NULL,
  show.tree = NULL,
  show.confusion = NULL,
  show.levels = NULL,
  show.roc = NULL,
  show.icons = NULL,
  show.iconguide = NULL,
  hlines = TRUE,
  label.tree = NULL,
  label.performance = NULL,
  n.per.icon = NULL,
  level.type = "bar",
  which.tree = NULL,
  decision.names = NULL,
  stats = NULL,
  grayscale = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	An FFTrees object created by the <a href="#">FFTrees</a> function.
data	The type of data in x to be plotted (as a string) or a test dataset (as a data frame). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid data string must be either 'train' (for fitting performance) or 'test' (for prediction performance).</li> <li>• For a valid data frame, the specified tree is evaluated and plotted for this data (as 'test' data), but the global FFTrees object x remains unchanged unless it is re-assigned.</li> </ul> <p>By default, data = 'train' (as x may not contain test data).</p>
what	What should be plotted (as a character string)? Valid options are: <p><b>'all'</b> Plot the tree diagram with all corresponding guides and performance statistics, but excluding cue accuracies.</p>

	<b>'cues'</b> Plot only the marginal accuracy of cues in ROC space. Note that cue accuracies are <i>not</i> shown when calling what = 'all' and use the <a href="#">showcues</a> function.
	<b>'icontree'</b> Plot tree diagram with icon arrays on exit nodes. Consider also setting n.per.icon and show.iconguide.
	<b>'tree'</b> Plot only the tree diagram.
	<b>'roc'</b> Plot only the performance of tree(s) (and comparison algorithms) in ROC space. Default: what = 'all'.
tree	The tree to be plotted (as an integer, only valid when the corresponding tree argument is non-empty). Default: tree = 1. To plot the best training or best test tree with respect to the goal specified during FFT construction, use 'best.train' or 'best.test', respectively.
main	The main plot label (as a character string).
cue.labels	An optional string of labels for the cues / nodes (as character vector).
decision.labels	A character vector of length 2 indicating the content-specific names for noise vs. signal predictions/exits.
truth.labels	A character vector of length 2 indicating the content-specific names for true noise vs. signal cases (using 'decision.labels' if unspecified).
cue.cex	The size of the cue labels (as numeric).
threshold.cex	The size of the threshold labels (as numeric).
decision.cex	The size of the decision labels (as numeric).
comp	Should the performance of competitive algorithms (e.g.; logistic regression, random forests, etc.) be shown in the ROC plot (if available, as logical)?
show.header	Show header with basic data properties (in top panel, as logical)?
show.tree	Show nodes and exits of FFT (in middle panel, as logical)?
show.confusion	Show a 2x2 confusion matrix (in bottom panel, as logical)?
show.levels	Show performance levels (in bottom panel, as logical)?
show.roc	Show ROC curve (in bottom panel, as logical)?
show.icons	Show exit cases as icon arrays (in middle panel, as logical)?
show.iconguide	Show icon guide (in middle panel, as logical)?
hlines	Show horizontal panel separation lines (as logical)? Default: hlines = TRUE.
label.tree	A label for the FFT (optional, as character string).
label.performance	A label for the performance section (optional, as character string).
n.per.icon	The number of cases represented by each icon (as numeric).
level.type	The type of performance levels to be drawn at the bottom (as character string, either "bar" or "line". Default: level.type = "bar").
which.tree	Deprecated argument. Use tree instead.
decision.names	Deprecated argument. Use decision.labels instead.

stats	Deprecated argument. Should statistical information be plotted (as logical)? Use what = "all" to include performance statistics and what = "tree" to plot only a tree diagram.
grayscale	logical. If TRUE, the plot is shown in grayscale.
...	Graphical parameters (passed to text of panel titles, to <a href="#">showcues</a> when what = 'cues', or to <a href="#">title</a> when what = 'roc').

### Value

An invisible FFTrees object x and a plot visualizing and describing an FFT (as side effect).

### See Also

[showcues](#) for plotting cue accuracies; [print.FFTrees](#) for printing FFTs; [summary.FFTrees](#) for summarizing FFTs; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other plot functions: [showcues\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# Create FFTs (for heartdisease data):
heart_fft <- FFTrees(formula = diagnosis ~ .,
                    data = heart.train)

# Visualize the default FFT (Tree #1, what = 'all'):
plot(heart_fft, main = "Heart disease",
     decision.labels = c("Absent", "Present"))

# Visualize cue accuracies (in ROC space):
plot(heart_fft, what = "cues", main = "Cue accuracies for heart disease data")

# Visualize tree diagram with icon arrays on exit nodes:
plot(heart_fft, what = "icontree", n.per.icon = 2,
     main = "Diagnosing heart disease")

# Visualize performance comparison in ROC space:
plot(heart_fft, what = "roc", main = "Performance comparison for heart disease data")

# Visualize predictions of FFT #2 (for new test data) with custom options:
plot(heart_fft, tree = 2, data = heart.test,
     main = "Predicting heart disease",
     cue.labels = c("1. thal?", "2. cp?", "3. ca?", "4. exang"),
     decision.labels = c("ok", "treat"), truth.labels = c("Healthy", "Sick"),
     n.per.icon = 2,
     show.header = TRUE, show.confusion = TRUE, show.levels = TRUE, show.roc = TRUE,
     hlines = FALSE, font = 3, col = "steelblue")

# # For details, see
# vignette("FFTrees_plot", package = "FFTrees")
```

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predict.FFTrees	<i>Predict classification outcomes or probabilities from data</i>
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### Description

predict.FFTrees predicts binary classification outcomes or their probabilities from newdata for an FFTrees object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FFTrees'
predict(
  object = NULL,
  newdata = NULL,
  tree = 1,
  type = "class",
  sens.w = NULL,
  method = "laplace",
  data = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

object	An FFTrees object created by the <a href="#">FFTrees</a> function.
newdata	dataframe. A data frame of test data.
tree	integer. Which tree in the object should be used? By default, tree = 1 is used.
type	string. What should be predicted? Can be "class", which returns a vector of class predictions, "prob" which returns a matrix of class probabilities, or "both" which returns a matrix with both class and probability predictions.
sens.w, data	deprecated
method	string. Method of calculating class probabilities. Either 'laplace', which applies the Laplace correction, or 'raw' which applies no correction.
...	Additional arguments passed on to predict.

### Value

Either a logical vector of predictions, or a matrix of class probabilities.

### See Also

[print.FFTrees](#) for printing FFTs; [plot.FFTrees](#) for plotting FFTs; [summary.FFTrees](#) for summarizing FFTs; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

**Examples**

```
# Create training and test data:
set.seed(100)
breastcancer <- breastcancer[sample(nrow(breastcancer)), ]
breast.train <- breastcancer[1:150, ]
breast.test <- breastcancer[151:303, ]

# Create an FFTrees object from the training data:
breast.fft <- FFTrees(
  formula = diagnosis ~ .,
  data = breast.train
)

# Predict classification outcomes for test data:
breast.fft.pred <- predict(breast.fft,
  newdata = breast.test
)

# Predict class probabilities for test data:
breast.fft.pred <- predict(breast.fft,
  newdata = breast.test,
  type = "prob"
)
```

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print.FFTrees

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*Print basic information of fast-and-frugal trees (FFT)*


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**Description**

print.FFTrees prints basic information on FFTs for an FFTrees object x.

As x may not contain test data, print.FFTrees by default prints the performance characteristics for training data (i.e., fitting), rather than for test data (i.e., for prediction). When test data is available, specify data = "test" to print prediction performance.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'FFTrees'
print(x = NULL, tree = 1, data = "train", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An FFTrees object created by <a href="#">FFTrees</a> .
tree	The tree to be printed (as an integer, only valid when the corresponding tree argument is non-empty). Default: tree = 1. To print the best training or best test tree with respect to the goal specified during FFT construction, use "best.train" or "best.test", respectively.
data	The type of data in x to be printed (as a string) or a test dataset (as a data frame).

- A valid data string must be either 'train' (for fitting performance) or 'test' (for prediction performance).
- For a valid data frame, the specified tree is evaluated and printed for this data (as 'test' data), but the global FFTrees object x remains unchanged unless it is re-assigned.

By default, data = 'train' (as x may not contain test data).

... additional arguments passed to print.

### Value

An invisible FFTrees object x and summary information on an FFT printed to the console (as side effect).

### See Also

[plot.FFTrees](#) for plotting FFTs; [summary.FFTrees](#) for summarizing FFTs; [inwords](#) for obtaining a verbal description of FFTs; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

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read_fft_df	<i>Read an FFT definition from tree definitions</i>
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### Description

read\_fft\_df reads and returns the definition of a single FFT (as a tidy data frame) from the multi-line FFT definitions of an FFTrees object.

read\_fft\_df allows reading individual tree definitions to manipulate them with other tree trimming functions.

[write\\_fft\\_df](#) provides the inverse functionality.

### Usage

```
read_fft_df(ffts_df, tree = 1)
```

### Arguments

**ffts\_df** A set of FFT definitions (as a data frame, usually from an FFTrees object, with suitable variable names to pass [verify\\_ffts\\_df](#)).

**tree** The ID of the to-be-selected FFT (as an integer), corresponding to a tree in `ffts_df`. Default: `tree = 1`.

### Value

One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).

**See Also**

[get\\_fft\\_df](#) for getting the FFT definitions of an FFTrees object; [write\\_fft\\_df](#) for writing one FFT to tree definitions; [add\\_fft\\_df](#) for adding FFTs to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other tree definition and manipulation functions: [add\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [add\\_nodes\(\)](#), [drop\\_nodes\(\)](#), [edit\\_nodes\(\)](#), [flip\\_exits\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [reorder\\_nodes\(\)](#), [select\\_nodes\(\)](#), [write\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

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reorder\_nodes

*Reorder nodes in an FFT definition*


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**Description**

`reorder_nodes` allows reordering the nodes in an existing FFT definition (in the tidy data frame format).

`reorder_nodes` allows to directly set and change the node order in an FFT definition by specifying nodes.

When a former non-final node becomes a final node, the exit type of the former final node is set to the signal value (i.e., `exit_types[2]`).

**Usage**

```
reorder_nodes(fft, order = NA, quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fft</code>	One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).
<code>order</code>	The desired node order (as an integer vector). The values of <code>order</code> must be a permutation of <code>1:nrow(fft)</code> . Default: <code>order = NA</code> .
<code>quiet</code>	Hide feedback messages (as logical)? Default: <code>quiet = FALSE</code> .

**Value**

One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).

**See Also**

[add\\_nodes](#) for adding nodes to an FFT definition; [edit\\_nodes](#) for editing nodes in an FFT definition; [drop\\_nodes](#) for deleting nodes from an FFT definition; [flip\\_exits](#) for reversing exits in an FFT definition; [select\\_nodes](#) for selecting nodes in an FFT definition; [get\\_fft\\_df](#) for getting the FFT definitions of an FFTrees object; [read\\_fft\\_df](#) for reading one FFT definition from tree definitions; [add\\_fft\\_df](#) for adding FFTs to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other tree definition and manipulation functions: [add\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [add\\_nodes\(\)](#), [drop\\_nodes\(\)](#), [edit\\_nodes\(\)](#), [flip\\_exits\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [read\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [select\\_nodes\(\)](#), [write\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

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select_nodes	<i>Select nodes from an FFT definition</i>
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### Description

`select_nodes` selects one or more nodes from an existing FFT definition (by filtering the corresponding row(s) from the FFT definition in the tidy data frame format).

When not selecting the final node, the last selected node becomes the new final node (i.e., gains a second exit).

Duplicates in nodes are selected only once (rather than incrementally) and nodes not in the range `1:nrow(fft)` are ignored.

`select_nodes` is the inverse function of [drop\\_nodes](#).

### Usage

```
select_nodes(fft, nodes = NA, quiet = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>fft</code>	One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).
<code>nodes</code>	The FFT nodes to select (as an integer vector). Default: <code>nodes = NA</code> .
<code>quiet</code>	Hide feedback messages (as logical)? Default: <code>quiet = FALSE</code> .

### Value

One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).

### See Also

[add\\_nodes](#) for adding nodes to an FFT definition; [drop\\_nodes](#) for deleting nodes from an FFT definition; [edit\\_nodes](#) for editing nodes in an FFT definition; [flip\\_exits](#) for reversing exits in an FFT definition; [reorder\\_nodes](#) for reordering nodes of an FFT definition; [get\\_fft\\_df](#) for getting the FFT definitions of an FFTrees object; [read\\_fft\\_df](#) for reading one FFT definition from tree definitions; [add\\_fft\\_df](#) for adding FFTs to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other tree definition and manipulation functions: [add\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [add\\_nodes\(\)](#), [drop\\_nodes\(\)](#), [edit\\_nodes\(\)](#), [flip\\_exits\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [read\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [reorder\\_nodes\(\)](#), [write\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#)

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showcues	<i>Visualize cue accuracies (as points in ROC space)</i>
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### Description

showcues plots the cue accuracies of an FFTrees object created by the [FFTrees](#) function (as points in ROC space).

If the optional arguments `cue.accuracies` and `alt.goal` are specified, their values take precedence over the corresponding settings of an FFTrees object `x` (but do not change `x`).

showcues is called when the main [plot.FFTrees](#) function is set to what = "cues".

### Usage

```
showcues(
  x = NULL,
  cue.accuracies = NULL,
  alt.goal = NULL,
  main = NULL,
  top = 5,
  quiet = list(ini = TRUE, fin = FALSE, set = TRUE),
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	An FFTrees object created by the <a href="#">FFTrees</a> function.
<code>cue.accuracies</code>	An optional data frame specifying cue accuracies directly (without specifying FFTrees object <code>x</code> ).
<code>alt.goal</code>	An optional alternative goal to sort the current cue accuracies (without using the goal of FFTrees object <code>x</code> ).
<code>main</code>	A main plot title (as character string).
<code>top</code>	How many of the top cues should be highlighted (as an integer)?
<code>quiet</code>	Should user feedback messages be suppressed (as a list of 3 logical arguments)? Default: <code>quiet = list(ini = TRUE, fin = FALSE, set = FALSE)</code> .
<code>...</code>	Graphical parameters (passed to <a href="#">plot</a> ).

### Value

A plot showing cue accuracies (of an FFTrees object) (as points in ROC space).

### See Also

[print.FFTrees](#) for printing FFTs; [plot.FFTrees](#) for plotting FFTs; [summary.FFTrees](#) for summarizing FFTs; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other plot functions: [plot.FFTrees\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# Create fast-and-frugal trees (FFTs) for heart disease:
heart.fft <- FFTrees(formula = diagnosis ~ .,
                    data = heart.train,
                    data.test = heart.test,
                    main = "Heart Disease",
                    decision.labels = c("Healthy", "Diseased")
                    )

# Show cue accuracies (in ROC space):
showcues(heart.fft,
         main = "Predicting heart disease")
```

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sonar

*Sonar data*

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## Description

The file contains patterns of sonar signals bounced off a metal cylinder or bounced off a roughly cylindrical rock at various angles and under various conditions. The transmitted sonar signal is a frequency-modulated chirp, rising in frequency.

## Usage

```
sonar
```

## Format

A data frame containing 208 rows and 60 columns.

**V1** Number in the range 0.0 to 1.0 that represents the energy within a particular frequency band, integrated over a certain period of time.

**V2** (see V1)

**V3** (see V1)

**V4** (see V1)

**V5** (see V1)

**V6** (see V1)

**V7** (see V1)

**V8** (see V1)

**V9** (see V1)

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**V59** (see V1)

**V60** (see V1)

**mine.crit** *Criterion*: Did a sonar signal bounce off a metal cylinder (or a rock)?

Values: TRUE (metal cylinder) vs. FALSE (rock) (53.37% vs. 46.63%).

## Details

We made the following enhancements to the original data for improved usability:

- The binary factor *criterion* variable with exclusive "m" and "r" values was converted to a logical TRUE/FALSE vector.

Other than that, the data remains consistent with the original dataset.

## Source

[https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Connectionist+Bench+\(Sonar,+Mines+vs.+Rocks\)](https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Connectionist+Bench+(Sonar,+Mines+vs.+Rocks))

## References

Gorman, R. P., and Sejnowski, T. J. (1988). Analysis of hidden units in a layered network trained to classify sonar targets. *Neural Networks, 1*, pp. 75–89.

## See Also

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

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summary.FFTrees      *Summarize an FFTrees object*

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### Description

summary.FFTrees summarizes key contents of an FFTrees object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FFTrees'
summary(object, tree = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	An FFTrees object.
tree	The tree to summarize (as an integer, but may be a vector). If tree = NULL (as per default) or exceeding the possible range 1:object\$trees\$n, information on all trees in object is returned.
...	Additional arguments (currently ignored).

### Details

Given an FFTrees object *x*, summary.FFTrees selects key parameters from *x*\$params and provides the definitions and performance statistics for tree from *x*\$trees. Inspect and query *x* for additional details.

summary.FFTrees returns an invisible list containing two elements:

1. definitions and corresponding performance measures of trees;
2. stats on decision frequencies, derived probabilities, and costs (separated by train and test).

A header prints descriptive information of the FFTrees object (to the console): Its main title, number of trees (object\$trees\$n), and the name of the criterion variable (object\$criterion\_name).

Per default, information on all available trees is shown and returned. Specifying tree filters the output list elements for the corresponding tree(s). When only a single tree is specified, the printed header includes a verbal description of the corresponding tree.

While summary.FFTrees provides key details about the specified tree(s), the individual decisions (stored in object\$trees\$decisions) are not shown or returned.

### Value

An invisible list with elements containing the definitions and performance stats of the FFT(s) specified by tree(s).

### See Also

[print.FFTrees](#) for printing FFTs; [plot.FFTrees](#) for plotting FFTs; [inwords](#) for obtaining a verbal description of FFTs; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

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titanic	<i>Titanic survival data</i>
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**Description**

Data indicating who survived on the Titanic.

**Usage**

```
titanic
```

**Format**

A data frame containing 2,201 rows and 4 columns.

**class** Factor - Class (first, second, third, or crew)

**age** Factor - Age group (child or adult)

**sex** Factor - Sex (male or female)

**survived** Logical - Whether the passenger survived (TRUE) or not (FALSE)

**Details**

See [Titanic](#) of the R **datasets** package for details and the same data (in a 4-dimensional table).

**Source**

<https://www.encyclopedia-titanica.org>

**References**

Dawson, Robert J. MacG. (1995). The 'Unusual Episode' Data Revisited. *Journal of Statistics Education*, 3. doi:10.1080/10691898.1995.11910499.

**See Also**

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [voting](#), [wine](#)

voting

*Voting data***Description**

A dataset of votes for each of the U.S. House of Representatives Congressmen on the 16 key votes identified by the CQA.

**Usage**

voting

**Format**

A data frame containing 435 rows and 16 columns.

**handicapped** handicapped-infants, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**water** water-project-cost-sharing, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**adoption** adoption-of-the-budget-resolution, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**physician** physician-fee-freeze, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**elsalvador** el-salvador-aid, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**religionschool** religious-groups-in-schools, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**satellite** anti-satellite-test-ban, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**nicaraguan** aid-to-nicaraguan-contras, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**mxmissile** mxmissile, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**immigration** immigration, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**synfuels** synfuels-corporation-cutback, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**education** education-spending, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**superfund** superfund-right-to-sue, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**crime** crime, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**dutyfree** duty-free-exports, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**southafrica** export-administration-act-south-africa, logical (TRUE, FALSE)

**party.crit** *Criterion:* Where the voters democratic (or republican) congressmen?

Values: TRUE (democrat) / FALSE (republican) (61.52% vs. 38.48%).

**Details**

The CQA lists nine different types of votes: Voted for, paired for, and announced for (these three simplified to yea), voted against, paired against, and announced against (these three simplified to nay), voted present, voted present to avoid conflict of interest, and did not vote or otherwise make a position known (these three simplified to an unknown disposition).

We made the following enhancements to the original data for improved usability:

- Any missing values, denoted as "?" in the dataset, were transformed into NAs.
- Binary factor variables with exclusive "y" and "n" values were converted to logical TRUE/FALSE vectors.
- The binary character *criterion* variable with exclusive "democrat" and "republican" values was converted to a logical TRUE/FALSE vector.

Other than that, the data remains consistent with the original dataset.

### Source

<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Congressional+Voting+Records>

### References

Congressional Quarterly Almanac, 98th Congress, 2nd session 1984, *Congressional Quarterly Inc.*, Volume XL. Washington, D.C., 1985.

### See Also

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [wine](#)

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wine

*Wine tasting data*

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### Description

Chemical and tasting data from wines in Northern Portugal.

### Usage

wine

### Format

A data frame containing 6497 rows and 13 columns.

**fixed.acidity** fixed acidity (numeric)

**volatile.acidity** volatile acidity (numeric)

**citric.acid** citric acid (numeric)

**residual.sugar** residual sugar (numeric)

**chlorides** chlorides (numeric)

**free.sulfur.dioxide** free sulfur dioxide (numeric)

**total.sulfur.dioxide** total sulfur dioxide (numeric)

**density** density (numeric)  
**pH** PH Value (numeric)  
**sulphates** Sulphates (numeric)  
**alcohol** Alcohol (numeric)  
**quality** Quality (numeric, score between 0 and 10)  
**type** *Criterion*: Is the wine red or white? (24.61% vs.75.39%)

### Source

<http://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Wine+Quality>

### References

P. Cortez, A. Cerdeira, F. Almeida, T. Matos and J. Reis (2009). Modeling wine preferences by data mining from physicochemical properties. *Decision Support Systems*, 47 (4), 547–553. doi:10.1016/j.dss.2009.05.016

### See Also

Other datasets: [blood](#), [breastcancer](#), [car](#), [contraceptive](#), [creditapproval](#), [fertility](#), [forestfires](#), [heart.cost](#), [heart.test](#), [heart.train](#), [heartdisease](#), [iris.v](#), [mushrooms](#), [sonar](#), [titanic](#), [voting](#)

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write_fft_df	<i>Write an FFT definition to tree definitions</i>
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### Description

write\_fft\_df writes the definition of a single FFT (as a tidy data frame) into the one-line FFT definition used by an FFTrees object.

write\_fft\_df allows turning individual tree definitions into the one-line FFT definition format used by an FFTrees object.

[read\\_fft\\_df](#) provides the inverse functionality.

### Usage

```
write_fft_df(fft, tree = -99L)
```

### Arguments

**fft** One FFT definition (as a data frame in tidy format, with one row per node).  
**tree** The ID of the to-be-written FFT (as an integer). Default: tree = -99L.

### Value

An FFT definition in the one line FFT definition format used by an FFTrees object (as a data frame).

**See Also**

[get\\_fft\\_df](#) for getting the FFT definitions of an FFTrees object; [read\\_fft\\_df](#) for reading one FFT definition from tree definitions; [add\\_fft\\_df](#) for adding FFTs to tree definitions; [FFTrees](#) for creating FFTs from and applying them to data.

Other tree definition and manipulation functions: [add\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [add\\_nodes\(\)](#), [drop\\_nodes\(\)](#), [edit\\_nodes\(\)](#), [flip\\_exits\(\)](#), [get\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [read\\_fft\\_df\(\)](#), [reorder\\_nodes\(\)](#), [select\\_nodes\(\)](#)

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