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`rcppmlpackexamples-package`
*Example Use of 'mlpack' from C++ via R*

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## Description

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## covertype_small *Covertype data subset used for classification*

### Description

A subset of the UCI machine learning data set 'covertype' describing cloud coverage in seven different states of coverage. This smaller subset contains with 100,000 observations and 55 variables. The first 54 variables are explanatory (i.e. "features"), with the last providing the dependent variable ("labels". The data is in the 'wide' 55 x 100,000 format used by **mlpack**. The dependent variable has been transformed to the range zero to six by subtracting one from the values found in the data file.

### Details

The original source of the data is the US Forest Service, and the complete file is part of the UC Irvince machine learning data repository.

### Source

https://www.mlpack.org/datasets/covertype-small.csv.gz

### References

https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/31/covertype

## kMeans *Run a k-means clustering analysis*

### Description

Run a k-means clustering analysis, returning a list of cluster assignments

### Usage

```
kMeans(data, clusters)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| data | A matrix of data values |
| clusters | An integer specifying the number of clusters |

### Details

This function performs a k-means clustering analysis on the given data set.

## Value

A list with cluster assignments

## Examples

```
x <- rbind(matrix(rnorm(100, sd = 0.3), ncol = 2),
           matrix(rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 0.3), ncol = 2))
colnames(x) <- c("x", "y")
cl <- kMeans(x, 2)

data(trees, package="datasets")
cl2 <- kMeans(t(trees),3)
```

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`linearRegression` *Run a linear regression with optional ridge regression*

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## Description

Run a linear regression (with optional ridge regression)

## Usage

```
linearRegression(matX, vecY, lambda = 0, intercept = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `matX` | A matrix of explanatory variables ('predictors') in standard R format (i.e. 'tall and skinny' to be transposed internally to MLPACK format (i.e. 'short and wide'). |
| `vecY` | A vector of dependent variables ('responses') |
| `lambda` | An optional ridge parameter, defaults to zero |
| `intercept` | An optional boolean switch about an intercept, default is true. |

## Details

This function performs a linear regression, and serves as a simple test case for accessing an MLPACK function.

## Value

A vector with fitted values

## Examples

```
suppressMessages(library(utils))
data("trees", package="datasets")
X <- with(trees, cbind(log(Girth), log(Height)))
y <- with(trees, log(Volume))
lmfit <- lm(y ~ X)
# summary(fitted(lmfit))
mlfit <- linearRegression(X, y)
# summary(mlfit)
all.equal(unname(fitted(lmfit)),  as.vector(mlfit))
```

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# loanData *Loan data subset used for default prediction*

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## Description

A four column data set containing a binary variable 'Employed' (with zero denoting unemployment and one employment), a numeric variable 'Bank Balance', a numeric variable 'Annual Salary' and a binary target variable 'Defaulted?' (with zero denoting loan repayment and one denoting default).

## Details

The original source of the data is not documented by mlpack.

## Source

https://datasets.mlpack.org/LoanDefault.csv

## References

https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/31/covertype

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# loanDefaultPrediction *loanDefaultPrediction*

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## Description

Predict loan default using a decision tree model

## Usage

```
loanDefaultPrediction(loanDataFeatures, loanDataTargets, pct = 0.25)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| loanDataFeatures | A matrix of dimension 3 by N, i.e. transposed relative to what R uses, with the three explanantory variables |
| loanDataTargets | A vector of (integer-valued) binary variables loan repayment or default |
| pct | A numeric variable with the percentage of data to be used for testing, defaults to 25% |

### Details

This functions performs a loan default prediction based on three variables on employment, bank balance and annual salary to predict loan repayment or default

### Value

A list object with predictions, probabilities, accuracy and a report matrix

### Examples

```
data(loanData)
res <- loanDefaultPrediction(t(as.matrix(loanData[,-4])),  # col 1 to 3, transposed
                             loanData[, 4],                # col 4 is the target
                             0.25)                         # retain 25% for testing
str(res)
res$report
```

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## randomForest *Run a Random Forest classificatio*

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### Description

Run a Random Forest Classifier

### Usage

```
randomForest(dataset, labels, pct = 0.3, nclasses = 7L, ntrees = 10L)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| dataset | A matrix of explanatory variables, i.e. “features” |
| labels | A vector of the dependent variable as integer values, i.e. “labels” |
| pct | A numeric value for the percentage of data to be retained for the test set |
| nclasses | An integer value for the number of a distinct values in labels |
| ntrees | An integer value for the number of trees |

## Details

This function performs a Random Forest classification on a subset of the standard 'covertype' data set

## Value

A list object

## See Also

covertype_small

## Examples

```
data(covertype_small)                         # see help(covertype_small)
res <- randomForest(covertype_small[-55,],    # features (already transposed)
                    covertype_small[55,],     # labels now in [0, 6] range
                    0.3)                      # percentage used for testing
str(res)  # accuracy varies as method is randomized but not seed set here
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