

# Package ‘forestControl’

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**Description** Approximate false positive rate control in selection frequency for random forest using the methods described byENDER Konukoglu and Melanie Ganz (2014) <[arXiv:1410.2838](#)>. Methods for calculating the selection frequency threshold at false positive rates and selection frequency false positive rate feature selection.

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Description

This package is an implementation of the methods described by Ender Konukoglu and Melanie Ganz in *Konukoglu, E. and Ganz, M., 2014. Approximate false positive rate control in selection frequency for random forest. arXiv preprint arXiv:1410.2838 <https://arxiv.org/abs/1410.2838>*.

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extract_params	<i>Extract forest parameters</i>
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Description

For a randomForest or ranger classification object, extract the parameters needed to calculate an approximate selection frequency threshold

Usage

extract\_params(x)

Arguments

x                      a randomForest, ranger or parsnip object

Value

- a list of four elements
- **Fn** The number of features considered at each internal node (mtry)
  - **Ft** The total number of features in the data set
  - **K** The average number of binary tests/internal nodes across the entire forest
  - **Tr** The total number of trees in the forest

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**Examples**

```
library(randomForest)
data(iris)
iris.rf <- randomForest(iris[,-5], iris[,5], forest = TRUE)

iris.params <- extract_params(iris.rf)
print(iris.params)
```

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fpr\_fs

*False Postivie Rate Feature Selection*

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**Description**

Calculate the False Positive Rate (FPR) for each feature using it's selection frequency

**Usage**

```
fpr_fs(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      a randomForest or ranger object

**Value**

a tibble of selection frequencies and their false positive rate

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**Examples**

```
library(randomForest)
data(iris)
iris.rf <- randomForest(iris[,-5], iris[,5], forest = TRUE)

iris.features <- fpr_fs(iris.rf)
print(iris.features)
```

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selection_freqs	<i>Variable Selection Frequencies</i>
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**Description**

Extract variable selection frequencies from randomForest and ranger model objects

**Usage**

```
selection_freqs(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      a randomForest or ranger object

**Value**

tibble of variable selection frequencies

**Examples**

```
library(randomForest)
data(iris)
iris.rf <- randomForest(iris[,-5], iris[,5], forest = TRUE)

iris.freqs <- selection_freqs(iris.rf)
print(iris.freqs)
```

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sft	<i>Selection Frequency Threshold</i>
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**Description**

Determine the selecton frequency threshold of a model at a specified false positive rate

**Usage**

```
sft(x, alpha)
```

**Arguments**

x                      a randomForest or ranger object  
alpha                  a false positive rate (ie, 0.01)

**Value**

a list of two elements

- **sft** The selection frequency threshold
- **probs\_atsft** The estimated false positive rate

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**Examples**

```
library(randomForest)
data(iris)
iris.rf <- randomForest(iris[, -5], iris[, 5], forest = TRUE)

# For a false positive rate of 1%
iris.sft <- sft(iris.rf, 0.01)
print(iris.sft)

# To iterate through a range of alpha values

alpha <- c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25)
threshold <- NULL
for(i in seq_along(alpha)){
  threshold[i] <- sft(iris.rf, alpha[i])$sft
}

plot(alpha, threshold, type = 'b')
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