

# Package ‘FFTrees’

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**Description** Create, visualize, and test fast-and-frugal decision trees (FFTs) using the algorithms and methods described in Phillips, Neth, Woike & Gaissmaier (2017). 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 communicate, and are robust against overfitting.

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add_stats	<i>Add decision statistics to data (containing counts of a 2x2 contingency table)</i>
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### Description

add\_stats assumes the input of essential 2x2 frequency counts (as 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,
  sens.w = 0.5,
  cost.each = NULL,
  cost.outcomes = list(hi = 0, fa = 1, mi = 1, cr = 0)
)
```

### Arguments

data	A data frame with (integer) values named "hi", "fa", "mi", and "cr".
sens.w	numeric. Sensitivity weight (for computing weighted accuracy, wacc). Default: sens.w = .50.
cost.each	numeric. An optional fixed cost added to all outputs (e.g.; the cost of the cue).
cost.outcomes	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.; 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 incur no costs.

### 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**

Blood donation data

**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** Did he/she donated blood in March 2007?

...

**Source**

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

**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	<i>Physiological data of patients tested for breast cancer</i>
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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** Is cancer present? TRUE or FALSE  
 ...

**Source**

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

**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

*Car acceptability data*

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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** Numeric  
**maint.price** Factor  
**doors** Factor  
**persons** Numeric

**luggage** Numeric  
**safety** Factor  
**acceptability** Factor  
 ...

### Details

The (yet to be binarized) criterion variable is a car's acceptability rating.

### Source

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

### References

Bohanec, M., Rajkovic, V. (1990): Expert system for decision making. *Sistemica* 1 (1), pp. 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,
  sens.w = NULL,
  cost.v = NULL,
  correction = 0.25,
  cost.outcomes = list(hi = 0, fa = 1, mi = 1, cr = 0),
  na_prediction_action = "ignore"
)
```

**Arguments**

prediction_v	logical. A logical vector of predictions.
criterion_v	logical. A logical vector of (TRUE) criterion values.
sens.w	numeric. Sensitivity weight parameter (from 0 to 1, for computing wacc). Default: sens.w = NULL (to enforce that actual value is being passed by the calling function).
cost.v	list. An optional list of additional costs to be added to each case.
correction	numeric. Correction added to all counts for calculating dprime.
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.
na_prediction_action	What happens when no prediction is possible? (experimental).

**Details**

The primary confusion matrix is computed by [confusionMatrix](#) of the **caret** package.

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 comp\_pred

*A wrapper for competing classification algorithms.*


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**Description**

comp\_pred provides the main wrapper for running alternative classification algorithms, such as CART (`rpart::rpart`), logistic regression (`glm`), support vector machines (`svm::svm`), and random forests (`randomForest::randomForest`).

**Usage**

```
comp_pred(
  formula,
  data.train,
  data.test = NULL,
  algorithm = NULL,
  model = NULL,
  sens.w = NULL,
  new.factors = "exclude"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>formula</code>	A formula (usually <code>x\$formula</code> , for an <code>FFTrees</code> object <code>x</code> ).
<code>data.train</code>	A training dataset (as data frame).
<code>data.test</code>	A testing dataset (as data frame).
<code>algorithm</code>	character string. An algorithm in the set: "lr" – logistic regression; "rlr" – regularized logistic regression; "cart" – decision trees; "svm" – support vector machines; "rf" – random forests.
<code>model</code>	model. An optional existing model, applied to the test data.
<code>sens.w</code>	Sensitivity weight parameter (from 0 to 1, required to compute <code>wacc</code> ).
<code>new.factors</code>	string. What should be done if new factor values are discovered in the test set? "exclude" = exclude (i.e.; remove these cases), "base" = predict the base rate of the criterion.

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 contraceptive

*Contraceptive use data*


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**Description**

A subset of the 1987 National Indonesia Contraceptive Prevalence Survey.

**Usage**

```
contraceptive
```

**Format**

A data frame containing 1473 rows and 10 columns.

**wife.age** Numeric

**wife.edu** Factor

**hus.ed** Factor

**children** Numeric

**wife.rel** Numeric

**wife.work** Factor

**hus.occ** Factor

**sol** Factor

**media** Numeric

**cont.crit** numeric

...



**Details**

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

**Source**

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

**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**

Credit approval data

**Usage**

creditapproval

**Format**

A data frame containing 690 rows and 15 columns

**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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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.

**Details**

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

The binary criterion variable is diagnosis: Normal (N) vs. altered (O).

**Source**

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

**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 and tested on 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`.

Create and evaluate fast-and-frugal trees (FFTs).

**Usage**

```
FFTrees(  
  formula = NULL,  
  data = NULL,  
  data.test = NULL,  
  algorithm = "ifan",  
  max.levels = NULL,  
  sens.w = 0.5,  
  cost.outcomes = NULL,  
  cost.cues = NULL,  
  stopping.rule = "exemplars",  
  stopping.par = 0.1,  
  goal = NULL,  
  goal.chase = NULL,  
  goal.threshold = "bacc",  
  numthresh.method = "o",
```

```

numthresh.n = 10,
decision.labels = c("False", "True"),
main = NULL,
train.p = 1,
rounding = NULL,
repeat.cues = TRUE,
my.tree = NULL,
object = NULL,
tree.definitions = NULL,
do.comp = TRUE,
do.cart = TRUE,
do.lr = TRUE,
do.rf = TRUE,
do.svm = TRUE,
quiet = FALSE,
comp = NULL,
force = NULL,
rank.method = NULL,
store.data = NULL,
verbose = NULL
)

```

### Arguments

formula	formula. A <a href="#">formula</a> specifying a binary criterion variable (as logical) as a function of 1 or more predictor variables (cues).
data	dataframe. A training dataset.
data.test	dataframe. An optional testing dataset with the same structure as data.
algorithm	character. The algorithm used to create FFTs. Can be 'ifan', 'dfan'.
max.levels	integer. The maximum number of levels considered for the trees. Because all permutations of exit structures are considered, the larger max.levels is, the more trees will be created.
sens.w	numeric. A number from 0 to 1 indicating how to weight sensitivity relative to specificity when goal = 'wacc'. Default: sens.w = .50.
cost.outcomes	A list of length 4 specifying the cost value for one of the 4 possible classification outcomes. The list elements must have names '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.; 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 costs.
cost.cues	A list containing the cost of each cue (in some unit). Each list element must have a name corresponding to a cue (i.e., a column in data), and should be a single (positive) number. Cues not present in cost.cues are assumed to have no costs (i.e., a cost value of 0).
stopping.rule	character. A string indicating the method to stop growing trees. "levels" means the tree grows until a certain level; "exemplars" means the tree grows

	until a certain number of unclassified exemplars remain; "statdelta" means the tree grows until the change in the criterion statistic is less than a specified level.
stopping.par	numeric. A number indicating the parameter for the stopping rule. For stopping.rule "levels", this is the number of levels. For stopping rule "exemplars", this is the smallest percentage of exemplars allowed in the last level.
goal	character. A string indicating the statistic to maximize when selecting final trees: "acc" = overall accuracy, "bacc" = balanced accuracy, "wacc" = weighted accuracy.
goal.chase	character. A string indicating the statistic to maximize when constructing trees: "acc" = overall accuracy, "bacc" = balanced accuracy, "wacc" = weighted accuracy, "cost" = cue costs.
goal.threshold	character. A string indicating the statistic to maximize when calculating cue thresholds: "acc" = overall accuracy, "bacc" = balanced accuracy, "wacc" = weighted accuracy. Default: goal.threshold = "bacc".
numthresh.method	character. How should thresholds for numeric cues be determined? "o" will optimize thresholds, while "m" will always use the median.
numthresh.n	integer. Number of numeric thresholds to try.
decision.labels	string. A vector of strings of length 2 indicating labels for negative and positive cases. E.g.; decision.labels = c("Healthy", "Diseased").
main	string. An optional label for the dataset. Passed on to other functions, like <code>plot.FFTrees</code> , and <code>print.FFTrees</code> .
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. The default of train.p = 1 uses all data for training.
rounding	integer. An integer indicating digit rounding for non-integer numeric cue thresholds. The default of rounding = NULL implies no rounding. A value of 0 rounds all possible thresholds to the nearest integer, 1 rounds to the nearest decade (.10), etc.
repeat.cues	logical. May cues occur multiple times within a tree? Default: repeat.cues = TRUE.
my.tree	An optional character string. A verbal description of an FFT, i.e., an FFT in words. For example, my.tree = "If age > 20, predict TRUE. If sex = {m}, predict FALSE. Otherwise, predict TRUE."
object	An optional existing FFTrees object. When specified, no new FFTs are fitted, but existing trees are applied to data and data.test. When formula, data or data.test are not specified, the current values of object are used.
tree.definitions	An optional data.frame of hard-coded FFT definitions (in the format of x\$trees\$definitions of an FFTrees object x). If specified, no new FFTs are fitted, but the tree definitions provided are used to re-evaluate the current FFTrees object.

do.comp, do.cart, do.lr, do.rf, do.svm

logical. Should alternative algorithms be used for comparison? All options set to TRUE by default. Available options are: cart = regular (non-frugal) trees with **rpart**; lr = logistic regression with **glm**; rf = random forests with **randomForest**; svm = support vector machines with **e1071**. Specifying do.comp = FALSE sets all available options to FALSE.

quiet

logical. Should progress reports be suppressed? Setting quiet = FALSE is helpful for diagnosing errors. Default: quiet = FALSE (i.e., show progress).

comp, force, rank.method, store.data, verbose

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).

**competition** Models and classification statistics for competitive classification algorithms: Logistic regression, CART, random forests RF, and SVM.

**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 (FFT) 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

*Calculate thresholds that optimize some statistic (goal) for cues in data*


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### Description

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x	An FFTrees object.
newdata	The dataset to with cues to be ranked (as data frame).
data	The type of data with cues to be ranked (as character: 'train', 'test', or 'dynamic'). Default: data = 'train'.
rounding	Number of digits used to round (as integer). Default: rounding = NULL.

**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 (FFT).

**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**

<code>x</code>	An FFTrees object created with <a href="#">FFTrees</a> .
<code>mydata</code>	The type of data to which a tree is being applied (as character string "train" or "test"). Default: <code>mydata = "train"</code> .
<code>digits</code>	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\\_wordstoefftrees](#) 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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<code>fftrees_fitcomp</code>	<i>Fit competitive algorithms</i>
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**Description**

`fftrees_fitcomp` fits competitive algorithms for binary classification tasks (e.g., LR, CART, RF, SVM) to the data and parameters specified in an FFTrees object.

`fftrees_fitcomp` is called by the main [FFTrees](#) function when creating FFTs from and applying them to data (unless `do.comp = FALSE`).

**Usage**

```
fftrees_fitcomp(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An FFTrees object.

**See Also**

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

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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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```
fftrees_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**

```
fftrees_threshold_factor_grid(
  thresholds = NULL,
  cue_v = NULL,
  criterion_v = NULL,
  directions = "=",
  sens.w = 0.5,
  cost.outcomes = list(hi = 0, fa = 1, mi = 1, cr = 0),
  cost.each = 0,
  goal.threshold = "bacc"
)
```

**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.
sens.w	numeric. Sensitivity weight parameter (from 0 to 1, for computing wacc). Default: sens.w = .50.
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.
cost.each	numeric.
goal.threshold	character.

**Value**

A data frame containing accuracy statistics for several 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(">", "<="),
  sens.w = 0.5,
  cost.each = 0,
  cost.outcomes = list(hi = 0, fa = 1, mi = 1, cr = 0),
  goal.threshold = "bacc"
)
```

**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.
sens.w	numeric. Sensitivity weight parameter (from 0 to 1, for computing wacc). Default: sens.w = .50.
cost.each	numeric. Cost to add to each value (e.g.; 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. 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.
goal.threshold	character. A string indicating the statistic to maximize when calculating cue thresholds: "acc" = overall accuracy, "wacc" = weighted accuracy, "bacc" = balanced accuracy.

**Value**

A data frame containing accuracy statistics for several 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**

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

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	An <code>FFTrees</code> object.
<code>my.tree</code>	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**

[fftrees\\_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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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

**area** Numeric - the burned area of the forest (in ha): 0.00 to 1090.84

...

### Source

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

### 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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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 data frame containing 153 rows and 14 columns.

**cue** The name of the cue

**cost** The cost of the cue

...

**Source**

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

**See Also**

[heartdisease](#) dataset.

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

*Heart disease training data*

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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

...

**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

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

**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** logical criterion variable

**cshape** character

**csurface** character

**ccolor** character

**bruises** character

**odor** numeric

**gattach** character

**gspace** character

**gsize** character

**gcolor** character

**sshape** character  
**sroot** character  
**ssaring** character  
**ssbring** character  
**scaring** character  
**scbring** character  
**vtype** character  
**vcolor** character  
**ringnum** character  
**ringtype** character  
**sporepc** character  
**population** character  
**habitat** character  
...

### 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.

### 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	<i>Plot an FFTrees object</i>
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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,
  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,
    ...
)

```

## 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 string)? Valid options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'all' Plot the tree diagram with all corresponding guides and performance statistics, but excluding cue accuracies.</li> <li>'cues' 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.</li> <li>'icontree' Plot tree diagram with icon arrays on exit nodes. Consider also setting n.per.icon and show.iconguide.</li> <li>'tree' Plot only the tree diagram.</li> <li>'roc' Plot only the performance of tree(s) (and comparison algorithms) in ROC space.</li> </ul> <p>Default: what = 'all'.</p>
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 and signal predictions/exits.
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 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	Label for the FFT (optional, as character string).
label.performance	Labels for the performance section (optional, as character string).
n.per.icon	Number of cases per icon (as numeric).
level.type	How should bottom levels be drawn (as a string)? Can be "bar" (the default) or "line".
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.
...	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", "sick"), n.per.icon = 2,
     show.header = TRUE, show.confusion = FALSE, show.levels = FALSE, show.roc = FALSE,
     hlines = FALSE, font = 3, col = "steelblue")

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

```

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predict.FFTrees

*Predict classification outcomes or probabilities from data*

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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 classes 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

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


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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). <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 printed 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>
...	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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select_best_tree	<i>Select the best tree (from the current set)</i>
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**Description**

select\_best\_tree selects (looks up and identifies) the best tree 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**

```
select_best_tree(x, data, goal)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	An FFTrees object.
<code>data</code>	The type of data to consider (as character: either 'train' or 'test').
<code>goal</code>	character. A goal to maximize or minimize when selecting a tree from an existing <code>x</code> (for which values exist in <code>x\$trees\$stats</code> ).

**Details**

Importantly, `select_best_tree` only identifies and selects 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 best of an existing set of FFTs, but not for computing new cue thresholds (see `goal.threshold` and `fftrees_cuerank()`) or creating new trees (see `goal.chase` and `fftrees_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.

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<code>showcues</code>	<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.accuracy` 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.accuracy = NULL,
  alt.goal = NULL,
  main = NULL,
  top = 5,
  quiet = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	An FFTrees object created by the <a href="#">FFTrees</a> function.
<code>cue.accuracy</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 printed (as logical)? Default: <code>quiet = FALSE</code> (i.e., show messages).
<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**

Sonar data

**Usage**

sonar

**Format**

A data frame containing 208 rows and 60 columns.

**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))

**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	<i>Summarize an FFTrees object</i>
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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**

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** Factor - Whether the passenger survived (1) or not (0)

...

**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](#)

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voting

*Voting data*

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### 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.

### 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).

The binary criterion variable used here is `party.crit`.

### Source

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

### References

Congressional Quarterly Almanac, 98th Congress, 2nd session 1984, Volume XL: Congressional Quarterly Inc. 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 North Portugal.

**Usage**

wine

**Format**

A data frame containing 6497 rows and 13 columns.

**Source**

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

**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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