

# Package ‘RFinfer’

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**Title** Inference for Random Forests

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**Description** A set of add on tools for the randomForest package

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**LazyData** TRUE

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## Description

Generate predictions and prediction variances from a random forest based on the infinitesimal jack-knife.

## Usage

```
rfPredVar(random.forest, rf.data, pred.data = rf.data, CI = FALSE,  
  tree.type = c("rf", "ci"), prog.bar = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>rf.data</code>	The data used to train <code>rf</code>
<code>pred.data</code>	The data used to predict with the forest; defaults to <code>rf.data</code> if not given
<code>CI</code>	Should 95% confidence intervals based on the CLT be returned along with predictions and prediction variances?
<code>tree.type</code>	either 'ci' for conditional inference tree or 'rf' for traditional CART tree
<code>prog.bar</code>	should progress bar be shown? (only applicable when <code>tree.type='ci'</code> )
<code>rf</code>	A random forest trained with <code>keep.inbag=TRUE</code> . See details for more information.

**Details**

The original version of `randomForest` with the `keep.inbag=TRUE` only keeps track if each training data point was or was not included in each resample. Install a tweaked version of `randomForest` that amends this to include the number of times each training data point was included in each resample by running the following code in R: `devtools::install_github('cole-brokamp/randomForest')`

Note: This function does not use the default predict method for forests produced by `cforest`. The predictions here are the direct averages of all tree predictions, instead of using the observation weights. Therefore, predictions from this function will likely differ from `predict.cforest` when using subsampling.

This function currently only works with regression forests – not classification forests.

**Value**

A data frame with the predictions and prediction variances (and optionally 95% confidence interval)

**Examples**

```
library(randomForest)
data(airquality)
d <- na.omit(airquality)
rf <- randomForest(Ozone ~ ., data=d, keep.inbag=T, sampsize=30, replace=FALSE, ntree=500)
rfPredVar(rf, rf.data=d, CI=TRUE, tree.type='rf')
```

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