Package 'mltools'

May 12, 2018

Type Package

Title Machine Learning Tools
Version 0.3.5
Author Ben Gorman
Maintainer Ben Gorman
Description A collection of machine learning helper functions, particularly assisting in the Exploratory Data Analysis phase. Makes heavy use of the 'data.table' package for optimal speed and memory efficiency. Highlights include a versatile bin_data() function, sparsify() for converting a data.table to sparse matrix format with one-hot encoding, fast evaluation metrics, and empirical_cdf() for calculating empirical Multivariate Cumulative Distribution Functions.
License MIT + file LICENSE
<pre>URL https://github.com/ben519/mltools</pre>
BugReports https://github.com/ben519/mltools/issues
LazyData TRUE
RoxygenNote 6.0.1
Imports data.table(>= 1.9.7), Matrix, methods, stats
Suggests testthat
NeedsCompilation no
Repository CRAN
Date/Publication 2018-05-12 03:12:45 UTC
R topics documented:
alien.test 2 alien.train 3 auc_roc 4 bin_data 4 date_factor 6 empirical_cdf 7

^	n	alien.test
4	<u> </u>	anen.test

	explore_dataset	8
	exponential_weight	8
	folds	9
	geometric_weight	10
	gini_impurities	10
	gini_impurity	11
	mcc	12
	mse	13
	msle	14
	one_hot	15
	relative_position	16
	replace_na	16
	rmse	17
	rmsle	18
	roc_scores	18
	set_factor	19
	skewness	20
	sparsify	20
Index		22

 $\verb"alien.test"$

Alien test dataset

Description

A dataset describing features of living beings

Usage

alien.test

Format

A data.table with 8 rows and 5 variables:

SkinColor Skin color of the individual

IQScore IQ score of the individual

Cat1 Categorical descriptor

Cat2 Categorical descriptor

Cat3 Categorical descriptor

alien.train 3

Details

```
library(data.table)
```

```
alien.test <- data.table::data.table( SkinColor=c("white", "green", "brown", "white", "red"), IQS-core=c(79, 100, 125, 90, 115), Cat1=c("type4", "type4", "type4", "type1", "type1"), Cat2=c("type5", "type5", "type9", "type8", "type2"), Cat3=c("type2", "type2", "type7", "type4", "type4")) save(alien.test, file="data/alien_test.rda")
```

alien.train

Alien training dataset

Description

A dataset describing features of living beings and whether or not they are an alien

Usage

alien.train

Format

A data table with 8 rows and 6 variables:

SkinColor Skin color of the individual

IQScore IQ score of the individual

Cat1 Categorical descriptor

Cat2 Categorical descriptor

Cat3 Categorical descriptor

IsAlien Is this being an alien?

Details

library(data.table)

```
alien.train <- data.table::data.table( SkinColor=c("green", "white", "brown", "white", "blue", "white", "green", "white"), IQScore=c(300, 95, 105, 250, 115, 85, 130, 115), Cat1=c("type1", "type1", "type2", "type4", "type4", "type4", "type4", "type4", "type5", "type5", "type5", "type5", "type5", "type5", "type5", "type5", "type4", "type4", "type4", "type4", "type4", "type4", "type4", "type4", "type4"), IsAlien=c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)) save(alien.train, file="data/alien_train.rda")
```

4 bin_data

auc	roc
auc.	1 ()(

Area Under the ROC Curve

Description

Calculates Area Under the ROC Curve

Usage

```
auc_roc(preds, actuals, returnDT = FALSE)
```

Arguments

preds A vector of prediction values

actuals A vector of actuals values (numeric or ordered factor)

returnDT If TRUE, a data.table of (FalsePositiveRate, TruePositiveRate) pairs is returned,

otherwise AUC ROC score is returned

Details

If returnDT=FALSE, returns Area Under the ROC Curve.If returnDT=TRUE, returns a data.table object with False Positive Rate and True Positive Rate for plotting the ROC curve.

References

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Receiver_operating_characteristic#Area_under_the_curve

Examples

```
library(data.table)
preds <- c(.1, .3, .3, .9)
actuals <- c(0, 0, 1, 1)
auc_roc(preds, actuals)
auc_roc(preds, actuals, returnDT=TRUE)</pre>
```

bin_data

Map a vector of numeric values into bins

Description

Takes a vector of values and bin parameters and maps each value to an ordered factor whose levels are a set of bins like [0,1), [1,2), [2,3).

Values may be provided as a vector or via a pair of parameters - a data.table object and the name of the column to bin.

bin_data 5

Usage

```
bin_data(x = NULL, binCol = NULL, bins = 10, binType = "explicit",
boundaryType = "lcro]", returnDT = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x A vector of values or a data.table object

binCol A column of dt specifying the values to bin

• integer specifying the number of bins to generate

• numeric vector specifying sequential bin boundaries $\{(x0, x1), (x1, x2), (x1, x2),$

..., (xn-1, xn)

• 2-column data.frame/data.table each row defines a bin

• "explicit" interpret bins as they are given

• "quantile" interpret bins as quantiles (empty quantile bins will be dis-

carded)

• "lcro]" bins are [left-closed, right-open) except for last bin which is [left-

closed, right-closed]

• "lcro)" bins are [left-closed, right-open)

• "[lorc" bins are (left-open, right-closed] except for first bin which is [left-

closed, right-closed]

• "(lorc" bins are (left-open, right-closed]

returnDT If FALSE, return an ordered factor of bins corresponding to the values given,

else return a data.table object which includes all bins and values (makes a copy

of data.table object if given)

Details

This function can return two different types of output, depending on whether returnDT is TRUE or FALSE.

If returnDT=FALSE, returns an ordered factor vector of bins like [1, 2), [-3,-2), ... corresponding to the values which were binned and whose levels correspond to all the generated bins. (Note that empty bins may be present as unused factor levels).

If returnDT=TRUE, returns a data.table object with all values and all bins (including empty bins). If dt is provided instead of vals, a full copy of dt is created and merged with the set of generated bins.

```
library(data.table)
iris.dt <- data.table(iris)

# custom bins
bin_data(iris.dt, binCol="Sepal.Length", bins=c(4, 5, 6, 7, 8))

# 10 equally spaced bins
bin_data(iris$Petal.Length, bins=10, returnDT=TRUE)</pre>
```

6 date_factor

```
# make the last bin [left-closed, right-open) bin_data(c(0,0,1,2), bins=2, boundaryType="lcro)", returnDT=TRUE) # bin values by quantile bin_data(c(0,0,0,0,1,2,3,4), bins=4, binType="quantile", returnDT=TRUE)
```

date_factor

Date Factor

Description

Map a vector of dates to a factor at one of these levels "yearmonth", "yearquarter", "quarter", "month"

Usage

```
date_factor(dateVec, type = "yearmonth", minDate = min(dateVec, na.rm =
   TRUE), maxDate = max(dateVec, na.rm = TRUE))
```

Arguments

dateVec A vector of date values

type One of "year", "yearquarter", "yearmonth", "quarter", "month"

(Default = min(dateVec)) When determining factor levels, use this date to set the min level, after coercing dates to the specified type. For example, if dateVec = (2016-01-15, 2016-02-15), type = "yearmonth", and minDate = 2016-02-01, the result will be (NA, Feb 2016).

maxDate (Default = max(dateVec)) When determining factor levels, use this date to set the max level. (See minDate, above)

Details

The resulting vector is an ordered factor of the specified type (e.g. yearmonth)

```
library(data.table)
dts <- as.Date(c("2014-1-1", "2015-1-15", "2015-6-1"))
date_factor(dts, type = "yearmonth")
date_factor(dts, type = "yearquarter")
date_factor(
   dateVec = dts,
    type = "yearquarter",
   minDate = as.Date("2015-1-1"),
   maxDate = as.Date("2015-12-31")
)</pre>
```

empirical_cdf 7

```
date_factor(
  dateVec = as.Date(character(0)),
  type = "yearmonth",
  minDate = as.Date("2016-1-1"),
  as.Date("2016-12-31")
)
```

empirical_cdf

Empirical Cumulative Distribution Function

Description

Given a vector x, calculate $P(x \le X)$ for a set of upper bounds X. Can be applied to a data.table object for multivariate use. That is, calculate $P(x \le X, y \le Y, z \le Z, ...)$

Usage

```
empirical_cdf(x, ubounds)
```

Arguments

x Numeric vector or a data.table object for multivariate use.

ubounds A vector

A vector of upper bounds on which to evaluate the CDF. For multivariate version, a data.table whose names correspond to columns of x.

Details

Calculate the empirical CDF of a vector, or data.table with multiple columns for multivariate use.

```
library(data.table) dt <- data.table(x=c(0.3, 1.3, 1.4, 3.6), y=c(1.2, 1.2, 3.8, 3.9)) empirical_cdf(dt$x, ubounds=1:4) empirical_cdf(dt, ubounds=CJ(x=1:4, y=1:4))
```

8 exponential_weight

explore_dataset Explore Datase	Dataset
--------------------------------	---------

Description

(Experimental) Automated Exploratory Data Analysis

Usage

```
explore_dataset(dt1, dt2 = NULL, targetCol = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dt1 dataset to analyze

dt2 (optional) second dataset to analyze, with the same columns as dt1

targetCol Name of the column you're trying to model/predict verbose Should the exploratory process steps be displayed?

Details

Expirimental. Evaluates and summarizes the data in every column of a data.table. Can identify columns with hierarchical structure and columns with perfectly correlated values.

Examples

```
library(data.table)
explore_dataset(alien.train)
```

exponential_weight Exponential Weight

Description

Generate exponential weights

Usage

```
exponential_weight(k, base = exp(1), offset = 0, slope = 0.1)
```

Arguments

```
k 1-base^(offset-slope*k)
base 1-base^(offset-slope*k)
offset 1-base^(offset-slope*k)
slope 1-base^(offset-slope*k)
```

folds 9

Details

Returns a weight based on the formula 1-base^(offset-slope*k)

Examples

```
exponential_weight(1:3, slope=.1)
exponential_weight(1:3, slope=1)
exponential_weight(1:3, slope=10)
```

folds

Cross Validation Folds

Description

Map an object x into equal (or nearly equal) size folds. If x is a positive integer, a vector of FoldIDs of length matching x is returned, otherwise If x is a vector, a matching vector of FoldIDs is returned. If x is a data.table, a list of partitions of x is returned.

Usage

```
folds(x, nfolds = 5L, stratified = FALSE, seed = NULL)
```

Arguments

x A positive integer, a vector of values or a data.table object

nfolds How many folds?

stratified If x is a vector then TRUE or FALSE indicating whether x's split the class's of

x proportionally. If x is a data.table then stratified should be FALSE or the name of a column in x on which to perform stratification. Note that stratification

is implemented for categorical, logical, AND numeric x

seed Random number seed

Details

Convenient method for mapping an object into equal size folds, potentially with stratification

```
library(data.table)
folds(8, nfolds=2)
folds(alien.train$IsAlien, nfolds=2)
folds(alien.train$IsAlien, nfolds=2, stratified=TRUE, seed=2016)
folds(alien.train$IQScore, nfolds=2, stratified=TRUE, seed=2016)
folds(alien.train, nfolds=2, stratified="IsAlien", seed=2016)
```

10 gini_impurities

geometric_weight

Geometric Weight

Description

Generate geometric weights

Usage

```
geometric\_weight(k, n, r = 1)
```

Arguments

```
k r^k/sum(r^{(1, 2, ... n)})

n r^k/sum(r^{(1, 2, ... n)})

r r^k/sum(r^{(1, 2, ... n)})
```

Details

Returns a weight based on the formula $r^k/sum(r^seq_len(n))$. The sequence of weights for k=1, 2, ..., n sum to 1

Examples

```
geometric_weight(1:3, n=3, r=1)
geometric_weight(1:3, n=3, r=.5)
geometric_weight(1:3, n=3, r=2)
```

gini_impurities

Gini Impurities

Description

Identify group weighted gini impurities using pairs of columns within a dataset. Can be used to located hierarchical data, or 1-1 correspondences

Usage

```
gini_impurities(dt, wide = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dt	A data.table with at least two columns
wide	Should the results be in wide format?
verbose	Should progress be printed to the screen?

gini_impurity 11

Details

For pairs of columns (Var1, Var2) in a dataset, calculates the weighted gini impurity of Var2 relative to the groups determined by Var1

Examples

```
library(data.table)
gini_impurities(alien.train)
gini_impurities(alien.train, wide=TRUE)
```

gini_impurity

Gini Impurity

Description

Calculates the Gini Impurity of a set

Usage

```
gini_impurity(vals)
```

Arguments

vals

A vector of values. Values can be given as raw instances like c("red", "red", "blue", "green") or as a named vector of class frequencies like c(red=2, blue=1, green=1)

Details

Gini Impurity is a measure of how often a randomly chosen element from a set would be incorrectly labeled if it was randomly labeled according to the distribution of labels in the set.

```
gini_impurity(c("red", "red", "blue", "green"))
gini_impurity(c(red=2, blue=1, green=1))
```

12 mcc

mcc

Matthews correlation coefficient

Description

Calculate Matthews correlation coefficient

Usage

```
mcc(preds = NULL, actuals = NULL, TP = NULL, FP = NULL, TN = NULL, FN = NULL, confusionM = NULL)
```

Arguments

preds	A vector of prediction values, or a data.frame or matrix of TRUE/FALSE or 1/0 whose columns correspond to the possible classes
actuals	A vector of actuals values, or a data.frame or matrix of TRUE/FALSE or 1/0 whose columns correspond to the possible classes
TP	Count of true positives (correctly predicted 1/TRUE)
FP	Count of false positives (predicted 1/TRUE, but actually 0/FALSE)
TN	Count of true negatives (correctly predicted 0/FALSE)
FN	Count of false negatives (predicted 0/FALSE, but actually 1/TRUE)
confusionM	Confusion matrix whose (i,j) element represents the number of samples with predicted class i and true class j

Details

Calculate Matthews correlation coefficient. Provide either

- preds and actuals or
- TP, FP, TN, and FN
- confusionM

References

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthews_correlation_coefficient

```
preds <- c(1,1,1,0,1,1,0,0)
actuals <- c(1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0)
mcc(preds, actuals)
mcc(actuals, actuals)
mcc(TP=3, FP=2, TN=2, FN=1)
# Multiclass</pre>
```

mse 13

```
preds <- data.frame(
    setosa = rnorm(n = 150),
    versicolor = rnorm(n = 150),
    virginica = rnorm(n = 150)
)
preds <- preds == apply(preds, 1, max)
actuals <- data.frame(
    setosa = rnorm(n = 150),
    versicolor = rnorm(n = 150),
    virginica = rnorm(n = 150)
)
actuals <- actuals == apply(actuals, 1, max)
mcc(preds = preds, actuals = actuals)

# Confusion matrix
mcc(confusionM = matrix(c(0,3,3,3,0,3,3,3,0), nrow = 3))
mcc(confusionM = matrix(c(1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1), nrow = 3))</pre>
```

mse

Mean Square Error

Description

Calculate Mean-Square Error (Deviation)

For the ith sample, Squared Error is calculated as $SE = (prediction - actual)^2$. MSE is then mean(squared errors).

Usage

```
mse(preds = NULL, actuals = NULL, weights = 1, na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

preds A vector of prediction values in [0, 1]

actuals A vector of actuals values in 0, 1, or FALSE, TRUE

weights Optional vectors of weights

na.rm Should (prediction, actual) pairs with at least one NA value be ignored?

Details

Calculate Mean-Square Error (Deviation)

References

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mean_squared_error

14 msle

Examples

```
preds <- c(1.0, 2.0, 9.5)
actuals <- c(0.9, 2.1, 10.0)
mse(preds, actuals)</pre>
```

msle

Mean Square Logarithmic Error

Description

Calculate Mean-Square-Logarithmic Error (Deviation)

For the ith sample, Squared Logarithmic Error is calculated as $SLE = (log(prediction + 1) - log(actual + 1))^2$. MSE is then mean(squared logarithmic errors). Note the '+1' in the calculation of SLE which avoids taking the logarithm of 0 for data which may include 0s.

Usage

```
msle(preds = NULL, actuals = NULL, weights = 1, na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

preds	A vector of prediction values in [0, 1]
actuals	A vector of actuals values in 0, 1, or FALSE, TRUE
weights	Optional vectors of weights
na.rm	Should (prediction, actual) pairs with at least one NA value be ignored?

Details

Calculate Mean-Square-Logarithmic Error (Deviation)

```
preds <- c(1.0, 2.0, 9.5)
actuals <- c(0.9, 2.1, 10.0)
msle(preds, actuals)</pre>
```

one_hot

one_hot	One Hot Encode	

Description

One-Hot-Encode unordered factor columns of a data.table

Usage

```
one_hot(dt, cols = "auto", sparsifyNAs = FALSE, naCols = FALSE,
  dropCols = TRUE, dropUnusedLevels = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dt	A data.table
cols	Which column(s) should be one-hot-encoded? DEFAULT = "auto" encodes all unordered factor columns
sparsifyNAs	Should NAs be converted to 0s?
naCols	Should columns be generated to indicate the present of NAs? Will only apply to factor columns with at least one NA
dropCols	Should the resulting data.table exclude the original columns which are one-hot-encoded?
dropUnusedLevels	

Should columns of all 0s be generated for unused factor levels?

Details

One-hot-encoding converts an unordered categorical vector (i.e. a factor) to multiple binarized vectors where each binary vector of 1s and 0s indicates the presence of a class (i.e. level) of the of the original vector.

```
library(data.table)

dt <- data.table(
   ID = 1:4,
    color = factor(c("red", NA, "blue", "blue"), levels=c("blue", "green", "red"))
)

one_hot(dt)
one_hot(dt, sparsifyNAs=TRUE)
one_hot(dt, naCols=TRUE)
one_hot(dt, dropCols=FALSE)
one_hot(dt, dropUnusedLevels=TRUE)</pre>
```

16 replace_na

relative_position

Relative Position

Description

Scale a vector of values to the range [0, 1] based on rank/position

Usage

```
relative_position(vals)
```

Arguments

vals

vector of values

Details

Values are ranked and then scaled to the range [0, 1]. Ties result in the same relative position (e.g. relative_position(c(1, 2, 3)) returns the vector c(0.0 0.5 0.5 1.0)). NAs remain as NAs.

Examples

```
relative_position(1:10)
relative_position(c(1, 2, 2, 3))
relative_position(c(1, NA, 3, 4))
```

replace_na

Replace NA Values

Description

Convenience method for returning a copy of a vector such that NA values are substituted with a replacement value

Usage

```
replace_na(x, repl = "auto")
```

Arguments

x vector of values

repl what to substitute in place of NAs

rmse 17

Details

Returns a copy of x such that NAs get replaced with a replacement value. Default replacement value is 0.

Examples

```
replace_na(c(1, NA, 1, 0))
```

rmse

Root Mean Square Error

Description

Calculate Root-Mean-Square Error (Deviation)

For the ith sample, Squared Error is calculated as $SE = (prediction - actual)^2$. RMSE is then $sqrt(mean(squared\ errors))$.

Usage

```
rmse(preds = NULL, actuals = NULL, weights = 1, na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

preds	A vector of prediction values in [0, 1]
actuals	A vector of actuals values in 0, 1, or FALSE, TRUE
weights	Optional vectors of weights
na.rm	Should (prediction, actual) pairs with at least one NA value be ignored?

Details

Calculate Root-Mean-Square Error (Deviation)

References

```
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Root-mean-square_deviation
```

```
preds <- c(1.0, 2.0, 9.5)
actuals <- c(0.9, 2.1, 10.0)
rmse(preds, actuals)
```

18 roc_scores

rmsle

Root Mean Square Logarithmic Error

Description

Calculate Root-Mean-Square-Logarithmic Error (Deviation)

For the ith sample, Squared Logarithmic Error is calculated as $SLE = (log(prediction + 1) - log(actual + 1))^2$. RMSLE is then sqrt(mean(squared logarithmic errors)). Note the '+1' in the calculation of SLE which avoids taking the logarithm of 0 for data which may include 0s.

Usage

```
rmsle(preds = NULL, actuals = NULL, weights = 1, na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

preds A vector of prediction values in [0, 1]

actuals A vector of actuals values in 0, 1, or FALSE, TRUE

weights Optional vectors of weights

na.rm Should (prediction, actual) pairs with at least one NA value be ignored?

Details

Calculate Root-Mean-Square-Logarithmic Error (Deviation)

Examples

```
preds <- c(1.0, 2.0, 9.5)
actuals <- c(0.9, 2.1, 10.0)
rmsle(preds, actuals)</pre>
```

roc_scores

ROC scores

Description

This function provides a way to identify the worst predictions when measuring Area Under the ROC curve. Simply put, the worst predictions are the ones with very low or high relative prediction scores (usually probabilities) which relate to the positive and negative samples respectively.

Usage

```
roc_scores(preds, actuals)
```

set_factor 19

Arguments

preds	vector of predictions (need not be in range [0-1] - only order matters)
actuals	vector of actuals - either logical or vector of 1s and 0s

Details

How it works

- First the relative position (between 0 and 1) of each prediction is determined
- Next the mean of actuals is determined
- For samples whose position is on the correct side of the overall mean, 0 is given
- For samples whose position is on the wrong side of the overall mean, its distance from the mean is given

Examples

```
roc_scores(c(1,2,3,4), actuals=c(1,1,0,0))
roc_scores(c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4), actuals=c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE))
```

set_factor

Set Factor

Description

Convience method for dealing with factors. Map a list of vectors to a list of factor vectors (1-1 mapping) such that the factor vectors all have the same levels - the unique values of the union of all the vectors in the list. Optionally group all low frequency values into a "_other_" level.

Usage

```
set_factor(vectorList, aggregationThreshold = 0)
```

Arguments

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} \beg
```

Values which appear this many times or less will be grouped into the level "_other_"

```
x <- c("a", "b", "c", "c")
y <- c("a", "d", "d")
set_factor(list(x, y))
set_factor(list(x, y), aggregationThreshold=1)</pre>
```

20 sparsify

skewness

Skewness

Description

Calculates the skewness of each field in a data.table

Usage

```
skewness(dt)
```

Arguments

dt

A data.table

Details

Counts the frequency of each value in each column, then displays the results in descending order

Examples

```
library(data.table)
skewness(alien.train)
```

sparsify

Sparsify

Description

Convert a data.table object into a sparse matrix (with the same number of rows).

Usage

```
sparsify(dt, sparsifyNAs = FALSE, naCols = "none")
```

Arguments

dt
sparsifyNAs
naCols

A data.table object

Should NAs be converted to 0s and sparsified?

- "none" Don't generate columns to identify NA values
- "identify" For each column of dt with an NA value, generate a column in the sparse matrix with 1s indicating NAs. Columns will be named like "color_NA"
- "efficient" For each column of dt with an NA value, generate a column in the sparse matrix with 1s indicating either NAs or Non NAs whichever is more memory efficient. Columns will be named like "color_NA" or "color_NotNA"

sparsify 21

Details

Converts a data.table object to a sparse matrix (class "dgCMatrix"). Requires the **Matrix** package. All sparsified data is assumed to take on the value 0/FALSE

Data Type | Description & NA handling

numeric | If sparsifyNAs = FALSE, only 0s will be sparsified If sparsifyNAs = TRUE, 0s and NAs will be sparsified

factor (unordered) | Each level will generate a sparsified binary column Column names are feature_level, e.g. "color_red", "color_blue"

factor (ordered) | Levels are converted to numeric, 1 - NLevels If sparsifyNAs = FALSE, NAs will remain as NAs If sparsifyNAs = TRUE, NAs will be sparsified

logical | TRUE and FALSE values will be converted to 1s and 0s If sparsifyNAs = FALSE, only FALSEs will be sparsified If sparsifyNAs = TRUE, FALSEs and NAs will be sparsified

```
library(data.table)
library(Matrix)

dt <- data.table(
  intCol=c(1L, NA_integer_, 3L, 0L),
  realCol=c(NA, 2, NA, NA),
  logCol=c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE),
  ofCol=factor(c("a", "b", NA, "b"), levels=c("a", "b", "c"), ordered=TRUE),
  ufCol=factor(c("a", NA, "c", "b"), ordered=FALSE)
)

sparsify(dt)
sparsify(dt, sparsifyNAs=TRUE)
sparsify(dt[, list(realCol)], naCols="identify")
sparsify(dt[, list(realCol)], naCols="efficient")</pre>
```

Index

```
*Topic datasets
    alien.test, 2
    alien.train, 3
alien.test, 2
alien.train, 3
auc_roc, 4
bin_data, 4
date_factor, 6
empirical_cdf, 7
explore_dataset, 8
exponential\_weight, 8
folds, 9
{\tt geometric\_weight}, \\ 10
gini_impurities, 10
gini_impurity, 11
mcc, 12
mse, 13
msle, 14
one_hot, 15
relative\_position, 16
replace_na, 16
rmse, 17
rmsle, 18
roc_scores, 18
set_factor, 19
skewness, 20
sparsify, 20
```