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**Description** The goal of flexoptr is to provide a suite of functions to generalise and ease the modelling of energy flexibilities. By defining base parameters, the needs of a constrained flexibility are calculated, and optimised over price data. Several functions to facilitate the optimisation of more complex market and configuration analyses are also provided.

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adapt_constraints	<i>Adapt constraints to a charge input</i>
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**Description**

Constraints built with `build_constraints` to incorporate the changes when a charge is added at an index. The values in the columns `cummax`, `cummin` and `dirmax` are updated accordingly.

**Usage**

```
adapt_constraints(constraints, index)
```

**Arguments**

- `constraints` a data frame of constraints, expected to resemble output of `build_constraints`.
- `index` a positive integer, the index where a unit of charge is added.

**Value**

the constraints data frame with updated values

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append_trades	<i>Extend a trade data frame with new trades</i>
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**Description**

Extend a trade data frame with new trades

**Usage**

```
append_trades(new_trades, old_trades, time_offset = 0)
```

**Arguments**

- `new_trades` a data frame, formatted like the output of `describe_trades`.
- `old_trades` a data frame, formatted like the output of this function, can be NULL.
- `time_offset` the index of trades are assumed to be starting at 1, the offset is added to this index.

**Value**

a data frame, with all values from `new_trades` and `old_trades`

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build\_constraints    *Calculate the cumulative minimum and maximum charge for a storage*

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### Description

Given the physical parameters, this function calculates the necessary, i.e lower limits, and possible, i.e. upper limits, for charging a storage.

### Usage

```
build_constraints(
  cycles,
  state,
  capacity,
  loss_rate,
  charge_rate,
  parameters = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

cycles	a positive integer, the number of cycles this function should consider
state	a positive integer, the starting state of energy in the storage
capacity	a positive integer, the maximum amount of energy that can be stored
loss_rate	a positive integer, the energy / cycle depleted from storage
charge_rate	a positive integer, the maximum energy / cycle which with the storage can be charged
parameters	a numerical, named vector, can substitute the use of the parameters capacity, loss_rate, and charge_rate. When used, all three values must be supplied by named values.

### Details

Considering a steady loss rate in some kind of energy storage, this function calculates the cumulative minimal charge required to not go below zero charge.

In the same sense, a maximum cumulative charge is calculated which indicates the physical and realistic maximum of energy that could be put into the storage until it is full.

The function thinks in time cycles, where one would charge x amount of energy from the beginning of the cycle until the end of the same cycle.

### Value

a data frame with cycle number, minimum, and maximum cumulative charge

### Examples

```
build_constraints(10, 5, 20, 2, 4)
```

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calc_revenue	<i>Calculate the overall revenue of a trade data frame</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the overall revenue of a trade data frame

**Usage**

```
calc_revenue(trade_df)
```

**Arguments**

trade\_df      A data.frame as exported by describe\_trades.

**Value**

A single number describing the revenue

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describe_trades	<i>Describe trades</i>
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**Description**

Generate a trade list based on a previous and a new schedule. The function will analyse the differences between the schedules and infer the time and volume of the trades that occurred.

**Usage**

```
describe_trades(old_schedule, new_schedule, prices)
```

**Arguments**

old\_schedule    a numerical vector

new\_schedule    a numerical vector, must be same length as current\_schedule.

prices            a numerical vector, must be same length as current\_schedule.

**Value**

a data frame with columns describing the time at which a trade occurred (as index of old\_schedule), volume and buy/sell price

**Examples**

```
schedule1 <- c(4, 0, 0, 3)
schedule2 <- c(0, 3, 0, 4)
new_prices <- c(70, 65, 80, 60)
describe_trades(schedule1, schedule2, new_prices)
```

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```
filter_available_cycles
```

*Select only viable charging times*

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### Description

A constraints data frame describes the physical limits of a charging process.

### Usage

```
filter_available_cycles(constraints)
```

### Arguments

`constraints` a data frame with columns for cumulative minimum, `cummin`, cumulative maximum `cummax`, a direct maximum charge `dirmax`. The order of the rows is assumed to be strictly chronological without time lapses.  
The order of the data frame is assumed to represent the time hierarchy.

### Details

The function selects the rows until `cummin` column first contains a value greater than zero (this row is also selected). Out of this selection only the rows with a `cummax` and a `dirmax` value greater than zero are selected.

### Value

the original data with filtered rows.

### See Also

[build\\_constraints](#)

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```
format_da_prices
```

*Make a day ahead price list*

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### Description

Reformats a vector of price data into a day ahead format that is compatible with `optimise_schedule`.

### Usage

```
format_da_prices(prices)
```

**Arguments**

`prices` a numerical vector of prices. Length must be a multiple of 24. Days with a change in daylight saving time can therefore not be handled.

**Details**

Data is grouped into groups of 24 and put into a list, the first element containing the first 24 prices, the next 23 elements being empty, the 25th element containing the next prices and so on.

**Value**

a list

**See Also**

[optimise\\_schedule](#)

**Examples**

```
some_prices <- rnorm(48, 20, 3)
format_da_prices(some_prices)
```

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`format_id_prices`     *Make an intra day price list*

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**Description**

Reformats a data frame of index prices into a format compatible with `optimise_schedule`.

**Usage**

```
format_id_prices(pricetable, colnames)
```

**Arguments**

`pricetable` a data frame with columns of price data. The order of the rows is assumed to be chronological. One row represents one hour.

`colnames` a vector of strings. describes the names and order of columns that contain the price data. The first element represents the price one hour before market closure, the second element describes the price two hours before market closure and so on. The names cannot be repeated, so each hour needs to be coded into a separate column.

**Details**

Price data is typically formatted so that each row represents a product for a certain time. For each row there could a column describing the volume weighted average for the last hour, the last three hours and so on.

With this function, this data is transformed into a list format, where each element represents a time and contains the current prices at that point in time for the next hours. The current hour is assumed to be untradeable and therefore an NA is inserted for that time.

**Value**

the original data frame with the new price list as a further column

**See Also**

[optimise\\_schedule](#)

**Examples**

```
some_prices <- data.frame(  
  time = c(1, 2, 3),  
  id_1 = c(20, 30, 40),  
  id_2 = c(22, 28, 39),  
  id_3 = c(25, 27, 41)  
)  
format_id_prices(some_prices, c("id_1", "id_2", "id_3"))
```

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```
identify_non_na_elements
```

*Find the index of list elements that are not NA*

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**Description**

Find the index of list elements that are not NA

**Usage**

```
identify_non_na_elements(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      a list

**Value**

a vector of the numeric indexes where non-NA values are found

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`match_constraints`    *Limit constraints to respect reservations*

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### Description

This function allows to adapt constraints not only for a single index but for a range of indexes and a range of values.

### Usage

```
match_constraints(constraints, fixed_schedule, untradeable = NULL)
```

### Arguments

`constraints`    A data.frame with constraints.  
`fixed_schedule`    A numeric vector describing which amounts should be applied to schedule. It is implicitly assumed that these values do not exceed the limits of the constraints.  
`untradeable`    A numeric vector of indexes in which no trades can occur, so constraints are adapted accordingly.

### Value

A data.frame of adapted, more limited constraints

### Examples

```
some_constraints <- build_constraints(5, 2, 6, 1, 3)
already_scheduled <- c(0, 2, 2, 1, 0)
untradeable <- c(3, 4)
match_constraints(some_constraints, already_scheduled, untradeable)
```

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`optimise_constraints`  
                   *Optimise a constrained schedule over price data*

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### Description

The order of the data frame and the price data is assumed to represent the time hierarchy.

### Usage

```
optimise_constraints(constraints, prices, volume)
```



**Arguments**

constraints	a data frame with constraints, i.e. columns, for a cumulative minimum, <code>cummin</code> , a cumulative maximum <code>cummax</code> and a direct maximum charge <code>dirmax</code> .
prices	a vector of numeric prices, must have same length as rows of constraints.
volume	a positive integer, sets the number of units of energy that should be distributed over the possible times.

**Value**

A vector of integers representing the optimal schedule

**See Also**

[optimise\\_schedule](#)

**Examples**

```
sample_constraints <- build_constraints(10, 5, 20, 2, 4)
sample_prices <- sample.int(50, 10, replace = TRUE)
optimise_constraints(sample_constraints, sample_prices, 15)
```

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`optimise_schedule`    *Optimise a schedule with an iterating approach*

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**Description**

The optimal possible schedule considering a set of prices a pre-existing schedule and physical constraints of a storage is calculated.

**Usage**

```
optimise_schedule(schedule, prices, parameters, shift, blocked = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

schedule	a numeric vector of the current schedule.
prices	a list of available prices. When an element consists only of NA-values (or a single), then that hour will not be iterated. When some price values inside a list element are NA, this will be interpreted to mean that only those hours are not tradeable.
parameters	a named vector of integers, including values for <code>charge_rate</code> , <code>loss_rate</code> , <code>starting_state</code> , and <code>capacity</code> .
shift	an integer, indicates the difference to the the sum of the <code>current_schedule</code> that is added or subtracted each iteration.
blocked	A logical vector indicating whether the schedule for that hour should be kept as is and not changed by the optimisation, same length as <code>schedule</code> .

**Details**

A current schedule is taken, the corresponding constraints are generated and then the optimal schedule in these constraints is calculated. The necessary trades are then recorded. This procedure is repeated as coded in the prices parameter.

The approach allows for overlapping optimisations, where the result of the previous run influences the outcome of the next - as is the case during a typical intra day optimisation.

Non-overlapping time frames are also handled, as is the case during a day ahead process where the shift represents the energy loss over 24 hours.

**Value**

A list with three elements, an optimised schedule, the states of the storage according to that new schedule and a data frame of corresponding trades.

**See Also**

[build\\_constraints](#)

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shorten

*Shorten a vector*

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**Description**

Shorten a vector

**Usage**

```
shorten(x, by)
```

**Arguments**

x	a vector.
by	an integer value, giving the non-negative number of elements that should be left out, counted from the end of the vector.

**Value**

a vector

**Examples**

```
vec <- seq(10)
shorten(vec, 3)
```

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`simulate_marketing` *Simulate different marketing scenarios for a set of parameters and prices*

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### Description

A single set of parameters, day ahead prices and intra day prices are used to construct the performance of marketing the parameters without storage on the day ahead market, with storage on the day ahead market, and with an intra day marketing on top of day ahead.

### Usage

```
simulate_marketing(  
  parameters,  
  da_prices,  
  id_prices,  
  id_index_names,  
  blocked_per_day = NULL,  
  simplify = FALSE  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>parameters</code>	A named vector of parameters.
<code>da_prices</code>	A vector of day ahead prices, must be a multiple of 24.
<code>id_prices</code>	A data frame of intra day prices, different columns describe different indexes.
<code>id_index_names</code>	A vector of strings describing the order of columns for consecutive hours as encoded in the parameter <code>id_prices</code> .
<code>blocked_per_day</code>	An optional vector of 24 integers describing the power that is predetermined for certain hours and cannot be optimised.
<code>simplify</code>	Whether the output should be a simple data frame describing the revenues or a more complex list with the whole trade logs, schedule and state.

### Value

A list of results for each of the three scenarios or a data frame with the respective revenues.

### See Also

[format\\_id\\_prices](#), [format\\_da\\_prices](#), [optimise\\_schedule](#)

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```
simulate_no_storage
```

*Mock the output optimise\_schedule for settings without storage*

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### Description

Mock the output `optimise_schedule` for settings without storage

### Usage

```
simulate_no_storage(parameters, prices)
```

### Arguments

`parameters` a named vector, which must contain `loss_rate` and `starting_state`.  
`prices` a numeric vector.

### Value

a list of schedule, state, and trades. Compatible with `optimise_schedule`

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```
split_schedule
```

*Split a schedule in a fixed and a flexible part*

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### Description

The parameters `schedule`, `reservations` and `available_prices` should all be of same length.

### Usage

```
split_schedule(schedule, reservations, available_prices)
```

### Arguments

`schedule` A numeric vector of the current schedule.  
`reservations` A numeric vector describing reserved amounts of power.  
`available_prices` A numeric vector. When an element is NA, this element is considered to be untradeable, therefore the schedule is taken as fixed for that index.

### Value

A list of three vectors, the first element describes fixed parts of the schedule, the second the flexible parts, and a third contains the indexes where no trade is possible

**Examples**

```
my_schedule <- c(0, 0, 3, 2, 3, 4)
reserved_capacity <- c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)
available_prices <- c(30, 40, 20, NA, NA, 5)
split_schedule(my_schedule, reserved_capacity, available_prices)
```

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