# fn score\_candidates\_constants

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This proof resides in "contrib" because it has not completed the vetting process.

Proves soundness of score\_candidates\_constants in mod.rs at commit f5bb719 (outdated<sup>1</sup>). score\_candidates\_const returns a fractional decomposition of alpha and an upper bound on dataset size to protect against overflow.

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### Precondition

None

#### **Function**

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def score_candidates_constants(size: Optional[u64], alpha: f64) -> tuple[u64, u64, u64]:
      if alpha < 0.0 or 1.0 < alpha:</pre>
           return ValueError("alpha must be within [0, 1]")
      alpha_num_exact, alpha_den_exact = RBig.try_from(alpha).into_parts()
      if size is not None:
          # choose the finest granularity that won't overflow
          # must have that size * denom < MAX, so let denom = MAX // size
          alpha_den_approx = u64.MAX.neg_inf_div(size)
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          # default to an alpha granularity of .00001
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          u64.exact_int_cast(10_000)
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      if alpha_den_exact < UBig.from_(alpha_den_approx):</pre>
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          alpha_num = u64.try_from(alpha_num_exact.into_parts()[1])
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          alpha_den = u64.try_from(alpha_den_exact)
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          # numer = alpha * denom
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          alpha_num_approx = u64.round_cast(alpha * f64.round_cast(alpha_den_approx))
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          alpha_num, alpha_den = alpha_num_approx, alpha_den_approx
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      if size is not None:
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          size_limit = size
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          size_limit = u64.MAX.neg_inf_div(alpha_den)
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      assert alpha_num <= alpha_den #</pre>
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      size_limit.alerting_mul(alpha_den)
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      return alpha_num, alpha_den, size_limit #
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See new changes with git diff f5bb719..d5aca8b3 rust/src/transformations/quantile\_score\_candidates/mod.rs

### Postcondition

**Theorem 1.1.** When the function does not fail, it returns the following constants:

- alpha\_num
- alpha\_den
- size\_limit

The constants follow the following properties:

- 1.  $alpha_num/alpha_den \in [0, 1]$
- $2. \ size_{l}imit \cdot alpha_{d}en < 2^{64}$

An error is raised if these properties cannot be met.

*Proof.* While the code is complicated, all that is needed is to observe that the function does not return until line 31, and that the conditions are explicitly checked on lines 28 and 29. 

Therefore, the postcondition holds.