

# Package ‘cpath’

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**Title** Explaining black-box models through counterfactual paths and conditional permutations

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tidyr,  
ggplot2

**Description** Explaining black-box models through counterfactual paths and conditional permutations.

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| cpath | <i>Counterfactual single path generation</i> |
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### Description

Counterfactual single path generation

### Usage

```
cpath(model, test_set, k, graph = NaN, nearest = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| model    | The classifier to be explained  |
| test_set | The test set for which explanations should be generated. The samples as rows and the features as columns. |
| k        | The maximum length of the perturbation path   |
| graph    | A graph structure of the features (igraph object). default=NaN  |
| nearest  | Computes minimal perturbation paths (CPATH_min). default=FALSE  |

### Value

The counterfactual paths and the fraction of swapped classes.

### Examples

```
NaN
```

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| cpaths | <i>Counterfactual multiple path generation</i> |
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### Description

Counterfactual multiple path generation

### Usage

```
cpaths(model, data, k = 4, n_paths = 1000, graph = NaN, nearest = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| model   | The classifier to be explained  |
| data    | The test set for which explanations should be generated. The samples as rows and the features as columns. |
| k       | The maximum length of the perturbation path   |
| n_paths | Number of samples paths (default=1000)  |
| graph   | A graph structure of the features (igraph object). default=NaN  |
| nearest | Computes minimal perturbation paths (CPATH_min). default=FALSE  |

**Value**

The counterfactual paths and the fraction of swapped classes.

**Examples**

NaN

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| cpaths_mc | <i>Multiple core Counterfactual path generation</i> |
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**Description**

Multiple core Counterfactual path generation

**Usage**

```
cpaths_mc(
  model,
  data,
  k = 4,
  n_paths = 1000,
  graph = NaN,
  ncores = NaN,
  nearest = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| model   | The classifier to be explained  |
| data    | The test set for which explanations should be generated. The samples as rows and the features as columns. |
| k       | The maximum length of the perturbation path   |
| n_paths | Number of samples paths (default=1000)  |
| graph   | A graph structure of the features (igraph object). default=NaN  |
| ncores  | Number of cores used for computation  |
| nearest | Computes minimal perturbation paths (CPATH_min). default=FALSE  |

**Value**

The counterfactual paths and the fraction of swapped classes.

**Examples**

NaN

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| get_cpath_summary | <i>Visualization summary for the counterfactual paths</i> |
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**Description**

Visualization summary for the counterfactual paths

**Usage**

```
get_cpath_summary(cpaths, only_counterfactual = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

cpaths            The object returned by the function cpaths().  
only\_counterfactual       TRUE when only counterfactuals should be considered

**Value**

aggregated results for efficient visualization

**Examples**

NaN

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| importance | <i>Feature importances</i> |
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**Description**

Feature importances

**Usage**

```
importance(Tran, agg_type = "matrix")
```

Arguments

Tran                      Transition matrix returned by the function trans().

Value

Feature importance values

Examples

NaN

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| plot_paths | <i>Visualization of the counterfactual paths</i> |
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Description

Visualization of the counterfactual paths

Usage

```
plot_paths(  
  cpath_summary,  
  n_paths = 50,  
  min_length = 2,  
  count_threshold = 0,  
  column_names = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

n\_paths                      Number of paths to be displayed  
min\_length                  Minimum length of paths  
count\_threshold              Number of paths  
column\_names                Feature names  
cpaths\_summary              The object returned by cpath\_summary().

Value

NaN

Examples

NaN

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| transition | <i>Computes the feature transition matrix</i> |
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**Description**

Computes the feature transition matrix

**Usage**

```
transition(cpaths)
```

**Arguments**

cpaths            The object returned by the function cpaths().

**Value**

The feature transition matrix

**Examples**

```
NaN
```

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