

# Package ‘misclassifyr’

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log_prior_Delta_NP	<i>Evaluates the log of the prior of Delta at model_to_Delta_NP(psi).</i>
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**Description**

Evaluates the log of the prior of Delta at model\_to\_Delta\_NP(psi).

**Usage**

```
log_prior_Delta_NP(psi)
```

**Arguments**

psi	A numeric vector parameterizing Delta through model_to_Delta_NP.
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**Value**

A numeric value equal to the log of the flat prior of Delta at psi, re-scaled for the logit transform.

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log_prior_Delta_NP_ind	<i>Evaluates the log of the prior of Delta at model_to_Delta_NP_ind of psi.</i>
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**Description**

Evaluates the log of the prior of  $\Delta$  at model\_to\_Delta\_NP\_ind(psi).

**Usage**

```
log_prior_Delta_NP_ind(psi)
```

**Arguments**

psi	A numeric vector parameterizing Delta through model_to_Delta_NP_ind.
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**Value**

A numeric value equal to the log of the flat prior of Delta at psi, re-scaled for the logit transform.

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log\_prior\_Delta\_RL\_ind

*Evaluates the log of the prior of Delta at model\_to\_Delta\_RL\_ind(psi).*


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**Description**

Evaluates the log of the prior of Delta at model\_to\_Delta\_RL\_ind(psi).

**Usage**

```
log_prior_Delta_RL_ind(psi)
```

**Arguments**

psi                      A numeric vector parameterizing Delta through model\_to\_Delta\_RL\_ind.

**Value**

A numeric value equal to the log of the flat prior of Delta at psi, re-scaled for the logit transform.

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log\_prior\_Pi\_NP

*Evaluates the log of the prior of Pi at model\_to\_Pi\_NP(phi).*


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**Description**

Evaluates the log of the prior of Pi at model\_to\_Pi\_NP(phi).

**Usage**

```
log_prior_Pi_NP(phi)
```

**Arguments**

phi                      A numeric vector parameterizing Pi through model\_to\_Pi.

**Value**

A numeric value equal to the log of the flat prior of Pi at phi, re-scaled for the logit transform.

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misclassifyr	<i>misclassifyr</i>
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## Description

This function provides a menu of options for estimation and inference of misclassification models in which the analyst has access to two noisy measures, Y1 and Y2 of a latent outcome  $Y^*$ , a correctly measured covariate X, and discrete controls W.

## Usage

```
misclassifyr(
  tab,
  J,
  K,
  X_names,
  Y1_names,
  Y2_names,
  W_names = NA,
  model_to_Pi = model_to_Pi_NP,
  model_to_Delta = model_to_Delta_NP_ind,
  makeplots = T,
  phi_0 = NA,
  psi_0 = NA,
  misclassification_size = 0.2,
  estimate_beta = F,
  X_vals = NA,
  Y_vals = NA,
  X_col_name = "X",
  Y_col_name = "Y",
  mle = T,
  optim_tol = 1e-08,
  optim_maxit = 1e+05,
  check_stability = F,
  stability_sd = 0.1,
  bayesian = F,
  log_prior_Pi = log_prior_Pi_NP,
  log_prior_Delta = log_prior_Delta_NP_ind,
  n_mcmc_draws = 10000,
  n_burnin = 5000,
  thinning_rate = 1,
  gibbs_proposal_sd = 0.1,
  cores = 1
)
```

## Arguments

tab	A dataframe or a list of dataframes containing tabulated data or a list of tabulated data split by controls. The columns should have names Y1, Y2, X, and n where n is a non-negative numeric vector corresponding to the counts of Y1, Y2, and X. The rows should be ordered according to order (Y2, Y1, X).
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J	An integer or list corresponding to the number of unique values of Y1 and Y2.
K	An integer or list corresponding to the number of unique values of X.
X_names	A character vector or list corresponding to the values of the regressor X.
Y1_names	A character vector or list corresponding to the values of the outcome Y1.
Y2_names	A character vector or list corresponding to the values of the instrument Y2.
W_names	A character vector corresponding to the values of the control W in each cell.
model_to_Pi	A function or list of functions mapping the parameters of a model for the joint distribution to the joint distribution $\pi$ .
model_to_Delta	A function or list of functions mapping the parameters of a model to the conditional distribution $Y1, Y2   Y^*, \Delta$ .
makeplots	A logical value for whether to make trace plots and plots of $\pi$ and $\Delta$ . Defaults to TRUE.
phi_0	A numeric vector or list of numeric vectors providing the starting location for optimization for the argument to model_to_Pi.
psi_0	A numeric vector or list of numeric vectors providing the starting location for optimization for the argument to model_to_Delta.
misclassification_size	A numeric value between zero and 1/2 representing a guess for the average share of misclassified values in Y. The initial value for psi_0 will have a diagonal of 1-misclassification_size if psi_0 is not otherwise specified.
estimate_beta	A logical value indicating whether to regress Y on X.
X_vals	A numeric vector or list of numeric vectors providing the values of X associated with the columns of $\pi$ .
Y_vals	A numeric vector or list of numeric vectors providing the values of Y associated with the rows of $\pi$ .
X_col_name	A character vector corresponding to the variable of the regressor X, used only for plots.
Y_col_name	A character vector corresponding to the variable of the outcome Y, used only for plots.
mle	A logical value indicating whether to estimate $\pi$ and $\Delta$ via MLE. Defaults to TRUE.
optim_tol	A numeric value giving the relative tolerance for optimization with the optim.
optim_maxit	An integer giving the maximum number of iterations for optim.
check_stability	A logical value indicating whether to perform a more rigorous stability test for the numerical optimizer.
stability_sd	A numerical value giving the standard deviation of the noise added to the initial parameter value for the stability test of the MLE.
bayesian	A logical value indicating whether or not to compute the posterior of values.
log_prior_Pi	A function or list of functions evaluating the log of the prior of $\pi$ at phi (in logs!).
log_prior_Delta	A function or list of functions evaluating the log of the prior of $\Delta$ at psi (in logs!).
n_mcmc_draws	An integer corresponding to the length of the MCMC chain.

n_burnin	An integer giving the length of the burn-in period for each MCMC chain, must be shorter than n_mcmc_draws.
thinning_rate	An integer indicating how frequently to record posterior draws from the MCMC chain – e.g. a thinning_rate of 2 records every other draw.
gibbs_proposal_sd	A numeric value giving the standard deviation for the proposal distribution in each Gibbs step.
cores	An integer for the number of CPUs available for parallel processing.
split_eta	An integer or list indicating where to split the vector eta in phi and psi, the arguments to model_to_Pi and model_to_Delta respectively.

### Value

A list containing the following components:

- $\hat{\Pi}$ : The MLE estimate of the joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y^*$ ,  $\Pi$ .

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model_to_Delta_NP	<i>Maps model parameters, psi, to Delta, the fully non-parametric distribution of <math>Y1, Y2 \mid Y^*</math></i>
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### Description

Maps model parameters, psi, to Delta, the fully non-parametric distribution of  $Y1, Y2 \mid Y^*$

### Usage

```
model_to_Delta_NP(psi)
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### Arguments

psi                      A numeric vector of length  $J^2(J-1)$  containing all but the last row of Delta.

### Value

A numeric vector corresponding to the  $J \times J^2$  matrix Delta.

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model_to_Delta_NP_ind	<i>Maps model parameters, psi, to Delta, the distribution of <math>Y1, Y2 \mid Y^*</math> under conditional independence of <math>Y1, Y2</math> on <math>Y</math></i>
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### Description

Maps model parameters, psi, to Delta, the distribution of  $Y1, Y2 \mid Y^*$  under conditional independence of  $Y1, Y2$  on  $Y$

### Usage

```
model_to_Delta_NP_ind(psi)
```

**Arguments**

`psi` A numeric vector of length  $2 \times J \times (J-1)$  containing  $\Delta^{(1)}$  and  $\Delta^{(2)}$ .

**Value**

A numeric vector of length  $J^3$  corresponding to the values of the  $J \times J^2$  matrix  $\Delta$ .

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`model_to_Delta_RL_ind` *Maps model parameters,  $\psi$ , to  $\Delta$ , the distribution of  $Y_1, Y_2 \mid Y^*$  under record linkage error structure.*

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**Description**

Maps model parameters,  $\psi$ , to  $\Delta$ , the distribution of  $Y_1, Y_2 \mid Y^*$  under record linkage error structure.

**Usage**

```
model_to_Delta_RL_ind(psi)
```

**Arguments**

`psi` A numeric vector of length  $2(J-1)+2J$  corresponding to the column and row scales of the record linkage.

**Value**

A numeric vector of length  $J^3$  corresponding to the values of the  $J \times J^2$  matrix  $\Delta$ .

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`model_to_Pi_NP` *Maps model parameters,  $\phi$ , to the joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y^*$ ,  $\Pi$ .*

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**Description**

Maps model parameters,  $\phi$ , to the joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y^*$ ,  $\Pi$ .

**Usage**

```
model_to_Pi_NP(phi, J, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`phi` A numeric vector.  
`J` An integer corresponding to the dimension of  $Y$ .  
`...` Additional, optional arguments.

**Value**

A numeric vector corresponding to the  $J \times K$  matrix  $\Pi$

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Pi_to_beta	<i>Maps the joint distribution, Pi, of X and Y* to a scalar, beta</i>
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### Description

Maps the joint distribution, Pi, of X and Y\* to a scalar, beta

### Usage

```
Pi_to_beta(Pi, X_vals, Y_vals, W_weights)
```

### Arguments

Pi	A numeric vector or list of numeric vectors containing the elements of Pi.
X_vals	A numeric vector or a list of numeric vectors representing the scalar values associated with X.
Y_vals	A numeric vector or a list of numeric vectors representing the scalar values associated with Y.
W_weights	A numeric vector representing the sample size of each control cell.

### Value

A scalar equal to beta.

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prep_misclassification_data	<i>prep_misclassification_data</i>
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### Description

This function tabulates data and generates metadata in a format to be used with the misclassifyr() function.

### Usage

```
prep_misclassification_data(
  data,
  outcome_1,
  outcome_2,
  regressor,
  outcome_1_bin = NA,
  outcome_2_bin = NA,
  regressor_bin = NA,
  controls = NA,
  weights = NA,
  X_names = NA,
  Y1_names = NA,
  Y2_names = NA,
  record_vals = F,
  round_vals = 2
)
```



**Arguments**

data	A data.frame containing the outcome variable,
outcome_1	A character string denoting the variable in the dataframe to be used as the first measure of an outcome, Y_1.
outcome_2	A character string denoting the variable in the dataframe to be used as the second measure of an outcome, Y_2.
regressor	A character string denoting the variable in the dataframe to be used as the regressor, X.
outcome_1_bin	A character string denoting the variable in the dataframe to be used to group / bin and average the first measure of an outcome, Y_1.
outcome_2_bin	A character string denoting the variable in the dataframe to be used to group / bin and average the second measure of an outcome, Y_2.
regressor_bin	A character string denoting the variable in the dataframe to be used to group / bin and average the regressor, X.
controls	A character string or vector of character strings denoting the variable/variables to be used as non-parametric controls, W.
weights	A character string denoting a variable containing individual level weights
X_names	A vector of character strings denoting the values of the regressor in the desired order. If NA, as is default, names will be inferred from the data.
Y1_names	A vector of character strings denoting the values of the outcome in the desired order. If NA, as is default, names will be inferred from the data.
Y2_names	A vector of character strings denoting the values of the instrument in the desired order. If NA, as is default, names will be inferred from the data.
record_vals	A logical value indicating whether to record the unique values of the outcomes and the regressor. If record_vals = F, you likely want to order the data by the regressor and outcomes before applying prep_misclassification_data.
round_vals	An integer indicating the precision with which to round the names associated with values of the regressor, outcome, and instrument. Default is 2.

**Value**

A list of objects including tabulated data to be used in misclassifyr()

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se_beta_deltamethod	<i>Computes the standard error of beta as function of the joint distribution of X and Y*, Pi</i>
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**Description**

Computes the standard error of beta as function of the joint distribution of X and Y\*, Pi

**Usage**

```
se_beta_deltamethod(Pi, cov_Pi, X_vals, Y_vals, W_weights)
```

**Arguments**

Pi	A numeric vector or list of numeric vectors containing the elements of Pi.
cov_Pi	A numeric vector or a list of numeric vectors representing the covariance of estimates of the elements of Pi.
X_vals	A numeric vector or a list of numeric vectors representing the scalar values associated with X.
Y_vals	A numeric vector or a list of numeric vectors representing the scalar values associated with Y.
W_weights	A numeric vector representing the sample size of each control cell.

**Value**

A scalar equal to the standard error of beta.

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