

# Package ‘peRiodiCS’

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**Title** Functions for Generating Periodic Curves

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**Description** Functions for generating variants of curves:  
restricted cubic spline, periodic restricted cubic spline,  
periodic cubic spline. Periodic splines can be used to model data  
that has periodic nature / seasonality.

**License** GPL-3

**BugReports** <https://github.com/crtahlin/peRiodiCS/issues>

**Depends** R (>= 2.10)

**Imports** graphics, Hmisc, rms

**Suggests** testthat

**LazyData** true

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b_rcs	<i>Basis for restricted cubic splines</i>
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### Description

Function that derives the restricted cubic splines for a value/vector of values, given the knots; obtains exactly the same results as the rcs function included in the rms package.

### Usage

```
b_rcs(x, knots, inclx = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	numerical vector
knots	vector specifying the knot locations
inclx	logical, if TRUE returns also the x vector

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b_rcs_prime	<i>Derive first derivatives of RCS</i>
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### Description

function that derives the first derivative of the restricted cubic splines for a value/vector of values, given the knots

### Usage

```
b_rcs_prime(x, knots)
```

### Arguments

x	vector of values
knots	vector of knot locations

cs\_per

*Generate design matrix for periodic cubic splines***Description**

Generate design matrix for periodic cubic splines.

**Usage**

```
cs_per(x, knots = NULL, nk = 5, xmax = max(x, na.rm = TRUE),
      xmin = min(x, na.rm = TRUE))
```

**Arguments**

x	numerical x values to transform to new basis
knots	vector with locations of the knots of the spline
nk	number of knots, used only if the knots are not specified, overridden otherwise
xmax	value of the (theoretical) minimum of x
xmin	value of the (theoretical) maximum of x

**Examples**

```
# load example data; see help("viral_east_mediterranean")
data("viral_east_mediterranean")

# calculate location of knots to use
Knots <-
  Hmisc::rcspline.eval(x = viral_east_mediterranean$EpiWeek,
                      nk = 5, knots.only = TRUE)

# model viral infections vs weeks
model <- glm(RSV ~ cs_per(EpiWeek, knots = Knots), data = viral_east_mediterranean)

# plot model (with many points, to make it smooth)
plot_per_mod(Model = model, XvarName = "EpiWeek", Smooth = TRUE)
```

plot\_per\_mod

*Plotting function for periodic curves model***Description**

Plots graph of periodic curves with confidence intervals. Data should be included in the model.

**Usage**

```
plot_per_mod(Model, XvarName, Ylab = "Response", Xlab = "Covariate",
  Ylim = NULL, Xlim = NULL, Xmin = NULL, Xmax = NULL, Knots = NULL,
  Title = NULL, Vlines = NULL, Hlines = NULL, Cex.lab = NULL,
  Cex.main = NULL, Cex.axis = NULL, Axes = TRUE, Add = FALSE,
  Col = "black", PlotCI = TRUE, Smooth = FALSE, xLocation = 2)
```

**Arguments**

Model	The built model
XvarName	Name of the x variable in the dataset (column name)
Ylab	Label on vertical (y) axis
Xlab	Label on horizontal (x) axis
Ylim	Limits of y axis
Xlim	Limits of x axis
Xmin	The min X of data to be predicted (if Smooth)
Xmax	The max X of data to be predicted (if Smooth)
Knots	Locations of knots of the splines
Title	Title of the plot
Vlines	Where to plot vertical lines
Hlines	Where to plot horizontal lines
Cex.lab	Character expansion (aka "size of font") for the labels
Cex.main	Character expansion for main text
Cex.axis	Character expansion for the axis text
Axes	Plot axes
Add	Add to existing plot
Col	Color of the plotted lines
PlotCI	Plot confidence intervals
Smooth	Make the Xaxis values equidistant (and the curve smoother)
xLocation	If smooth FALSE, the location of the x term in model\$x[, xLocation]

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rcs\_per

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*Generate design matrix for periodic restricted cubic spline*


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**Description**

Generate design matrix for periodic restricted cubic spline.

**Usage**

```
racs_per(x, knots = NULL, nk = 5, xmin = min(x, na.rm = TRUE),
  xmax = max(x, na.rm = TRUE))
```

**Arguments**

x	numerical x values to transform to new basis
knots	vector with locations of the knots of the spline
nk	number of knots, used only if the knots are not specified, overridden otherwise
xmin	value of the (theoretical) minimum of x
xmax	value of the (theoretical) maximum of x

```
#' @examples # load example data; see help("viral_east_mediterranean") data("viral_east_mediterranean")
# calculate location of knots to use Knots <- Hmisc::rcspline.eval(x = viral_east_mediterranean$EpiWeek,
nk = 5, knots.only = TRUE)
# model viral infections vs weeks model <- glm(RSV ~ rcs_per(EpiWeek, knots
= Knots), data = viral_east_mediterranean)
# plot model (with many points, to make it smooth) plot_per_mod(Model =
model, XvarName = "EpiWeek", Smooth = TRUE)
```

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viral\_east\_mediterranean

*Viral etiology, seasonality and severity of hospitalized patients with severe acute respiratory infections in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2007-2014*

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**Description**

Data about infections with different viruses across several years.

For more information see Source and References section.

**Usage**

```
viral_east_mediterranean
```

**Format**

A data frame with variables:

**UniqueID** record identification number

**Enrolled** Did the patient consent and enroll in the study?: 1=Yes, 0=No

**Country** Country of enrollment: Egypt, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, Yemen

**EpiYear** Year of enrollment: Integers (2007-2014)

**EpiMonth** Month of enrollment: Integers (1-12)

**EpiWeek** Week of enrollment: Integers (1-53)

**Interval** Number of days between onset of symptoms and hospitalization: Integer

**Stay** Number of days between hospitalization and outcome: Integer

**Sex** Sex: 1=Female, 0=Male

**AgeGrp** Age group: 1=<1 year, 2=1-4 years, 3=5-49 years, 4=50+ years

**ChronicDis** Does the patient have any pre-existing chronic disease?: 1=Yes, 0=No

**OxTherapy** Did the patient receive oxygen therapy during hospitalization?: 1=Yes, 0=No

**Ventilated** Was the patient ventilated during hospitalization?: 1=Yes, 0=No

**ICU** Was the patient admitted to an intensive care unit during hospitalization?: 1=Yes, 0=No

**Outcome** What was the patient's final hospitalization outcome?: 1=Discharge, 2=Transfer, 3=Death

**RSV** Results for respiratory syncytial virus: 1=Positive, 0=Negative

**AdV** Results for adenovirus: 1=Positive, 0=Negative

**hMPV** Results for human metapneumovirus: 1=Positive, 0=Negative

**hPIV1** Results for human parainfluenzavirus type 1: 1=Positive, 0=Negative

**hPIV2** Results for human parainfluenzavirus type 2: 1=Positive, 0=Negative

**hPIV3** Results for human parainfluenzavirus type 3: 1=Positive, 0=Negative

**Flu** Results for influenza: 1=Positive, 0=Negative

#### Source

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0180954>

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