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collapse_prediction	<i>Create a matrix to collapse tournament predictions to ranks</i>
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Description

Creates a matrix to collapse the rows of a tournament prediction matrix

Usage

```
collapse_prediction(ranks = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 16, 32))
```

Arguments

ranks An integer vector of R ordered elements giving the cut offs of the ranks to create

Details

Returns a vector of numeric values. Elements in the input factor that cannot be converted to numeric will produce NA.

Value

Returns a numeric matrix with R rows and T columns that can be multiplied on a square prediction matrix to obtain the collapsed predictions

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Examples

```
m2 <- matrix(c(.5, .5, 0, 0, .5, .5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1), 4)
# Collapse into ranks 1, 2, and 3+4
collapse <- collapse_prediction(c(1, 2, 4))

collapsed_prediction <- collapse %*% m2
collapsed_prediction
```

fifa2018	<i>FIFA 2018 prediction matrices</i>
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Description

A list containing five predictions for the FIFA 2018 World Cup.

Usage

```
fifa2018
```

Format

A list with 5 predictions (each a 7 by 32 matrix) containing the predictions probabilities of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th-8th, 9th-12th, and 17th-32nd place.

flat A prediction with equal probability of winning for all teams

ekstrom1 Ekstrom's prediction (based on the Skellam distribution)

ekstrom2 Ekstrom's prediction (based on the ELO rankings)

GLSE1 Prediction of Groll et al

GLSE2 Updated prediction of Groll et al

Source

<http://sandsynligvis.dk/2018/08/03/world-cup-prediction-winners/>

fifa2018result	<i>FIFA 2018 end results</i>
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Description

A named vector sorted in the ranking of the teams in the FIFA 2018 World Cup. The value correspond to the corresponding columns in the prediction matrices of fifa2018

Usage

```
fifa2018result
```

Format

A vector of the final rankings

Source

<http://sandsynligvis.dk/2018/08/03/world-cup-prediction-winners/>

logloss	<i>Computes the log loss score for a tournament prediction</i>
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Description

Compute the (weighted) rank probability score for a tournament.

Usage

```
logloss(m, outcome, rankweights = 1L)
```

Arguments

m	An R*T prediction matrix where the R rows represent the ordered ranks and each column is a team. Each column should sum to 1, and each row should sum to the number of teams that can attain a given rank.
outcome	A vector of length T containing the integers 1 to R giving the ranks that were obtained by each of the T teams
rankweights	A vector of length R of rank weights or a single weight which will be reused for all ranks (defaults to 1)

Value

The rank probability score. Zero means a perfect score.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
m1 <- matrix(c(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, .5, .5, 0, 0, .5, .5), 4)
m1 # Prediction where certain on the top ranks
logloss(m1, c(1, 2, 3, 4))
```

optimize_weights	<i>Optimize weights from list of prediction matrices</i>
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Description

Computes the optimal weights to obtain the minimal loss function from a list of prediction matrices.

Usage

```
optimize_weights(predictionlist, outcome, FUN = trps)
```

Arguments

- predictionlist** A list of R x T prediction matrices where each column sum to 1 and each row sums to
- outcome** An integer vector listing the
- FUN** The function used for optimizing the predictions. The default is top use rps for the rank probability score. Another option is logloss for log loss.

Value

Returns a numeric vector containing an optimal vector of weights that sum to 1 and that minimizes the loss function.

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Examples

```
m1 <- matrix(c(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, .5, .5, 0, 0, .5, .5), 4)
m1 # Prediction where certain on the top ranks
m2 <- matrix(c(.5, .5, 0, 0, .5, .5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1), 4)
m2 # Prediction where the groups are okay
m3 <- matrix(c(.5, .5, 0, 0, .5, .5, 0, 0, 0, 0, .5, .5, 0, 0, .5, .5), 4)
m3 # Prediction where no clue about anything
m4 <- matrix(rep(1/4, 16), 4)

optimize_weights(list(m1, m2, m3, m4), 1:4)
```

Description

Functions for evaluating sport tournament predictions, the tournament rank probability score, and working with models for prediction sport matches.

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trps	<i>Computes the rank probability score for a tournament</i>
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Description

Compute the (weighted) rank probability score for a tournament.

Usage

```
trps(m, outcome, rankweights = 1L)
```

Arguments

m	An R*T prediction matrix where the R rows represent the ordered ranks and each column is a team. Each column should sum to 1, and each row should sum to the number of teams that can attain a given rank.
outcome	A vector of length T containing the integers 1 to R giving the ranks that were obtained by each of the T teams
rankweights	A vector of length R of rank weights or a single weight which will be reused for all ranks (defaults to 1)

Value

The rank probability score. Zero means a perfect score.

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Examples

```
m1 <- matrix(c(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, .5, .5, 0, 0, .5, .5), 4)
m1 # Prediction where certain on the top ranks
trps(m1, c(1, 2, 3, 4))
```

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