

# Package ‘gamboostMSM’

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**Description**

Contains infrastructure for using `mboost::gamboost()` in order to estimate multistate models.

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gamboostMSM-package	<i>Component-wise Functional Gradient Descent Boosting of Multi State Models</i>
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## Description

Gradient boosting for Cox-type multi state models: minimization of negative partial log likelihood using component- and transition-wise base-learners.

## Details

This package provides function objects to fit Cox-type multi state models using the functional gradient descent boosting algorithm as implemented in the splendid package `mboost`. Therefore, function `Family()` for fitting multi state models is given, including negative log partial likelihood of a Cox-type multi state model as risk function and its negative first partial derivative with respect to the linear predictor as working response function.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[mboost](#)

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`breslow`*Breslow estimator for cumulative baseline hazard rate*

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**Description**

This function calculates the Breslow estimator for the cumulative baseline hazard rate, given fitted linear predictor values.

**Usage**

```
breslow(f, riskset, entry, exit, trans, event)
```

**Arguments**

<code>f</code>	fitted linear predictor values
<code>riskset</code>	riskset list as generated by <code>buildrisksets</code> .
<code>entry</code>	entry times.
<code>exit</code>	exit times.
<code>trans</code>	transition index.
<code>event</code>	observed event indicator.

**Details**

This function calculates the Breslow estimator for the cumulative baseline hazard rate, given fitted linear predictor values.

**Value**

A list of length `Q` with each element including including elements

<code>times</code>	a vector of observed event times,
<code>cbhr</code>	a vector of calculated cumulative hazard rate values.

**Author(s)**

Holger Reulen

**Examples**

```
## Not run: breslow(f, riskset, entry, exit, trans, event)
```

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buildrisksets                      *Calculation of risksets*

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**Description**

Calculates risksets needed for using family multistate.

**Usage**

```
buildrisksets(entry, exit, trans, event, statusinfo)
```

**Arguments**

entry	a vector with entry times.
exit	a vector with exit times.
trans	a vector with transition types.
event	a vector with noncensoring event indicators.
statusinfo	a logical indicating if information on the calculation process should be printed.

**Details**

This function calculates risksets needed for family multistate.

**Value**

A list of length 2 with elements  $C_i$  and  $R_i$ , each vectors of length  $n$ .

**Author(s)**

Holger Reulen

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cvriskMSM                      *Cross-validation for Boosting Multi-state Models*

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**Description**

Cross-validation for Boosting Multi-state Models.

**Usage**

```
cvriskMSM(m, d, id, formulaMSM, xlist, qlist, k, riskset)
```

**Arguments**

m	...
d	...
id	...
formulaMSM	...
xlist	...
qlist	...
k	...
riskset	...

**Details**

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**Value**

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**Author(s)**

Holger Reulen

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degreesoffreedom	<i>Degrees of Freedom</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates the degrees of freedom as part of the calculation of the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC).

**Usage**

```
degreesoffreedom(m, statusinfo)
```

**Arguments**

m	a boosted multi state model.
statusinfo	a logical indicating if information on the calculation process should be printed.

**Details**

This function calculates the degree of freedom as part of the calculation of the Akaike Information Criterion.

**Value**

A vector of length equal to the number of boosting iterations in the plugged in model object.

**Author(s)**

Holger Reulen

**Examples**

```
## Not run: degreesoffreedom(m, statusinfo)
```

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```
helpfunctionmultistate1  
...
```

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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
helpfunctionmultistate1(x, ef)
```

**Arguments**

x	...
ef	...

**Details**

...

**Author(s)**

Holger Reulen

**Examples**

```
## Not run: helpfunctionmultistate1(x, ef)
```

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helpfunctionmultistate2

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### Description

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### Usage

```
helpfunctionmultistate2(x, dummy)
```

### Arguments

```
x          ...
dummy      ...
```

### Details

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### Author(s)

Holger Reulen

### Examples

```
## Not run: helpfunctionmultistate2(x, dummy)
```

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meancentering                      *Mean Centering with Taking Care of the Transition Type(s)*

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### Description

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### Usage

```
meancentering(d, x, q, x.name, q.name)
```

### Arguments

```
d          data set
x          covariate
q          transition type(s)
x.name     name of the covariate for pasting the new transition type specific covariate name
q.name     name of the transition type for pasting the new transition type specific covariate name
```

**Details**

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**Value**

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**Author(s)**

Holger Reulen

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`multistate`*Family for Multistate Models*

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**Description**

This function implements a family for fitting multistate models using `mboost`.

**Usage**

```
multistate(Ri, Ci)
```

**Arguments**

`Ri` a list giving the individual (i.e., spell specific) risksets.  
`Ci` a list giving the indexes of risksets an individual spell is a part of (see page 213 in the book *Generalized Additive Models* by T.J. Hastie and R.J. Tibshirani for a description).

**Details**

This function implements a family for multistate models and will be used inside the `gamboost` or `glmboost` function.

**Value**

Functions to be used inside `gamboost`.

**Author(s)**

Holger Reulen

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ploss                    ...

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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
ploss(event, f, Ri)
```

**Arguments**

```
event            ...
f                ...
Ri               ...
```

**Details**

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**Value**

...

**Author(s)**

Holger Reulen

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plotcvriskMSM                    *Plot Cross-validation for Boosting Multi-state Models*

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**Description**

Plot cross-validation for boosting multi-state models.

**Usage**

```
plotcvriskMSM(cvriskMSMobject, type)
```

**Arguments**

```
cvriskMSMobject                    result from cvriskMSM
type                                should all stratified results be plotted ("all", default), or only mean ("mean")
```

**Details**

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**Value**

...

**Author(s)**

Holger Reulen

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