

# Package ‘diffcp’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Differentiating Through Cone Programs

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**Description** A port of the 'python' 'diffcp' package. Computes the derivative of the optimal solution map of a convex cone program, treating the program as an implicit function of its data (constraint matrix, offset, objective coefficients, and optionally a quadratic), mirroring Agrawal et al. (2019) <doi:10.48550/arXiv.1904.09043>.

**URL** <https://bnaras.github.io/diffcp/>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/bnaras/diffcp/issues>

**License** Apache License (>= 2)

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parse_cone_dict	<i>Parse an SCS-style cone dictionary into an ordered list</i>
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### Description

Mirrors `diffcp.cones.parse_cone_dict`.

### Usage

```
parse_cone_dict(cone_dict)
```

### Arguments

cone_dict	A named list with keys among "z", "l", "q", "s", "ep", "ed". Values are scalar dimensions (for z, l, ep, ed) or integer vectors of dimensions (for q, s).
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### Value

A list of `list(name, size)` pairs, in the canonical SCS cone order (CONES).

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pi	<i>Projection onto a Cartesian product of cones</i>
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### Description

Mirrors `diffcp.cones.pi`.

### Usage

```
pi(x, cones, dual = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
cones	A list of <code>list(name, size)</code> pairs, as produced by <code>parse_cone_dict</code> .
dual	If TRUE, project onto the dual cones.

**Value**

A numeric vector of the same length as  $x$ .

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`solve_and_derivative` *Solve a cone program and return forward / adjoint derivative operators*

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**Description**

Mirrors `diffcp.cone_program.solve_and_derivative`. Solves minimize  $c^T x$  s.t.  $Ax + s = b$ ,  $s$  in  $K$  (with optional QP  $0.5 x^T P x$  term) and returns the optimal  $(x, y, s)$  together with closures  $D$  (forward) and  $DT$  (adjoint) that map perturbations of  $(A, b, c, [P])$  to perturbations of  $(x, y, s)$  and vice versa.

**Usage**

```
solve_and_derivative(
  A,
  b,
  c,
  cone_dict,
  P = NULL,
  solve_method = "Clarabel",
  mode = "lsqr",
  warm_start = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>A</code>	A sparse <code>dgMatrix</code> constraint matrix.
<code>b</code>	A numeric offset vector.
<code>c</code>	A numeric objective coefficient vector.
<code>cone_dict</code>	A named list with cone sizes (keys among "z", "l", "q", "s", "ep", "ed").
<code>P</code>	Optional sparse <code>dgMatrix</code> for QP objective.
<code>solve_method</code>	One of "Clarabel" (default) or "SCS".
<code>mode</code>	Differentiation mode: "lsqr" (default), "dense", or "lpgd".
<code>warm_start</code>	Optional warm-start list $(x, y, s)$ .
<code>...</code>	Additional control parameters forwarded to the solver.

**Value**

A list with elements  $x, y, s, \text{info}, D, DT$ . `info` is the solver-status block returned by the underlying solver (`status, iter, solveTime, pobj, ...`); see `solve_only` for the same shape.

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solve_only	<i>Solve a cone program (forward only)</i>
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### Description

Mirrors `diffcp.cone_program.solve_only`. Solves minimize  $c^T x (+ 0.5 x^T P x)$  subject to  $Ax + s = b$ ,  $s$  in  $K$  and returns the optimal  $(x, y, s)$ . Unlike `solve_and_derivative` this function does not build the derivative closures.

### Usage

```
solve_only(
  A,
  b,
  c,
  cone_dict,
  warm_start = NULL,
  solve_method = "Clarabel",
  P = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

A	A sparse <code>dgMatrix</code> constraint matrix.
b	A numeric offset vector.
c	A numeric objective coefficient vector.
cone_dict	A named list with cone sizes (keys among "z", "l", "q", "s", "ep", "ed").
warm_start	Optional warm-start <code>list(x, y, s)</code> .
solve_method	One of "Clarabel" (default) or "SCS".
P	Optional sparse <code>dgMatrix</code> for QP objective.
...	Additional control parameters forwarded to the solver.

### Value

A list with elements `x, y, s, info`.

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unvec_symm	<i>Inverse of vec_symm</i>
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**Description**

Inverse of `vec_symm`

**Usage**

```
unvec_symm(x, dim)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A numeric vector of length $n*(n+1)/2$ .
<code>dim</code>	The matrix dimension $n$ .

**Value**

The corresponding  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix.

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upstream_info	<i>Upstream Python diffcp pin</i>
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**Description**

Returns the upstream pin metadata for this R port: which `cvxgrp/diffcp` version / commit the R sources track, the date of that commit, and `diffcp`'s own CVXPY runtime constraint. The authoritative record lives in `inst/UPSTREAM.dcf` and is read at call time.

**Usage**

```
upstream_info()
```

**Value**

A named character vector with one element per DCF field (Upstream, Version, Commit, ShortCommit, Date, URL, CVXPY, Snapshot, Notes).

**Examples**

```
upstream_info()
upstream_info()[["Version"]]
```

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`vec_symm`*Symmetric vectorization (SCS convention)*

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**Description**

Returns a vectorized representation of a symmetric matrix  $X$ , with off-diagonal entries scaled by  $\sqrt{2}$  to make the SCS-style dot product  $\langle \text{vec\_symm}(A), \text{vec\_symm}(B) \rangle = \text{trace}(A B)$  hold.

**Usage**

```
vec_symm(X)
```

**Arguments**

$X$                     A symmetric matrix.

**Details**

Mirrors `diffcp.cones.vec_symm` (Python).

**Value**

A numeric vector of length  $n*(n+1)/2$ .

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