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bbase	<i>Compute a B-spline basis</i>
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## Description

Compute a B-spline basis

## Usage

```
bbase(x, xl = min(x), xr = max(x), nseg = 10, deg = 3)
```

## Arguments

x	The vector of values for which the basis is to be evaluated
xl	The left boundary of the domain
xr	The right boundary of the domain
nseg	The number of inter-knot segments on the domain
deg	The degree of the B-splines (2 means quadratic, 3 means cubic, and so on)

## Value

A matrix containing the basis

## Examples

```
x = runif(100)
B = bbase(x, 0, 1, 20, 3)
```

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drugusers	<i>Interval-censored drug users data</i>
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**Description**

Interval-censored drug users data

**Usage**

```
data(drugusers)
```

**Format**

Data from a cohort of 940 injecting drug users attending a hospital detoxification unit in Barcelona, Spain. Time is months between initiation of intravenous drug use and HIV seroconversion. A dataframe with five columns:

left Last negative HIV test (0 if first HIV test was positive)

right First positive HIV test (Inf if last HIV test was negative)

period Period of initiation of drug use, factor with levels "1972-1980", "1981-1985", "1986-1991", "1992-1997"

gender Gender, factor with levels "male" and "female"

age Age at initiation of drug use (years)

**References**

Gomez G, Calle ML, Egea JM & Muga R (2000). Risk of HIV infection as a function of the duration of intravenous drug use: a non-parametric Bayesian approach. *Stat Med*; 19:2641–2656.

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Estep	<i>Perform the E-step in the EM algorithm</i>
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**Description**

Perform the E-step in the EM algorithm

**Usage**

```
Estep(H, Ic, R1, dead)
```

**Arguments**

H Hazards per individual (in columns)

Ic Censoring interval per individual, coded as 0/1 (in columns)

R1 Left truncation interval per individual, coded as 0/1 (in columns)

dead Boolean vector (TRUE is event, FALSE is right censored)

**Value**

A list with two matrices

Y                      Expected probability of event per bin per subject  
 R                      Expected probability of at risk per bin per subject

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fillplot	<i>Fills space between two lines in a graph</i>
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**Description**

Taken from mstate

**Usage**

```
fillplot(x, y1, y2, col)
```

**Arguments**

x                      Points on the x-axis  
 y1                     First set of points on y-axis  
 y2                     Second set of points on y-axis  
 col                    The color to fill space with

**Value**

Nothing

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fitit	<i>Fit proportional hazard model with smooth baseline hazard and (optional) interval censoring</i>
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**Description**

Fit proportional hazard model with smooth baseline hazard and (optional) interval censoring

**Usage**

```

fitit(
  Y,
  R,
  dead,
  X,
  B,
  Ic,
  R1,
  cbx,
  Pdiff,
  Pridge,
  lambda,
  nit = 50,
  tol = 1e-06,
  tollam = 0.01,
  update_lambda = FALSE,
  ic_update = TRUE,
  monitor = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

Y	Events (matrix, number of bins by subjects)
R	Risk sets (matrix, number of bins by subjects)
dead	(Boolean vector, TRUE if event, FALSE if right censored)
X	Covariates (matrix, number of covariates (+1) by subjects)
B	B-spline basis matrix
Ic	Censoring interval per individual, coded as 0/1 (in columns)
R1	Left truncation interval per individual, coded as 0/1 (in columns)
cbx	Vector of starting values
Pdiff	B-spline part of penalty matrix
Pridge	Ridge part of penalty matrix (for intercept)
lambda	Smoothing parameter (number)
nit	Maximum number of iterations (integer)
tol	Tolerance for final fit
tollam	Tolerance for switching to lambda update
update_lambda	Automatic update of lambda (Boolean)
ic_update	Update risk and event probabilities (Boolean)
monitor	Monitor convergence (Boolean)

**Value**

A list with items

cbx	Vector of
ll	Poisson GLM log-likelihood
lambda	Final tuning parameter
pen	Penalty part of penalized log-likelihood
ed	Effective dimension of the baseline hazard
nit1	Number of iterations used in first phase
nit	Total number of iterations used (first plus second phase)
tollam	Tolerance used for switching to lambda update

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get_input_icfit	<i>Get and check input of icfit</i>
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**Description**

Get and check input of icfit

**Usage**

```
get_input_icfit(formula, data, entry)
```

**Arguments**

formula	A formula object with response of the left of a ~ operator and terms on the right. The response must be a survival object as returned by the 'Surv' function, with type either 'right', 'counting' or 'interval2'
data	A data frame in which to interpret the variable names in the 'formula'
entry	When appropriate, a vector of entry (left truncation) times, or a string indicating the column name in 'data' containing entry times; only used if Surv object is of type 'interval2'

**Value**

A list with items

Ymat	Matrix (number of subjects x 3) containing entry, left and right hand of intervals
X	Matrix (number of subjects x number of covariates + 1) with design matrix of covariates

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icfit	<i>Fit a proportional hazards model with baseline hazard modeled by P-splines</i>
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### Description

Fit a proportional hazards model with baseline hazard modeled by P-splines

### Usage

```
icfit(
  formula,
  data,
  entry,
  lambda = 10,
  nt = 100,
  tmax,
  nseg = 20,
  bdeg = 3,
  pord = 2,
  nit = 50,
  tol = 1e-06,
  tollam = 0.01,
  kappa = 1e-06,
  update_lambda = TRUE,
  ic_update = TRUE,
  monitor = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

formula	A formula object with response of the left of a ~ operator and covariate terms on the right. The response must be a survival object as returned by the ‘Surv’ function, with type either ‘right’, ‘counting’ or ‘interval2’
data	A data frame in which to interpret the variable names in the ‘formula’
entry	When appropriate, a vector of entry (left truncation) times, or a string indicating the column name in ‘data’ containing entry times; only used if Surv object is of type ‘interval2’
lambda	Starting value of penalty tuning parameter
nt	The number of time bins
tmax	The end of time domain (default 1.01 times largest observation)
nseg	The number of B-spline segments
bdeg	The degree of the B-splines
pord	The order of the differences used in the penalty

nit	Maximum number of iterations (integer)
tol	Tolerance for final fit
tollam	Tolerance for switching to lambda update
kappa	Ridge parameter (number)
update_lambda	Automatic update of lambda (Boolean)
ic_update	Update risk and event probabilities (Boolean)
monitor	Monitor convergence (Boolean)

**Value**

An object of class 'icfit'

**Examples**

```
# Fit proportional hazards model to interval-censored data
icfit(Surv(left, right, type='interval2') ~ period + gender + age,
      data=drugusers)
# Fit proportional hazards model to right-censored data
icfit(Surv(time, d) ~ Diameter + FIGO + Karnofsky, data = Ova)
```

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InfoMatrix

*Compute the information matrix*

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**Description**

Compute the information matrix

**Usage**

```
InfoMatrix(object, initres)
```

**Arguments**

object	Fit obtained from fitit
initres	Result from init

**Details**

Three information matrices are computed. One is `Ifull` which interprets the imputed R and Y data from `object` as actual observations. `Iloss` gives the loss of information due to imputation. The sum of both matrices is the true information matrix.



**Value**

A list with three items

Itrue	Total of Ifull and Iloss, true Fisher information matrix
Ifull	Full Fisher information matrix
Iloss	Loss of information due to intervals (missing event times)

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init	<i>Generate a discrete IC object</i>
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**Description**

Generate a discrete IC object

**Usage**

```
init(Times, X, nt, tmax, nseg = 20, bdeg = 3, pord = 2, kappa = 1e-06)
```

**Arguments**

Times	The (possibly interval censored) survival data, in a matrix
X	The design matrix containing covariates
nt	The number of bins for discretization
tmax	The end of time domain (default 1.01 times largest observation)
nseg	The number of B-spline segments
bdeg	The degree of the B-splines
pord	The order of the differences used in the penalty
kappa	Ridge parameter (number)

**Value**

A list with items

data	List containing the original data as well as the binned data
bins	List with information on bins used
basis	List containing the B-spline matrix
start	List containing information on starting values
penalty	List containing Pdiff and Pridge
control	List with information on control of B-spline basis

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Mstep *Function for fitting proportional hazard model with baseline hazard*

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### Description

Function for fitting proportional hazard model with baseline hazard

### Usage

```
Mstep(Y, R, X, B, Pen, lambda, cbx)
```

### Arguments

Y	Expected events (matrix)
R	Expected risk sets (matrix)
X	Covariates (matrix)
B	B-spline basis
Pen	Penalty matrix
lambda	Smoothing parameter (number)
cbx	Current coefficient estimates

### Value

An object with fields: H = hazards (matrix), cbx = coefficient estimates (vector), lambda = proposal for new lambda, ed = effective dimension, G = G matrix, ll = log-likelihood, pen = penalized part of log-likelihood, Mpen = penalized M matrix

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Ova *Ovarian cancer data*

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### Description

Ovarian cancer data

### Usage

```
data(Ova)
```

### Format

A dataframe with five columns:

```
Diameter
FIGO
Karnofsky
time
d death
```

**Source**

tba

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`plot.icfit`*Plot method for an object of class 'icfit'*

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**Description**

Plot method for an object of class 'icfit'

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'icfit'
plot(
  x,
  type = c("hazard", "cumhazard", "survival", "probability"),
  conf.int = TRUE,
  ylim = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  fill = TRUE,
  fillcol = "lightgrey",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	The object of class 'icfit' to be plotted
<code>type</code>	Type of plot. Accepted choices: 'hazard' (default), 'cumhazard', 'survival' or 'cumprob'
<code>conf.int</code>	If 'TRUE' a 100*(1 - alpha) percent confidence interval is plotted
<code>ylim</code>	The y-limits for the plot
<code>title</code>	Optional title string
<code>xlab</code>	Text for x-label
<code>ylab</code>	Text for y-label
<code>fill</code>	Fill area between lower and upper
<code>fillcol</code>	The color for filling (default 'lightgrey')
<code>...</code>	Other arguments to plot (except 'type', which is set to 'I')

**Value**

A ggplot grob, containing the plot. Use `print()` or `plot()` to show it Multiple objects can be combined by using functions in the package `gridExtra`.

**Examples**

```
icf <- icfit(Surv(left, right, type='interval2') ~ period + gender + age,
            data = drugusers)
plot(icf)
```

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plot.predict.icfit      *Plot method for an object of class 'predict.icfit'*

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**Description**

Plot method for an object of class 'predict.icfit'

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'predict.icfit'
plot(
  x,
  type = c("hazard", "cumhazard", "survival", "probability"),
  conf.int = TRUE,
  fill = TRUE,
  fillcol = "lightgrey",
  ylim = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  selection = NULL,
  nrow = NULL,
  ncol = NULL,
  do_plot = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

x	The object of class 'predict.icfit' to be plotted
type	Type of plot. Accepted choices: 'hazard' (default), 'cumhazard', 'survival' or 'probability'
conf.int	If 'TRUE' a 100*(1 - alpha) percent confidence interval is plotted
fill	Fill area between lower and upper
fillcol	The color for filling (default 'lightgrey')
ylim	The y-limits for the plot
title	Optional title string, or, if x is a list, obtained from 'predict.icfit' using 'new-data', a vector of title strings

xlab	Text for x-label
ylab	Text for y-label
selection	If x is a list, obtained from 'predict.icfit' using 'newdata', then a vector containing the subset of list elements to be plotted, default is to plot all elements of the list
nrow	If x is a list, obtained from 'predict.icfit' using 'newdata', then a number specifying the number of rows to plot; default the square root of the number of list elements to be plotted
ncol	If x is a list, obtained from 'predict.icfit' using 'newdata', then a number specifying the number of columns to plot; default the square root of the number of list elements to be plotted
do_plot	Boolean indicating whether or not to actually plot (default is TRUE)
...	other graphical parameters to be passed on

**Value**

A ggplot grob, containing the plot. Use print() or plot() to show it Multiple objects can be combined by using functions in the package gridExtra.

**Examples**

```
icf <- icfit(Surv(left, right, type='interval2') ~ period + gender + age, data=drugusers)
pred_icf <- predict(icf)
plot(pred_icf)
library(ggplot2)
plot(icf) + xlim(0, 200) + ylim(0, 0.05)
ndata <- drugusers[1:4, ]
pred_nd_icf <- predict(icf, newdata=ndata)
plot(pred_nd_icf) # plot all four
plot(pred_nd_icf[[2]]) # plot only the second
plot(pred_nd_icf, type = "cumhazard") # plot four cumulative hazard curves
plot(pred_nd_icf[[3]], type = "prob", ylim = c(0, 1)) # plot probability curve for nr 3
plot(pred_nd_icf[[4]], type = "surv", ylim = c(0, 1)) # plot survival curve for nr 4
```

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predict.icfit                      *Predict method for an object of class 'icfit'*

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**Description**

Predict method for an object of class 'icfit'

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'icfit'
predict(object, newdata, nstep = 500, alpha = 0.05, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	The object of class 'icfit' for which a prediction is to be made
newdata	A data frame containing covariate information for a new subject
nstep	Number of time steps used for calculating cumulative hazards (default is 500)
alpha	The alpha level for the (1-alpha)*100 percent confidence interval
...	Any other arguments

**Value**

An object of class 'predict.icfit', which is a data frame with time points and hazard, cumulative hazard and survival at those time points, along with standard errors and pointwise lower and upper confidence bounds, or a list of such data frames for each subject represented in 'newdata'

**Examples**

```
icf <- icfit(Surv(left, right, type='interval2') ~ period + gender + age, data=drugusers)
pred_icf <- predict(icf)
head(pred_icf)
ndata <- drugusers[1:4, ]
pred_nd_icf <- predict(icf, newdata=ndata)
lapply(pred_nd_icf, head)
```

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print.icfit

*Print method for an object of class 'icfit'*


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**Description**

Print method for an object of class 'icfit'

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'icfit'
print(x, digits = max(1L, getOption("digits") - 3L), alpha = 0.05, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	The object of class 'icfit' to be printed
digits	Number of digits to be printed
alpha	Alpha level to be used of confidence interval ((1-alpha) * 100 percent)
...	Further arguments to print

**Value**

No return value

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rasterplot	<i>Plot probabilities as a raster</i>
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**Description**

Plot probabilities as a raster

**Usage**

```
rasterplot(
  icf,
  type = c("both", "R", "Y"),
  sel = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  show_label = FALSE,
  pow = 0.2,
  order = TRUE,
  do_plot = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

icf	an object of class 'icfit'
type	a string giving the type of the plot. Accepted choices: 'R' (risk probabilities) and 'Y' (event probabilities)
sel	a vector of integers for selection of subject (rows of the matrix)
label	character vector containing labels for the individuals to be plotted in selection
show_label	Boolean, whether or not to show the labels
pow	a number, giving the power to which the probabilities will be raised, to improve the clarity of the plot
order	Boolean, default (TRUE) is to order according to first positive in Y, then first zero in Y, then first zero in R; if FALSE order of occurrence in data is used
do_plot	Boolean, default (TRUE) shows the plot, if FALSE object is returned but not plotted

**Value**

a ggplot object (Grob)

**Examples**

```
icf <- icfit(Surv(left, right, type='interval2') ~ period + gender + age,
  data=drugusers)
rasterplot(icf)
rasterplot(icf, type = 'R')
rasterplot(icf, type = 'Y')
```

```

rasterplot(icf, pow = 0.05) # very small power basically shows 0/1
sel <- c(
  11, 18, # right-censored, event in (L, \infty)
  1:2,   # event in (0, R)
  115, 133 # event in (L, R)
)
rasterplot(icf, sel = sel)
rasterplot(icf, sel = sel, label = c("e", "p", "g", "c", "m", "n"), show_label = TRUE)
rasterplot(icf, sel = sel, label = c("e", "p", "g", "c", "m", "n"), show_label = TRUE,
  type = 'Y')

```

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summary.icfit

*Summary method for an object of class 'icfit'*


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## Description

Summary method for an object of class 'icfit'

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'icfit'
summary(
  object,
  lvl = 1,
  digits = max(1L, getOption("digits") - 3L),
  alpha = 0.05,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

object	Object of class 'icfit'
lvl	Describes the level of output
digits	Number of digits to be printed
alpha	Alpha level to be used of confidence interval ((1-alpha) * 100 percent)
...	Other arguments to summary

## Value

None (invisible NULL)



## Examples

```
icf <- icfit(Surv(left, right, type='interval2') ~ period + gender + age, data=drugusers)
summary(icf)
summary(icf, lvl=0) # same as print(icf)
summary(icf, lvl=1) # extra information on iterations and computation time
```

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summary.predict.icfit *Summary method for an object of class 'predict.icfit'*

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## Description

Summary method for an object of class 'predict.icfit'

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'predict.icfit'
summary(object, times, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	Object of class 'predict.icfit'
times	The time points at which to summarize the predicted hazards, cumulative hazards and survival probabilities, with associated standard errors and confidence intervals
...	Other arguments to plot

## Value

A data frame (if object was a data frame) or a list of data frames (if object was a list of data frames) with hazards etc linearly interpolated between the time points used in the predict function

## Examples

```
icf <- icfit(Surv(left, right, type='interval2') ~ period + gender + age,
             data=drugusers)
pred_icf <- predict(icf)
summary(pred_icf, times=c(0, 30, 183, 365))
```

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