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**Description** Fits the Multivariate Cluster Elastic Net (MCEN) presented in Price & Sherwood (2018) <[arXiv:1707.03530](#)>. The MCEN model simultaneously estimates regression coefficients and a clustering of the responses for a multivariate response model. Currently accommodates the Gaussian and binomial likelihood.

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beta_adjust	<i>Adjusts the value of the coefficients to account for the scaling of x and y.</i>
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## Description

Adjusts the value of the coefficients to account for the scaling of x and y.

## Usage

```
beta_adjust(beta, sigma_x, sigma_y, mean_x, mean_y)
```

## Arguments

beta	The estimate of beta with scaled data.
sigma_x	Sample standard deviations of the original predictors.
sigma_y	Sample standard deviations of the original responses.
mean_x	Sample means of the original predictors .
mean_y	Sample means of the original responses.

## Value

Returns the adjusted coefficients

## Author(s)

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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beta_adjust_bin	<i>Adjusts the value of the binomial coefficients to account for the scaling of x.</i>
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**Description**

Adjusts the value of the binomial coefficients to account for the scaling of x.

**Usage**

```
beta_adjust_bin(beta, sigma_x)
```

**Arguments**

beta	The estimate of beta with scaled data.
sigma_x	Sample standard deviations of the original predictors.

**Value**

Returns the adjusted coefficients

**Author(s)**

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bin_horse	<i>The workhorse function for the binomial updates in mcen. It uses IRWLS glmnet updates to solve the regression problem.</i>
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**Description**

The workhorse function for the binomial updates in mcen. It uses IRWLS glmnet updates to solve the regression problem.

**Usage**

```
bin_horse(Y, X, delta, gamma_y, y_clusters, set_length, eps, maxiter)
```

**Arguments**

Y	the matrix of responses
X	the matrix of predictors with the intercept included
delta	the tuning parameter for the lasso penalty
gamma_y	the tuning parameter for the ridge fusion penalty
y_clusters	the cluster assignments from the provided clustering algorithm
set_length	the size of each cluster corresponding to a given response. r dimensions with each element containing the cluster size of that responses cluster.
eps	the tolerance for conversion normally 1e-5
maxiter	the maximum number of iterations

**Value**

Returns a matrix of coefficients

**Author(s)**

Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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CalcHorseBin	<i>Creates the the working response for all responses for glmnet binomial family</i>
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**Description**

Creates the the working response for all responses for glmnet binomial family

**Usage**

```
CalcHorseBin(Y, X, Beta)
```

**Arguments**

Y	is the matrix of responses result is the list of vectors needed for the working responses in glmnet
X	the matrix of predictors.
Beta	current iteration of the regression coefficients

**Author(s)**

Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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CalcHorseEBin	<i>Creates the probabilities and working response for the glmnet update for a given response with a binomial family</i>
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**Description**

Creates the probabilities and working response for the glmnet update for a given response with a binomial family

**Usage**

```
CalcHorseEBin(X, Beta, Y, r)
```

**Arguments**

X	the matrix of predictors.
Beta	current iteration of the regression coefficients
Y	is the matrix of responses
r	the response of interest result is a list of things needed for the working response in glmnet

**Author(s)**

Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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cluster	<i>Wrapper function for different clustering methods</i>
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**Description**

Wrapper function for different clustering methods

**Usage**

```
cluster(x, cNum, clusterMethod = "kmeans", clusterIterations = 100,
        clusterStartNum = 30)
```

**Arguments**

x	data to be clustered. Clustering will be done on the columns.
cNum	number of cluster centers
clusterMethod	"kmean" for kmeans function, "kmeanspp" for kcca implementation of kmeans++
clusterIterations	number of maximum iterations for clustering
clusterStartNum	random number of starting points used

**Value**

Returns cluster assignments

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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cluster.vals                      *Returns the cluster values from a cv.mcen object.*

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**Description**

Returns the cluster values from a cv.mcen object.

**Usage**

```
cluster.vals(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj                      The cv.mcen object.

**Value**

Returns the clusters from the model with the smallest cross-validation error.

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(400),ncol=4)
beta <- beta <- matrix(c(1,1,0,0,0,0,-1,-1,0,0,-1,-1,1,1,0,0),ncol=4)
y <- x%%beta + rnorm(400)
mcen_fit <- cv.mcen(x,y,ky=2,gamma_y=3)
mcen_cluster <- cluster.vals(mcen_fit)
```

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coef.cv.mcen	<i>Returns the coefficients from the cv.mcen object with the smallest cross-validation error.</i>
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**Description**

Returns the coefficients from the cv.mcen object with the smallest cross-validation error.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.mcen'
coef(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	The cv.mcen object.
...	Additional values to be passed.

**Value**

The matrix of coefficients for the best MCEN model as determined by cross-validation.

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(400),ncol=4)
beta <- matrix(c(1,1,0,0,0,0,-1,-1,0,0,-1,-1,1,1,0,0),ncol=4)
y <- x%%beta + rnorm(400)
mcen_fit <- cv.mcen(x,y,ky=2,gamma_y=3)
best_coef <- coefficients(mcen_fit)
```

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coef.mcen	<i>Returns the coefficients from an mcen object.</i>
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**Description**

Returns the coefficients from an mcen object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mcen'
coef(object, delta = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	The mcen object.
delta	The L1 tuning parameter
...	Additional values to pass on.

**Value**

The matrix of coefficients.

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(400),ncol=4)
beta <- matrix(c(1,1,0,0,0,0,-1,-1,0,0,-1,-1,1,1,0,0),ncol=4)
y <- x*%beta + rnorm(400)
mcen_fit <- mcen(x,y,ky=2,gamma_y=3,delta=c(1,2))
best_coef <- coefficients(mcen_fit,delta=1)
```

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cv.mcen

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*Cross validation for mcen function*


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**Description**

Cross validation for mcen function

**Usage**

```
cv.mcen(x, y, family = "mgaussian", ky = seq(2, 4), gamma_y = seq(0.1,
  5.1, 0.5), nfolds = 10, folds = NULL, cluster_y = NULL, delta=NULL, n.cores = 1,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Matrix set of predictors.
y	Matrix set of responses.
family	The exponential family the response corresponds to.
ky	A vector with the number of possible clusters for y.
gamma_y	Set of tuning parameter for clustering penalty in response categories.
nfolds	Number of folds used in the cross-validation.
folds	A vector of length n, where this identifies what fold of the kfold cross validation each observation belongs to.



cluster_y	a priori definition of clusters. If clusters are provided they will remain fixed and are not estimated. Objective function is then convex.
delta	Tuning parameter for the L1 penalty
n.cores	Number of cores used for parallel processing.
...	The variables passed to mcen

**Value**

Returns a cv.mcen object.

models	A list of mcen objects.
cv	Cross validation results.
ky	The same value as the input ky.
gamma_y	The same value as the input gamma_y.

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

**References**

Price, B.S. and Sherwood, B. (2018). A Cluster Elastic Net for Multivariate Regression. arXiv preprint arXiv:1707.03530. <http://arxiv-export-lb.library.cornell.edu/abs/1707.03530>.

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(400),ncol=4)
beta <- beta <- matrix(c(1,1,0,0,0,0,-1,-1,0,0,-1,-1,1,1,0,0),ncol=4)
y <- x%%beta + rnorm(400)
cv_fit <- cv.mcen(x,y,ky=2)
```

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get_best_cvm	<i>Gets the index position for the model with the smallest cross-validation error.</i>
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**Description**

Gets the index position for the model with the smallest cross-validation error.

**Usage**

```
get_best_cvm(model)
```

**Arguments**

model	The cv.mcen object.
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**Value**

Returns the index for the model with the smallest cross-validation error.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(400),ncol=4)
beta <- beta <- matrix(c(1,1,0,0,0,0,-1,-1,0,0,-1,-1,1,1,0,0),ncol=4)
y <- x%%beta + rnorm(400)
mcen_fit <- cv.mcen(x,y,ky=2,gamma_y=3)
get_best_cvm(mcen_fit)
```

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matrix\_multiply

*matrix multiply*

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**Description**

matrix multiply

**Usage**

```
matrix_multiply(beta, x)
```

**Arguments**

beta	Matrix of coefficients.
x	Design matrix.

**Value**

Returns x times beta

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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 mcen

*Fits an MCEN model*


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**Description**

Fits an MCEN model

**Usage**

```
mcen(x, y, family = "mgaussian", ky = NULL, delta = NULL, gamma_y = 1,
     ndelta = 25, delta.min.ratio = NULL, eps = 1e-05,
     scale_x = TRUE, scale_y = TRUE, clusterMethod = "kmeans",
     clusterStartNum = 30, clusterIterations = 10, cluster_y = NULL,
     max_iter = 10, init_beta = NULL, n.cores = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	Matrix of predictors.
y	Matrix of responses.
family	Type of likelihood used two options "mgaussian" or "mbinomial".
ky	Clusters for response.
delta	L1 penalty.
gamma_y	Penalty for with y clusters difference in predicted values.
ndelta	Number of delta parameters.
delta.min.ratio	Ratio between smallest and largest delta.
eps	Convergence criteria.
scale_x	Whether x matrix should be scaled, default is True.
scale_y	Whether y matrix should be scaled, default is True.
clusterMethod	K-means function used kmeans or kmeanspp.
clusterStartNum	Number of random starting points for clustering.
clusterIterations	Number of iterations for cluster convergence.
cluster_y	An a priori definition of clusters. If clusters are provided they will remain fixed and are not estimated. Objective function is then convex.
max_iter	Maximum number of iterations for coefficient estimates.
init_beta	Clustering step requires an initial estimate, default is to use elastic net solution.
n.cores	Number of cores used for calculation default is 1.

**Value**

returns a MCEN object

beta	List of the coefficient estimates.
delta	Value of delta.
gamma_y	Value of gamma_y.
ky	Value of ky.
y_clusters	List of the clusters of y.

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

**References**

Price, B.S. and Sherwood, B. (2018). A Cluster Elastic Net for Multivariate Regression. arXiv preprint arXiv:1707.03530. <http://arxiv-export-lb.library.cornell.edu/abs/1707.03530>.

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(400),ncol=4)
beta <- beta <- matrix(c(1,1,0,0,0,0,-1,-1,0,0,-1,-1,1,1,0,0),ncol=4)
y <- x%%beta + rnorm(400)
mcen_fit <- mcen(x,y,ky=2,delta=1)
```

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mcen.init

*Provides initial estimates for the mcen functionF*

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**Description**

Provides initial estimates for the mcen functionF

**Usage**

```
mcen.init(x, y, family = "mgaussian", delta = NULL, gamma_y = 1,
  intercept = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	the n x p design matrix
y	the n x y matrix of responses
family	type of likelihood used two options "mgaussian" or "mbinomial"
delta	sparsity tuning parameter
gamma_y	tuning parameter for clustering responses
intercept	whether an intercept should be included in the model

**Value**

matrix of coefficients

**Author(s)**

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mcen_bin_workhorse	<i>Calculates cluster assignment and coefficient estimates for a binomial mcen.</i>
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**Description**

Calculates cluster assignment and coefficient estimates for a binomial mcen.

**Usage**

```
mcen_bin_workhorse(beta, delta = NULL, y, x, family = "mbinomial",
  ky = NULL, gamma_y = 1, eps = 1e-05, clusterMethod = "kmeans",
  clusterIterations = 100, clusterStartNum = 30, cluster_y = NULL,
  max_iter = 10)
```

**Arguments**

beta	Initial estimate of coefficients.
delta	Tuning parameter for L1 penalty.
y	Matrix of responses.
x	Matrix of predictors.
family	type of likelihood used two options "mgaussian" or "mbinomial"
ky	Number of clusters used for grouping response variables.
gamma_y	Tuning parameter for the penalty between fitted values for responses in the same group.
eps	Convergence criteria
clusterMethod	Which clustering method was used, currently support kmeans or kmeanspp
clusterIterations	Number of iterations for cluster convergence
clusterStartNum	Number of random starting points for clustering
cluster_y	An a priori definition of clusters. If clusters are provided they will remain fixed and are not estimated. Objective function is then convex.
max_iter	The maximum number of iterations for estimating the coefficients

**Author(s)**

Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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mcen\_workhorse      *Estimates the clusters and provides the coefficients for an mcen object*

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### Description

Estimates the clusters and provides the coefficients for an mcen object

### Usage

```
mcen_workhorse(beta, delta = NULL, xx, xy, family = "mgaussian",
  ky = NULL, gamma_y = 0.5, eps = 1e-05, clusterMethod = "kmeans",
  clusterIterations = 100, clusterStartNum = 30, cluster_y = NULL,
  max_iter = 10, x = x)
```

### Arguments

beta	The initial value of the coefficients
delta	The sparsity (L1) tuning parameter
xx	Matrix of transpose of x times x.
xy	Matrix of transpose of x times y.
family	Type of likelihood used two options "mgaussian" or "mbinomial"
ky	Number of clusters for the response
gamma_y	Penalty for the y clusters difference in predicted values
eps	Convergence criteria
clusterMethod	Which clustering method was used, currently support kmeans or kmeanspp
clusterIterations	Number of iterations for cluster convergence
clusterStartNum	Number of random starting points for clustering
cluster_y	An a priori definition of clusters. If clusters are provided they will remain fixed and are not estimated. Objective function is then convex.
max_iter	The maximum number of iterations for estimating the coefficients
x	The design matrix

### Author(s)

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predict.cv.mcen	<i>Makes predictions from the model with the smallest cross-validation error.</i>
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## Description

Makes predictions from the model with the smallest cross-validation error.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.mcen'  
predict(object, newx, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	The cv.mcen object.
newx	The X matrix of predictors.
...	Additional parameters to be sent to predict.

## Value

Returns the predicted values from the model with the smallest cross-validation error.

## Author(s)

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

## Examples

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(400),ncol=4)  
beta <- beta <- matrix(c(1,1,0,0,0,0,-1,-1,0,0,-1,-1,1,1,0,0),ncol=4)  
y <- x%%beta + rnorm(400)  
mcen_fit <- cv.mcen(x,y,ky=2,gamma_y=3)  
new_x <- matrix(rnorm(12),ncol=4)  
mcen_preds <- predict(mcen_fit, new_x)
```

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predict.mcen	<i>predictions from a mcen model</i>
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**Description**

predictions from a mcen model

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mcen'
predict(object, newx, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	The mcen object.
newx	A matrix of new observations.
...	Additional variables to be sent to predict.

**Value**

Returns predictions for each beta of an mcen object

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(400),ncol=4)
beta <- matrix(c(1,1,0,0,0,0,-1,-1,0,0,-1,-1,1,1,0,0),ncol=4)
y <- x%%beta + rnorm(400)
mcen_fit <- mcen(x,y,ky=2,delta=1)
new_x <- matrix(rnorm(12),ncol=4)
mcen_preds <- predict(mcen_fit, new_x)
```

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pred_eval	<i>Calculates the out of sample likelihood for an mcen object</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the out of sample likelihood for an mcen object

**Usage**

```
pred_eval(obj, test_x, test_y)
```



### Arguments

obj	The mcen object.
test_x	The matrix of test predictors.
test_y	The matrix of test responses.

### Author(s)

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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pred\_eval.mbinom\_mcen *Evaluates prediction error for multiple binomial responses.*

---

### Description

Evaluates prediction error for multiple binomial responses.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mbinom_mcen'  
pred_eval(obj, test_x, test_y)
```

### Arguments

obj	The mbinom_mcen object.
test_x	A matrix of the test predictors.
test_y	A matrix of the test responses.

### Author(s)

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

---

pred\_eval.mgauss\_mcen *Calculates the prediction error for a mgauss\_mcen object.*

---

### Description

Calculates the prediction error for a mgauss\_mcen object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mgauss_mcen'  
pred_eval(obj, test_x, test_y)
```

**Arguments**

<code>obj</code>	The <code>mgauss_mcen</code> object.
<code>test_x</code>	The matrix of test predictors.
<code>test_y</code>	The matrix of test responses.

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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<code>print.cv.mcen</code>	<i>Prints nice output for a <code>cv.mcen</code> object.</i>
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**Description**

Prints nice output for a `cv.mcen` object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cv.mcen'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	The <code>cv.mcen</code> object.
<code>...</code>	Additional parameters.

**Value**

Prints out information about where the `cv.mcen` object was minimized.

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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print.mcen	<i>Prints nice output for an mcen object.</i>
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**Description**

Prints nice output for an mcen object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mcen'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	The mcen object.
...	Additional parameters.

**Value**

Prints out some basic information about the mcen object.

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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randomly_assign	<i>randomly assign n samples to k groups</i>
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**Description**

randomly assign n samples to k groups

**Usage**

```
randomly_assign(n, k)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of samples
k	number of groups

**Value**

Returns assignments of n into k groups

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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SetEq                      *SetEq test set equivalence of two clustering sets*

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**Description**

SetEq test set equivalence of two clustering sets

**Usage**

```
SetEq(set1, set2)
```

**Arguments**

set1                      is the cluster assignments of the previous iteration  
set2                      is the cluster assignments of the current clusters

**Value**

Returns a logical saying if the two clusterings are equal

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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squared\_error                      *Calculates sum of squared error between two vectors or matrices*

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**Description**

Calculates sum of squared error between two vectors or matrices

**Usage**

```
squared_error(pred, test_y)
```

**Arguments**

pred                      the predictions  
test\_y                      the testing response values

**Value**

returns the sum of the squared differences between pred and test\_y

**Author(s)**

Ben Sherwood <ben.sherwood@ku.edu>, Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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`vl_binom`*Calculates out of sample error on the binomial likelihood*

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**Description**

Calculates out of sample error on the binomial likelihood

**Usage**

```
vl_binom(pred, test_y)
```

**Arguments**

<code>pred</code>	The predicted values.
<code>test_y</code>	The test response values.

**Author(s)**

Brad Price <brad.price@mail.wvu.edu>

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