

# Package ‘pm3’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Propensity Score Matching for Unordered 3-Group Data

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**Description** You can use this program for 3 sets of categorical data for propensity score matching.

Assume that the data has 3 different categorical variables. You can use it to perform propensity matching of baseline indicator groupings.

The matching will make the differences in the baseline data smaller.

This method was described by Alvaro Fuentes (2022) <[doi:10.1080/00273171.2021.1925521](https://doi.org/10.1080/00273171.2021.1925521)>.

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**Description**

Generate new data and define the data.

**Usage**

```
datatch(data, x)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data entry is required.
x	The 3 categorical variables that you make matches for.

**Value**

A list with data.

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**Description**

Propensity score matching for unordered 3-group data

**Arguments**

data	need a dataframe
x	Enter the 3 categorical variables to be matched.If x is a number, it must be of type 1,2,3.
y	Enter the outcome variable for your study.
covs	Covariates. Usually the other fitted variables of the model.This is also usually the baseline variable you need to match.
factor	Define the categorical variables in your data.
CALIP	The number used to match. Usually you don't need to change it. The default is 0.5.

**Details**

You can use this program for 3 sets of categorical data for propensity score matching. Assume that the data has 3 different categorical variables. You can use it to perform propensity matching of baseline indicator groupings. The matching will make the differences in the baseline data smaller.

**Value**

A list with data.

**Examples**

```
bc<-prematurity
####Generate data lists and extract data
g<-pm3(data=bc,x="race",y="low",covs=c("age","lwt","ptl"),
factor=c("ui","low","smoke"))
mbc<-g[["mbc"]]
####Compare before and after matching
library(tableone)
allVars <-c("age", "lwt", "ptl")
fvars<-c("ht")
tab2 <- CreateTableOne(vars = allVars, strata = "race" ,
data = bc, factorVars=fvars,addOverall = TRUE )
print(tab2,smd = TRUE)
tab1 <- CreateTableOne(vars = allVars, strata = "race" ,
data = mbc, factorVars=fvars,addOverall = TRUE )
print(tab1,smd = TRUE)
```

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pm3datalist

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**Description**

Identification and formatting of data.

**Usage**

```
pm3datalist(data, x, y, covs, factor = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data entry is required.
x	The 3 categorical variables that you make matches for.
y	Your result variable.
covs	Enter the relevant covariates.
factor	Define categorical variables.

**Value**

A data.

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pm3fit

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### Description

Generate propensity scores and generate the data to be matched.

### Arguments

data	A data entry is required.
x	The 3 categorical variables that you make matches for.
y	Your result variable.
covs	Enter the relevant covariates.
factor	Define categorical variables.

### Value

A list with data.

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prematurity

*A data on indicators for premature newborns.*

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### Description

A data on indicators for premature newborns.

### Usage

```
data(prematurity)
```

### Format

An object of class `data.frame` with 189 rows and 11 columns.

### Examples

```
data(prematurity)
```

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