

# Package ‘strat’

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**Type** Package

**Title** An Implementation of the Stratification Index

**Version** 0.1

**Description** An implementation of the stratification index proposed by Zhou (2012) <[DOI:10.1177/0081175012452207](https://doi.org/10.1177/0081175012452207)>. The package provides two functions, `srank`, which returns stratum-specific information, including population share and average percentile rank; and `strat`, which returns the stratification index and its approximate standard error. When a grouping factor is specified, `strat` also provides a detailed decomposition of the overall stratification into between-group and within-group components.

**Depends** R (>= 3.3.1),

**Imports** Hmisc (>= 4.0-0), Rcpp, stats

**LinkingTo** Rcpp, RcppArmadillo

**License** GPL (>= 3)

**LazyData** TRUE

**RoxygenNote** 5.0.1

**Suggests** testthat

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| cpsmarch2015 | <i>A Subset of March CPS 2015 Sample</i> |
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### Description

A dataset containing income, big class, microclass, and education of 14,358 male respondents from March CPS 2015

### Usage

```
cpsmarch2015
```

### Format

A data frame with 14358 rows and 5 variables:

**income** personal market income, in US dollars

**big\_class** big class membership

**micro\_class** microclass membership

**education** educational attainment

**weight** sampling weight given by CPS

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| print.srank | <i>Print an object of class srank</i> |
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### Description

Print an object of class srank

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'srank'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | An object of class srank                              |
| digits | the number of significant digits to use when printing |
| ...    | further arguments passed to or from other methods     |

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| print.strat | <i>Print an object of class strat</i> |
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**Description**

Print an object of class strat

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'strat'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | An object of class strat                              |
| digits | the number of significant digits to use when printing |
| ...    | further arguments passed to or from other methods     |

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| srank | <i>Ranking strata.</i> |
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**Description**

Ranking strata according to the average percentile rank of members in each stratum.

**Usage**

```
srank(outcome, strata, weights = NULL, group = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| outcome | A numeric vector of outcome.  |
| strata  | A vector of length(outcome) indicating strata membership. The elements are coerced to factors by <a href="#">factor</a> . |
| weights | An optional vector of weights.  |
| group   | An optional grouping factor.  |

**Value**

An object of class srank.

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| raw     | a data frame consisting of complete cases of all inputs.   |
| summary | a data frame of stratum-specific information, including name, population share, and average percentile rank. |

## Examples

```
strata_info <- with(cpsmarch2015, srank(income, big_class,
  weights = weight, group = education))
print(strata_info, digits = 3)
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| strat | <i>Stratification index.</i> |
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## Description

strat computes the stratification index proposed in Zhou (2012). When group is specified, it also returns between-group and within-group components of the overall stratification.

## Usage

```
strat(outcome, strata, weights = NULL, ordered = FALSE, group = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| outcome | A numeric vector of outcome.   |
| strata  | A vector of length(outcome) indicating strata membership. The elements are coerced to factors by <a href="#">factor</a> .              |
| weights | An optional vector of weights.   |
| ordered | Logical. If TRUE strata are pre-ordered ascendingly.   |
| group   | An optional grouping factor. If specified, strat also returns between-group and within-group components of the overall stratification. |

## Value

An object of class strat.

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| overall       | a vector of two, giving computed stratification index and approximate standard error.                        |
| strata_info   | a data frame of stratum-specific information, including name, population share, and average percentile rank. |
| decomposition | between-group and within-group components of the overall stratification.                                     |
| within_group  | within-group indices of stratification by group.   |

## References

Zhou, Xiang. 2012. "A Nonparametric Index of Stratification." *Sociological Methodology*, 42(1): 365-389.

**Examples**

```
s <- with(cpsmarch2015, strat(income, big_class,  
  weights = weight, group = education))  
print(s, digits = 4)  
print(s$strata_info, digits = 4)  
print(s$within_group, digits = 4)
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