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build_random_forest	<i>Fit an SFHNV random forest</i>
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## Description

Fit an SFHNV random forest

## Usage

```
build_random_forest(
  data,
  honest_ratio = 1,
  min_size = 50,
  max_depth = 50,
  num_trees = 100,
  feature_choose = "sqrt",
  parallel = TRUE,
  approximate = FALSE,
  max_candidates = 256,
  leaf_round_digits = 1L
)
```

## Arguments

data	A data frame or output from <a href="#">NW_prepare()</a> .
honest_ratio	Ratio of the estimation subsample to the splitting subsample.
min_size	Minimum number of observations in each child node.
max_depth	Maximum depth of each tree.
num_trees	Number of trees to build.
feature_choose	Strategy for selecting features at each split. One of "sqrt", "log2", "third", or "all".
parallel	Logical; if TRUE and <code>future.apply</code> is available, build trees in parallel.
approximate	Logical; if TRUE, limit candidate split points for speed.
max_candidates	Maximum candidate split points per feature when <code>approximate = TRUE</code> .
leaf_round_digits	Rounding control for demand samples in leaf CDF estimation.

**Value**

A list of SFHNV trees.

**Examples**

```
data <- data.frame(x1 = rnorm(200), x2 = rnorm(200), D = rnorm(200), Q = rnorm(200))
forest <- build_random_forest(data, num_trees = 5, min_size = 20)
```

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NW\_prepare

*Prepare data for SFHNV trees and forests*

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**Description**

Converts a data frame with outcome quantities into a numeric matrix representation used by the Structural Forest for the Heterogeneous Newsvendor (SFHNV) estimators.

**Usage**

```
NW_prepare(data)
```

**Arguments**

`data` A `data.frame` containing demand  $D$ , quantile  $Q$ , and feature columns.

**Value**

A list with prepared matrices ( $X$ ), outcomes ( $D$ ,  $Q$ ), binary indicators ( $z$ ), feature names, and the dimensions  $n$  and  $p$ .

**Examples**

```
data <- data.frame(x1 = rnorm(100), x2 = rnorm(100), D = rnorm(100), Q = rnorm(100))
prep <- NW_prepare(data)
str(prepare)
```

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 NW\_Tree

*Fit a Structural Forest Heterogeneous Newsvendor tree*


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### Description

Builds an honest tree that estimates the structural parameter of the heterogeneous newsvendor model using the SFHNV algorithm.

### Usage

```
NW_Tree(
  data,
  honest_ratio = 1,
  min_size = 50,
  max_depth = 50,
  features = NULL,
  approximate = FALSE,
  max_candidates = 256,
  leaf_round_digits = 1L
)
```

### Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame or output from <code>NW_prepare()</code> .
<code>honest_ratio</code>	Ratio of the estimation subsample to the splitting subsample.
<code>min_size</code>	Minimum number of observations in each child node.
<code>max_depth</code>	Maximum depth of the tree.
<code>features</code>	Optional subset of features (names or indices) to consider at each split.
<code>approximate</code>	Logical; if TRUE, limit candidate split points for speed.
<code>max_candidates</code>	Maximum candidate split points per feature when <code>approximate = TRUE</code> .
<code>leaf_round_digits</code>	Control the rounding of demand samples when fitting leaf CDFs. Use negative values to disable rounding.

### Value

A list representing the fitted tree.

### Examples

```
data <- data.frame(x1 = rnorm(200), x2 = rnorm(200), D = rnorm(200), Q = rnorm(200))
tree <- NW_Tree(data, min_size = 20, max_depth = 5)
preds <- predict_tree(tree, data)
```

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predict\_cdf\_forest      *Predict SFHNV random forest conditional CDF values*

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## Description

Predict SFHNV random forest conditional CDF values

## Usage

```
predict_cdf_forest(  
  forest,  
  observations,  
  d_values,  
  parallel = TRUE,  
  agg = "mean",  
  trim_prop = 0.05  
)
```

## Arguments

forest	A list of trees produced by <code>build_random_forest()</code> .
observations	Data frame of new observations.
d_values	Scalar or vector of demand thresholds.
parallel	Logical; if TRUE and <code>future.apply</code> is available, predict in parallel.
agg	Aggregation strategy across trees ("mean", "median", or "trimmed").
trim_prop	Trimming proportion when <code>agg = "trimmed"</code> .

## Value

Numeric vector of CDF estimates.

## Examples

```
data <- data.frame(x1 = rnorm(100), x2 = rnorm(100), D = rnorm(100), Q = rnorm(100))  
forest <- build_random_forest(data, num_trees = 3, min_size = 15)  
predict_cdf_forest(forest, data, d_values = 0)
```

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predict\_cdf\_tree      *Predict conditional CDF values from an SFHNV tree*

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### Description

Predict conditional CDF values from an SFHNV tree

### Usage

```
predict_cdf_tree(tree, observations, d_values)
```

### Arguments

tree	An object produced by <a href="#">NW_Tree()</a> .
observations	Data frame of new observations containing the same features as the training data.
d_values	Either a scalar demand threshold applied to all observations, or a numeric vector with one value per observation.

### Value

Numeric vector of CDF values.

### Examples

```
data <- data.frame(x = rnorm(50), D = rnorm(50), Q = rnorm(50))
tree <- NW_Tree(data, min_size = 10, max_depth = 3)
predict_cdf_tree(tree, data, d_values = 0)
```

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predict\_forest      *Predict SFHNV random forest point estimates*

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### Description

Predict SFHNV random forest point estimates

### Usage

```
predict_forest(forest, observations, trim_prop = 0.05, parallel = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

forest	A list of trees produced by <a href="#">build_random_forest()</a> .
observations	Data frame of new observations.
trim_prop	Optional trimming proportion used in the robust aggregation.
parallel	Logical; if TRUE and <code>future.apply</code> is available, predict in parallel.

**Value**

Numeric vector of aggregated predictions.

**Examples**

```
data <- data.frame(x1 = rnorm(100), x2 = rnorm(100), D = rnorm(100), Q = rnorm(100))
forest <- build_random_forest(data, num_trees = 3, min_size = 15)
predict_forest(forest, data)
```

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predict\_tree

*Predict SFHNV tree point estimates*

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**Description**

Predict SFHNV tree point estimates

**Usage**

```
predict_tree(tree, observations)
```

**Arguments**

tree	An object produced by <a href="#">NW_Tree()</a> .
observations	Data frame of new observations containing the same features as the training data.

**Value**

Numeric vector of predicted structural parameters.

**Examples**

```
data <- data.frame(x = rnorm(50), D = rnorm(50), Q = rnorm(50))
tree <- NW_Tree(data, min_size = 10, max_depth = 3)
predict_tree(tree, data)
```

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