

# Package ‘desirability2’

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**Description** In-line functions for multivariate optimization via desirability functions (Derringer and Suich, 1980, <[doi:10.1080/00224065.1980.11980968](https://doi.org/10.1080/00224065.1980.11980968)>) with easy use within 'dplyr' pipelines.

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<https://github.com/tidymodels/desirability2>

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`classification_results`*Classification results*

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**Description**

These data are a variation of a case study at [tidymodels.org](https://www.tidymodels.org) where a penalized regression model was used for a binary classification task. The outcome metrics in `classification_results` are the areas under the ROC and PR curve, log-likelihood, and the number of predictors selected for a given amount of penalization. Two tuning parameters, mixture and penalty, were varied across 300 conditions.

**Value**

`classification_results`  
a tibble

**Source**

See the `example-data` directory in the package with code that is a variation of the analysis shown at <https://www.tidymodels.org/start/case-study/>.

**Examples**

```
data(classification_results)
```

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`d_overall`*Determine overall desirability*

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**Description**

Once desirability columns have been created, determine the overall desirability using a mean (geometric by default).

**Usage**

```
d_overall(..., geometric = TRUE, tolerance = 0)
```

## Arguments

...	One or more unquoted expressions separated by commas. To choose multiple columns using selectors, <code>dplyr::across()</code> can be used (see the example below).
geometric	A logical for whether the geometric or arithmetic mean should be used to summarize the columns.
tolerance	A numeric value where values strictly less than this value are capped at the value. For example, if users wish to use the geometric mean without completely excluding settings, a value greater than zero can be used.

## Value

A numeric vector.

## See Also

[d\\_max\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

# Choose model tuning parameters that minimize the number of predictors used
# while maximizing the area under the ROC curve.

classification_results %>%
  mutate(
    d_feat = d_min(num_features, 1, 200),
    d_roc = d_max(roc_auc, 0.5, 0.9),
    d_all = d_overall(across(starts_with("d_")))
  ) %>%
  arrange(desc(d_all))

# Bias the ranking toward minimizing features by using a larger scale.

classification_results %>%
  mutate(
    d_feat = d_min(num_features, 1, 200, scale = 3),
    d_roc = d_max(roc_auc, 0.5, 0.9),
    d_all = d_overall(across(starts_with("d_")))
  ) %>%
  arrange(desc(d_all))
```

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inline\_desirability     *Desirability functions for in-line computations*

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### Description

Desirability functions map some input to a  $[0, 1]$  scale where zero is unacceptable and one is most desirable. The mapping depends on the situation. For example, `d_max()` increases desirability with the input while `d_min()` does the opposite. See the plots in the examples to see more examples.

Currently, only the desirability functions defined by Derringer and Suich (1980) are implemented.

### Usage

```
d_max(x, low, high, scale = 1, missing = NA_real_, use_data = FALSE)
```

```
d_min(x, low, high, scale = 1, missing = NA_real_, use_data = FALSE)
```

```
d_target(
  x,
  low,
  target,
  high,
  scale_low = 1,
  scale_high = 1,
  missing = NA_real_,
  use_data = FALSE
)
```

```
d_box(x, low, high, missing = NA_real_, use_data = FALSE)
```

```
d_custom(x, x_vals, desirability, missing = NA_real_)
```

```
d_category(x, categories, missing = NA_real_)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A vector of data to compute the desirability function
<code>low, high, target</code>	Single numeric values that define the active ranges of desirability.
<code>scale, scale_low, scale_high</code>	A single numeric value to rescale the desirability function (each should be greater than 0.0). Values $>1.0$ make the desirability more difficult to satisfy while smaller values make it easier (see the examples below). <code>scale_low</code> and <code>scale_high</code> do the same for target functions with <code>scale_low</code> affecting the range below the target value and <code>scale_high</code> affecting values greater than target.
<code>missing</code>	A single numeric value on $[0, 1]$ (or <code>NA_real_</code> ) that defines how missing values in <code>x</code> are mapped to the desirability score.

use_data	Should the low, middle, and/or high values be derived from the data (x) using the minimum, maximum, or median (respectively)?
x_vals, desirability	Numeric vectors of the same length that define the desirability results at specific values of x. Values below and above the data in x_vals are given values of zero and one, respectively.
categories	A named list of desirability values that match all possible categories to specific desirability values. Data that are not included in categories are given the value in missing.

## Details

Each function translates the values to desirability on  $[0, 1]$ .

### Equations:

*Maximization:*

- data > high: d = 1.0
- data < low: d = 0.0
- low <= data <= high:  $d = \left( \frac{\text{data} - \text{low}}{\text{high} - \text{low}} \right)^{\text{scale}}$

*Minimization:*

- data > high: d = 0.0
- data < low: d = 1.0
- low <= data <= high:  $d = \left( \frac{\text{data} - \text{low}}{\text{low} - \text{high}} \right)^{\text{scale}}$

*Target:*

- data > high: d = 0.0
- data < low: d = 0.0
- low <= data <= target:  $d = \left( \frac{\text{data} - \text{low}}{\text{target} - \text{low}} \right)^{\text{scale}_{\text{low}}}$
- target <= data <= high:  $d = \left( \frac{\text{data} - \text{high}}{\text{target} - \text{high}} \right)^{\text{scale}_{\text{high}}}$

*Minimization:*

- data > high: d = 0.0
- data < low: d = 0.0
- low <= data <= high: d = 1.0

*Categories:*

- data = level: d = 1.0
- data != level: d = 0.0

*Custom:*

For the sequence of values given to the function, `d_custom()` will return the desirability values that correspond to data matching values in `x_vals`. Otherwise, linear interpolation is used for values in-between.

### Data-Based Values:

By default, most of the `d_*`() functions require specific user inputs for arguments such as `low`, `target` and `high`. When `use_data = TRUE`, the functions can use the minimum, median, and maximum values of the existing data to estimate those values (respectively) but *only when users do not specify them*.

**Value**

A numeric vector on  $[0, 1]$  where larger values are more desirable.

**References**

Derringer, G. and Suich, R. (1980), Simultaneous Optimization of Several Response Variables. *Journal of Quality Technology*, 12, 214-219.

**See Also**

[d\\_overall\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)

set.seed(1)
dat <- tibble(x = sort(runif(30)), y = sort(runif(30)))
d_max(dat$x[1:10], 0.1, 0.75)

dat %>%
  mutate(d_x = d_max(x, 0.1, 0.75))

set.seed(2)
tibble(z = sort(runif(100))) %>%
  mutate(
    no_scale = d_max(z, 0.1, 0.75),
    easier = d_max(z, 0.1, 0.75, scale = 1/2)
  ) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = z)) +
  geom_point(aes(y = no_scale)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = no_scale), alpha = .5) +
  geom_point(aes(y = easier), col = "blue") +
  geom_line(aes(y = easier), col = "blue", alpha = .5) +
  lims(x = 0:1, y = 0:1) +
  coord_fixed() +
  ylab("Desirability")

# -----
# Target example

dat %>%
  mutate(
    triangle = d_target(x, 0.1, 0.5, 0.9, scale_low = 2, scale_high = 1/2)
  ) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = x, y = triangle)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line(alpha = .5) +
  lims(x = 0:1, y = 0:1) +
  coord_fixed() +
```

```

  ylab("Desirability")

# -----
# Box constraints

dat %>%
  mutate(box = d_box(x, 1/4, 3/4)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = x, y = box)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line(alpha = .5) +
  lims(x = 0:1, y = 0:1) +
  coord_fixed() +
  ylab("Desirability")

# -----
# Custom function

v_x <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 20)
v_d <- 1 - exp(-10 * abs(v_x - .5))

dat %>%
  mutate(v = d_custom(x, v_x, v_d)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = x, y = v)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line(alpha = .5) +
  lims(x = 0:1, y = 0:1) +
  coord_fixed() +
  ylab("Desirability")

# -----
# Qualitative data

set.seed(3)
groups <- sort(runif(10))
names(groups) <- letters[1:10]

tibble(x = letters[1:7]) %>%
  mutate(d = d_category(x, groups)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = x, y = d)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  lims(y = 0:1) +
  ylab("Desirability")

# -----
# Apply the same function to many columns at once (dplyr > 1.0)

dat %>%
  mutate(across(c(everything()), ~ d_min(., .2, .6), .names = "d_{col}"))

# -----
# Using current data

set.seed(9015)

```

```
tibble(z = c(0, sort(runif(20)), 1)) %>%
  mutate(
    user_specified = d_max(z, 0.1, 0.75),
    data_driven    = d_max(z, use_data = TRUE)
  ) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = z)) +
  geom_point(aes(y = user_specified)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = user_specified), alpha = .5) +
  geom_point(aes(y = data_driven), col = "blue") +
  geom_line(aes(y = data_driven), col = "blue", alpha = .5) +
  lims(x = 0:1, y = 0:1) +
  coord_fixed() +
  ylab("Desirability")
```



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