

# Package ‘ART’

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**Title** Aligned Rank Transform for Nonparametric Factorial Analysis

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**Description** An implementation of the Aligned Rank Transform technique for factorial analysis (see references below for details) including models with missing terms (unsaturated factorial models). The function first computes a separate aligned ranked response variable for each effect of the user-specified model, and then runs a classic ANOVA on each of the aligned ranked responses. For further details, see Higgins, J. J. and Tashtoush, S. (1994). An aligned rank transform test for interaction. *Nonlinear World* 1 (2), pp. 201-211. Wobbrock, J.O., Findlater, L., Gergle, D. and Higgins, J.J. (2011). The Aligned Rank Transform for nonparametric factorial analyses using only ANOVA procedures. *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '11)*. New York: ACM Press, pp. 143-146. <doi:10.1145/1978942.1978963>.

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aligned.rank.transform

*Aligned Rank Transform procedure*

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### Description

Aligned Rank Transform for Nonparametric Factorial Analysis

### Usage

```
aligned.rank.transform(formula, data, perform.aov = TRUE, SS.type = c("III",
  "II", "I"), ...)
```

### Arguments

formula	A formula indicating the model to be fitted.
data	A data frame containing the input data. The name of the columns should match the names used in the user-specified formula of the model that will be fitted.
perform.aov	Optional: whether separate ANOVAs should be run on the Ranked aligned responses or not. In case it should not, only the ranked aligned responses will be returned. Defaults to TRUE.
SS.type	A string indicating the type of sums of squares to be used in the ANOVA on the aligned responses. Must be one of "I", "II", "III". If perform.aov was set to FALSE, the value of SS.type will be ignored. Please note SS types coincide when the design is balanced (equal number of observations per cell) but differ otherwise. Refer to Shaw and Mitchell-Olds (1993) or Fox (1997) for further reading and recommendations on how to conduct ANOVA analyses with unbalanced designs.
...	Other arguments passed to <code>lm</code> when computing effect estimates via ordinary least squares for the alignment.

### Details

The function computes a separate aligned response variable for each effect of an user-specified model, transform it into a ranking, and applies a separate ANOVA to every resulting ranked aligned response to check the significance of the corresponding effect.

### Value

A tagged list with the following elements:

- `$aligned`: a data frame with the input data and additional columns to the right, containing the aligned and the ranked aligned responses for each model effect.
- `$significance`: (only when `perform.aov = TRUE`) the ANOVA table that collects every unique meaningful row of each of the separate ANOVA tables obtained from the ranked aligned responses.

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ARTool R package, for full models only. <http://cran.r-project.org/package=ARTool>

**See Also**

[lm](#)

**Examples**

```
# Input data contained in the Higgins1990-Table1.csv file distributed with ARTool
# The data were used in the 1990 paper cited in the References section
data(higgins1990, package = "ART");
# Two-factor full factorial model that will be fitted to the data
art.results = aligned.rank.transform(Response ~ Row * Column, data = data.higgins1990);
print(art.results$aligned, digits = 4);
print(art.results$significance);
```

**Description**

This dataset was synthetically generated for a 3x3 completely randomized design, as shown in Table 1 of the paper:

Higgins, J. J., Blair, R. C. and Tashtoush, S. (1990). The aligned rank transform procedure. Proceedings of the Conference on Applied Statistics in Agriculture. Manhattan, Kansas: Kansas State University, pp. 185-195.

Columns Aligned\_Row\_Column and Ranks\_Row\_Column of the result correspond to the values of Table 3 of the same paper.

**Usage**

higgins1990

**Format**

A table of 3 columns: two factors called Row and Column, and the Response variable. Loading this file gives access to the dataframe object `data.higgins1990`

**Source**

File Higgins1990-Table1.csv of the ARTool zipped downloadable file: <http://depts.washington.edu/aimgroup/proj/art/ARToolExe.zip>

**References**

Higgins, J. J., Blair, R. C. and Tashtoush, S. (1990). The aligned rank transform procedure. Proceedings of the Conference on Applied Statistics in Agriculture. Manhattan, Kansas: Kansas State University, pp. 185-195.

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ARTool: free visual software tool implementing ART, written in the C# language : <http://depts.washington.edu/aimgroup/proj/art/>

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