# Package 'TwoDcDAPSA'

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index for Psoriatic Arthritis (TwoDcDAPSA), a principal component-derived measure that complements the conventional clinical DAPSA score. The TwoDcDAPSA captures

Title Calculate TwoDcDAPSA: PROs-Joint Contrast (PJC) Score and

**Description** Provides a calculator for the two-dimensional clinical Disease Activity

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Quartiles

residual variation in patient-reported outcomes (pain and patient global assessment)
and joint counts (swollen and tender) after adjusting for standardized cDAPSA using
natural spline coefficients derived from published models. Residuals are
standardized and combined with fixed principal component loadings to yield a
continuous PROs-Joint Contrast (PJC) score and quartile groupings. The package applies pre-specified coefficients and loadings to new datasets but does not
estimate spline models or principal components itself.
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calculate\_PJC Calculate TwoDcDAPSA: PROs-Joint Contrast (PJC) Score and Quartiles

### **Description**

Computes PJC as a loading-weighted combination of standardized residuals for Pain, Patient Global, SJC, and TJC after adjusting each for cDAPSA via a natural spline model. Includes input "tuning": coerces character columns to numeric (warning if NAs introduced) and checks for out-of-range values (SJC 0-66, TJC 0-68, Pain/Patient Global 0-10) with configurable handling. If cDAPSA is not provided, it is computed as SJC + TJC + Pain + Patient\_Global. If cDAPSA is provided, it is verified against this sum (within cdapsa\_tolerance); any discrepancy results in an error.

# Usage

```
calculate_PJC(
  data,
  cohort_id = "cohort_id",
  cDAPSA = NULL,
 Pain = "Pain",
 Patient_Global = "Patient_Global",
  SJC = "SJC",
  TJC = "TJC"
  oob_action = c("stop", "na", "drop"),
  cdapsa_tolerance = 1e-08,
 center_scale = list(Pain = c(center = 4.303191, scale = 2.798819), Patient_Global =
  c(center = 4.795213, scale = 2.791098), SJC = c(center = 3.783245, scale = 4.707089),
  TJC = c(center = 5.194149, scale = 7.371234), cDAPSA = c(center = 18.0758, scale = 7.371234)
    14.03964)),
  ns_knots = c(-0.7176679, -0.2190796, 0.4219626),
  ns_boundary_knots = c(-1.287483, 5.265392),
 coef_list = list(Pain = c(-1.48889, 1.93539, 2.25211, 3.35687, 2.68578), Patient_Global
  = c(-1.7289, 2.1364, 2.35881, 3.95251, 2.66605), SJC = c(-0.76905, 0.47397, 1.9502,
    4.45945, 5.98404), TJC = c(-0.74115, 0.27891, 2.50892, 4.68559, 6.15326)),
  loadings = c(0.598197, 0.5960272, -0.330572, -0.4214665),
  pjc\_cutoffs = c(-Inf, -0.79954204, 0.07402262, 0.88778526, Inf),
  resid_center_scale = list(center = c(Pain = 1.155879e-15, `Patient Global` =
    9.679019e-16, `Swollen Joint Count` = -2.764596e-15, `Tender Joint Count` =
    -3.534933e-15), scale = c(Pain = 0.6478511, `Patient Global` = 0.6282206,
    `Swollen Joint Count` = 0.589554, `Tender Joint Count` = 0.3902453))
)
```

# **Arguments**

data A data.frame/tibble with the required columns. cohort\_id Name of the cohort id column.

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cDAPSA Optional. Name of the cDAPSA column. If NULL (default), cDAPSA is computed as SJC + TJC + Pain + Patient\_Global. If non-NULL, the provided column is verified to equal that sum within cdapsa\_tolerance; otherwise an error

is thrown.

Pain Name of the Pain column (0-10).

Patient\_Global Name of the Patient Global column (0-10).

SJC Name of the Swollen Joint Count column (0-66).

TJC Name of the Tender Joint Count column (0-68).

oob\_action What to do when an input is out of its valid range (SJC 0-66, TJC 0-68, Pain/Patient

Global 0-10). One of: "stop" (error), "na" (keep rows but set PJC/Quartile to

NA), or "drop" (remove rows). Default is "stop".

cdapsa\_tolerance

Numeric tolerance for comparing provided cDAPSA to the computed sum; de-

fault 1e-8.

center\_scale List of centers/scales used to standardize inputs.

ns\_knots Numeric vector of interior knots for the spline on standardized cDAPSA.

ns\_boundary\_knots

Numeric vector of boundary knots for the spline on standardized cDAPSA.

coef\_list Named list of regression coefficients (intercept + 4 spline basis) for each com-

ponent.

loadings Numeric loadings (length 4) for Pain, Patient Global, SJC, TJC residuals.

pjc\_cutoffs Numeric vector of 5 cut points to define 4 quartile bins (include.lowest=TRUE).

resid\_center\_scale

List with center and scale vectors for standardizing residuals.

#### Value

A tibble with cohort\_id, PJC, and PJC\_quartile.

### **Examples**

```
# Minimal example WITHOUT a cDAPSA column (it will be computed as SJC+TJC+Pain+PG)
df1 <- data.frame(</pre>
 id = 1:3,
 pain = c(4, 6, 8),
     = c(3, 7, 9),
 sjc = c(1, 3, 5),
 tjc = c(0, 2, 4)
)
calculate_PJC(
 df1,
 cohort_id = "id",
 cDAPSA = NULL,
 Pain = "pain",
 Patient_Global = "pg",
 SJC = "sjc",
 TJC = "tjc",
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```
oob_action = "na"
)

# Example WITH a consistent cDAPSA column (verified against the sum)
df2 <- transform(df1, cdapsa = pain + pg + sjc + tjc)
calculate_PJC(
    df2,
    cohort_id = "id",
    cDAPSA = "cdapsa",
    Pain = "pain",
    Patient_Global = "pg",
    SJC = "sjc",
    TJC = "tjc"
)</pre>
```

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