

# Package ‘RcppBlaze’

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**URL** <https://github.com/Chingchuan-chen/RcppBlaze>,  
<https://bitbucket.org/blaze-lib/blaze>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/Chingchuan-chen/RcppBlaze/issues>

## Description

Blaze is an open-source, high-performance 'C++' math library for dense and sparse arithmetic. With its state-of-the-art Smart Expression Template implementation Blaze combines the elegance and ease of use of a domain-specific language with HPC-grade performance, making it one of the most intuitive and fastest 'C++' math libraries available. The 'RcppBlaze' package includes the header files from the 'Blaze' library with disabling some functionalities related to link to the thread and system libraries which make 'RcppBlaze' be a header-only library. Therefore, users do not need to install 'Blaze'.

**Depends** R (>= 4.2.0)

**Imports** Rcpp (>= 1.0.0), Matrix (>= 1.5-0)

**LinkingTo** Rcpp

**Suggests** MatrixExtra, tinytest, microbenchmark

**LazyLoad** yes

**Encoding** UTF-8

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**RoxygenNote** 7.3.3

**NeedsCompilation** yes

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## Description

**RcppBlaze** constructs a bridge between **R** and **Blaze**.

## Details

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## Using RcppBlaze

To use **RcppBlaze** in your package, there are some important steps:

1. Include the 'RcppBlaze.h' header file, which also includes 'blaze/Blaze.h'.
2. Import Rcpp, LinkingTo Rcpp and RcppBlaze by adding these lines to the 'DESCRIPTION' file:
 

```
Imports: Rcpp (>= 1.0.0)
LinkingTo: Rcpp, RcppBlaze
```
3. Link against the BLAS and LAPACK libraries, by adding following two lines in the 'Makevars' and 'Makevars.win' files:

```
PKG_CXXFLAGS=$(SHLIB_OPENMP_CXXFLAGS)
PKG_LIBS = $(LAPACK_LIBS) $(BLAS_LIBS) $(FLIBS) $(SHLIB_OPENMP_CXXFLAGS)
```

4. Since there are conflicted definitions between **R** and **blaze** which is TRUE and FALSE. You have to write the initializing function for **C/C++** code which the function is named after `R_init_YourPackageName` You can refer to our another package, <https://github.com/ChingChuan-Chen/RcppLbfgsBlaze> for example.

### Notes

1. If you would like to enable Boost threads support, you need to import **BH** package in your DESCRIPTION.
2. CompressedVector and CompressedMatrix only support int, float and double types.

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### References

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### See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/Chingchuan-chen/RcppBlaze>
- <https://bitbucket.org/blaze-lib/blaze>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/Chingchuan-chen/RcppBlaze/issues>

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blaze\_set\_num\_threads *Set/Get the Number of Threads used in blaze*

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### Description

Set/Get the Number of Threads used in blaze

**Usage**

```
blaze_set_num_threads(n)
```

```
blaze_get_num_threads()
```

**Arguments**

n                    The number of threads to set in blaze.

**Value**

blaze\_get\_threads returns an integer and blaze\_set\_threads returns nothing.

**See Also**

blaze wiki: <https://bitbucket.org/blaze-lib/blaze/wiki/Shared%20Memory%20Parallelization>.

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blaze_set_seed	<i>Set/Get the random number generator for blaze with given seed</i>
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**Description**

Set/Get the random number generator for blaze with given seed

**Usage**

```
blaze_set_seed(seed)
```

```
blaze_get_seed()
```

**Arguments**

seed                A positive integer to specify the seed value for the random number generator.

**Value**

No return value.

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blaze_version	<i>The version of Blaze used in RcppBlaze</i>
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**Description**

To return the version of Blaze used in RcppBlaze.

**Usage**

```
blaze_version(single)
```

**Arguments**

single	A logical value indicates which type to return. If TRUE, it returns an integer. If FALSE, it returns a named vector.
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**Value**

A number or a named vector to represent the version of blaze depending on the input, single.

**See Also**

Blaze header file `blaze/system/Version.h`.

**Examples**

```
blaze_version(FALSE)
```

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fastLmPure	<i>linear model fitting function based on RcppBlaze</i>
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**Description**

fastLmPure provides the estimates of the linear model based on **RcppBlaze**.

**Usage**

```
fastLmPure(X, y, type)
```

**Arguments**

X	A model matrix.
y	A response vector.
type	A integer. 0 is QR solver, 1 is LDLT solver, 2 is LLT solver and 3 is LU solver.

**Details**

`fastLm` estimates the linear model using the `solve`.

**Value**

A list containing coefficients, standard errors, rank of model matrix, degree of freedom of residuals, residuals, the standard deviation of random errors and fitted values.

**Examples**

```
# according to fastLm example in RcppArmadillo
data(trees, package="datasets")
flm <- fastLmPure(cbind(1, log(trees$Girth)), log(trees$Volume), 0)
print(flm)
```

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