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add_delays	<i>Simulate symptom onset and hospitalization times from infection times</i>
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### Description

Simulate symptom onset and hospitalization times from infection times

### Usage

```
add_delays(infection_times)
```

### Arguments

infection\_times  
A data frame containing a column of infection times

### Value

A data frame with columns for infection time, onset time, and hospitalization time (with 70

### Examples

```
delayed_infections <- add_delays(infection_times)
head(delayed_infections)
```

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censored\_delay\_pmf     *Discretise a Continuous Delay Distribution*

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**Description**

This function discretises a continuous delay distribution into a probability mass function (PMF) over discrete days.

**Usage**

```
censored_delay_pmf(rgen, max, n = 1e+06, ...)
```

**Arguments**

rgen	A function that generates random delays, e.g., 'rgamma', 'rlnorm'.
max	The maximum delay.
n	The number of replicates to simulate. Defaults to '1e+6'.
...	Additional parameters of the delay distribution.

**Value**

A vector of probabilities corresponding to discrete indices from '0' to 'max', representing the discretised delay distribution.

**Examples**

```
censored_delay_pmf(rgen = rgamma, max = 14, shape = 5, rate = 1)
```

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convolve\_with\_delay     *Convolve a Time Series with a Delay Distribution*

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**Description**

This function convolves a time series with a delay distribution given as a probability mass function (PMF).

**Usage**

```
convolve_with_delay(ts, delay_pmf)
```

**Arguments**

ts	A vector of the time series to convolve.
delay_pmf	The probability mass function of the delay, given as a vector of probabilities, corresponding to discrete indices 0, 1, 2 of the discretised delay distribution.

**Value**

A vector of the convolved time series.

**Examples**

```
convolve_with_delay(ts = c(10, 14, 10, 10), delay_pmf = c(0.1, 0.6, 0.3))
```

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geometric\_diff\_ar      *Geometric Differenced Autoregressive Process*

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**Description**

This function generates a geometric differenced autoregressive process.

**Usage**

```
geometric_diff_ar(init, noise, std, damp)
```

**Arguments**

<code>init</code>	The initial value.
<code>noise</code>	A vector of steps (on the standard normal scale).
<code>std</code>	The step size of the random walk.
<code>damp</code>	A damping parameter.

**Value**

A vector of the generated geometric differenced autoregressive process.

**Examples**

```
geometric_diff_ar(init = 1, noise = rnorm(100), std = 0.1, damp = 0.1)
```

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geometric\_random\_walk *Geometric Random Walk*

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### Description

This function generates a geometric random walk.

### Usage

```
geometric_random_walk(init, noise, std)
```

### Arguments

init	The initial value.
noise	A vector of steps (on the standard normal scale).
std	The step size of the random walk.

### Value

A vector of the generated geometric random walk.

### Examples

```
geometric_random_walk(init = 1, noise = rnorm(100), std = 0.1)
```

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infection\_times *Infection times*

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### Description

A dataset containing random infection times from a branching process model, generated using the code in data-raw/epicurve.r

### Usage

```
infection_times
```

### Format

A data frame with a single column

**infection\_time** the times at which individuals were infected (and became infectious)

make\_daily\_infections *Convert infection times to a daily time series*

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**Description**

Convert infection times to a daily time series

**Usage**

```
make_daily_infections(infection_times)
```

**Arguments**

infection\_times  
A data frame containing a column of infection times

**Value**

A data frame with columns infection\_day and infections, containing the daily count of infections

**Examples**

```
make_daily_infections(infection_times)
```

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make\_gen\_time\_pmf *Generate a probability mass function for the generation time*

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**Description**

Generate a probability mass function for the generation time

**Usage**

```
make_gen_time_pmf(max = 14, shape = 4, rate = 1)
```

**Arguments**

max           Maximum delay to consider  
shape         Shape parameter for the gamma distribution  
rate          Rate parameter for the gamma distribution

**Value**

A vector of probabilities representing the generation time PMF

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make_ip_pmf	<i>Generate a probability mass function for the incubation period</i>
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**Description**

Generate a probability mass function for the incubation period

**Usage**

```
make_ip_pmf(max = 14, shape = 5, rate = 1)
```

**Arguments**

max	Maximum delay to consider
shape	Shape parameter for the gamma distribution
rate	Rate parameter for the gamma distribution

**Value**

A vector of probabilities representing the incubation period PMF

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mech_forecasts	<i>Forecasts from a mechanistic model</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing forecasts from a mechanistic model, generated using the code in data-raw/generate-example-forecasts.r

**Usage**

```
mech_forecasts
```

**Format**

A [tibble::tibble()] with a 7 columns

**day** the day for which the forecast was made

**.draw** an ID of the posterior predictive sample

**.variable** name of the variable

**.value** predicted value

**.horizon** the forecast horizon in days

**target\_day** the day on which the forecast was made (using data up to this day)

**model** the name of the model

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```
nfidd_cmdstan_model
```

*Create a CmdStanModel with NFIDD Stan functions*

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**Description**

This function creates a CmdStanModel object using a specified Stan model from the NFIDD package and optionally includes additional user-specified Stan files.

**Usage**

```
nfidd_cmdstan_model(model_name, include_paths = nfidd::nfidd_stan_path(), ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>model_name</code>	Character string specifying which Stan model to use.
<code>include_paths</code>	Character vector of paths to include for Stan compilation. Defaults to the result of <code>'nfidd_stan_path()'</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>cmdstanr::cmdstan_model()</code> .

**Value**

A CmdStanModel object.

**Examples**

```
if (!is.null(cmdstanr::cmdstan_version(error_on_NA = FALSE))) {
  model <- nfidd_cmdstan_model("simple-nowcast", compile = FALSE)
  model
}
```

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```
nfidd_load_stan_functions
```

*Load Stan functions as a string*

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**Description**

Load Stan functions as a string

**Usage**

```
nfidd_load_stan_functions(
  functions = NULL,
  stan_path = nfidd::nfidd_stan_path(),
  wrap_in_block = FALSE,
  write_to_file = FALSE,
  output_file = "nfidd_functions.stan"
)
```



**Arguments**

functions	Character vector of function names to load. Defaults to all functions.
stan_path	Character string, the path to the Stan code. Defaults to the path to the Stan code in the nfidd package.
wrap_in_block	Logical, whether to wrap the functions in a 'functions' block. Default is FALSE.
write_to_file	Logical, whether to write the output to a file. Default is FALSE.
output_file	Character string, the path to write the output file if write_to_file is TRUE. Defaults to "nfidd_functions.stan".

**Value**

A character string containing the requested Stan functions

**See Also**

Other stantools: [nfidd\\_stan\\_function\\_files\(\)](#), [nfidd\\_stan\\_functions\(\)](#), [nfidd\\_stan\\_path\(\)](#)

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nfidd\_stan\_functions *Get Stan function names from Stan files*

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**Description**

This function reads all Stan files in the specified directory and extracts the names of all functions defined in those files.

**Usage**

```
nfidd_stan_functions(stan_path = nfidd::nfidd_stan_path())
```

**Arguments**

stan_path	Character string specifying the path to the directory containing Stan files. Defaults to the Stan path of the nfidd package.
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**Value**

A character vector containing unique names of all functions found in the Stan files.

**See Also**

Other stantools: [nfidd\\_load\\_stan\\_functions\(\)](#), [nfidd\\_stan\\_function\\_files\(\)](#), [nfidd\\_stan\\_path\(\)](#)

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 nfidd\_stan\_function\_files

*Get Stan files containing specified functions*


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### Description

This function retrieves Stan files from a specified directory, optionally filtering for files that contain specific functions.

### Usage

```
nfidd_stan_function_files(
  functions = NULL,
  stan_path = nfidd::nfidd_stan_path()
)
```

### Arguments

functions	Character vector of function names to search for. If NULL, all Stan files are returned.
stan_path	Character string specifying the path to the directory containing Stan files. Defaults to the Stan path of the nfidd package.

### Value

A character vector of file paths to Stan files.

### See Also

Other stantools: [nfidd\\_load\\_stan\\_functions\(\)](#), [nfidd\\_stan\\_functions\(\)](#), [nfidd\\_stan\\_path\(\)](#)

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 nfidd\_stan\_models

*List Available Stan Models in NFIDD*


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### Description

This function finds all available Stan models in the NFIDD package and returns their names without the .stan extension.

### Usage

```
nfidd_stan_models(stan_path = nfidd::nfidd_stan_path())
```

### Arguments

stan_path	Character string specifying the path to Stan files. Defaults to the result of 'nfidd_stan_path()'.
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**Value**

A character vector of available Stan model names.

**Examples**

```
nfidd_stan_models()
```

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nfidd_stan_path	<i>Get the path to Stan code</i>
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**Description**

Get the path to Stan code

**Usage**

```
nfidd_stan_path()
```

**Value**

A character string with the path to the Stan code

**See Also**

Other stantools: [nfidd\\_load\\_stan\\_functions\(\)](#), [nfidd\\_stan\\_function\\_files\(\)](#), [nfidd\\_stan\\_functions\(\)](#)

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renewal	<i>Simulate Infections using the Renewal Equation</i>
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**Description**

This function simulates infections using the renewal equation.

**Usage**

```
renewal(I0, R, gen_time)
```

**Arguments**

I0	The initial number of infections.
R	The reproduction number, given as a vector with one entry per time point.
gen_time	The generation time distribution, given as a vector with one entry per day after infection (the first element corresponding to one day after infection).

**Value**

A vector of simulated infections over time.

**Examples**

```
renewal(  
  I0 = 5,  
  R = c(rep(3, 4), rep(0.5, 5)),  
  gen_time = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1)  
)
```

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rw\_forecasts

*Forecasts from a semi-mechanistic model*

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**Description**

A dataset containing forecasts from a semi-mechanistic model (using a geometric random walk prior on the reproduction number), generated using the code in data-raw/generate-example-forecasts.r

**Usage**

```
rw_forecasts
```

**Format**

A [tibble::tibble()] with a 7 columns

**day** the day for which the forecast was made

**.draw** an ID of the posterior predictive sample

**.variable** name of the variable

**.value** predicted value

**.horizon** the forecast horizon in days

**target\_day** the day on which the forecast was made (using data up to this day)

**model** the name of the model

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simulate_onsets	<i>Simulate symptom onsets from daily infection counts</i>
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**Description**

Simulate symptom onsets from daily infection counts

**Usage**

```
simulate_onsets(  
  inf_ts,  
  gen_time_pmf = make_gen_time_pmf(),  
  ip_pmf = make_ip_pmf()  
)
```

**Arguments**

inf_ts	A data frame containing columns infection_day and infections, as returned by 'make_daily_infections()'.
gen_time_pmf	A vector of probabilities representing the generation time PMF, as returned by 'make_gen_time_pmf()'.
ip_pmf	A vector of probabilities representing the incubation period PMF, as returned by 'make_ip_pmf()'.

**Value**

A data frame with columns day, onsets, and infections containing the daily count of symptom onsets and infections

**Examples**

```
gt_pmf <- make_gen_time_pmf()  
ip_pmf <- make_ip_pmf()  
simulate_onsets(make_daily_infections(infection_times), gt_pmf, ip_pmf)
```

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stat_forecasts	<i>Forecasts from a semi-mechanistic model with additional statistical complexity</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing forecasts from a semi-mechanistic model (using an autoregressive prior for reproduction number), generated using the code in data-raw/generate-example-forecasts.r

**Usage**

stat\_forecasts

**Format**

A [tibble::tibble()] with a 7 columns

**day** the day for which the forecast was made

**.draw** an ID of the posterior predictive sample

**.variable** name of the variable

**.value** predicted value

**.horizon** the forecast horizon in days

**target\_day** the day on which the forecast was made (using data up to this day)

**model** the name of the model

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