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Constrained least squares

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### Description

Constrained least squares.

### Usage

`cls(y, x, R, ca)`

**Arguments**

y	The response variables, a numerical vector with observations.
x	A matrix with independent variables, the design matrix.
R	The R vector that contains the values that will multiply the beta coefficients. See details and examples.
ca	The value of the constraint, $R^T\beta = c$ . See details and examples.

**Details**

This is described in Chapter 8.2 of Hansen (2019). The idea is to minimize the sum of squares of the residuals under the constraint  $R^T\beta = c$ . As mentioned above, be careful with the input you give in the x matrix and the R vector.

**Value**

A list including:

bols	The OLS (Ordinary Least Squares) beta coefficients.
bcls	The CLS (Constrained Least Squares) beta coefficients.

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**References**

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**See Also**

[pls](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- as.matrix( iris[1:50, 1:4] )
y <- rnorm(50)
R <- c(1, 1, 1, 1)
cls(y, x, R, 1)
```

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Positively constrained least squares

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### Description

Positively constrained least squares.

### Usage

```
pls(y, x)
```

### Arguments

y	The response variables, a numerical vector with observations.
x	A matrix with independent variables, the design matrix.

### Details

The constraint is that all beta coefficients (including the constant) are positive.

### Value

A list including:

be	The positively constrained beta coefficients.
mse	The mean squared error.

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### See Also

[cls](#)

### Examples

```
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y <- rnorm(50)
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Positively constrained least squares with a multivariate response  
*Positively constrained least squares with a multivariate response*

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**Description**

Positively constrained least squares with a multivariate response.

**Usage**

```
mvpls(y, x)
```

**Arguments**

y	The response variables, a numerical matrix with observations.
x	A matrix with independent variables, the design matrix.

**Details**

The constraint is that all beta coefficients (including the constant) are positive.

**Value**

A list including:

be	The positively constrained beta coefficients.
mse	The mean squared error.

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**See Also**

[cls](#)

**Examples**

```
y <- as.matrix( iris[, 1:2] )
x <- as.matrix( iris[, 3:4] )
mvpls(y, x)
```

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