
Survival Analysis

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General Information

Suitable modules: BS 14 / 15; MS 6 / 7; MD E1 (Methods); ME 7

ECTS: 9

Language: English

Lectures: In presence, Mondays 12:00-14:00 and Tuesdays 14:00-16:00

Exercises: tba

Final exam: details tba

In general, more information will follow soon!

What is Life-time Data Analysis (LDA)?

- LDA is a collection of statistical procedures to investigate data where “the outcome variable of interest is *time until an event occurs*”
(Kleinbaum, 2005)
- A more general name is *Time-to-Event Analysis*

What is Life-time Data Analysis (LDA)?

- Historically, the first applications of time-to-event analysis considered the outcome *time until death*, thus called *Survival Analysis*
- Other synonyms:
 - event history analysis
 - duration models
 - failure time models

What is Life-time Data Analysis (LDA)?

- **time** until an event can be measured on different scales
 - years
 - milliseconds
 - days
 - ...
- possible **events** include
 - Death after surgery (yes/no)
 - Recidivism (Rearrest after release from prison)
 - Leaving a web page (after following a link on social media)
 - Dropout of a machine
 - Bankruptcy of a credit user

→ In LDA we observe an outcome tuple $\langle \text{time}, \text{event} \rangle$

Outline

1. Introduction and basics

- Examples
- Duration time distributions
- Censoring

2. Estimation of survival function and hazard rate

- Non-parametric estimation
- Parametric estimation
- Log-rank test

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3. Part a) Regression models

- Transformation models (AFT models)
- Cox Proportional Hazard Models
- Time-Dependent Covariates
- Time-Varying Effects

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3. Part b) Extending (semi-)parametric regression models

- Time-discrete Survival Model
- Piece-wise Exponential (Additive Mixed) Model
- Frailty and Heterogeneity

4. (& 5.) Further Models

- Aalen Additive Hazard Model
- Competing Risk Model

6. Extensions

- ... (depending on how much time there will be left)

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