

t_j	d_j	r_j	$\frac{r_j - d_j}{r_j}$	$\hat{S}(t_j) = \prod_{t_i \leq t_j} \frac{r_i - d_i}{r_i}$
4	1	20		
5	1	19		
10	2	15		
11	1	13		
13	1	12		
15	1	10		
17	2	8		
18	2	6		
21	1	2		
22	1	1		

STAT3032 SURVIVAL MODELS

TUTORIAL WEEK FIVE

Question One $N=20$

The survival times after a particular operation for a group of human subjects are provided below (* represent censored observations).

4, 5, 6*, 7*, 8*, 10, 10, 11, 15, 15*, 17, 18, 18*, 19*, 21, 22
 12, 13, 15*, 7*, 21, 18*, 5, 18, 6*, 22, 19*, 15, 4, 11, 14*, 18, 10, 10, 8*, 12

Using the notation from lectures, what are N , m and k ? Construct a table (similar to the one in lectures) that was used to produce the KM estimator.

Question Two

The results of a study to see whether a particular treatment prolonged survival are provided below. Again, censored observations are denoted with a “*”.

Treatment	Control
23	5 68
47	8 71
69	10 76*
70*	13 105*
71*	18 107*
100*	24 109
101*	26 113
148	26 116*
181	31 118
198*	35 143
208*	40 154*
212*	41 162*
224	48 188*
	50 212*
	59 217*
	61 225*

Use R to calculate the KM estimator both ignoring treatment group (that is, combine both sets of data) and allowing for treatment group. Please provide a 95% confidence intervals for your curve computed ignoring treatment group.

Question Three

$$g(y) = \log(1+y^2) \quad g'(y) = \frac{2y}{1+y^2} \quad E[\log(1+Y^2)] = \log 37$$

$$g'(6) = g'(6) = \frac{2(6)}{1+36} = \frac{12}{37} \quad \text{Var}[\log(1+Y^2)] = 2\left(\frac{12}{37}\right)^2$$

(a) Suppose Y is a random variable with mean 6 and variance 2. Use the δ -method to approximate the mean and variance of $\log(1+Y^2)$

(b) Consider a time interval A of length 1. Let the number of individuals known to be alive at the start of A be r and the number of deaths in A be d . Then the usual estimate of the hazard for the interval is

$\frac{p(1-p)}{n}$ ~~$\frac{p(1-p)}{n}$~~ $\hat{q} = \frac{d}{r}$ $\text{Var}(\hat{q}) = \frac{\frac{d}{r}(1-\frac{d}{r})}{r} = \frac{d(r-d)}{r^3}$
 $\hat{q} = 1 - \exp(-\hat{\lambda})$ $\hat{\lambda} = -\log(1-\hat{q})$ $\delta\text{-method } g(y) = -\log(1-y)$ $g'(y) = \frac{1}{1-y}$
 $E(\hat{\lambda}) = E[-\log(1-p)] \approx -\log(1-q)$ $\text{Var}(\hat{\lambda}) \approx \frac{d(r-d)}{r^3(1-q)^2}$

If exponential failure with rate λ is assumed for the interval, then the true q satisfies

$$q = 1 - \exp(-\lambda)$$

Use this relationship to suggest an estimator of λ , $\hat{\lambda}$ say and the δ -method to approximate the mean and variance of λ . Hint: Make λ the subject of the above equation and use the delta method on the resulting formula. You will also need the result for the variance of \hat{q} from lectures.

Question Four

The times until rejection (of the transplanted organ) or censoring are provided below for thirty-six patients who received an organ transplant. The patients in the treatment group received a new drug (thought to prolong survival) and those in the control group received a placebo.

The times (in weeks) until rejection or censoring for each group are shown below.

Treatment Group

Times to rejection: 6,6,7,10,13,16,23
 Times to censoring: 6,9,11,12,19,20,25,30,32,32,35

Control Group

Times to rejection: 1,1,2,3,5,5,8,9,9,10,10,11,12,18,25
 Times to censoring: 3,4,9

Compute the KM estimate of the distribution function, $\hat{F}(t)$. Also, provide an estimate of the standard error of your KM estimate.

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$\hat{F}(t)$ is just $P(T > t)$
 SE of $\hat{F}(t)$ is $\sqrt{\hat{F}(t)(1-\hat{F}(t))}$