

# Survival Analysis - Sick-Sicker model

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```
rm(list = ls())      # clear memory (removes all the variables from the workspace)
```

## 01 Load packages

```
if (!require('pacman')) install.packages('pacman'); library(pacman) # use this package to conveniently
# load (install if required) packages from CRAN
p_load("here", "dplyr", "devtools", "matrixStats", "scales", "ggplot2", "grid", "mgcv", "gridExtra", "g
# load (install if required) packages from GitHub
# install_github("DARTH-git/dampack", force = TRUE) Uncomment if there is a newer version
p_load_gh("DARTH-git/dampack")
```

## 02 Load functions

```
source(here("functions", "VOI_Functions.R"))
source(here("functions", "GA_functions.R"))
```

## 03 Input model parameters

```
# Load simulation file
# Read the `.csv` simulation file into `R`.
toy <- read.csv(here("data", "psa_sick_sicker.csv"), header = TRUE)[, -1]
n_sim <- nrow(toy)

# Display first five observations of the data fram using the command `head`
head(toy)

# Net Monetary Benefit (NMB)
# Create NMB matrix
wtp <- 120000
toy$NMB_NoTrt <- wtp * toy$QALY_NoTrt - toy$Cost_NoTrt
toy$NMB_Trtr <- wtp * toy$QALY_Trtr - toy$Cost_Trtr

nmb <- toy[, c("NMB_NoTrt", "NMB_Trtr")]
head(nmb)

# Number of Strategies
n_strategies <- ncol(nmb)
n_strategies

# Assign name of strategies
strategies <- c("No Trt", "Trt")
colnames(nmb) <- strategies
head(nmb)
```

```

# Format data frame suitably for plotting
nmb_gg <- melt(nmb,
               variable.name = "Strategy",
               value.name = "NMB")

# Plot NMB for different strategies
# Faceted plot by Strategy
ggplot(nmb_gg, aes(x = NMB/1000)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..), col="black", fill = "gray") +
  geom_density(color = "red") +
  facet_wrap(~ Strategy, scales = "free_y") +
  xlab("Net Monetary Benefit (NMB) x10^3") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(5), labels = dollar) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(5)) +
  theme_bw()

```

## 04 Incremental NMB (INMB)

```

# Calculate INMB of NoTrt vs Trt
inmb <- data.frame(Simulation = 1:n_sim,
                   `Trt vs. No Trt` = nmb$Trt - nmb$`No Trt`)

## Format data frame suitably for plotting
inmb_gg <- melt(inmb, id.vars = "Simulation",
                variable.name = "Comparison",
                value.name = "INMB")

txtsize<-16

# Plot INMB
ggplot(inmb_gg, aes(x = INMB/1000)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..), col="black", fill = "gray") +
  geom_density(color = "red") +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 0, col = 4, size = 1.5, linetype = "dashed") +
  facet_wrap(~ Comparison, scales = "free_y") +
  xlab("Incremental Net Monetary Benefit (INMB) in thousand $") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(5), limits = c(-100, 100)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(5)) +
  theme_bw(base_size = txtsize)

```

## 05 Loss Matrix

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# Find optimal strategy (d*) based on the highest expected NMB
d_star <- which.max(colMeans(nmb))
d_star

# Compute Loss matrix iterating over all strategies
loss <- as.matrix(nmb - nmb[, d_star])
head(loss)

```

## 06 EVPI

```
# Find maximum loss overall strategies at each state of the world
# (i.e., PSA sample)
max_loss_i <- rowMaxs(loss)
head(max_loss_i)

# Average across all states of the world
evpi <- mean(max_loss_i)
evpi
```

## 07 EVPPI

```
# Matrix with parameters
x <- toy[, c(1:14)]
head(x)

# Number and names of parameters
n_params <- ncol(x)
n_params
names_params <- colnames(x)
names_params

# Histogram of parameters
# Format data suitably for plotting
params <- melt(x, variable.name = "Parameter")
head(params)
# Make parameter names as factors (helps with plotting formatting)
params$Parameter <- factor(params$Parameter,
                           levels = names_params,
                           labels = names_params)

# Facet plot of parameter distributions
ggplot(params, aes(x = value)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..), col="black", fill = "gray") +
  geom_density(color = "red") +
  facet_wrap(~ Parameter, scales = "free") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(5)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(5)) +
  theme_bw(base_size = 14)
```

Construct Spline metamodel.

```
# Splines
# Initialize EVPPI vector
evppi_splines <- matrix(0, n_params)
lmm1 <- vector("list", n_params)
lmm2 <- vector("list", n_params)
for (p in 1:n_params){ # p <- 1
```

```

print(paste("Computing EVPPI of parameter", names_params[p]))
# Estimate Splines
lmm1[[p]] <- gam(loss[, 1] ~ s(x[, p]))
lmm2[[p]] <- gam(loss[, 2] ~ s(x[, p]))

# Predict Loss using Splines
Lhat_splines <- cbind(lmm1[[p]]$fitted, lmm2[[p]]$fitted)

# Compute EVPPI
evppi_splines[p] <- mean(rowMaxs(Lhat_splines))
}

# Plotting EVPPI using of order polynomial
evppi_splines_gg <- data.frame(Parameter = names_params, EVPPI = evppi_splines)
evppi_splines_gg$Parameter <- factor((evppi_splines_gg$Parameter),
                                     levels = names_params[order(evppi_splines_gg$EVPPI,
                                                                     decreasing = TRUE)])

# Plot EVPPI using ggplot2 package
ggplot(data = evppi_splines_gg, aes(x = Parameter, y = EVPPI)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  ylab("EVPPI ($)") +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(6), labels = comma) +
  theme_bw(base_size = 14)

```

## 08 EVSI

```

# Select parameters with positive EVPPI
sel_params <- c(3, 4, 10, 12, 14)
n_params <- length(sel_params)
# Effective (prior) Sample size
n0 <- numeric(length(sel_params))
n0[1] <- 84+800 # p.S1S2 ~ Beta(84, 800)
n0[2] <- 10+2000 # p.HD ~ Beta(10, 2000)
n0[3] <- 73.5 # c.Trt ~ Gamma(73.5, 163.3) -> likelihood ~ Exponential
n0[4] <- 50 # u.S1 ~ N(.75, .02 / sqrt(50) = )
n0[5] <- 20 # u.Trt ~ N(.95, 0.02)

n <- c(0, 100, seq(200, 2000, by = 200))
n_samples <- length(n)

# Each parameter individually (only assuming linear relationship)
# Initialize EVSI matrix for each parameters
evsi <- data.frame(N = n, matrix(0, nrow = n_samples, ncol = n_params))

# Name columns of EVPSI matrix with parameter names
colnames(evsi)[-1] <- names_params[sel_params]

# Compute EVSI for all parameters separately
for (p in 1:n_params){ # p <- 1
  print(paste("Computing EVSI of parameter", names_params[p]))

```

```

# Update loss based on gaussian approximation for each sample of interest
for (nSamp in 1:n_samples){ # nSamp <- 10
  Ltilde1 <- predict.ga(lmm1[[sel_params[p]]], n = n[nSamp], n0 = n0[p])
  Ltilde2 <- predict.ga(lmm2[[sel_params[p]]], n = n[nSamp], n0 = n0[p])
  ## Combine losses into one matrix
  Ltilde <- cbind(Ltilde1, Ltilde2)
  ### Apply EVSI equation
  evsi[nSamp, p+1] <- mean(rowMaxs(Ltilde))
}
}

# Plotting EVSI
# Create EVSI data frame for plotting in decreasing order of EVPPI
evsi_gg <- melt(evsi, id.vars = "N",
               variable.name = "Parameter",
               value.name = "evsi")
evsi_gg$Parameter <- factor((evsi_gg$Parameter),
                           levels = names_params[order(evppi_splines_gg$EVPPI, decreasing = TRUE)])

# Plot evsi using ggplot2 package
ggplot(evsi_gg, aes(x = N, y = evsi)) + # colour = Parameter
  geom_line() +
  geom_point() +
  facet_wrap(~ Parameter) + # scales = "free_y"
  ggtitle("Expected Value of Sample Information (EVSI)") +
  xlab("Sample size (n)") +
  ylab("$") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(5)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(6), labels = dollar) +
  theme_bw(base_size = 14)

# Adding EVPPI
ggplot(evsi_gg, aes(x = N, y = evsi)) + # colour = Parameter
  geom_line(aes(linetype = "EVSI")) +
  geom_point() +
  facet_wrap(~ Parameter) + # scales = "free_y"
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = EVPPI, linetype = "EVPPI"), data = evppi_splines_gg[sel_params, ]) +
  scale_linetype_manual(name="",
                       values = c("EVSI" = "solid", "EVPPI" = "dashed")) +
  xlab("Sample size (n)") +
  ylab("$") +
  ggtitle("Expected Value of Sample Information (EVSI)") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(5)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = number_ticks(6), labels = dollar) +
  theme_bw(base_size = 14)

```