

Simple 3-state Digitized Partitioned Survival model in R

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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", "gems", "flexsurv", "survHE", "ggplot2", "msm", "igraph", "mstate",
       "reshape2", "knitr")
```

02 Load functions

```
source("functions.R")
```

03 Input model parameters

```
v_n      <- c("healthy", "sick", "dead")  # state names
n_s      <- length(v_n)                  # No of states
c_l      <- 1 / 12                        # cycle length (a month)
n_t      <- 20                           # number of years (20 years)
times    <- seq(0, n_t, c_l)             # the cycles in years
d_r      <- 0.03                         # discount rate
set.seed(2009)                           # set the seed

c_H      <- 200                           # cost of remaining one cycle healthy
c_S      <- 500                           # cost of remaining one cycle sick
c_D      <- 0                             # cost of remaining one cycle dead
v_c      <- c(c_H, c_S, c_D)              # store in a vector

u_H      <- 0.75                           # utility when healthy
u_S      <- 0.30                           # utility when sick
u_D      <- 0                             # utility when dead
v_u      <- c(u_H, u_S, u_D)              # store in a vector

v_dw     <- 1 / (1 + d_r) ^ (times)        # discount weight
```

04 Digitized Data

Use the function `digitise()` to translate the digitised OS and PFS data into patient level information.

```

# Create IPD and KM data for the OS curves
digitise("OS_Examp.txt",
         "OS_Examp_AtRisk.txt",
         km_output = "KMdata_OS.txt",
         ipd_output = "IPDdata_OS.txt")

# Create IPD and KM data for the PFS curves (there have been 99 events in the cohort)
digitise("PFS_Examp.txt",
         "PFS_Examp_AtRisk.txt",
         km_output = "KMdata_PFS.txt",
         ipd_output = "IPDdata_PFS.txt")

# Link the IPD files across the two arms of the trial for OS and PFS
IPD_OS <- make.ipd(ipd_files = c("IPDdata_OS.txt"), ctr = 1,
                  var.labs = c("time", "event", "arm"))
IPD_PFS <- make.ipd(ipd_files = c("IPDdata_PFS.txt"), ctr = 1,
                  var.labs = c("time", "event", "arm"))

```

05 Analysis

05.1 Partitioned Survival model

```

# fit all parametric models to the data and extract the AIC/BIC
# Select the one with the most appropriate fit
# Repeat for PFS and OS
fit_PFS <- fit.fun(time = "time", status = "event", data = IPD_PFS, times = times,
                  extrapolate = T)
fit_OS <- fit.fun(time = "time", status = "event", data = IPD_OS, times = times,
                 extrapolate = T)

best_PFS <- fit_PFS[["Weibull"]]
best_OS <- fit_OS[["Weibull"]]

# construct a partitioned survival model out of the fitted models
m_M_PSM <- partsurv(best_PFS, best_OS, time = times)$trace
matplot(m_M_PSM, type="l")
legend("right", v_n, col= 1:3, lty=1:3, bty="n")

```

Calculate total cost and QALYs per cycle.

```

v_c_t <- m_M_PSM %*% v_c
v_u_t <- m_M_PSM %*% v_u

tot_c <- t(v_c_t) %*% v_dw
tot_u <- t(v_u_t) %*% v_dw

# display results
results <- data.frame(Total_Cost = tot_c, Total_QALYs = tot_u)
results

```