

Group Project 1

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Proportional-Hazard Assumption

Under proportional-hazards assumption, the hazard function (Cox model) can be written as:

$$h(t|x) = h_0(t) \exp(\beta'x)$$

where t is the time, x the vector of covariates, β the vector of regression coefficients, $h_0(t)$ is the baseline hazard function. Then, the survival function is

$$S(t|x) = \exp[-H_0(t) \exp(\beta'x)]$$

where

$$H_0(t) = \int_0^t h_0(u) du$$

Thus, the distribution function is

$$F(t|x) = 1 - \exp[-H_0(t) \exp(\beta'x)]$$

Let Y be a random variable with distribution function F , then $U = F(Y) \sim U(0, 1)$, $(1 - U) \sim U(0, 1)$, i.e.

$$U = \exp[-H_0(t) \exp(\beta'x)] \sim U(0, 1)$$

if $h_0(t) > 0$ for all t , then H_0 can be inverted and the survival time T of the model can be written as

$$T = H_0^{-1}[-\log(U) \exp(-\beta'x)]$$

where $U \sim U(0, 1)$.

To simplify the problem, here we only consider one covariate x , which indicates whether the sample belongs to the control arm ($x = 0$) or the treatment arm ($x = 1$), and set a negative β under the assumption that the treatment has a consistent positive effect.

Now, we only need to know H_0^{-1} to simulate the survival time. To do so, we consider two commonly used survival time distributions: exponential and Weibull distribution.

For exponential distribution with scale parameter $\lambda > 0$, the probability density function is

$$f_0 = \lambda \exp(-\lambda t)$$

Then,

$$F_0(t) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda t)$$

$$S_0(t) = 1 - F_0(t) = \exp(-\lambda t)$$

$$H_0(t) = -\log(S_0(t)) = \lambda t$$

$$h(t) = H_0'(t) = \lambda > 0$$

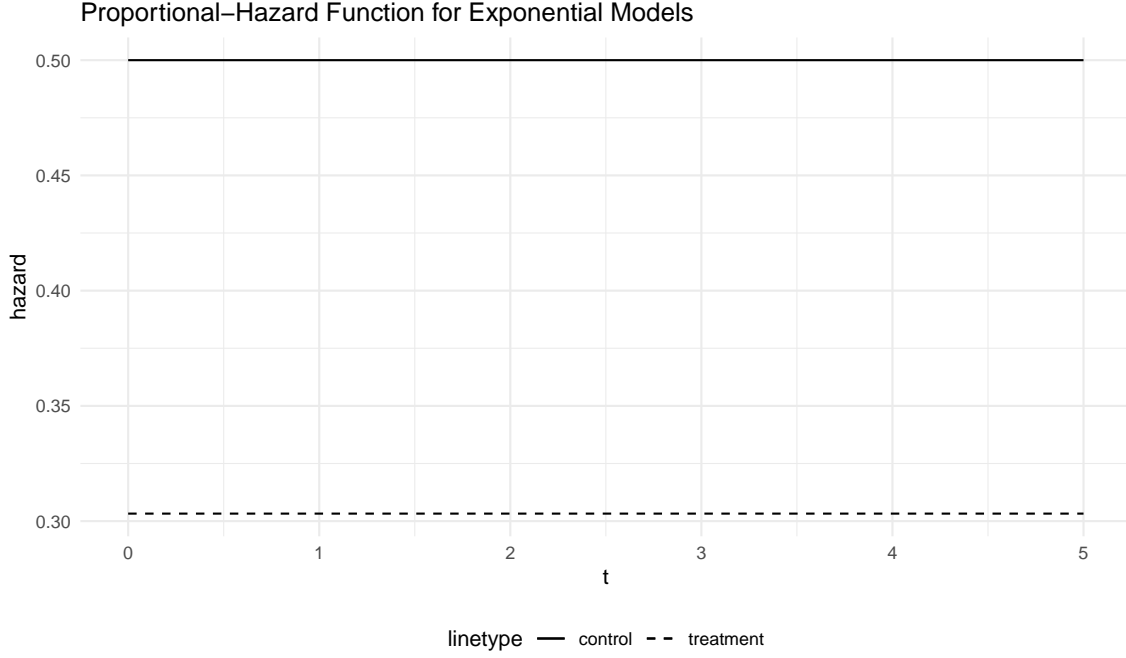
$$H_0^{-1}(t) = \lambda^{-1}t$$

Thus,

$$T = -\lambda^{-1} \log(U) \exp(-\beta'x)$$

where $U \sim U(0, 1)$.

The hazard function under $\lambda = 0.5$, $\beta = -0.5$ could be shown as follows:



For Weibull distribution with the scale parameter λ , and is the shape parameter γ , the possibility density function is

$$f_0 = \lambda \gamma t^{\gamma-1} \exp(-\lambda t^\gamma)$$

Then,

$$F_0(t) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda t^\gamma)$$

$$S_0(t) = 1 - F_0(t) = \exp(-\lambda t^\gamma)$$

$$H_0(t) = -\log(S_0(t)) = \lambda t^\gamma$$

$$h(t) = H'_0(t) = \lambda \gamma t^{(\gamma-1)} > 0$$

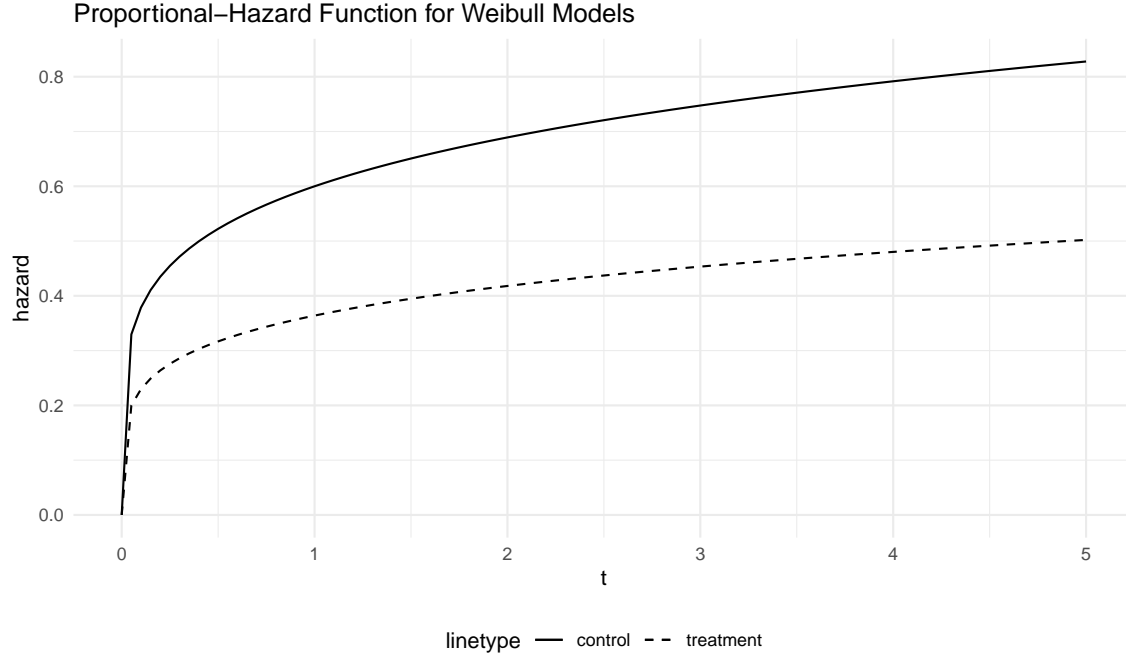
$$H_0^{-1}(t) = (\lambda^{-1}t)^{1/\gamma}$$

Thus,

$$T = (-\lambda^{-1} \log(U) \exp(-\beta'x))^{1/\gamma}$$

where $U \sim U(0, 1)$.

The hazard function under $\lambda = 0.5$, $\gamma = 1.2$, $\beta = -0.5$ could be shown as follows:



We can write the simulation process as follows:

```
ph_simulate_func = function(n, baseline, lambda, gamma = NULL, coveff)
{
  # Simulate treatment indicator variable
  x = rbinom(n = n, size = 1, prob = 0.5)
  # Draw from a U(0,1) random variable
  u = runif(n)
  # Simulate survival times depending on the baseline hazard
  if (baseline == "Exponential") {
    t = -log(u) / (lambda * exp(x * coveff))
    # Set the administrative censoring time to guarantee a censor rate of 0.2
    censor_time = qexp(0.8, rate = lambda)
  } else if (baseline == "Weibull") {
    t = (-log(u) / (lambda * exp(x * coveff)))^(1 / gamma)
    censor_time = qweibull(0.8, shape = gamma, scale = lambda)
  }
  # Make event indicator variable applying administrative censoring
  d = as.numeric(t < censor_time)
  t = pmin(t, censor_time)
  # Return a tibble object
  if (baseline == "Exponential") {
    return(tibble(x, t, d, n, baseline, lambda, coveff))
  } else if (baseline == "Weibull") {
    return(tibble(x, t, d, n, baseline, lambda, gamma, coveff))
  }
}
```

To observe the potential relevance between test performance and number of samples (n), parameter value (λ , γ), and coefficient β , we set $n = 50, 100, 200$, $\lambda = 0, 0.5, 1$, $\gamma = 1.2, 1.5$, and $\beta = 0, 1, 2$. We repeat 50 times for each value setting. The generation process is written as follows:

```

exp_param_df = expand.grid(iteration = c(1:50), n = c(50, 100, 200),
  lambda = c(0.5, 0.8, 1), beta = c(-0.5, -1, -5))
wei_param_df = expand.grid(iteration = c(1:50), n = c(50, 100, 200),
  lambda = c(0.5, 0.8, 1), gamma = c(1.2, 1.5),
  beta = c(-0.5, -1, -5))

exp_results =
  mapply(ph_simulate_func, n = exp_param_df$n, baseline = "Exponential",
    lambda = exp_param_df$lambda, coveff = exp_param_df$beta)
wei_results =
  mapply(ph_simulate_func, n = wei_param_df$n, baseline = "Weibull",
    lambda = wei_param_df$lambda, gamma = wei_param_df$gamma,
    coveff = wei_param_df$beta)

ph_exp_df = tibble()
ph_wei_df = tibble()

for(i in 1:ncol(exp_results))
{
  a = exp_results[, i]
  ph_exp_df = cbind.data.frame(x = a$x, t = a$t, d = a$d, n = a$n,
    baseline = "Exponential", lambda = a$lambda,
    beta = a$coveff) |> as_tibble() |>
    nest(data = c(x : d)) |> rbind(ph_exp_df)
}

for(i in 1:ncol(wei_results))
{
  a = wei_results[, i]
  ph_wei_df =
    cbind.data.frame(x = a$x, t = a$t, d = a$d, n = a$n, baseline = "Weibull",
      lambda = a$lambda, gamma = a$gamma, beta = a$coveff) |>
    as_tibble() |> nest(data = c(x : d)) |> rbind(ph_wei_df)
}

ph_exp_df = ph_exp_df |> nest(simulations = c(data))
ph_wei_df = ph_wei_df |> nest(simulations = c(data))

```

Under different settings, we want to test the H_0 : there is no difference in survival between the treatment and control arm. Therefore, we use three different log-rank tests and compare the test power at the 0.05 significance level.

```

pwr_func = function(list_df, n = 50)
{
  test1_reject = 0
  test2_reject = 0
  test3_reject = 0
  for(j in 1:nrow(list_df)) {
    dat = list_df |> slice(j) |> unnest(cols = c(data))
    test_results = logrank.maxtest(dat$t, dat$d, dat$x)
    test1_reject = test1_reject +
      ((test_results$tests |> filter(Test == 1) |> pull(p)) < 0.05)
    test2_reject = test2_reject +

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      ((test_results$tests |> filter(Test == 2) |> pull(p)) < 0.05)
    test3_reject = test3_reject +
      ((test_results$tests |> filter(Test == 3) |> pull(p)) < 0.05)
  }
  return(
    tibble(
      test1_power = test1_reject / n,
      test2_power = test2_reject / n,
      test3_power = test3_reject / n
    )
  )
}
(ph_exp_df =
  ph_exp_df |> mutate(power = map(simulations, pwr_func)) |> unnest(power))

```

```

## # A tibble: 27 x 8
##       n baseline   lambda beta simulations test1_power test2_power test3_power
##   <dbl> <chr>      <dbl> <dbl> <list>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1  200 Exponenti~    1     -5 <tibble>      1         1         1
## 2  100 Exponenti~    1     -5 <tibble>      1         1         1
## 3   50 Exponenti~    1     -5 <tibble>      1         1         1
## 4  200 Exponenti~  0.8    -5 <tibble>      1         1         1
## 5  100 Exponenti~  0.8    -5 <tibble>      1         1         1
## 6   50 Exponenti~  0.8    -5 <tibble>      1         1         1
## 7  200 Exponenti~  0.5    -5 <tibble>      1         1         1
## 8  100 Exponenti~  0.5    -5 <tibble>      1         1         1
## 9   50 Exponenti~  0.5    -5 <tibble>      1         1         1
## 10 200 Exponenti~    1     -1 <tibble>      1        0.98         1
## # i 17 more rows

```

```

(ph_wei_df =
  ph_wei_df |> mutate(power = map(simulations, pwr_func)) |> unnest(power))

```

```

## # A tibble: 54 x 9
##       n baseline lambda gamma beta simulations test1_power test2_power
##   <dbl> <chr>      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <list>      <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1  200 Weibull    1     1.5   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>      1         1
## 2  100 Weibull    1     1.5   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>      1         1
## 3   50 Weibull    1     1.5   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>      1         1
## 4  200 Weibull  0.8     1.5   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>      1         1
## 5  100 Weibull  0.8     1.5   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>      1         1
## 6   50 Weibull  0.8     1.5   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>      1         1
## 7  200 Weibull  0.5     1.5   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>      1         1
## 8  100 Weibull  0.5     1.5   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>      1         1
## 9   50 Weibull  0.5     1.5   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>    0.82        0.6
## 10 200 Weibull    1     1.2   -5 <tibble [50 x 1]>      1         1
## # i 44 more rows
## # i 1 more variable: test3_power <dbl>

```

Non-Proportional-Hazard Assumption

Under Non-Proportional-Hazard Assumption, we still consider the exponential model and Weibull model.

Piecewise Exponential Model

To simplify the problem, we set the baseline hazard function to be a constant $\lambda_0 = 0.5$, which indicates that the survival time for the control arm follows exponential distribution.

Late Effect

For the treatment arm, we suppose the hazard function for the treatment arm is:

$$h(t|x=1) = \begin{cases} \lambda_0 & t < 1 \\ \lambda_1 & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$H(t|x=1) = \begin{cases} \lambda_0 t & t < 1 \\ (\lambda_0 + \lambda_1)t - \lambda_1 & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

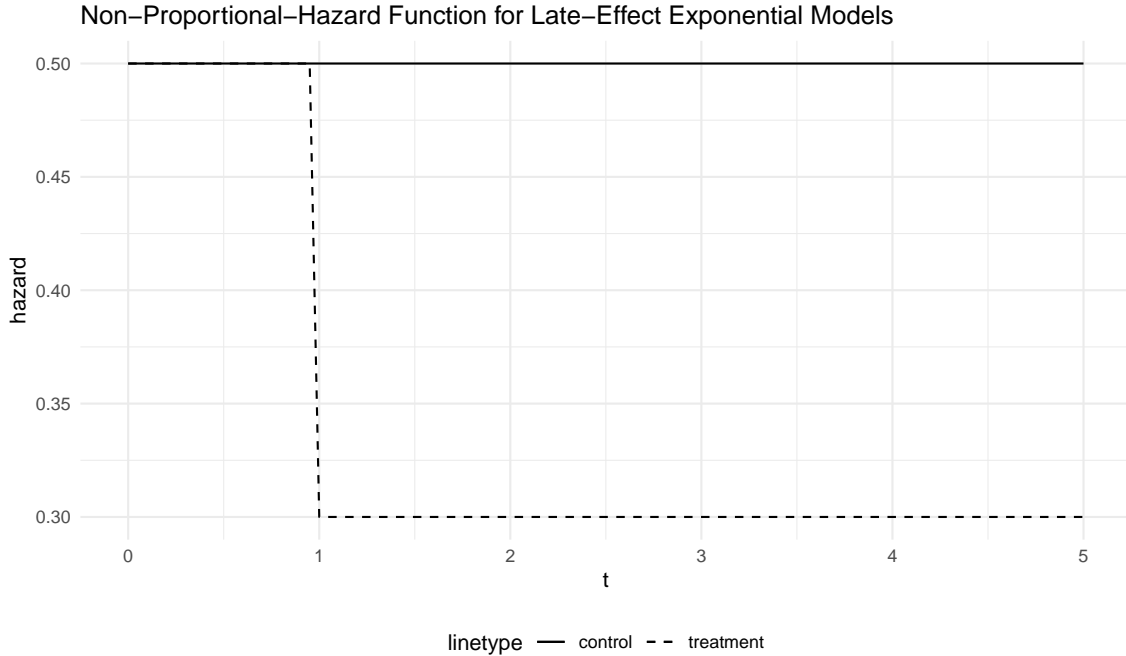
$$S(t|x=1) = \exp(-H(t|x=1)) = \begin{cases} \exp(-\lambda_0 t) & t < 1 \\ \exp(-(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1)t + \lambda_1) & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$F(t|x=1) = 1 - S(t|x=1) = \begin{cases} 1 - \exp(-\lambda_0 t) & t < 1 \\ 1 - \exp(-(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1)t + \lambda_1) & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Let $1 - U = F(t|x=1)$, then $(1 - U) \sim U(0, 1)$, $U = S(t|x=1) \sim U(0, 1)$. Thus,

$$T = \begin{cases} -\lambda_0^{-1} \log(U) & U > \exp(-\lambda_0) \\ \frac{\lambda_1 - \log(U)}{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1} & U \leq \exp(-\lambda_0) \end{cases}$$

The hazard function under $\lambda_0 = 0.5$, $\lambda_1 = 0.3$ could be shown as follows:



With the distribution function of survival times, we can write the simulation process as follows (note: for early effect piecewise models, the expression for all functions are similar except for the definition domains, so the simulation process is similar and we write it down as well.)

```

piecewise_sim_func = function(n, lambda0 = 0.5, lambda1, type)
{
  # Set the administrative censoring time to guarantee a censor rate of 0.2 for control arm
  censor_time = qexp(0.8, rate = lambda0)

  u0 = runif(n)
  t0 = - log(u0) / lambda0
  u1 = runif(n)
  if(type == "late")
    t1 = (u1 > exp(-lambda0)) * (-log(u1) / lambda0) +
      (u1 <= exp(-lambda0)) * ((lambda1 - log(u1)) / (lambda0 + lambda1))
  else if(type == "early")
    t1 = (u1 <= exp(-lambda0)) * (-log(u1) / lambda0) +
      (u1 > exp(-lambda0)) * ((lambda1 - log(u1)) / (lambda0 + lambda1))

  # Make event indicator variable applying administrative censoring
  d0 = as.numeric(t0 < censor_time)
  d1 = as.numeric(t1 < censor_time)
  t0 = pmin(t0, censor_time)
  t1 = pmin(t1, censor_time)

  control_df = tibble(x = rep(0, n), t = t0, d = d0, n, lambda0, lambda1)
  treat_df = tibble(x = rep(1, n), t = t1, d = d1, n, lambda0, lambda1)
  return(rbind(control_df, treat_df))
}

```

```

late_pw_param_df = expand.grid(iteration = c(1:50), n = c(50, 100, 200),
  lambda0 = c(0.5, 0.8), lambda1 = c(0.3, 0.4))

late_pw_results =
  mapply(piecewise_sim_func, n = late_pw_param_df$n,
    lambda0 = late_pw_param_df$lambda0, lambda1 = late_pw_param_df$lambda1,
    type = "late")

late_pw_df = tibble()

for(i in 1:ncol(late_pw_results))
{
  a = late_pw_results[, i]
  late_pw_df = cbind.data.frame(x = a$x, t = a$t, d = a$d, n = a$n,
    lambda0 = a$lambda0, lambda1 = a$lambda1) |>
    as_tibble() |> nest(data = c(x : d)) |> rbind(late_pw_df)
}

late_pw_df = late_pw_df |> nest(simulations = c(data))

```

Under different settings, we want to test the H_0 : there is no difference in survival between the treatment and control arm. Therefore, we use three different log-rank tests and compare the test power at the 0.05 significance level.

```

(late_pw_df =
  late_pw_df |> mutate(power = map(simulations, pwr_func)) |> unnest(power))

```

```
## # A tibble: 12 x 7
##       n lambda0 lambda1 simulations test1_power test2_power test3_power
##   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl> <list>         <dbl>       <dbl>       <dbl>
## 1  200     0.8     0.4 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.34        0.62        0.1
## 2  100     0.8     0.4 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.16        0.36       0.08
## 3   50     0.8     0.4 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.02         0.1       0.02
## 4  200     0.5     0.4 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.82        0.96       0.34
## 5  100     0.5     0.4 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.44        0.72       0.14
## 6   50     0.5     0.4 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.3         0.48       0.14
## 7  200     0.8     0.3 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.14        0.32       0.02
## 8  100     0.8     0.3 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.12        0.14        0
## 9   50     0.8     0.3 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.12         0.1       0.1
##10  200     0.5     0.3 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.68        0.88       0.3
##11  100     0.5     0.3 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.32        0.46       0.2
##12   50     0.5     0.3 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.28        0.28       0.2
```

Early Effect

We can use the similar simulation method to generate piecewise exponential models in which the treatment arm shows early effect. The hazard function becomes:

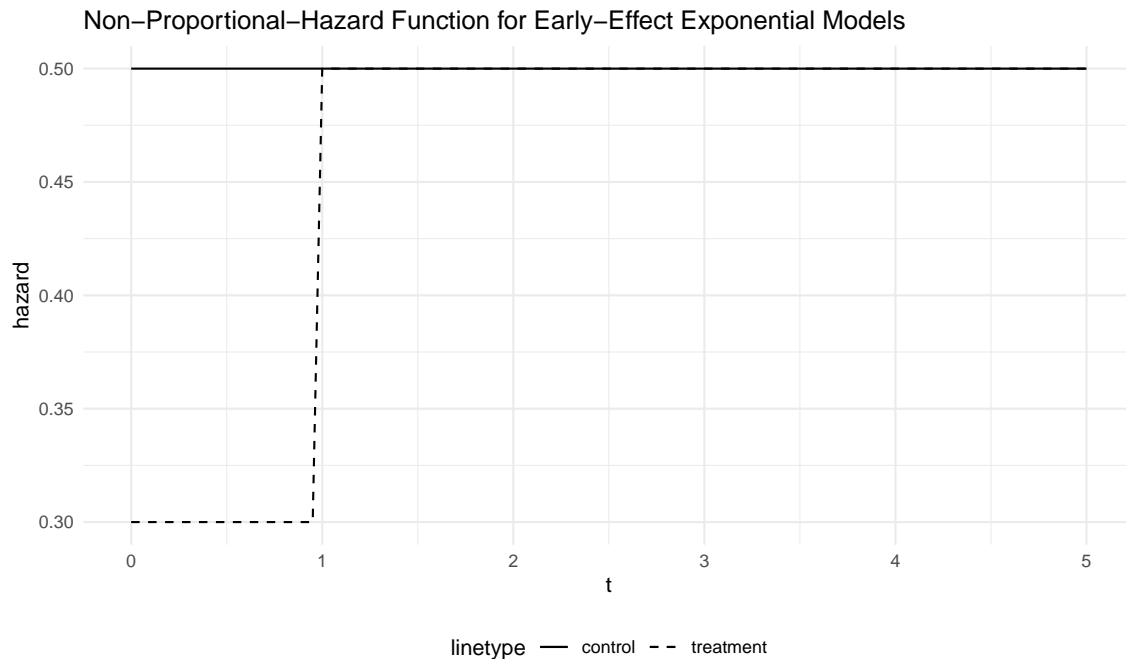
$$h(t|x=1) = \begin{cases} \lambda_0 & t \geq 1 \\ \lambda_1 & t < 1 \end{cases}$$

Similarly, it can be derived that

$$T = \begin{cases} -\lambda_0^{-1} \log(U) & U \leq \exp(-\lambda_0) \\ \frac{\lambda_1 - \log(U)}{\lambda_0 + \lambda_1} & U > \exp(-\lambda_0) \end{cases}$$

where $U \sim U(0, 1)$.

The hazard function under $\lambda_0 = 0.5$, $\lambda_1 = 0.3$ could be shown as follows:




```

early_pw_param_df = expand.grid(iteration = c(1:50), n = c(50, 100, 200),
                                lambda0 = c(0.8, 0.9), lambda1 = c(0.6, 0.7))

early_pw_results =
  mapapply(piecewise_sim_func, n = early_pw_param_df$n,
           lambda0 = early_pw_param_df$lambda0, lambda1 = early_pw_param_df$lambda1,
           type = "early")

early_pw_df = tibble()

for(i in 1:ncol(early_pw_results))
{
  a = early_pw_results[, i]
  early_pw_df = cbind.data.frame(x = a$x, t = a$t, d = a$d, n = a$n,
                                lambda0 = a$lambda0, lambda1 = a$lambda1) |>
    as_tibble() |> nest(data = c(x : d)) |> rbind(early_pw_df)
}

early_pw_df = early_pw_df |> nest(simulations = c(data))

```

Under different settings, we want to test the H_0 : there is no difference in survival between the treatment and control arm. Therefore, we use three different log-rank tests and compare the test power at the 0.05 significance level.

```

(early_pw_df =
  early_pw_df |> mutate(power = map(simulations, pwr_func)) |> unnest(power))

```

```

## # A tibble: 12 x 7
##       n lambda0 lambda1 simulations test1_power test2_power test3_power
##   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl> <list>         <dbl>       <dbl>       <dbl>
## 1  200     0.9     0.7 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.34        0.26        0.96
## 2  100     0.9     0.7 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.1         0.16        0.6
## 3   50     0.9     0.7 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.12        0.12        0.44
## 4  200     0.8     0.7 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.26        0.16        0.86
## 5  100     0.8     0.7 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.2         0.18        0.56
## 6   50     0.8     0.7 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.08        0.06        0.28
## 7  200     0.9     0.6 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.18        0.24        0.86
## 8  100     0.9     0.6 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.16        0.16        0.6
## 9   50     0.9     0.6 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.18        0.16        0.38
## 10 200     0.8     0.6 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.16        0.32        0.64
## 11 100     0.8     0.6 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.12        0.1         0.4
## 12  50     0.8     0.6 <tibble [50 x 1]>  0.04        0.08        0.22

```

Weibull Model

To simplify the problem, we assume the control and treatment arm share the same scale parameter λ . For the control arm, suppose the hazard function is:

$$h(t|x=0) = \lambda\gamma_0 t^{(\gamma_0-1)}.$$

Then,

$$H(t|x=0) = \lambda t_0^\gamma$$

$$S(t|x=0) = \exp(-H(t|x=0)) = \exp(-\lambda t_0^\gamma)$$

$$F(t|x=0) = 1 - S(t|x=0) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda t_0^\gamma)$$

Let $1 - U = F(t|x=0)$, then $(1 - U) \sim U(0, 1)$, $U = S(t|x=0) \sim U(0, 1)$. Thus,

$$T = (-\lambda^{-1} \log(U))^{1/\gamma_0}$$

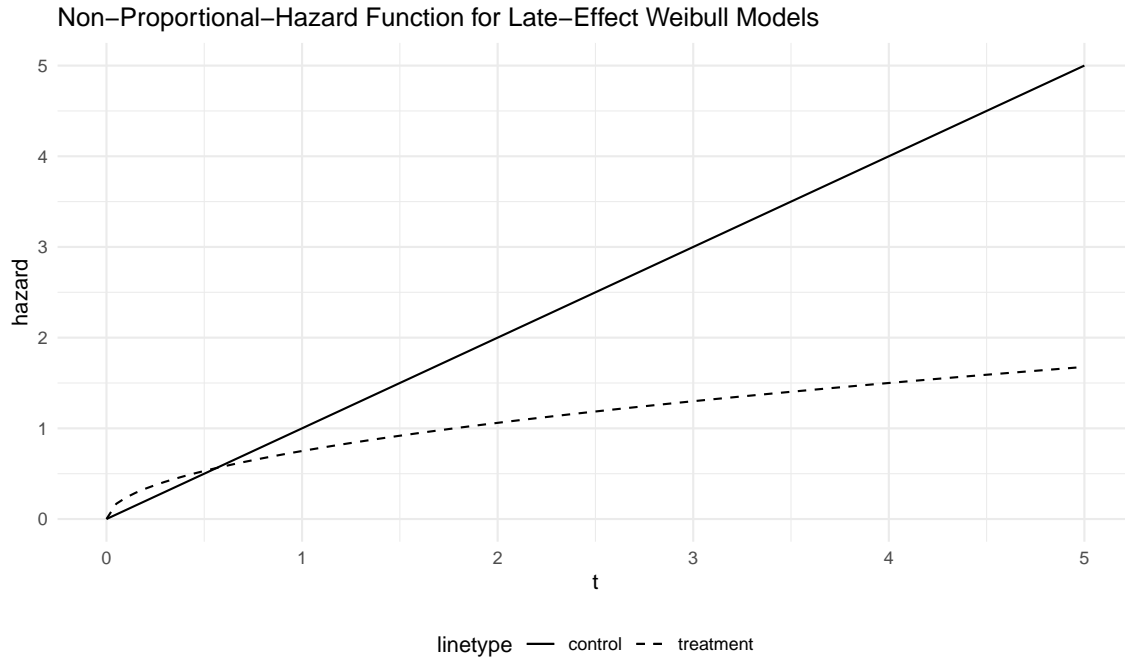
Similarly, we can write the hazard function for the treatment arm as:

$$h(t|x=1) = \lambda \gamma_1 t^{(\gamma_1-1)}.$$

We can derive that

$$T = (-\lambda^{-1} \log(U))^{1/\gamma_1}$$

The hazard function under $\lambda = 0.5$, $\gamma_0 = 2$, $\gamma_1 = 1.5$ could be shown as follows:



With the distribution function of survival times, we can write the simulation process as follows.

```
weibull_sim_func = function(n, lambda = 0.5, gamma0, gamma1)
{
  # Set the administrative censoring time to guarantee a censor rate of 0.2 for control arm
  censor_time = qweibull(0.8, shape = gamma0, scale = lambda)

  u0 = runif(n)
  t0 = (- log(u0) / lambda) ^ (1 / gamma0)
  u1 = runif(n)
  t1 = (- log(u1) / lambda) ^ (1 / gamma1)

  # Make event indicator variable applying administrative censoring
  d0 = as.numeric(t0 < censor_time)
  d1 = as.numeric(t1 < censor_time)
  t0 = pmin(t0, censor_time)
  t1 = pmin(t1, censor_time)
}
```

```

control_df = tibble(x = rep(0, n), t = t0, d = d0,
                    n, lambda, gamma0, gamma1)
treat_df = tibble(x = rep(1, n), t = t1, d = d1,
                  n, lambda, gamma0, gamma1)
return(rbind(control_df, treat_df))
}

late_wei_param_df =
  expand.grid(iteration = c(1:50), n = c(50, 100, 200),
             lambda = c(0.5, 0.8), gamma0 = c(3, 5),
             gamma1 = c(1.2, 1.5))

late_wei_results =
  mapply(weibull_sim_func, n = late_wei_param_df$n,
         lambda = late_wei_param_df$lambda,
         gamma0 = late_wei_param_df$gamma0, gamma1 = late_wei_param_df$gamma1)

late_wei_df = tibble()

for(i in 1:ncol(late_wei_results))
{
  a = late_wei_results[, i]
  late_wei_df = cbind.data.frame(x = a$x, t = a$t, d = a$d, n = a$n,
                                lambda = a$lambda, gamma0 = a$gamma0,
                                gamma1 = a$gamma1) |>
    as_tibble() |> nest(data = c(x : d)) |> rbind(late_wei_df)
}

late_wei_df = late_wei_df |> nest(simulations = c(data))

```

Under different settings, we want to test the H_0 : there is no difference in survival between the treatment and control arm. Therefore, we use three different log-rank tests and compare the test power at the 0.05 significance level.

```

(late_wei_df =
  late_wei_df |> mutate(power = map(simulations, pwr_func)) |> unnest(power))

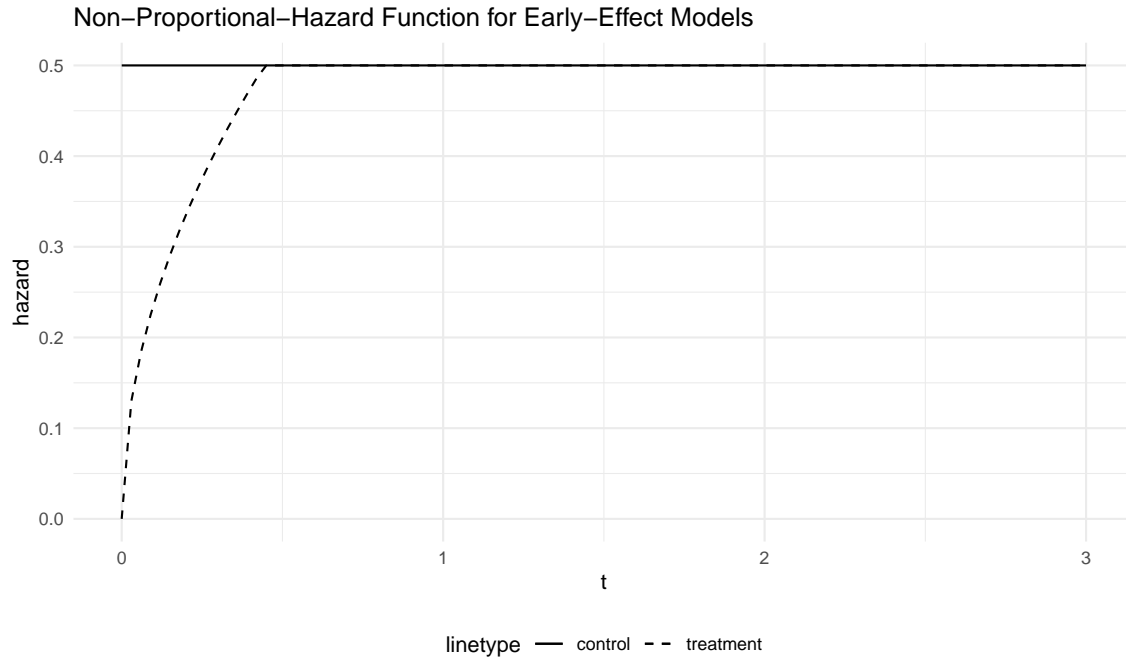
```

```

## # A tibble: 24 x 8
##       n lambda gamma0 gamma1 simulations test1_power test2_power test3_power
##   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <list>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1  200    0.8     5    1.5 <tibble>      1         0.04        1
## 2  100    0.8     5    1.5 <tibble>    0.76        0.1         0.9
## 3   50    0.8     5    1.5 <tibble>    0.46        0.14        0.64
## 4  200    0.5     5    1.5 <tibble>      1         1           1
## 5  100    0.5     5    1.5 <tibble>      1        0.88         1
## 6   50    0.5     5    1.5 <tibble>    0.74        0.48        0.74
## 7  200    0.8     3    1.5 <tibble>    0.28        0.14        0.68
## 8  100    0.8     3    1.5 <tibble>    0.22        0.02        0.32
## 9   50    0.8     3    1.5 <tibble>    0.16        0.06        0.24
## 10 200    0.5     3    1.5 <tibble>    0.84        0.42        0.9
## # i 14 more rows

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If set the survival time for the control arm to follow exponential distribution, and set the hazard function for the treatment arm to be λ after reaching λ , then the hazard function under $\lambda = 0.5$, $\gamma = 1.5$ could be shown as follows:



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