Syllabus

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Topics

- Checking proportionality of hazard ratios
- Methods for corrections of non-proportional hazard ratio

Checking Proportionality of Hazard Ratios

- Graphical methods
 - Plot $\log\{-\log S(t,Z)\}$ against time
 - Plot observed vs. fitted survival functions
- Testing for proportionality
 - Interaction test
- Residuals
 - Schoenfeld residuals PH

Graphical Approaches – Plot $\log \{-\log S(t,Z)\}$

Recall the PH models

$$\lambda(t, Z) = \lambda_0(t)e^{\beta Z}$$

$$S(t, Z) = e^{-\int \lambda_0(t)e^{\beta Z}dt}$$

$$= S_0(t)^{e^{\beta Z}}$$

Therefore

$$\log S(t,Z) = e^{\beta Z} \log S_0(t) \le 0 \text{ since } S \le 1.$$

$$\log \{-\log S(t,Z)\} = \beta Z + \log \{-\log S_0(t)\}$$

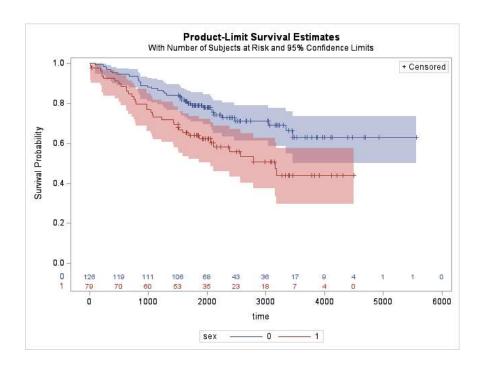
Graphical Approaches – Plot $\log \{-\log S(t,Z)\}$

ullet When Z is an indicator variable, takes values 0 or 1

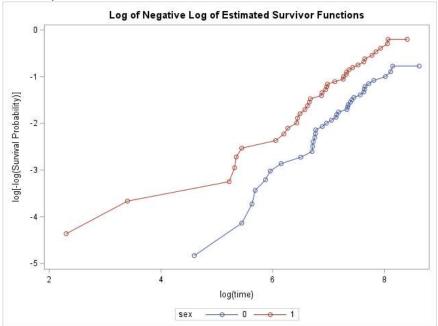
$$\log\{-\log \hat{S}(t, Z = 1)\} - \log\{-\log \hat{S}_0(t)\} = \beta$$

- If hazard ratio is proportional
 - Expecting two parallel lines
 - Plotted against time or log time
- Survival functions are estimated by the K-M estimator

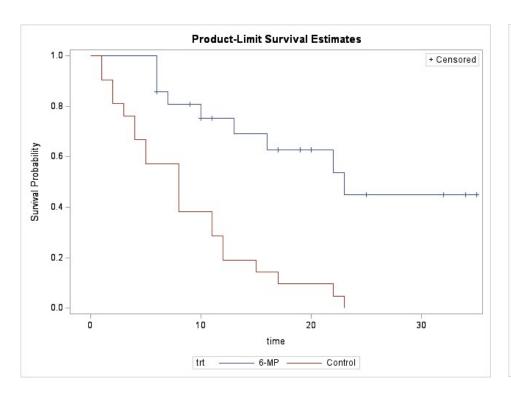
SAS Code for Plotting $\log \{-\log S(t,Z)\}$

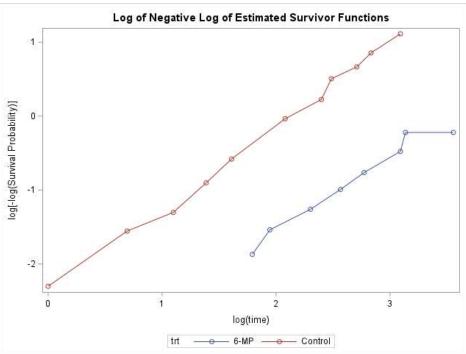






Example – Leukemia





Graphical Approaches – Observed vs. Fitted

- Obtain
 - Observed from K-M estimate
 - Fitted from PH model
- Visually inspect
 - Differences between the observed and fitted survival functions

Graphical Approaches – Observed vs. Fitted

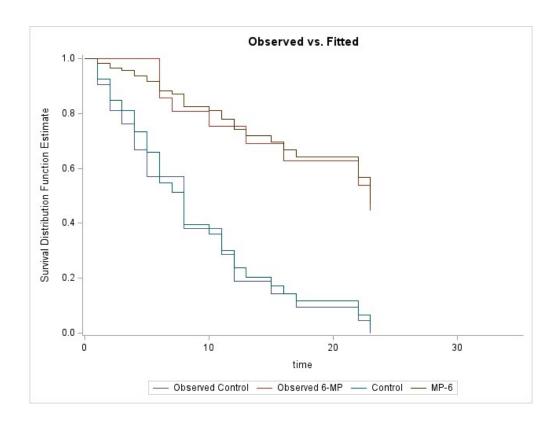
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data cov;
  length ID $20;
  input trtn id $3-23;
  datalines;
0 Control
1 MP-6
run;
***Predicted;
proc phreq data = example1 plots(overlay) = survival;
  model time*event(0) = trtn/ rl ties = efron;
  baseline covariate=cov out = pred1 survival = all ;
*** Observed;
proc lifetest data=example1 outsurv=km1 plots=s;
  time time*event(0);
  strata trtn;
  run;
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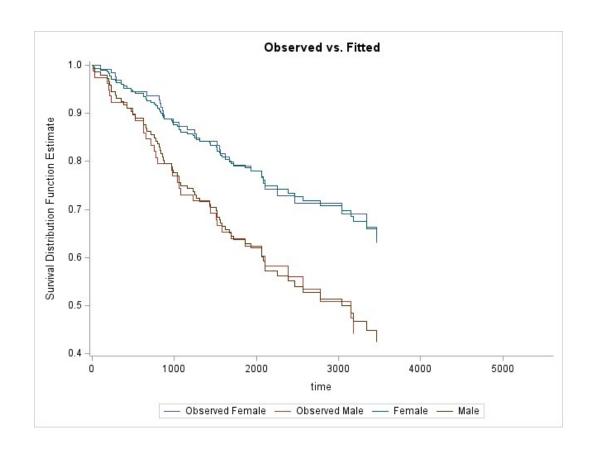
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data all;
  set km1 (in=a) pred1;
  if a and trtn=0 then ID="Observed Control";
  if a and trtn=1 then id="Observed 6-MP";
  run;

ods graphics on;
title 'Observed vs. Fitted';
proc sgplot data=all noborder;
  step x=time y=survival / group=ID name='s';
keylegend 's' / linelength=20;
run;

ods graphics off;
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Example - Leukemia





Residuals

- Many residual methods are available
 - Cox-Snell residuals
 - Martingale residuals
 - Deviance residuals
 - Schoenfeld residuals
 - Score residuals
- Most of them are not very useful

Schoenfeld Residuals

- Survival data $(T_i, \Delta_i, Z_i), i = 1, ..., n$
- Covariate Z_i is vector of p components

$$Z_i' = (Z_{1i}, Z_{2i}, ..., Z_{pi}), j = 1, 2, ..., p$$

- The Cox model $h(t|Z=z) = h_0(t)e^{\beta'z}$ $\beta' = (\beta_1, \beta_2, ..., \beta_p), j = 1, 2, ..., p$
- Let $ar{Z}_{ji} = rac{\sum_{l \in R(t_i)} z_{jl} e^{\widehat{eta}' z_l}}{\sum_{l \in R(t_i)} e^{\widehat{eta}' z_l}}$ be weighted average of ... Averaged compares ...

 - For all subjects in the risk set at t_i , $R(t_i)$
- Schoenfeld residuals are defined as

$$r_{Sji} = \Delta_i \{ z_{ji} - \bar{z}_{ji} \}$$

Schoenfeld Residuals

- Note, Schoenfeld residuals
 - Are calculated for the uncensored observations
 - Set to be missing for the censored observations
 - If the largest observation is censored, the residual is 0
- Recall, the score function

$$U(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} l_P(\hat{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i \{ z_i - \bar{z}_i \} = 0$$

The sum of Schoenfeld residuals is 0.

Schoenfeld Residuals

Weighted Schoenfeld residuals are defined as

$$\vec{r}_i = dI(\hat{\beta})^{-1} \vec{r}_{Si}$$

Where

$$r_i' = (r_{1i}, r_{2i}, \dots, r_{pi})$$

$$r_{Si}' = \left(r_{S1i}, r_{S2i}, \dots, r_{Spi}\right)$$

d – the total number of events

 $I(\hat{eta})$ - information matrix

- Plot $\hat{\beta}_j + r_{ji}$ versus T_i , zero slop indicates PH model is valid

 - No time-varying β_i

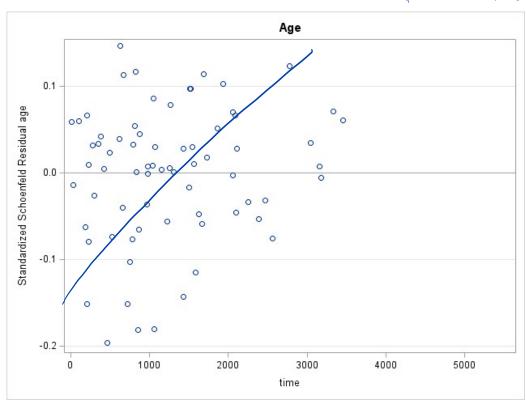
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***Schoenfeld residual;
proc phreg data=example;
  model time*status(2)=age sex thickness;
  output out=resid wtressch=wschoebfeld1
wschoebfeld2 wschoebfeld3;
  run;
proc print data=resid; run;

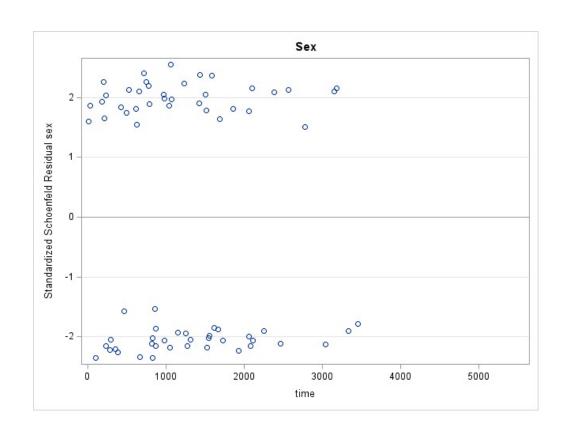
title "Age";
proc sgplot data=resid;
  yaxis grid;
  refline 0 / axis=y;
  scatter y=wschoebfeld1 x=time;

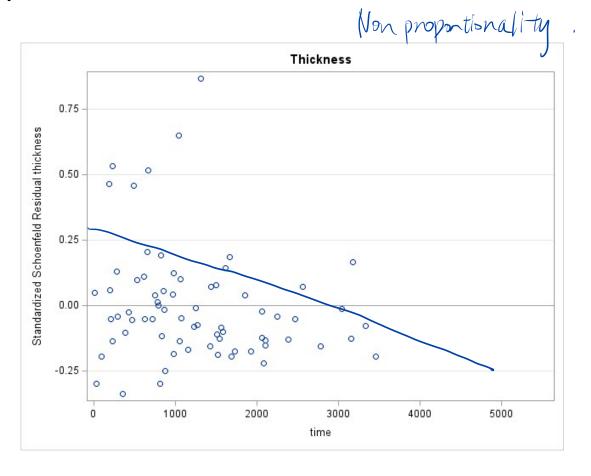
run;
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title "Sex";
proc sgplot data=resid;
  yaxis grid;
  refline 0 / axis=y;
  scatter y=wschoebfeld2 x=time;
run;
title "Thickness";
proc sgplot data=resid;
  yaxis grid;
  refline 0 / axis=y;
  scatter y=wschoebfeld3 x=time;
run;
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proportional hazurd assumption over age not the



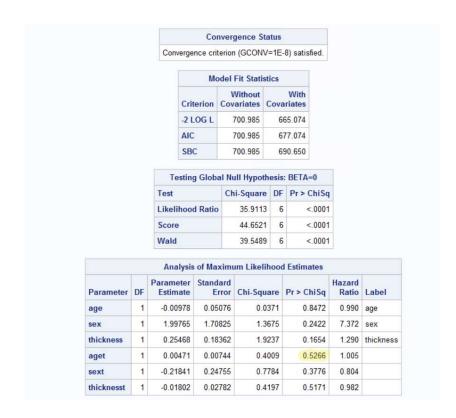




Testing Interaction for Proportionality

• Specify interaction of covariates with survival time in Cox model $h(t,Z) = h_0(t)e^{\beta_1 Z + \beta_2 Z * t}$

- The hazard ratio for unit Z increase is $_{\rho}^{}\beta_{1}+\beta_{2}*t$
 - Varying over time
- Test the coefficient of the interaction term
 - Test H_0 : $\beta_2 = 0$
 - If reject the null, the hazard ratio for Z is not proportional



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***test interaction;
proc phreg data=example;
  model time*status(2) = age sex
thickness aget sext thicknesst;
  aget=age*log(time);
  sext=sex*log(time);
  thicknesst=thickness*log(time);
run;
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$$R_1 \text{ age} + \beta_2 \text{ sex} + \beta_3 \text{ thickness} + \beta_4 \text{ age} \cdot \text{time} + \beta_5 \cdot \text{ sex} \cdot \text{time} + \beta_6 \text{ thickness} \cdot \text{time}$$

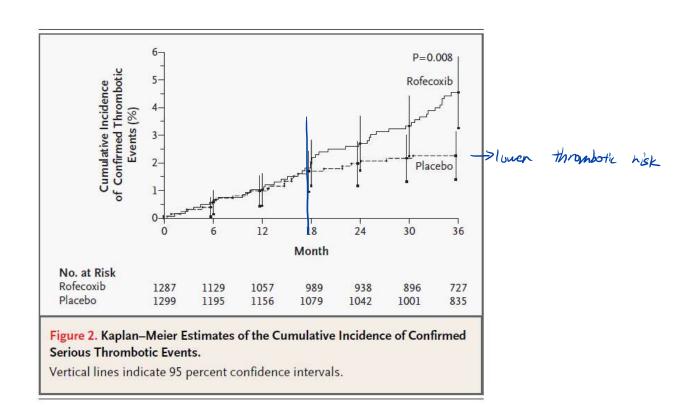
$$age_1 = 3_1$$

$$age_2 = 3_0 \qquad \text{s. } \beta_1 + \beta_4 \cdot \text{time}$$

A Case Study: Cardiovascular Risk in the APPROVe Study

- Results of the APPROVe study for vioxx were reported in NEJM
 - 45 patients in the treatment group had adjudicated thrombotic events during 3000 patientyears
 - 26 patients in the placebo group had such events during 3307 patient-years
 - Statistically significantly higher risk of the thrombotic events in vioxx (p-value=0.008)
 - Nonproportionality of hazard ratio was confirmed (p-value=0.01) interaction of linear time.
- Hazard ratio over time
 - The difference between the two groups in the incidence of thrombotic events was evident after 18 months of the study
 - The event rates were similar for the first 18 months

Cardiovascular Risk in the APPROVe Study



Cardiovascular Risk in the APPROVe Study

- The sponsor discovered an error in the report
 - The logarithm of time in the description of the methods published in the NEJM was in error
 - Logarithm of time, was pre-specified as the primary method
 - Using logarithm of time yield a p-value = 0.07
 - The reported p-value = 0.01 came from a test using a linear time, not the logarithm of time
- The sponsor argued
 - The linear time model is more representative of the data than the logarithm of time
 - Therefore vioxx has no harm before 18 months
- NEJM argued
 - The logarithm is the pre-specified method,
 - · Need to stick to the pre-specified method
 - Using the pre-specified method,
 - A p-value of 0.07 does not reject the proportional hazard assumption
 - Therefore, the hazard ratio is proportional
 - The risk started right from the beginning

Cardiovascular Risk in the APPROVe Study

- NEJM believes
 - P-value cut point of 0.05 divides black and white
 - P-value of 0.07 (not significant at the level of 0.05) means the null is true wrong statistical concept
 - The pre-specified test is the only valid test
- Sponsor's argument
 - Smaller p-value (0.01) in the linear-time model means a better model
- A different view in interpreting the results
 - Both models are valid tests under null
 - Perhaps one fits better under the alternative than the other
 - The collective evidence of both tests shows that the hazard ratio is likely significantly different between the first 18 months and later
 - p-value for the logarithm-time model 0.07
 - P-value for the linear-time model 0.01
 - The significant difference between the two periods does not mean that there is no risk in the first 18 months

Corrections for Violation of the PH Assumption

- Stratification
- Time-varying covariates
 - Create time-varying covariates
 - Add covariate × (log) time interaction to the model

- Let Z_s be a categorical variable, Ex.
 - $Z_s = 0.1$, represents female and male
 - $Z_s = 1,2,3$, represents different levels of disease severity
- To understand the treatment effect
 - Z = 0.1 between groups 0 and 1
 - Controlling the confounder factor Z_s
 - Take sex as an example $Z_s = 0, 1$
- Using Cox model

$$h(t|Z,Z_s) = h_0(t)e^{\beta_1 Z + \beta_2 Z_s}$$

The model can be re-written as

$$h(t|Z, Z_s = 0) = h_0(t)e^{\beta_1 Z}$$

$$h(t|Z, Z_s = 1) = h_1(t)e^{\beta_1 Z}$$

where $h_1(t) = h_0(t)e^{\beta_2 Z_S}$

- What do we see?
 - Male and female have different baseline hazard function
 - The baseline hazard functions between male and female follow the relationship

$$h_1(t) = h_0(t)e^{\beta_2 Z_S}$$

- However, the baseline hazard functions may not follow the relationship shown above
- Assume that the PH assumption holds within each $Z_{\mathcal{S}}$ value, a more $\frac{\text{flexible mode}}{\text{flexible mode}}$ can be written as

$$h(t|Z, Z_s = 0) = h_0(t)e^{\beta Z}$$

$$h(t|Z, Z_s = 1) = h_1(t)e^{\beta Z}$$

• Z_s is a stratification factor

• The stratified Cox proportional hazard model can be written as

$$h(t|Z,Z_s) = h_{Z_s}(t)e^{\beta Z}$$

and let
$$Z_s = 1, ..., S$$

• Partial likelihood can be written for each stratum, for $Z_{s}=\mathrm{s}$

$$L_p^{(s)}(\beta) = \prod_{j=1}^{J_s} \frac{e^{\beta' z_{(j)}}}{\sum_{l \in R(t_{(j)})} e^{\beta' z_l}}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \left\{ \frac{e^{\beta' z_i}}{\sum_{l \in R(t_i)} e^{\beta' z_l}} \right\}^{\Delta_i}$$

• The partial likelihood across all levels of strata

$$\underline{L_p(\beta)} = \prod_{s=1}^{S} L_p^{(s)}(\beta)$$

• The stratified model is more general or flexible than

$$h(t|Z,Z_s) = h_0(t)e^{\beta_1 Z + \beta_2 Z_s}$$

- It can be shown that stratified model is more efficient
- ullet When Z is a binary treatment indicator, stratified Cox model is the same as the stratified log-rank test

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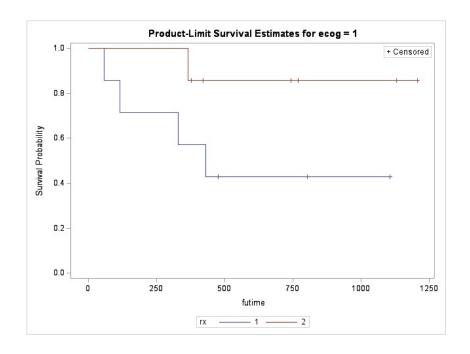
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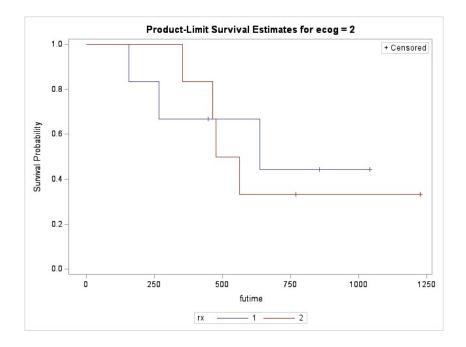
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		2	115	1 74.4932	2	1	1
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	5011551 118 Status (5011561 - 5)	/	464	1 56.9370	2	2	2
age: in years		8	475	1 59.8548	2	2	2
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resiu.us.	residual disease present (1=no,2=yes)	11	638	1 56.7562	1	1	2
rx: treatme	nt group	12	744	0 50.1096	1	2	1
	•	13	769	0 59.6301	2	2	2
ecog.ps:	ECOG performance status (1 is better, see	14	770	0 57.0521	2	2	1
reference)		15	803	0 39.2712	1	1	1
reference		16	855	0 43.1233	1	1	2
		17	1040	0 38.8932	2	1	2
		18	1106	0 44.6000	1	1	1
		19	1129	0 53.9068	1	2	1
		20	1206	0 44.2055	2	2	1
		21	1227	0 59.5890	1	2	2
		22	268	1 74.5041	2	1	2
		23	329	1 43.1370	2	1	1
		24	353	1 63.2192	1	2	2
		25 26	365	1 64.4247	2	2	1
		20	377	0 58.3096	Τ.	4	1

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age resid.ds rx ecog.ps

Example- Ovarian Data





Example – Ovarian (Stratified)

Rank Statistics

rx Log-Rank Wilcoxon

1 1.5000 22.000 2 -1.5000 -22.000

Stratified Comparison of Survival Curves for futime over Group

	Stratified	over Group		
	Test	Chi-Square	DF	Pr > Chi-Square
<	Log-Rank	0.7679	1	0.3809
	Wilcoxon	1.6026	1	0.2055

Summary of the Number of Event and Censored Values								
Stratum	m ecog To		Event	Censored	Percent Censored			
1	1	14	5	9	64.29			
2	2	12	7	5	41.67			
Total		26	12	14	53.85			

Convergence Status Convergence criterion (GCONV=1E-8) satisfied.

Model Fit Statistics						
Criterion	Without Covariates	With Covariates				
-2 LOG L	53.556	52.791				
AIC	53.556	54.791				
SBC	53.556	55.276				

Testing Globa	I Null Hypoth	esis:	BETA=0
Test	Chi-Square	DF	Pr > ChiSq
Likelihood Ratio	0.7652	1	0.3817
Score	0.7679	1	0.3809
Wald	0.7524	1	0.3857

Analysis of Maximum Likelihood Estimates								
Parameter	DF	Parameter Estimate		Chi-Square	Pr > ChiSq	Hazard Ratio	Label	
гх	1	-0.51193	0.59019	0.7524	0.3857	0.599	rx	

Time-Varying Covariates

- So far, the regression models include only variables that are constant over time, such as
 - Treatment assignments, baseline characteristics
- It is possible that the independent variables in regression models
 - May change over time
 - Time-varying covariates
 - Time-dependent variables
- Examples
 - External change
 - Treatment status may cross in oncology trials
 - Receiving transplant
 - Events may occur on or off treatments
 - Concomitant medication
 - Internal changes
 - The size of tumors
 - The biomarker values

Why Using Time-Varying Covariates

- As the status of covariate changes
 - Subjects' risk to event changes
 - Subjects' contribution to the risk set changes
 - All should be reflected in $e^{\beta z(t)}$
- The survival data with time-varying covariates $(T, \Delta, Z(t))$

$$h(t|Z = z(t)) = h_0(t)e^{\beta'z(t)}$$

where $h_0(t)$ is a baseline hazard function,

- Note,
 - β still is the log-hazard ratio for unit increase in Z
 - However, the hazard ratios at t_i and t_k can be different due to the change in Z

The Partial Likelihood

The partial likelihood can be written as

$$L_{P}(\beta) = \prod_{j=1}^{J} \frac{e^{\beta' z_{(j)}(t_{(j)})}}{\sum_{l \in R(t_{(j)})} e^{\beta' z_{l}(t_{(j)})}}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left\{ \frac{e^{\beta' z_i(t_i)}}{\sum_{l \in R(t_i)} e^{\beta' z_l(t_i)}} \right\}^{\Delta_i}$$

Time-Varying Coefficients

- Time-varying coefficients / non-constant hazard ratio / non-proportional hazard ratio.
 - Non-constant hazard ratio
 - Non-proportional hazard ratio
- Note, different from non-constant hazard functions

constant hazard only when we have exponential distr.

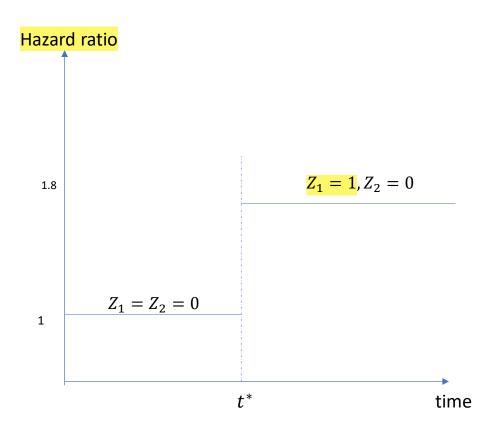
- The risk may change overtime
- The covariates can be a constant over time
- Examples
 - Vioxx Approve study
 - PD-L1 inhibitors

Time-Varying Coefficients

Possible to re-model

$$\beta(t)Z \rightarrow \beta Z(t)$$

- $\beta(t)$ is known, example:
 - Piece-wise constant hazard ratio between two treatment groups
 - Transfer $Z \to Z(t)$
 - $Z: Z_1 = 0, Z_2 = 0$
 - Z(t): $\begin{cases} Z_1 = Z_2 = 0, & t \le t^* \\ Z_1 = 1, Z_2 = 0, & t > t^* \end{cases}$



Time-Varying Coefficients

- Often $\beta(t)$ is not completely known
 - Test interaction with time

$$h(t,Z) = h_0(t)e^{\beta_1 Z + \underline{\beta_2 Z * t}}$$
 Test $\beta_2 = 0$

- Using piece-wise hazard ratio
 - Need to identify the t^*s

start, stop Entry and exit time

event: Status of events=0

age: age-48 years

year of acceptance (in years after year:

1 Nov 1967)

surgery: prior bypass surgery 1=yes

transplant: received transplant 1=yes

Id patient id

Reference:

J Crowley and M Hu (1977), Covariance analysis of heart transplant survival data. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, **72**, 27–36.

172 observations

- 103 subjects have no transplants
- 69 subjects had transplants
- 29 subjects had prior bypass surgery
- 75 events

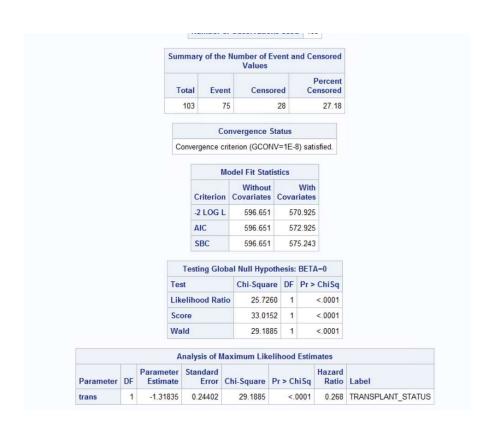
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	*			0	0	21	1	41	72	77	21
	¥.			0	0	21	1	49	73	99	22

							Time Varying	
Obs	start	stop	event	age	year	surgery	transplant	id
1	0	50	1	-17.15537303	0.1232032854	0	0	1
2	0	6	1	3.8357289528	0.2546201232	0	0	2
3	0	1	0	6.2970568104	0.2655715264	0	0	3
4	1	16	1	6.2970568104	0.2655715264	0	1	3
5	0	36	0	-7.737166324	0.4900752909	0	0	4
6	36	39	1	-7.737166324	0.4900752909	0	1	4
7	0	18	1	-27.21423682	0.6078028747	0	0	5
8	0	3	1	6.5954825462	0.7008898015	0	0	6
9	0	51	0	2.8692676249	0.7802874743	0	0	7
10	51	675	1	2.8692676249	0.7802874743	0	1	7
11	0	40	1	-2.650239562	0.8350444901	0	0	8
12	0	85	1	-0.837782341	0.8569472964	0	0	9
13	0	12	0	-5.497604381	0.8624229979	0	0	10
14	12	58	1	-5.497604381	0.8624229979	0	1	10
15	0	26	0	-0.019164956	0.8733744011	0	0	11
16	26	153	1	-0.019164956	0.8733744011	0	1	11
17	0	8	1	5.1937029432	0.9637234771	0	0	12
18	0	17	0	6.5735797399	0.9691991786	0	0	13
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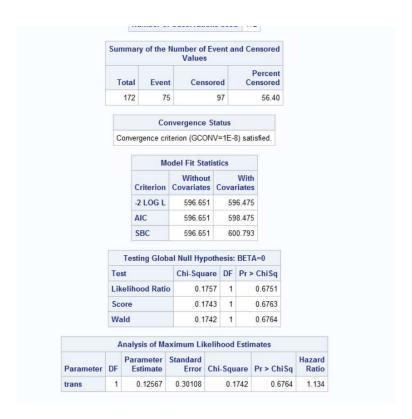
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49	0	17	0	16.407939767	1.9110198494	0	0	32
50	17	77	1	16.407939767	1.9110198494	0	1	32
51	0	51	0	0.9034907598	2.1574264203	0	0	33
52	51	1587	0	0.9034907598	2.1574264203	0	1	33
53	0	23	0	-7.446954141	2.1984941821	0	0	34
54	23	1572	0	-7.446954141	2.1984941821	0	1	34
55	0	12	1	-4.533880903	2.3080082136	0	0	35
56	0	46	0	0.9253935661	2.507871321	0	0	36
57	46	100	1	0.9253935661	2.507871321	0	1	36
58	0	19	0	13.500342231	2.5653661875	0	0	37
59	19	66	1	13.500342231	2.5653661875	0	1	37
60	0	4.5	0	-6.529774127	2.5927446954	0	0	38
61	4.5	5	1	-6.529774127	2.5927446954	0	1	38
62	0	2	0	2.5188227242	2 6338124572	0	0	39
63	2	53	1	2.5188227242	2.6338124572	0	1	39

```
An naïve model:

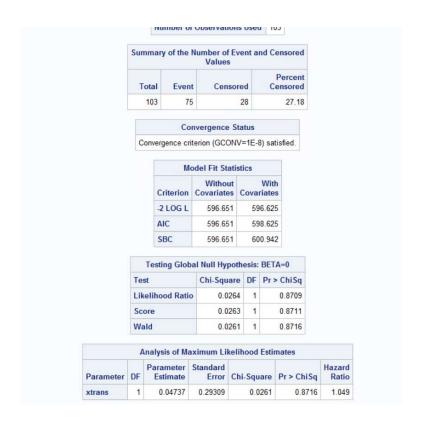
proc phreg data=example;
  model time*event(0)=trans;
run;
```



```
proc phreg data=example;
  model (start, stop) *event(0) = trans ;
  run;
```



```
proc phreg data=example;
  model time*event(0) = xtrans;
  if (wait=. or time<wait) then
xtrans=0;
  else xtrans=1.0;
  run;</pre>
```



How About Age As a Time-Varying Covariates

- Notice that there is no need to treat age as a varying covariate
- Why?
 - At time t, the age is baseline_age + t for all subjects
 - the $e^{\beta(baseline-age)}e^{\beta t}$
 - $e^{\beta t}$ will be canceled in partial likelihood

Homework 8

- 1. Control the age at transplant for those subjects who received the transplant in the heart transplant data set. The age should be the age at baseline before transplant. The age at the time of transplant should be calculated using baseline_age+wait_time.
- 2. Check proportional hazard assumption between the two sex groups in the PBC dataset. Provide the results of the checking.
 - a. Using $\log\{-\log S(t,Z)\}$
 - b. Plot the observed and fitted
 - c. Including a couple of continuous variables and check the interaction with time
 - d. Plot the Schoenfeld residual of the fitted model with two continuous covariates in problem 2.c.