

Análisis de datos longitudinales

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Análisis de Supervivencia

Eventos recurrentes (II)

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Outlined talk

- Introduction: data description
- Repeated events features
 - 'At risk' formulation
 - **Within-subject correlation**
- Existing Cox extension models
- Model selection



Recurrent phenomena

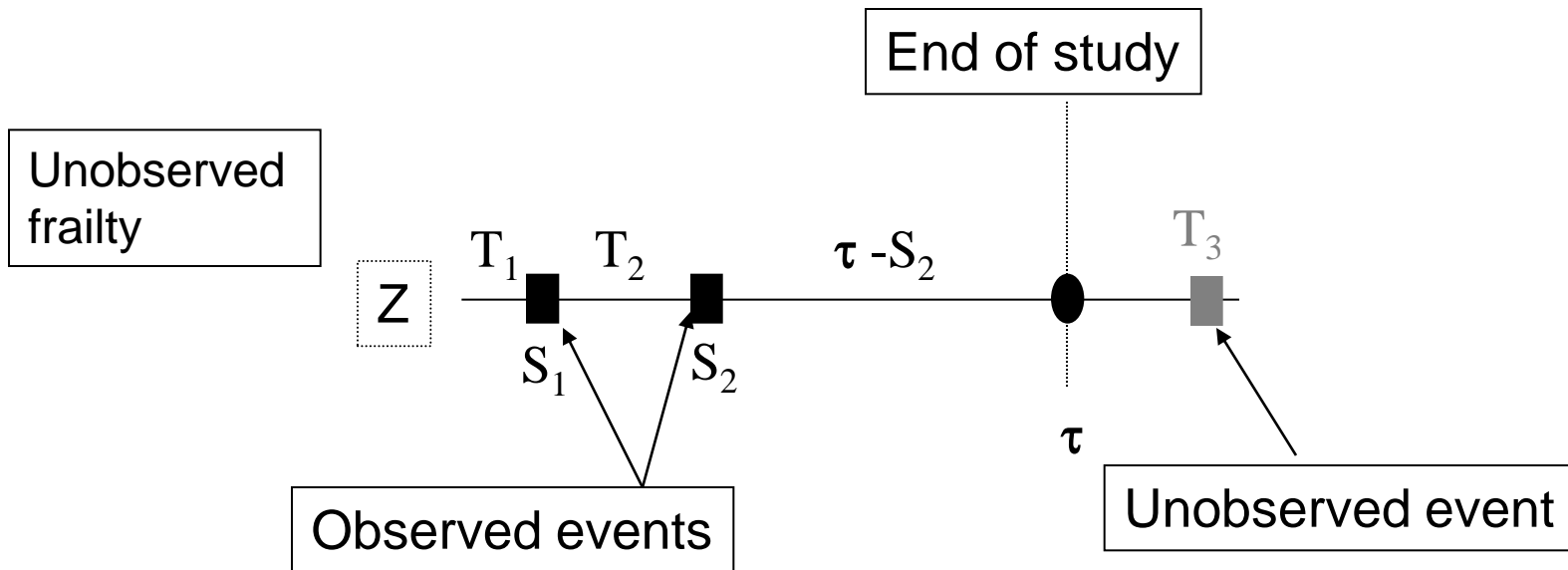
● In Public Health and Medical Settings

- hospitalization of a subject with a chronic disease
- tumor occurrence
- cyclic movements in the small bowel during fasting state
- episodes of depression

● In Reliability, Engineering, and Economic Settings

- failure of a mechanical/electronic system
- warranty claims
- Dow Jones index changes by more than 200 points
- occurrence of a certain type of accident (nuclear)

Random entities: one subject



- T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots = inter-event or gap times
- S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots = calendar times of event occurrences
- $X(s)$ = covariate vector, possibly time-dependent
- τ = end of observation period

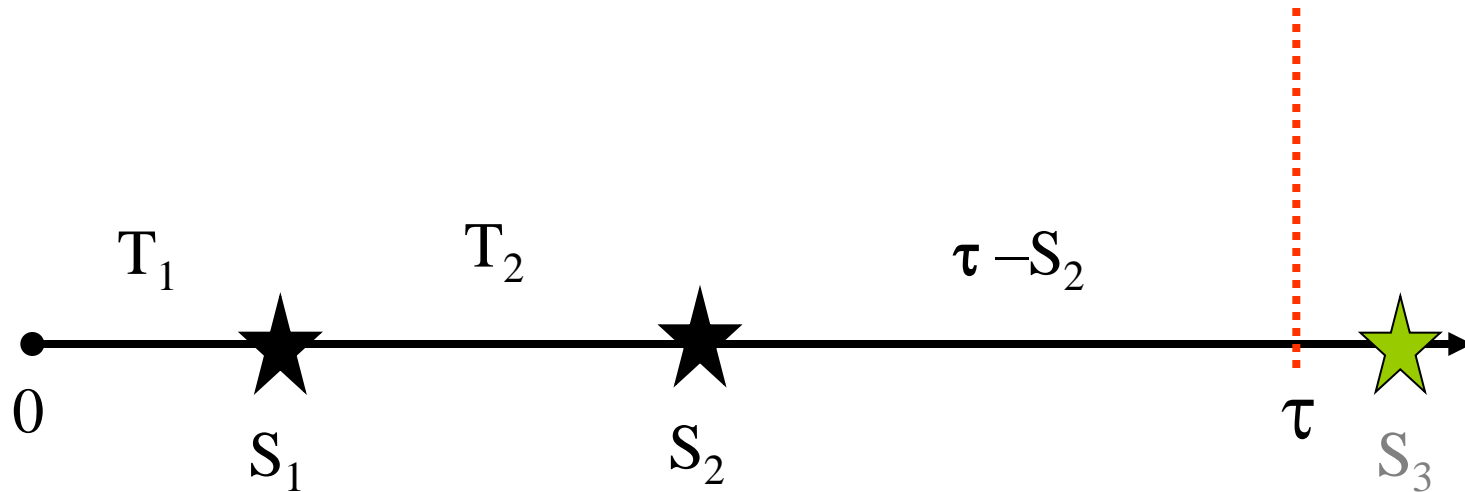
- **Accrued History:** $F^\dagger = \{F^\dagger(s) : s \geq 0\}$
- Z = unobserved frailty variable
- $N^\dagger(s)$ = number of events in $[0, s]$
- $Y^\dagger(s)$ = at-risk indicator at time s



Repeated events

- At risk process
 - Gap time
 - Calendar time
- Within-subject correlation (no i.i.d.)
 - Heterogeneity across individuals
 - Event dependence

‘At-risk processes’

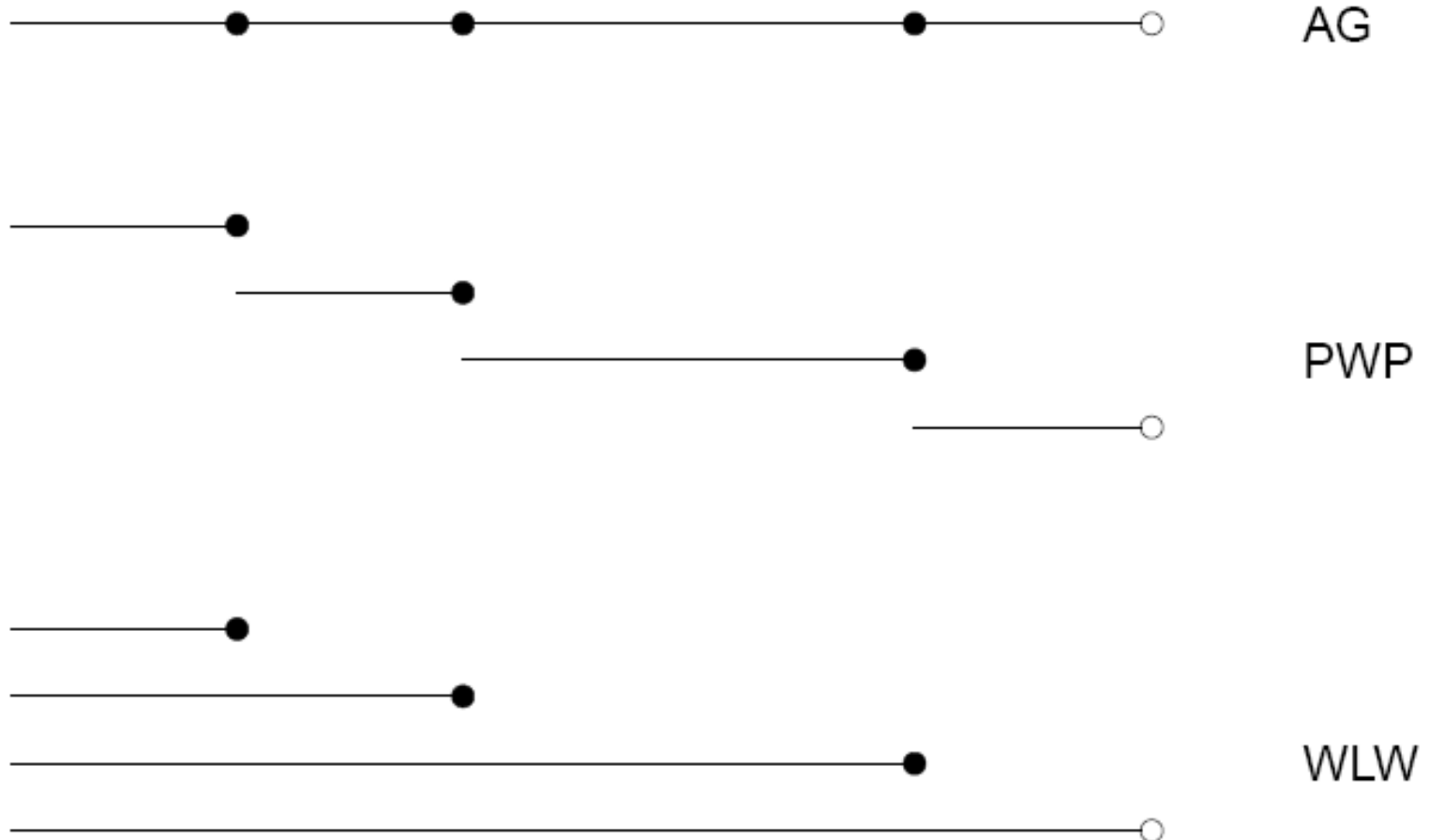


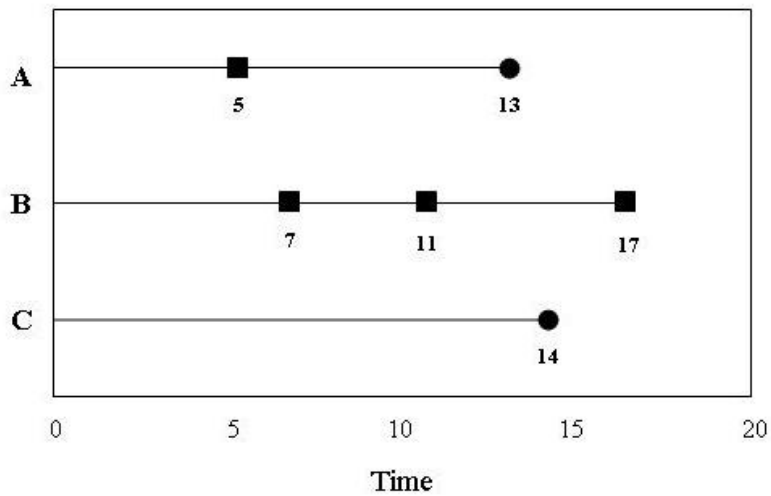
● When a subject is at risk

● Interoccurrence time (Gap time): $T_i = S_i - S_{i-1}$

● Calendar time: $S_i = T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_i$

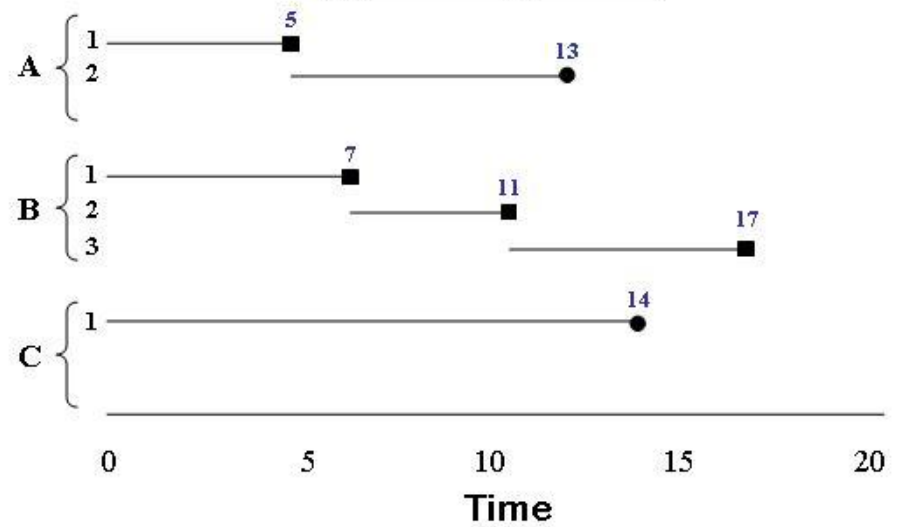
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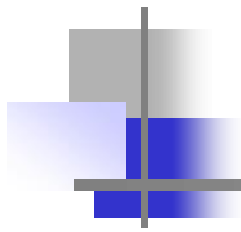




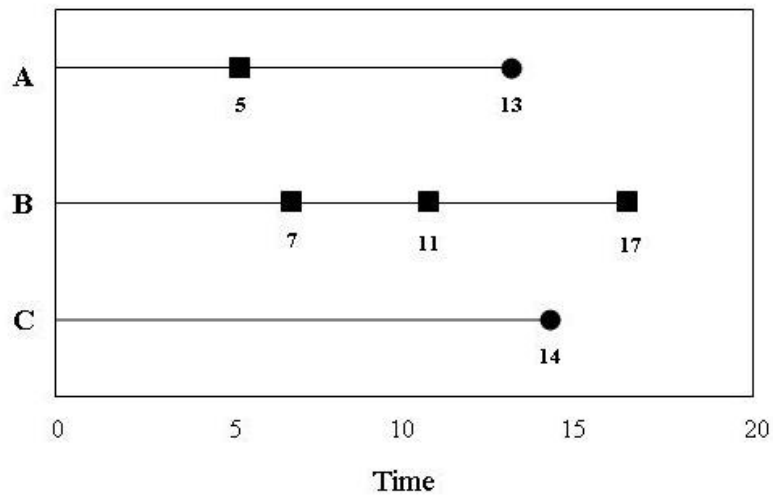
PWP model

(a) *Counting Process*

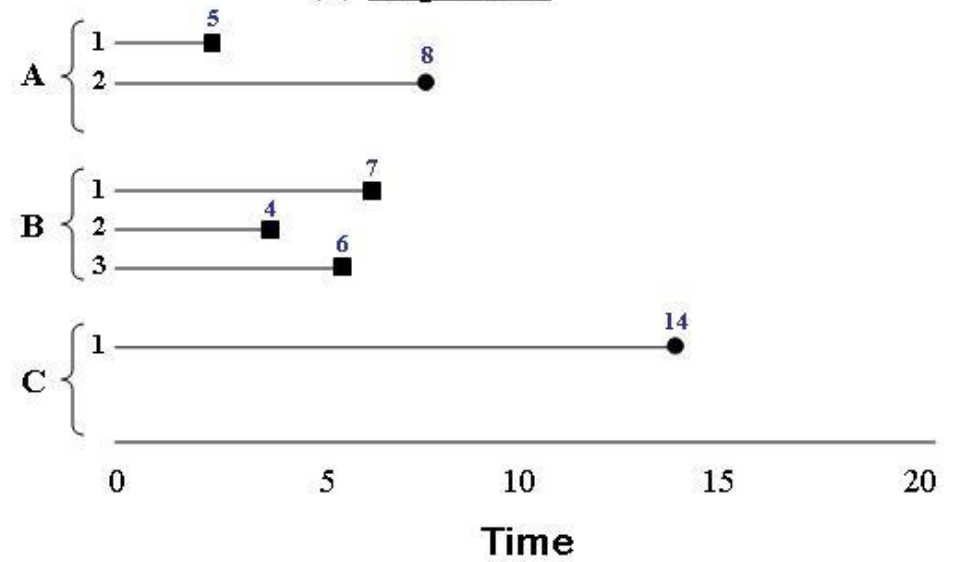




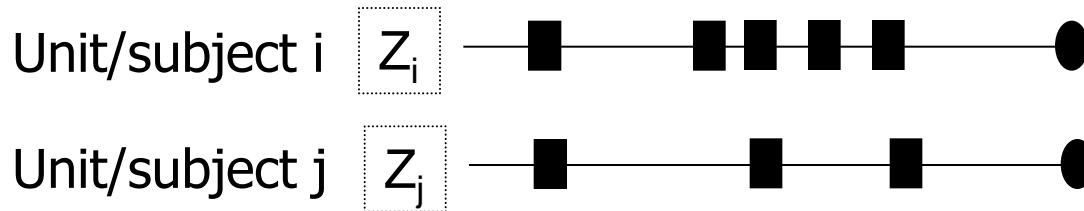
WLW model - GT



(b) *Gap Time*



Within-subject correlation



- Biomedical data (uncontrolled variables, non-measurable variables: genetic susceptibility, ...)
- F non i.i.d.
- There exists a random variable Z with known distribution. If we condition to $Z=z$ the interoccurrence times are i.i.d.
- Approaches:
 - Variance-corrected models
 - Frailty models (siguiente sesión)



Variance-corrected models

- Use extensions of Cox model
- Idea: Variance independent across groups (or individuals) but not necessarily within groups
- Robust variance estimator: 'sandwich' estimate

$$V = I^{-1} B I^{-1}$$

B: correction factor, jackknife (Therneau and Hamilton '97)

I: information matrix



Cox model for censored data

- Cox proportional hazard model

$$\lambda_i(t; X_i) = \lambda_0(t) e^{\beta' X_i(t)}$$

$\lambda_0(t)$ Baseline hazard

X_i Vector of covariates



Cox-based models

- Prentice, Williams and Peterson (PWP) **conditional model** :

$$\lambda_{ik}(t; X_{ik}) = \lambda_{0K}(t) e^{\beta' X_{ik}(t)}$$

- 'at-risk process' for *j*th event only becomes 1 after the (*j* - 1)th event (e.g., conditional)
- Total time or Gap time 'at-risk processes' $\lambda_{ok}(t-t_{k-1})$
- Allow for heterogeneity using variance-corrected estimator:

$$V = I^{-1} B I^{-1}$$

B, e.g. jackknife (Therneau '97)

- Allow for event dependence through stratification



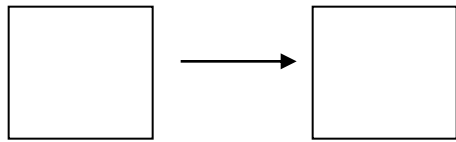
Cox-based models

- Wei, Lin Weissfeld (WLW) **marginal model** :

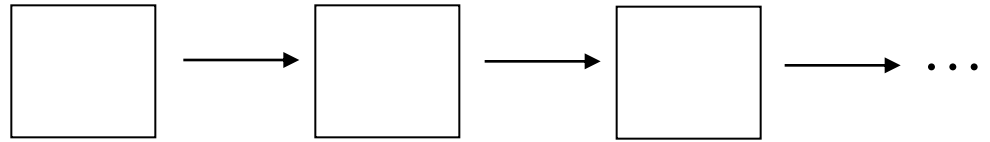
$$\lambda_{ik}(t; X_{ik}) = \lambda_{0k}(t) e^{\beta' X_{ik}(t)}$$

- Total time or Gap time formulation
- Allow for heterogeneity using variance-corrected estimator
- Allow for event dependence through stratification: Different baseline hazard function for each event
- A subject can be at risk for event k before event $k-1$ occurs

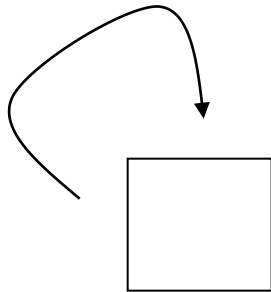
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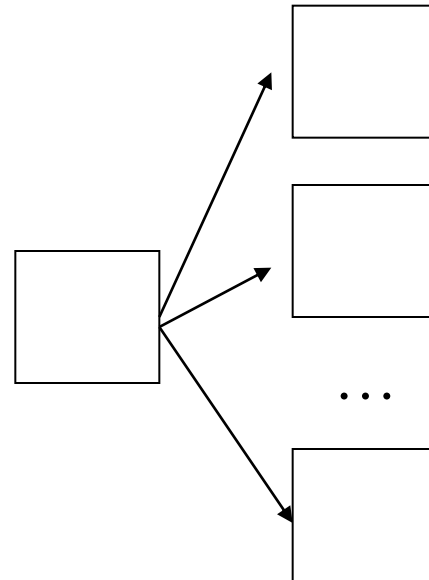
Time to first event



Conditional model

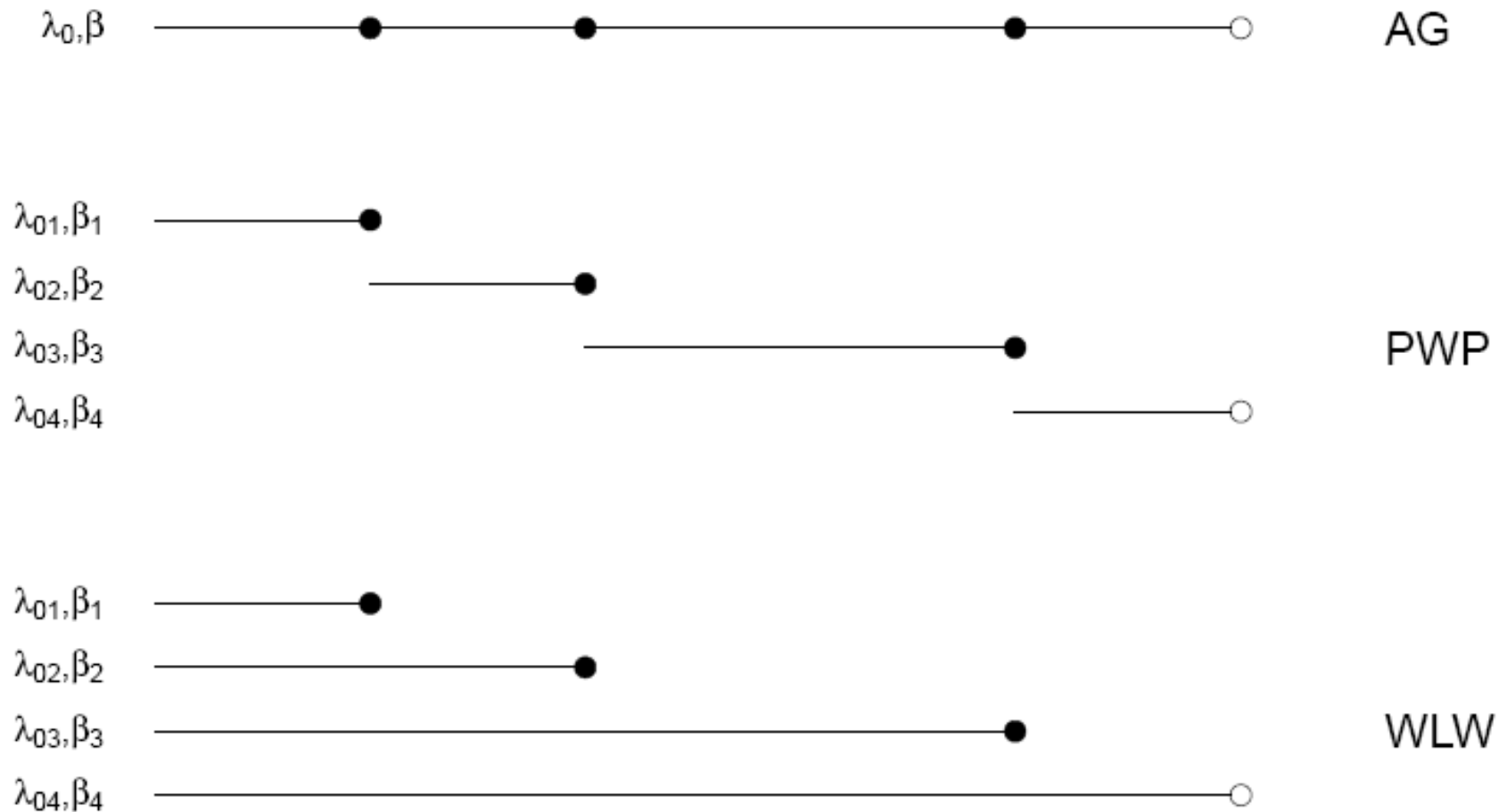


Andersen-Gill model



Marginal model

Cox-based models





Model selection

Consideraciones en el proceso biológico de la enfermedad

- Si suponemos que recidivas consecutivas tienen el mismo riesgo, el **modelo AG** será adecuado.
- Si consideramos que después de experimentar la primera recidiva, el riesgo de la siguiente se incrementa, sugerirá el uso del **modelo PWP**.
- Si consideramos que después de experimentar cada recidiva, el riesgo de la siguiente vuelve a estar como al principio, surgirá el uso del **modelo WLW**.



Model selection

Consideraciones estadísticas (modelo PWP)

- El uso de la **estratificación** dependiente en el tiempo, significa que la función de riesgo subyacente puede variar de suceso a suceso, no como en el modelo AG que asume que todos los sucesos son idénticos.
- El modelo PWP define los intervalos de riesgo utilizando el **proceso de conteo**. Trata los datos como resultados ordenados y cada sujeto se representa como una serie de observaciones (**entrada, primer evento**], (**primer evento, segundo evento**], ..., (**k-ésimo evento, último seguimiento**].



Model selection

Consideraciones estadísticas (modelo WLW)

● Prentice, Williams y Peterson proponen un modelo alternativo con intervalo de riesgo el “intervalo de tiempo” para procesos de renovación con intervalos $(0, t_1]$, $(0, t_2 - t_1]$, . . . , donde t_1 denota el tiempo hasta la primera recidiva, t_2 el tiempo hasta la segunda,...etc, se corresponde con la escala de tiempo “tiempo desde la entrada (total time) o desde el último evento (gap time)”.