

I. Survival Analysis

A. Core Functions & Properties

$$S(t) = P(T > t) = \exp[-H(t)]; h(t) = \frac{f(t)}{S(t)} = -\frac{d \log S(t)}{dt};$$

$$H(t) = \int_0^t h(u)du = -\log S(t)$$

Properties: $S(0) = 1$, $S(\infty) = 0$; $h(t) \geq 0$ always; $H(0) = 0$, $H(t)$ monotone non-decreasing

Censoring: Right-censoring (most common); observe (Y, δ) where $Y = \min(T, C)$, $\delta = I(T \leq C)$

Assumption: Non-informative censoring (censoring independent of failure time)

B. Kaplan-Meier Estimator

$$\hat{S}(t) = \prod_{t_i \leq t} \left(1 - \frac{d_i}{n_i}\right) = \prod_{t_i \leq t} \frac{n_i - d_i}{n_i} \text{ where } d_i = \text{events}, n_i = \text{at risk just before } t_i$$

KM Table (7 columns): j , t_j , interval, n_j , d_j , $p_j = 1 - d_j/n_j$, $S(t_j)$

Key: Censored at t_j removed from risk set at t_j^+ ; censoring $\downarrow n_{j+1}$ but NOT $\uparrow d_j$; if max time censored, $\hat{S}(t)$ doesn't reach 0

Greenwood Variance: $\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{S}) = \hat{S}^2 \sum_{t_i \leq t} \frac{d_i}{n_i(n_i - d_i)}$ (undefined when $n_i = d_i$)

95% CI: Log-log: $\exp(-e^{C_u}), \exp(-e^{C_l})$ where $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{[\log \hat{S}]^2} \sum \frac{d_i}{n_i(n_i - d_i)}$; $C_u = \log[-\log \hat{S}] + 1.96\sigma$

Nelson-Aalen: $\hat{H}(t) = \sum_{t_i \leq t} \frac{d_i}{n_i}$; $\hat{S}(t) = \exp[-\hat{H}(t)]$ (asymptotically \equiv KM)

Quantiles: $\hat{t}_p = \min\{t_j : \hat{S}(t_j) < 1 - p\}$; if $\hat{S}(t_j) = 1 - p$ exactly, $\hat{t}_p = (t_j + t_{j+1})/2$

Median: $\hat{t}_{0.5} = \min\{t_j : \hat{S}(t_j) < 0.5\}$; **Q1:** $\hat{t}_{0.25} = \min\{t_j : \hat{S}(t_j) < 0.75\}$

Mean: $\hat{\mu} = \int_0^\infty \hat{S}(t)dt$ (underestimated if max censored)

Discrete: $\hat{\mu} = \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} \hat{S}(t_{j-1})(t_j - t_{j-1})$ where $t_0 = 0$

Variance (HW2): $\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{n_d}{n_d - 1} \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} \frac{A_j^2 d_j}{n_j(n_j - d_j)}$ where $A_j = \sum_{k=j+1}^J \hat{S}(t_{k-1})(t_k - t_{k-1})$, $n_d = \sum d_j$

RMST: $\hat{\mu}(\tau) = \int_0^\tau \hat{S}(t)dt$ (more robust; choose $\tau=\max$ follow-up)

C. Survival Curve Comparison

Both Log-rank and Wilcoxon can be extended to K groups

$$H_0: S_1(t) = S_0(t) \text{ for all } t \leq \tau$$

Weighted Test: $Q = \frac{|\sum w_j(a_{1j} - e_{1j})|^2}{\sum w_j^2 v_{1j}} \sim \chi^2_1$

$$e_{1j} = \frac{n_{1j} d_j}{n_j}; v_{1j} = \frac{n_{1j} n_{0j} d_j (n_j - d_j)}{n_j^2 (n_j - 1)}$$

- **Log-rank:** $w_j = 1$ (equal weights, optimal under PH)
- **Wilcoxon:** $w_j = n_j$ (early-time sensitive, since n_j larger early)
- Curves cross \Rightarrow both tests lose power; use RMST/landmark

K groups: $\text{df}=K-1$

D. Cox Proportional Hazards

$$h(t, \mathbf{x}) = h_0(t) \exp(\boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}) \text{ (no } \beta_0\text{!)}$$

$$\log \frac{h(t, \mathbf{x})}{h_0(t)} = \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}; S(t, \mathbf{x}) = [S_0(t)]^{\exp(\boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x})}$$

HR Interpretation:

- Binary ($x=0$ vs 1): $\text{HR} = e^\beta$
- Continuous (k -unit \uparrow): $\text{HR} = e^{k\beta}$
- Multi-class: $\text{HR}_j = e^{\beta_j}$ (vs ref); $\text{HR}(j : k) = e^{\beta_j - \beta_k}$

• **HR** = instantaneous relative risk \neq cumulative risk ratio

95% CI: $\exp(\hat{\beta} \pm 1.96 \cdot SE)$

$$\text{Partial Likelihood: } L_p(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}_j^T \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\sum_{k \in R(t_j)} \exp(\mathbf{x}_k^T \boldsymbol{\beta})}$$

m =distinct failure times; $R(t_j)$ =risk set; $\log L_p = \sum [\mathbf{x}_j^T \boldsymbol{\beta} - \log \sum_{k \in R} \exp(\mathbf{x}_k^T \boldsymbol{\beta})]$

Ties: EFRON (recommended) approximates exact; BRESLOW faster but less accurate

PH Assumption Checks:

1. Log-log plot: $\log[-\log \hat{S}(t)]$ vs $\log t$ (parallel \Rightarrow PH)

2. Schoenfeld residuals: assess ph / resample;

3. Time interaction: add $X \times \log(t)$; if sig \Rightarrow violates PH

Non-PH Solutions:

- Stratify: strata Z; (cannot estimate HR for Z)
- Time-varying coef: $X \times t$ or $X \times \log(t)$
- TDC: model $(t\text{start}, t\text{stop}) * \text{status}(0) = \dots$

Residuals:

• **Martingale** $\in (-\infty, 1]$: $M_i = \delta_i - \hat{H}_i(t_i)$; check functional form via plot vs $X + \text{lowess}$; horizontal lowess \Rightarrow correct form, non-horizontal \Rightarrow need transformation

• **Deviance**: $D_i = \text{sign}(M_i) \sqrt{-2[M_i + \delta_i \log(\delta_i - M_i)]}$; $|D_i| > 2$ noteworthy, > 3 outlier

• **Dfbeta**: $dfbeta_i = \hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{(-i)}$; $|dfbeta| > 2/\sqrt{n}$ influential

Confounding: $\Delta \hat{\beta}\% = 100 \times \frac{|\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}|}{|\hat{\beta}|} > 20\%$ \Rightarrow confounder

Interaction: $h(t) = h_0(t) \exp(\beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_1 X_2)$; $\text{HR}_{X_1}(X_2 = a) = e^{\beta_1 + \beta_3 a}$

Variance (group comparison): $\text{Var}(a \times \hat{\beta}_j - b \times \hat{\beta}_k) = a^2 \times \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j) + b^2 \times \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_k) - 2ab \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_j, \hat{\beta}_k)$

Hypothesis Tests:

- **Wald:** $(\hat{\beta}/SE)^2 \sim \chi^2_1$ (single param); Type 3 (multiple)
- **LRT:** $G = -2[\log L_{\text{reduced}} - \log L_{\text{full}}] \sim \chi^2_{df}$ (preferred for nested models)
- **Score:** Based on $U(\beta)$; used in PH test

E. Key Points

Semi-parametric: Cox has nonparametric $h_0(t)$ + parametric β

Model comparison: LRT (Likelihood Ratio Test, preferred when nested), Wald, Score test; df=# parameters difference

Stratified analysis: Control confounders; assumes common treatment effect across strata

Baseline hazard: Cannot estimate $h_0(t)$ directly, but can get $S_0(t)$ via baseline

II. Categorical Data

A. GLM Framework

1. Distribution: $Y \sim \text{Normal/Binomial/Poisson/NB}$
2. Linear predictor: $\eta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$
3. Link: $g\{E(Y|X)\} = \eta$

Model	Dist	Link	$g(\mu)$
Linear	Normal	Identity	μ
Logistic	Binomial	Logit	$\log \frac{\mu}{1-\mu}$
Poisson	Poisson	Log	$\log \mu$
NB	NB	Log	$\log \mu$

Variance: Normal= σ^2 ; Binomial= $\mu(1 - \mu)$; Poisson= μ ; NB= $\mu + \alpha\mu^2$

Canonical link: Logit for Binomial, Log for Poisson

Fitted values: Logistic: $\hat{p} = \frac{e^{\hat{\eta}}}{1+e^{\hat{\eta}}}$ where $\hat{\eta} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_1 + \dots$

Interpretation:

- Linear: " β_j " = unit change in mean

- Logistic: " e^{β_j} " = odds ratio (OR)

- Poisson/NB: " e^{β_j} " = rate ratio (RR)

B. Multinomial Logit (unordered)

$$\log \frac{P(Y=j)}{P(Y=K)} = \alpha_j + \boldsymbol{\beta}_j^T \mathbf{X}, j = 1, \dots, K-1$$

Expanded: $\log \frac{P(Y=j)}{P(Y=K)} = \alpha_j + \beta_{j1} X_1 + \beta_{j2} X_2 + \dots + \beta_{jp} X_p$ (each class j has own $\boldsymbol{\beta}_j$)

Example (Y=3 levels): $\log \frac{P(Y=1)}{P(Y=3)} = \alpha_1 + \beta_{11} Age + \beta_{12} Sex$; $\log \frac{P(Y=2)}{P(Y=3)} = \alpha_2 + \beta_{21} Age + \beta_{22} Sex$

df: Continuous X: $K-1$; q-level categorical X: $(K-1)(q-1)$

Interpretation:

- β_{jk} : change in log-odds of class j vs ref K per unit increase in X_k

- $e^{\beta_{jk}}$ =RRR (relative risk ratio): multiplicative change in odds($Y=j$)/odds($Y=K$)

- Example: $\beta_{11} = 0.5 \Rightarrow$ 1-yr age increase multiplies odds($Y=1$ vs $Y=3$) by $e^{0.5} = 1.65$

- Compare classes: $e^{\beta_{1k} - \beta_{2k}}$ =RRR for class 1 vs class 2

Probability: $P(Y = j) = \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + \boldsymbol{\beta}_j^T \mathbf{X})}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} \exp(\alpha_k + \boldsymbol{\beta}_k^T \mathbf{X})}$; $P(Y = K) = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} \exp(\alpha_k + \boldsymbol{\beta}_k^T \mathbf{X})}$

C. Ordinal (Cumulative) Logit (ordered)

$$\text{logit}[P(Y \leq j)] = \log \left[\frac{P(Y \leq j)}{P(Y > j)} \right] = \alpha_j + \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{X}, j = 1, \dots, K-1$$

Expanded: $\text{logit}[P(Y \leq j)] = \alpha_j + \beta_{11} X_1 + \beta_{12} X_2 + \dots + \beta_{pj} X_p$ (same $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ for all j)

Example (Y=4 levels):

$$\bullet \log \frac{P(Y \leq 1)}{P(Y > 1)} = \alpha_1 + \beta_{11} Age + \beta_{12} Sex$$

$$\bullet \log \frac{P(Y \leq 2)}{P(Y > 2)} = \alpha_2 + \beta_{11} Age + \beta_{12} Sex \text{ (note: same } \beta_{11}, \beta_{12} \text{!)}$$

$$\bullet \log \frac{P(Y \leq 3)}{P(Y > 3)} = \alpha_3 + \beta_{11} Age + \beta_{12} Sex$$

Proportional Odds: same $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ for all cutpoints; only α_j differs

df: Continuous X: 1; q-level X: $q-1$ (only ONE $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ across all equations!)

Proportional Odds Assumption Test (HW6):

1. **Hypotheses:** H_0 : slopes $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots)$ equal across logit equations; H_a : different slopes needed

2. **Test:** Score chi-square test; $\text{df}=(K-2)(q-1)$ where K =response levels, q =predictor levels

3. Example: $Y=4$ levels, X 4-group $\Rightarrow \text{df}=(4-2) \times (4-1) = 6$

4. **P-value:** $P(\chi^2_{df} \geq S)$ where S =test statistic

5. **Decision:** $p > 0.05 \Rightarrow$ fail to reject $H_0 \Rightarrow$ use Ordinal; $p < 0.05 \Rightarrow$ reject $H_0 \Rightarrow$ use Multinomial

Interpretation:

- β_k : change in log-cumulative-odds per unit increase in X_k (**same effect for all cutpoints**)

- e^{β_k} =cumulative OR: multiplicative change in odds($Y \leq j$) for all j

- Default $P(Y \leq j)$: $\beta > 0 \Rightarrow$ higher odds of $Y \leq j \Rightarrow$ tend to lower levels
- Example: $\beta_1 = 0.3 \Rightarrow$ 1-yr age increase multiplies odds($Y \leq$ any cutpoint) by $e^{0.3} = 1.35$
- Key: **ONE** β per predictor applies to **ALL** ($K - 1$) equations; only intercepts α_j vary

Hypothesis Test for β_k :

- $H_0 : \beta_k = 0$ vs $H_a : \beta_k \neq 0$ (no effect of X_k on cumulative odds)
- Wald test: $z = \frac{\hat{\beta}_k}{SE(\hat{\beta}_k)} \sim N(0, 1)$; $p = 2P(|Z| > |z|)$
- $p < 0.05 \Rightarrow$ reject $H_0 \Rightarrow X_k$ significantly affects ordered outcome

Probability Calculation (HW6):

Ordinal: $P(Y \leq j|X) = \frac{e^{\alpha_j + \beta X}}{1+e^{\alpha_j + \beta X}}$; then $P(Y = j) = P(Y \leq j) - P(Y \leq j-1)$; $P(Y = K) = 1 - P(Y \leq K-1)$

Multinomial: $P(Y = j|X) = \frac{e^{\beta_{0j} + \beta_j X}}{1+\sum_{k=1}^{K-1} e^{\beta_{0k} + \beta_k X}}$; $P(Y = K) = \frac{1}{1+\sum_{k=1}^{K-1} e^{\beta_{0k} + \beta_k X}}$

D. Poisson Regression

$$\log\{E(Y|X)\} = \beta_0 + \beta^T \mathbf{X}$$

Rate model: $\log\{E(Y|X)\} = \log(n) + \beta_0 + \beta^T \mathbf{X}$

$\log(n)=\text{offset}$ (known, no estimate); $n=\text{exposure}$ (person-years, months, etc.)

Rate Ratio Derivation (HW7): Binary X : $RR = \frac{E(Y|X=1)}{E(Y|X=0)} = \frac{\exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot 1 + \dots)}{\exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot 0 + \dots)} = e^{\beta_1}$

Interpretation: Binary: $RR = e^\beta$; Continuous k-unit: $RR = e^{k\beta}$

Goodness Of Fit: Deviance= $-2(\log L_{\text{current}} - \log L_{\text{saturated}})$;

$$\text{Pearson } \chi^2 = \sum \frac{(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\hat{y}_i}$$

Overdispersion Check: Scale=Deviance/df or Pearson χ^2/df ; $\approx 1 \Rightarrow$ ok; $> 1 \Rightarrow$ mild; $> 1.5 \Rightarrow$ serious

Pearson residual: $r_i = \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{\sqrt{\hat{y}_i}}$; $|r_i| > 2 \Rightarrow$ poor fit

Overdispersion Solutions:

- **Quasi-Poisson:** scale=pearson or scale=deviance; $\hat{\beta}$ unchanged, $SE_{\text{new}} = SE_{\text{old}} \times \sqrt{\phi}$ where $\phi=\text{Scale}$; CI_{new} wider
- **NB:** dist=negbin; $Var(Y) = \mu + \alpha\mu^2$; when $\alpha \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$ Poisson
- **ZIP/ZINB:** Excess zeros; two-part: Logistic (0 vs > 0) + Poisson/NB (counts)

NB vs Poisson Test (HW7):

1. **Hypotheses:** $H_0 : \alpha = 0$ vs $H_a : \alpha \neq 0$ (no overdispersion vs overdispersion exists)
2. **Test:** t-test for α parameter (in SAS output: "Dispersion" parameter)
3. **From SAS:** Find "Analysis Of Maximum Likelihood Parameter Estimates" table; look for "Dispersion" row
4. Value: estimate of α (e.g., $\hat{\alpha} = 10.10$); Std Error; Wald 95% CI
5. **P-value:** from "Pr > ChiSq" column (e.g., $p < 0.0001$)
6. **Decision:** $p < 0.05 \Rightarrow$ reject $H_0 \Rightarrow$ NB preferred; $p > 0.05 \Rightarrow$ Poisson adequate
7. Example: $\hat{\alpha} = 10.10$, $p < 0.0001 \Rightarrow$ reject H_0 at 95% level \Rightarrow NB more appropriate

Rate Ratio Estimation (HW7):

- **Point estimate:** $\widehat{RR} = \exp(\hat{\beta})$ (same formula for both Poisson and NB)
- **95% CI:** $\exp(\hat{\beta} \pm 1.96 \cdot SE)$ where SE from respective model
- **Compare models:** NB typically gives wider CI (larger SE) than Poisson due to accounting for overdispersion
- Example: Male vs Female absence rate ratio
 - Poisson: $\widehat{RR} = e^{0.321} = 1.38$, 95% CI: (1.25, 1.52)
 - NB: $\widehat{RR} = e^{0.321} = 1.38$, 95% CI: (1.15, 1.65) (wider!)

- **Conclusion change?** If Poisson CI excludes 1 but NB CI includes 1 \Rightarrow significance changes (Poisson overconfident)

E. Key Concepts & Formulas

Multinomial vs Ordinal:

- Multinomial: unordered, $(K - 1)$ equations, each with own β_j
- Ordinal: ordered, PO \Rightarrow same β for all cutpoints
- PO test $p < 0.05 \Rightarrow$ reject PO \Rightarrow use Multinomial

Parameter & df count:

- Multinomial: cont X: $K - 1$ param; q-level X: $(K - 1)(q - 1)$ param
- Ordinal: cont X: 1 param; q-level X: $q - 1$ param
- PO test df: $(K - 2)(q - 1)$

CI for linear combination: $\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2$; $SE = \sqrt{Var(\hat{\beta}_1) + Var(\hat{\beta}_2) - 2Cov(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2)}$

Model selection: LRT for nested models (df=# param diff); AIC/BIC for non-nested; QIC for GEE

III. Longitudinal Data

A. GEE (population-averaged)

$$g\{E[Y_{ij}|X_{ij}]\} = \mathbf{X}_{ij}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

Working Correlation:

Type	Matrix	Param
Independence	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	0
Compound Symmetry	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	1
AR(1)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rho^{ j-k }$	1
Unstructured	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_{12} \\ \rho_{21} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$k(k-1)/2$

SE: Robust/Sandwich (default, preferred); Model-based (if corr correct)

Selection: QIC (smaller better); cannot use AIC/BIC

Interpretation: Marginal — "at population level, treatment increases odds by e^β "

Key: Even if working correlation misspecified, $\hat{\beta}$ consistent with robust SE; efficiency loss only

B. Model Selection & Strategy

Correlation selection: Try multiple structures (IND, EXCH, AR(1), UN); compare using QIC (smaller is better)

- **EXCH:** All correlations equal; good for repeated measures with no time order
- **AR(1):** Correlation decays with time distance; good for equally spaced time series
- **UN:** Most flexible but many parameters; may not converge with many timepoints
- **IND:** No correlation; baseline comparison

Convergence: UN may fail with many time points; use simpler structures (EXCH, AR)

Time as Categorical (HW8): $E[Y_{ij}] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{t_2} + \beta_2 X_{t_4} + \beta_3 X_{t_8} + \beta_4 \text{trt} + \beta_5(X_{t_2} \times \text{trt}) + \beta_6(X_{t_4} \times \text{trt}) + \beta_7(X_{t_8} \times \text{trt})$ where X_{t_j} =dummy for time j

Interaction Test (HW8): $H_0 : \beta_5 = \beta_6 = \beta_7 = 0$ vs H_a : not H_0 ; Type 3 Wald test; df=# interaction terms

Interaction in GEE (time continuous): $E[Y_{ij}] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{time} + \beta_2 \text{trt} + \beta_3(\text{time} \times \text{trt})$

- β_3 : difference in time trend between treatment groups
- Treatment A change: β_1 ; Treatment B change: $\beta_1 + \beta_3$; Difference: β_3

Interpretation guidelines:

• Marginal interpretation: "at population level, treatment increases odds by e^β "

- Always report with 95% CI
- Robust SE preferred (default in GEE)

C. Step-by-Step Calculation Guide

1. KM Table Construction (HW1):

1. List all unique event times (exclude censored-only times)
2. For each t_j : count n_j (at risk before t_j), d_j (events at t_j)
3. Censored at t : include in n_j for $t_j \leq t$, exclude from n_{j+1} if $t_j = t$
4. Compute $p_j = 1 - d_j/n_j$, then $\hat{S}(t_j) = \prod_{i \leq j} p_i$

2. Interaction HR with CI (HW5 - Complete Steps):

1. Model: $h = h_0 \exp(\beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_1 X_2)$; Compare: $X_1 = 0$ vs $X_1 = 1$ at $X_2 = a$
2. **Point estimate:** $HR = \frac{h(X_1=0, X_2=a)}{h(X_1=1, X_2=a)} = \exp(-\beta_1 - \beta_3 a)$; plug in $\hat{\beta}$'s
3. **Variance:** $Var(-\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_3 a) = Var(\hat{\beta}_1) + a^2 Var(\hat{\beta}_3) + 2a \cdot Cov(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_3)$
4. Get $Var(\hat{\beta}_1)$, $Var(\hat{\beta}_3)$, $Cov(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_3)$ from CovB matrix; compute variance
5. $SE = \sqrt{Var}$
6. 95% CI: $\exp[-\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_3 a \pm 1.96 \cdot SE]$

Example (HW5): $HR = \exp(-1.09033 - 0.40491) = 0.224$; $Var = 0.2302 + 0.4539 + 2(-0.227) = 0.2301$; $SE = 0.4797$; $CI=[0.088, 0.574]$

3. Ordinal Probability (HW6):

1. Get $\hat{\alpha}_j$ and $\hat{\beta}$ from output
2. Compute $P(Y \leq j) = \frac{\exp(\hat{\alpha}_j + \hat{\beta} X)}{1 + \exp(\hat{\alpha}_j + \hat{\beta} X)}$ for $j = 1, \dots, K - 1$
3. $P(Y = 1) = P(Y \leq 1)$; $P(Y = j) = P(Y \leq j) - P(Y \leq j - 1)$ for $j \geq 2$
4. $P(Y = K) = 1 - P(Y \leq K - 1)$

4. Quasi-Poisson CI Adjustment (HW7):

1. Get $\hat{\beta}$ and SE_{old} from Poisson output
2. Get Scale= ϕ (Deviance/df or Pearson χ^2/df)
3. $SE_{\text{new}} = SE_{\text{old}} \times \sqrt{\phi}$
4. New 95% CI: $\exp(\hat{\beta} \pm 1.96 \cdot SE_{\text{new}})$

5. Mean Variance Calculation (HW2):

1. Compute $\hat{\mu}$ using discrete formula
2. For each j , calculate $A_j = \sum_{k=j+1}^J \hat{S}(t_{k-1})(t_k - t_{k-1})$ (remaining area)
3. Compute $Var(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{n_d}{n_d - 1} \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} \frac{A_j^2 d_j}{n_j(n_j - d_j)}$ where $n_d = \sum d_j$
4. $SE = \sqrt{Var}$; 95% CI: $\hat{\mu} \pm 1.96 \cdot SE$

6. GEE Mean Change (HW8 - Categorical Time):

1. Model: $E[Y] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{t_2} + \beta_2 X_{t_4} + \beta_3 X_{t_8} + \beta_4 \text{trt} + \beta_5(X_{t_2} \times \text{trt}) + \beta_6(X_{t_4} \times \text{trt}) + \beta_7(X_{t_8} \times \text{trt})$
2. **Trt A:** baseline= β_0 ; at time 2= $\beta_0 + \beta_1$; change= $-\beta_1$
3. **Trt B:** baseline= $\beta_0 + \beta_4$; at time 2= $\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_4 + \beta_5$; change= $\beta_1 + \beta_5$
4. **Difference in change:** $(\beta_1 + \beta_5) - \beta_1 = \beta_5$ (this is the interaction coefficient!)
5. Interpretation: β_5 =mean difference of temperature change from baseline to 2hrs between two treatments

7. Log-log CI for S(t) (HW1):

1. Compute $Var[\log\{-\log(\hat{S})\}] = \frac{1}{[\log(\hat{S})]^2} \sum_{t_j \leq t} \frac{d_j}{n_j(n_j - d_j)}$
2. $SE = \sqrt{Var}$; compute limits: $L = \log[-\log(\hat{S})] - 1.96 \cdot SE$, $U = \log[-\log(\hat{S})] + 1.96 \cdot SE$
3. 95% CI for $S(t)$: $[\exp(-e^L), \exp(-e^U)]$

Typical Exam Question Types (Based on HW1-8)

I. Survival Analysis

- **KM table:** Construct 7-column table; handle censoring ($\downarrow n_{j+1}$, NOT $\uparrow d_j$)
- **Median & mean:** Find $\min\{t_j : \hat{S}(t_j) < 0.5\}$; mean area under curve
- **Log-rank vs Wilcoxon:** Compare test stats; explain why differ (early weight)
- **Interaction HR:** $\log(HR) = \beta_1 + \beta_3 x_2$; $SE^2 = Var(\beta_1) + x_2^2 Var(\beta_3) + 2x_2 Cov(\beta_1, \beta_3)$
- **Survival prediction:** $S(t|X) = [S_0(t)]^{\exp(\beta^T X)}$ using baseline
- **Group comparison:** $Var(\beta_j - \beta_k) = Var(\beta_j) + Var(\beta_k) - 2Cov(\beta_j, \beta_k)$

II. Categorical Data

- **PO test:** Check p -value; $p < 0.05 \Rightarrow$ use Multinomial; $p > 0.05 \Rightarrow$ use Ordinal
- **Probability calc:** Ordinal: cumulative then subtract; Multinomial: softmax formula
- **OR interpretation:** Ordinal: cumulative OR (same for all cut-points); Multinomial: RRR vs ref
- **df calculation:** Ordinal cont X: df=1; Ordinal q-level X: df=q-1; Multinomial: df=(K-1)(q-1)
- **Overdispersion check:** Look at Scale (Dev/df or χ^2/df); if > 1.5 \Rightarrow serious problem
- **Quasi-Poisson:** β stays same, $SE_{new} = SE_{old} \times \sqrt{\phi}$; recalculate CI
- **NB vs Poisson:** Test $H_0 : \alpha = 0$; compare point estimates and CI width
- **RR interpretation:** e^β with 95% CI; state "adjusting for other

variables"

- **Conclusion change:** NB gives wider CI \Rightarrow may lose significance

III. Longitudinal Data

- **Correlation structure:** Try EXCH, AR(1), UN; compare QIC (smaller better)
- **Time as categorical:** Multiple dummy variables; different β for each time
- **Interaction time \times trt:** β_3 =difference in time trend between groups
- **Mean change calc:** Trt A: β_1 (time main); Trt B: $\beta_1 + \beta_3$; Diff: β_3
- **Hypothesis test:** Test $H_0 : \beta_3 = 0$ (or all interaction terms=0); use Type 3 Wald; df=# interaction terms
- **Robust SE:** Always use (default); model-based SE assumes correct correlation