Supervised Learning: Penalized Regression for Other Data Types

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Data of Different Types

- ► Simple continuous response
- ► Binary response
- ► Count data
- ► Survival outcome

Different Data Need Different Models

- ► Simple continuous response: squared error
- ► Binary response: logistic loss (0-1/hinge loss for other methods)
- ► Count data: Poisson loss
- ► Survival outcome: Cox loss

Data generating mechanisms \rightarrow (log)likelihood \rightarrow Loss function

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our usual least squares criterion!

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► Poisson Model:

$$\log (E[y_i \mid x_i]) = \beta_0 + \beta^\top x_i$$

is used to model rare events

- ► deaths from TB each year in the US
- counts from sequencing data for gene expression
- ▶ limit of Binomial likelihood for a large number of trials with a really biased coin (e.g. $\pi = 3/1000$)

give rise to Poisson regression

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► For Poisson regression: glmnet(x,y,family = "Poisson")

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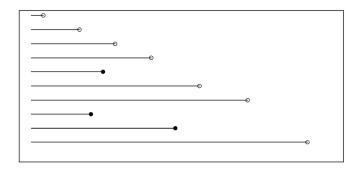
- ► Cox Model (nested multinomials):
 - \triangleright x_i : features
 - \triangleright y_i : time on study
 - \triangleright z_i : indicator of fail/censoring

Consider likelihood conditional on failure times:

$$P(\text{person } j \text{ fails at time } t \mid \text{a failure at time } t) = \frac{e^{x_j^\top \beta}}{\sum_{k \text{ at risk at } t} e^{x_k^\top \beta}}$$

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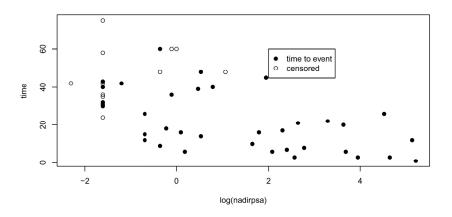
We're interested in **length** of survival time... but not everyone dies;



Survival time (all start at zero)

At random, we see survival time T or just know that T > C

Results are somewhat intuitive...



What do you think the effect of nadirpsa is?

Surv objects

The 'outcome' in survival analysis involves both an observed time and a censoring status. These are packaged in a Surv object.

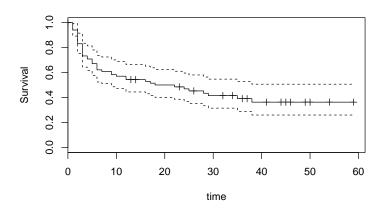
- library(survival) has many features for low-dim. data
- Surv(time, event) is the simplest form (for simple right-censoring data)
- ightharpoonup event tells R whether we saw T or just T > C
- ► Full *T*, *C* terminology a bit cumbersome, censoring is instead shown with a +

```
> library(survival)
Loading required package: splines
> tumor.surv <- with(tumor, Surv(time, event) )
> tumor.surv[1:10]
[1] 0+ 1+ 4+ 7+ 10+ 6 14+ 18+ 5 12
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Always check this! Is your censoring setup correctly?

Survival Curves

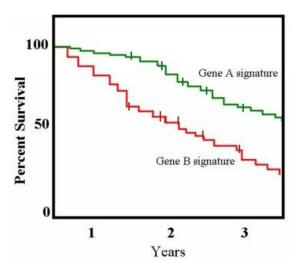
The most common, 'intuitive' summary, also known as Kaplan-Meier curves



plot(survfit(tumor.surv ~ 1))

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Can e.g. compare different groups



Gene B signature < Gene A signature

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Can use regularization:

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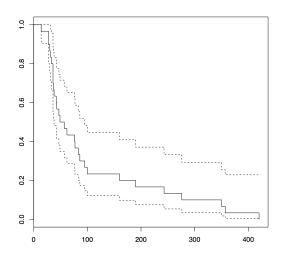
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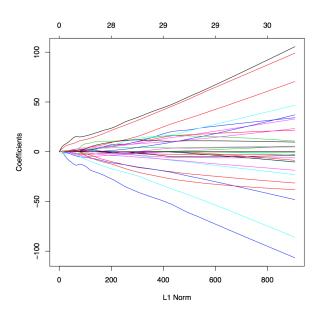
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Very easy to run lasso:

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fit <- glmnet(X, Surv(time, status), family = "cox")
plot(fit)</pre>
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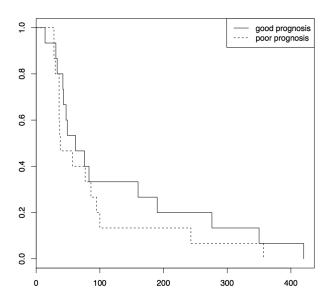
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- 1. Break data into folds
- 2. For each fold k
 - 2.1. Train on all data except kth fold to find $\hat{\beta}$
 - 2.2. Calculate score $\eta_i = x_i^{\top} \hat{\beta}$ for all i in the left-out fold
- 3. Split the data into *i* with $\eta_i \leq c$ and $\eta_i > c$
- 4. Plot KM curves!

Choose the best KM plot!

```
> unord <- match(1:30,obs.ord)
> test.pred <- matrix(0,ncol = 100, nrow = 30)
> for(fold in 1:3){
+ ind.train <- obs.ord[((fold-1)*10 + 1):(fold*10)]
+ fit.train <- glmnet(X[ind.train,], Surv(time[ind.train],status[ind.train]), family="cox")
+ test.pred[-ind.train,] <- predict(fit.train, X[-ind.train,])
+}
> k <- 80
> plot(survfit(Surv(time,status)~(test.pred[,k] > median(test.pred[,k]))),
+ lty = c(1,2))
> legend("topright", c("good prognosis","poor prognosis"), lty = c(1,2))
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Not so great!

Log-Likelihood Recap

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- ► Minimize Negative Log Likelihood
- ► Can add sparsity/ridge/other penalties

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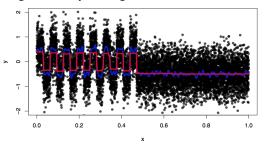
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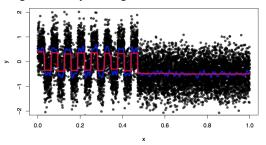
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- ► This is a very active area of research!!