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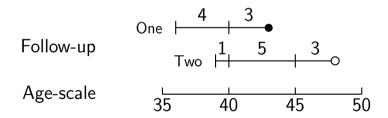
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- ▶ Multiple states (little boxes later)

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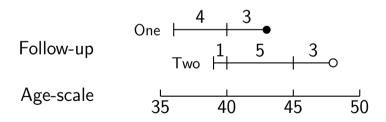


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A cohort or follow-up study records:

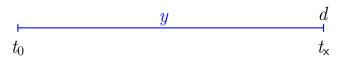
Events and Risk time.

The outcome is thus **bivariate**: (d, y)

Follow-up **data** for each individual must therefore have (at least) three variables:

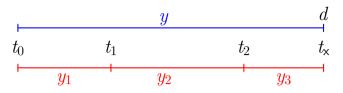
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Specific for each type of outcome.



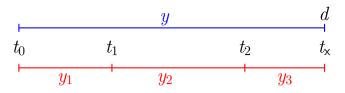
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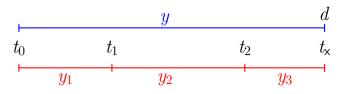
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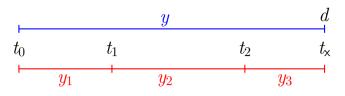


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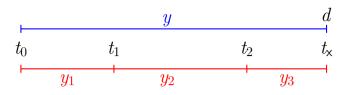
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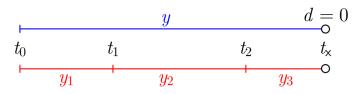
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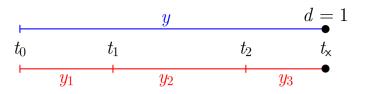
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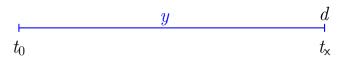
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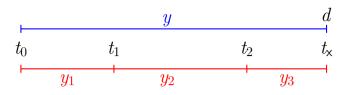
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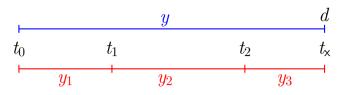
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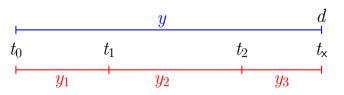
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	subj. 1	subj. 2	subj. 3
Age at E ntry: Age at e X it: S tatus at exit:	13.06	18.44	4.54
	44.95	41.14	11.12
	Dead	Alive	Dead
$Y \\ D$	31.89	22.70	6.58
	1	0	1

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0-	0.00	0	0.00	0	5.46	0	5.46	0
10-	6.94	0	1.56	0	1.12	1	8.62	1
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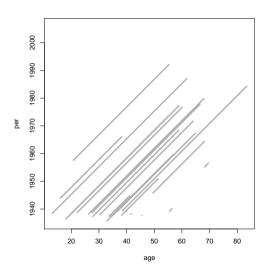
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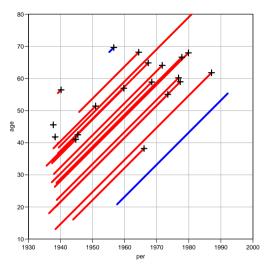
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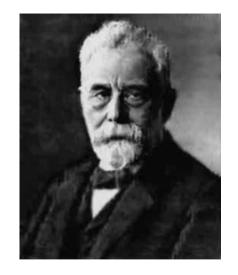
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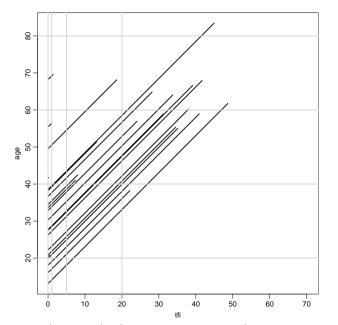
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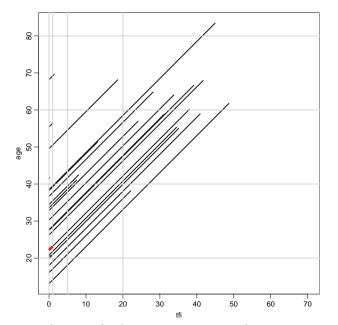
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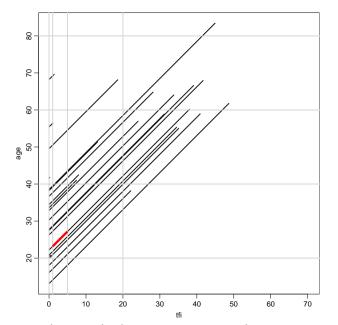
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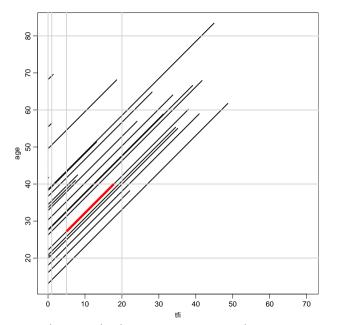
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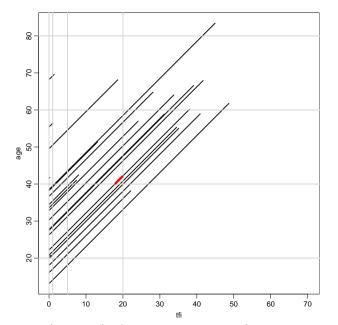
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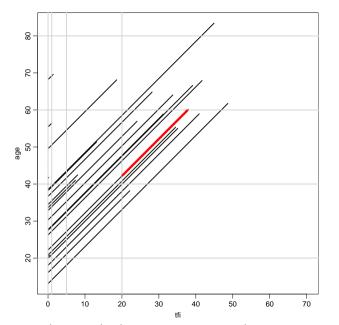


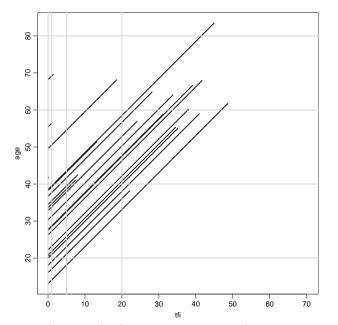












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- ... but the split data allows models that assume different rates for different (d_{pi}, y_{pi}) , so rates can vary **within** a person's follow-up.

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> spl1 <- splitLexis( thL , breaks=seq(0,100,20) , time.scale="age" )</pre>
> spl2 <- splitLexis( spl1, breaks=c(0,1,5,20,100), time.scale="tfi" )
> options( digits=5 )
> spl2[1:10,1:11]
                        tfi lex.dur lex.Cst lex.Xst id sex birthdat contrast
   lex.id
             age
                   per
        1 22.182 1938.8
                        0.000
                                1.00000
                                                                 1916.6
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                        1.000
                                4.00000
                                                               1916.6
                                                             2 1916.6
        1 27.182 1943.8
                        5.000
                              12.81793
                                                             2 1916.6
        1 40.000 1956.6
                       17.818
                                2.18207
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                                                             2 1916.6
        1 42.182 1958.8 20.000
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6
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                                0.17796
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                                                             2 1927.8
        2 16 063 1943 9
                        0.000
                               1.00000
                                                           2 1927.8
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                                2.93703
                                                           2 1927.8
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                        3.937
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```
> stat.table( contrast.
            list(D = sum(lex.Xst).
                  Y = sum(lex.dur).
               Rate = ratio( lex.Xst, lex.dur, 100 ) ),
            margin = TRUE,
            data = spl2)
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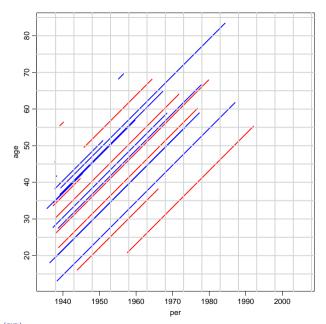
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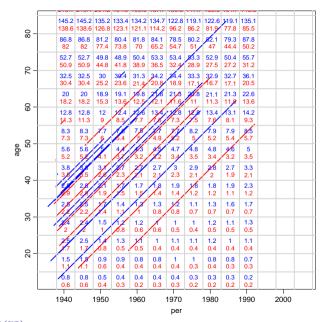
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Create variables to fit with the population data

```
> data( gmortDK )
> gmortDK[1:6,1:6]
 agr per sex
                risk
                         dt
                                rt
       38
            1 996019 14079 14.135
   5
       38
            1 802334
                        726
                             0.905
  10
       38
           1 753017
                      600
                             0.797
  15
       38
           1 773393
                       1167
                            1.509
  20
       38
           1 813882
                       2031
                            2.495
  25
       38
            1 789990 1862
                            2.357
> gmortDK$cal <- gmortDK$per+1900</pre>
> #
> thapx <- merge( thap, gmortDK[,c("agr","cal","sex","rt")] )</pre>
> #
> thapx$E <- thapx$lex.dur * thapx$rt / 1000</pre>
```

```
> stat.table( contrast,
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- Analysis of SMR is like analysis of rates:
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