# Cirrhosis Patient Survival Prediction

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# Background

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### **Dataset Description**

The dataset used in this analysis originates from a study on primary biliary cirrhosis (PBC) conducted at the Mayo Clinic. It contains data for 276 patients, each characterized by 20 variables reflecting demographic, clinical, and laboratory features. Demographic variables include age and sex. Clinical features include the presence or absence of ascites, hepatomegaly, spiders, and edema, as well as the histologic stage of the disease. Laboratory markers, such as bilirubin, albumin, copper, alkaline phosphatase (alk\_phos), SGOT, triglycerides, platelets, and prothrombin time, provide insight into liver function and disease severity. Outcome measures include the number of days from registration to death, liver transplantation, or censoring, and patient status. For the purpose of analysis, censored cases (C: censored, CL: censored due to liver transplantation) were grouped together as a single category (C), while death (D) remained as a separate outcome.

Missing data were handled by removing rows with incomplete values. Out of the original dataset, 142 entries were removed due to missing information, resulting in a final dataset of 276 complete cases. This approach ensures the integrity of statistical analysis by avoiding imputation biases. By excluding records with missing data, the analysis avoids biases introduced by imputation but acknowledges the trade-off between sample size and data quality.

As shown in Table 1, the baseline characteristics of patients reveal significant differences across survival outcomes. Patients who died had the shortest survival time, highest bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, and SGOT levels, as well as the most advanced disease stage (50% in stage 4). In contrast, younger patients were more likely to undergo liver transplantation, with a mean age of 40.7 years compared to 53.4 years in the death group. Clinical features such as ascites, hepatomegaly, and edema were more prevalent among those who died or underwent transplantation, indicating disease severity. Additionally, lower albumin levels and prolonged prothrombin time in the death group highlight impaired liver function as a key prognostic factor.

Table 1: Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	Censored $N = 147^1$	Censored due to liver tx $N = 18^1$	<b>Death</b> $N = 111^{1}$
N_days	2,391.8 / 2,224.0 (984.3)	$1,511.6 \ / \ 1,368.0 \ (754.4)$	1,508.5 / 1,191.0 (1,110.4)
Drug			
D-penicillamine	70 (48%)	9 (50%)	57 (51%)
Placebo	77 (52%)	9 (50%)	54 (49%)
Age	48.3 / 48.0 (10.3)	40.7 / 40.5 (6.0)	$53.4 \ / \ 53.0 \ (10.0)$
Sex			
Female	137~(93%)	15 (83%)	90 (81%)
Male	10 (6.8%)	3 (17%)	21 (19%)
Ascites	1 (0.7%)	0 (0%)	18 (16%)
Hepatomegaly	55 (37%)	12 (67%)	75 (68%)
Spiders	29 (20%)	5 (28%)	46 (41%)
Edema	8 (5.4%)	2 (11%)	32 (29%)

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Characteristic	Censored $N = 147^1$	Censored due to liver $tx N = 18^1$	$Death N = 111^1$
Bilirubin	1.6 / 0.9 (1.8)	$3.2 \ / \ 3.3 \ (2.0)$	5.7 / 3.3 (6.2)
Cholesterol	$326.9 \ / \ 293.0 \ (168.1)$	$439.5 \ / \ 343.5 \ (335.5)$	418.9 / 344.0 (277.9)
Albumin	$3.6 \ / \ 3.6 \ (0.3)$	$3.6 \ / \ 3.6 \ (0.4)$	3.4 / 3.4 (0.5)
Copper	$68.1 \ / \ 52.0 \ (58.7)$	$123.3 \ / \ 101.0 \ (102.9)$	140.3 / 121.0 (100.9)
Alk_phos	1,501.1 / 1,120.0 (1,376.8)	$1,\!509.7\ /\ 1,\!253.5\ (854.4)$	2,731.8 / 1,794.0 (2,765.3)
SGOT	110.2 / 97.0 (54.4)	$130.2 \ / \ 123.5 \ (38.0)$	141.5 / 134.9 (57.7)
Tryglicerides	111.1 / 103.0 (47.8)	133.9 / 124.0 (70.5)	141.8 / 124.0 (79.3)
Platelets	$267.0 \ / \ 265.0 \ (86.4)$	294.8 / 297.5 (79.9)	249.5 / 236.0 (102.1)
Prothrombin	$10.4 \ / \ 10.2 \ (0.9)$	$10.4 \ / \ 10.2 \ (0.6)$	11.2 / 11.0 (1.0)
Stage			
1	11 (7.5%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.9%)
2	42 (29%)	3 (17%)	14 (13%)
3	62 (42%)	8 (44%)	41 (37%)
4	32 (22%)	7 (39%)	55 (50%)

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ Mean / Median (SD); n (%)

### Survival Analysis

#### Kaplan-Meier Estimates

The Kaplan-Meier estimator was used to estimate survival probabilities. This method provides a non-parametric estimation of the survival function S(t), defined as the probability of survival beyond time t. For a set of ordered survival times  $t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_k$ , the Kaplan-Meier survival estimate is computed as:

$$\hat{S}(t) = \prod_{t_i \le t} \left( 1 - \frac{d_i}{n_i} \right)$$

where:

- $d_i$  is the number of events (deaths or censoring) at time  $t_i$ ,
- $n_i$  is the number of individuals at risk just before time  $t_i$ .

The Kaplan-Meier survival curves were plotted for overall survival, as well as stratified by key variables such as treatment type (D-penicillamine vs. placebo), presence of edema, and histological stage of disease. Confidence intervals were calculated for survival probabilities to assess the precision of estimates.

#### Log-Rank Test

The log-rank test was employed to compare survival distributions between groups, such as those defined by drug treatment, edema status, and disease stage. The log-rank test statistic is computed as:

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

where:

- $O_i$  is the observed number of events in group i,
- $E_i$  is the expected number of events in group i, under the null hypothesis.

This statistic follows a chi-squared distribution with degrees of freedom equal to the number of groups minus one. P-values were calculated to assess the significance of differences in survival.

#### Cox PH

(Feature selection, model assumptions, model evaluation)

After the proportional hazards assumption is met, interaction terms between model covariates are considered using the likelihood ratio test. Suppose there are p covariates in the model. First, each one of the  $\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$  interaction terms is added to the model to obtain  $\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$  p value, and the interaction term with the lowest p value is added to the model. Then, the rest of the interaction terms are added to the new model one by one to obtain the p value. The process

is repeated until p > 0.05 holds for all the likelihood ratio tests. The model with the added interaction terms is the final model.

With the final model, model evaluation is conducted. Deviance residuals and Cox-Snell residuals are used to evaluate model fit. For models with good fit, deviance residuals should be randomly distributed around 0, and for KM survival estimates using Cox-Snell residuals as the pseudo survival time, log(-log(S(t))) should be approximately equal to log(t). Influence diagnostics with LD option is used to identify influential individuals. It evaluates how much the log-likelihood would change if the  $i^{th}$  person was removed from the sample. After identifying outliers and influential individuals, these subjects are removed from the sample and the model is re-fit to see if the results would change.

### Results

### Descriptive Statistics (EDA)

Figure 1 provides insights into the distributions of continuous variables through boxplots, revealing heterogeneity in liver disease severity. Variables such as bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, SGOT, and prothrombin exhibit highly skewed distributions with significant outliers, reflecting the heterogeneity in liver disease severity among patients. These patterns highlight the diversity in clinical markers and their potential implications for survival outcomes.

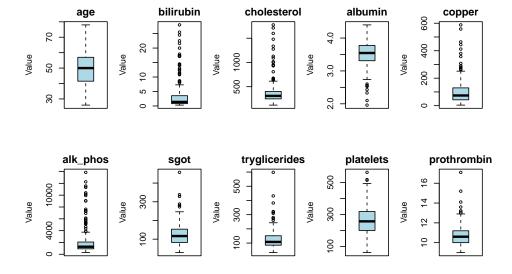


Figure 1: Boxplots for Continuous Variables

As shown in the Figure 2, the majority of patients are female, lack ascites, and are evenly distributed regarding hepatomegaly. Most are in stages 2 and 3 of the disease, with a notable proportion in stage 4, indicating disease progression. Drug distribution is balanced between D-penicillamine and placebo groups, supporting comparability in treatment outcomes.

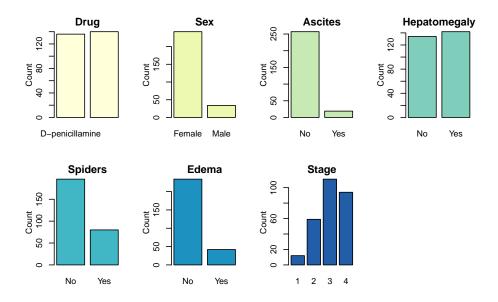


Figure 2: Barplots for Categorical Variables

Finally, Figure 3 presents the correlation matrix, which highlights strong positive associations between bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, and SGOT, emphasizing their relationship with liver dysfunction. In contrast, albumin and platelet counts negatively correlate with disease stage, indicating their decline as the disease advances. These relationships highlight key biomarkers of cirrhosis progression.

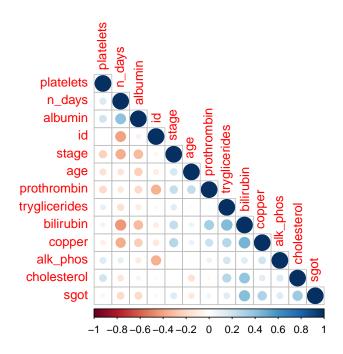


Figure 3: Correlation Matrix

# KM and Log-Rank Test

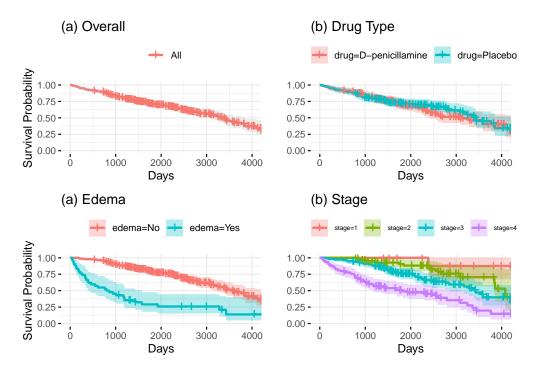


Figure 4: Kaplan-Meier Survival Curve

Table 2: Kaplan-Meier Survival Summary in Years

Time Interval (Years)	At Risk	Events	Censored	Survival Probability	Lower CI	Upper CI
(0, 1)	276	19	0	0.93	0.90	0.96
[1, 2)	257	10	1	0.89	0.86	0.93
[2, 3)	246	22	12	0.81	0.77	0.86
[3, 4)	212	14	29	0.76	0.71	0.81
[4, 5)	169	9	24	0.71	0.66	0.77
[5, 6)	136	6	18	0.68	0.62	0.74
[6, 7)	112	9	23	0.62	0.55	0.69
[7, 8)	80	6	15	0.57	0.50	0.64
[8, 9)	59	5	13	0.51	0.43	0.60
[9, 10)	41	6	8	0.42	0.34	0.53
[10, 11)	27	3	7	0.37	0.28	0.48
[11, 12)	17	2	10	0.31	0.21	0.45

The Kaplan-Meier survival analysis provides valuable insights into overall survival probabilities over time. The survival curve shows a consistent decline in survival probability Figure 4 (a), with a median survival probability of 9 years and a 75% survival probability of 4 years. Key survival probabilities at yearly intervals are summarized in Table 2.

Table 3: Log-Rank Test Results

Chi-Squared	d Statistic	Degrees of Freedom	P-Value
Drug	0.4049	1	0.5246
Edema	53.0933	1	< 0.0001
Stage	44.6499	3	< 0.0001

A comparison of survival probabilities between the two treatment groups—D-penicillamine and placebo—demonstrated no statistically significant differences. The log-rank test produced a p-value of 0.5246, far above the significance threshold of 0.05. The Kaplan-Meier curves for these groups overlap substantially, indicating that D-penicillamine does not significantly improve survival outcomes compared to placebo (Table 3, Figure 4 (b)).

Edema shows as a critical factor influencing survival, as highlighted by the log-rank test

(p-value < 0.0001). Patients without edema exhibit significantly better survival probabilities than those with edema (Table 3, Figure 4 (c)). The stark contrast in survival curves underscores edema as a key predictor of survival and its importance in risk stratification.

The histologic stage of the disease also plays a significant role in survival outcomes. The log-rank test for stage groups yielded a highly significant p-value (< 0.0001), indicating marked differences in survival curves across stages (Table 3, Figure 4 (d)). Patients in advanced stages (3 and 4) have substantially lower survival probabilities compared to those in earlier stages (1 and 2).

#### Cox Model

(Feature selection, model assumptions, model evaluation)

Now, interaction terms are considered between the covariates in the model. During the first iteration, five interaction terms, including interaction for Copper with age, Albumin, SGOT, Prothrombin, and diease stage are selected using criteria p < 0.05, and the interaction between Albumin and Copper is added to the model as it has the lowest p value. During the second iteration, none of the interaction terms gets selected, and the iteration ends. The final model can then be specified as:

$$log(HR) = \beta_1 I(drug=D-penicillamine) + \beta_2 age + \beta_3 billirubin + \beta_4 albumin + \beta_5 copper$$
$$+ \beta_6 sgot + \beta_7 prothrombin + \beta_8 I(stage=2) + \beta_9 I(stage=3) + \beta_{10} I(stage=4)$$
$$+ \beta_{11} billirubin : n\_days + \beta_{12} albumin : copper$$

Table 4 shows the model estimates. It can be concluded that, holding other covariates constant:

• The primary variable of interest, drug, has a negative yet insignificant impact on survival. Other covariates that impose a negative significant impact include age, Bilirubin, SGOT, Prothrombin, Stage 4 (compared with Stage 1), and interaction between Albumin and Copper. Albumin, Copper, and interaction between Bilirubin and number of days instead have a protective significant impact.

Table 4: Final Model Hazard Ratio Estimates

Characteristic	$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}^{1}$	$95\%$ $\mathrm{CI}^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$	p-value	
drug				
drug.L	1.2720	0.9451 to 1.7118	0.1124	
age	1.0343	1.0119  to  1.0572	0.0025	
bilirubin	1.2798	1.1927  to  1.3731	0.0000	
albumin	0.2316	0.1089  to  0.4927	0.0001	
copper	0.9779	0.9641  to  0.9919	0.0020	
sgot	1.0065	1.0026 to $1.0104$	0.0010	
prothrombin	1.3257	1.0521  to  1.6704	0.0168	
stage				
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2	3.7034	0.4513 to $30.392$	0.2228	
3	5.4604	0.6981  to  42.713	0.1058	
4	8.0139	1.0305 to $62.324$	0.0467	
bilirubin * n_days	0.9998	0.9997 to 0.9999	0.0000	
albumin * copper	1.0076	1.0034  to  1.0119	0.0004	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>HR = Hazard Ratio, CI = Confidence Interval

- The hazard for PBC patients treated with D-penicillamine is 1.2720 times that of PBC patients treated with Placebo.
- The hazard ratio for PBC patients with one year increase in age is 1.0343.
- The hazard ratio for PBC patients with 1 mg/dl increase in Bilirubin is 1.2798.
- The hazard ratio for PBC patients with 1 gm/dl increase in Albumin is 0.2316.
- The hazard ratio for PBC patients with 1 ug/day increase in Copper is 0.9779.
- The hazard ratio for PBC patients with 1U/ml in SGOT is 1.0065.
- The hazard ratio for PBC patients with 1s increase in Prothrombin is 1.3257.
- The hazard for PBC patients at Stage 2, 3, and, 4 is 3.7034, 5.4604, and 8.0139 times that of PBC patients at Stage 1.
- For the same level of Bilirubin, a unit increase in survive time results in -0.0002Bilirubin change in the effect of Bilirubin on log hazard ratio for PBC patients.
- For the same level of Albumin, a unit increase in Copper results in 0.0076Albumin change in the effect of Albumin on log hazard ratio for PBC patients.

Model evaluation is then conducted on this final model. Figures 5 and 6 show the deviance

residuals distribution and the KM estimates using Cox-Snell residuals as pseudo survival time respectively. As there is no obvious trend in the deviance plots and the line is close to the reference line in Cox-Snell plot, it can be concluded that the model is a relatively good fit.

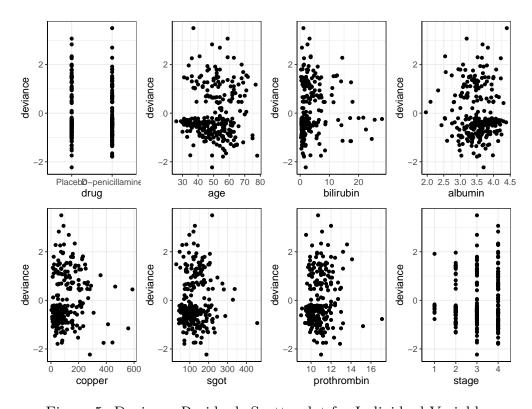


Figure 5: Deviance Residuals Scatterplot for Individual Variable

For influence diagnostics, the individuals that provide the 5 largest absolute differences for the LD option are selected. After removing the outliers (identified by a deviance residual larger than 3, 2 are selected) and the 5 influential individuals, the model is re-fit. Table 5 compares the model estimates for the two models. There are subtle differences between model estimates, but the direction of impact stays the same for all the variables, thus resulting in similar conclusions.

Table 5: Model Parameter Estimates Comparison

		Original Model			New Model	
	Estimate	Hazard Ratio	p value	Estimate	Hazard Ratio	p value
drug.L	0.2406	1.2720	0.1124	0.2907	1.3374	0.0662

age	0.0337	1.0343	0.0025	0.0303	1.0308	0.0098
bilirubin	0.2467	1.2798	0.0000	0.3033	1.3543	0.0000
albumin	-1.4627	0.2316	0.0001	-1.5639	0.2093	0.0001
copper	-0.0224	0.9779	0.0020	-0.0226	0.9777	0.0021
sgot	0.0065	1.0065	0.0010	0.0063	1.0063	0.0024
prothrombin	0.2819	1.3257	0.0168	0.3428	1.4089	0.0063
stage2	1.3093	3.7034	0.2228	1.4232	4.1505	0.1921
stage3	1.6975	5.4604	0.1058	1.7935	6.0104	0.0930
stage4	2.0812	8.0139	0.0467	2.1404	8.5030	0.0440
bilirubin:n_days	-0.0002	0.9998	0.0000	-0.0002	0.9998	0.0000
albumin:copper	0.0076	1.0076	0.0004	0.0078	1.0078	0.0003

### Discussion

The analysis demonstrates that D-penicillamine is inefficient in improving survival outcomes for patients with primary biliary cirrhosis (PBC). The hazard ratio for those treated with the drug is 1.2720 compared to placebo, indicating no survival benefit and a potential negative effect. This finding suggests the need to reconsider its use and focus on alternative therapies that may offer greater efficacy.

Kaplan-Meier analysis further confirmed the inefficacy of D-penicillamine, as survival probabilities between the drug and placebo groups showed no statistically significant difference. The overlapping survival curves reinforce the finding that D-penicillamine does not confer a survival advantage and may require reevaluation as a treatment option. Additionally, Kaplan-Meier analysis highlighted the importance of edema, as patients without edema showed significantly better survival probabilities, making it a critical factor in risk stratification.

Age and disease stage emerged as critical determinants of survival, underscoring the importance of early detection and stage-specific care. The hazard of mortality increases significantly with each advancing stage, with Stage 4 patients facing an eightfold higher risk compared to

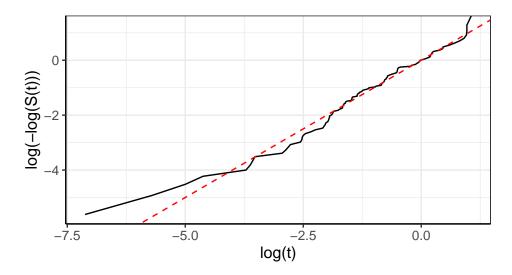


Figure 6: KM Estimates Using Cox-Snell Residuals

Stage 1. Kaplan-Meier survival curves demonstrated markedly reduced survival probabilities in advanced stages, with a sharp decline observed in stages 3 and 4. Early interventions to halt disease progression are vital, as is tailoring treatment strategies to the patient's disease stage.

Liver function indicators such as Bilirubin, Copper, SGOT, Prothrombin, and Albumin are vital in survival outcomes. Elevated Bilirubin, SGOT, and Prothrombin levels are associated with higher hazards, reflecting liver damage and dysfunction. Conversely, higher albumin levels provide a strong protective effect, emphasizing the importance of maintaining good nutritional and synthetic liver function. The modest protective impact of Copper is proved by previous studies where Copper deficiency is identified as a risk factor for mortality in advanced liver disease (Yu et al. 2019). These findings highlight the necessity of monitoring liver function and metabolic health closely to identify high-risk patients and address reversible factors.

The analysis also revealed key interactions affecting survival. A negative Albumin-Copper interaction was observed, indicating a synergistic detrimental effect. This underscores the complexity of metabolic interactions in liver disease and the need to address deficiencies or toxicities in a balanced manner. Furthermore, continued investigation of other potential

interactions is needed to uncover personalized treatment strategies.

To improve patient outcomes, it is crucial to monitor high-risk patients routinely, focusing on those with poor liver function indicators or advanced disease stages. Additionally, conducting biological investigations into the protective role of copper and its interactions with other variables could provide valuable insights. These efforts can pave the way for personalized therapies that address the unique risk profiles of individual patients and enhance survival outcomes.

### Conclusion

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Hepatology Communications 3 (8): 1159–65. https://doi.org/10.1002/hep4.1393.

# **Appendix**

#### Code

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library(corrplot)
library(gtsummary)
library(flextable)
library(stringr)
library(survival)
library(survminer)
library(kableExtra)
library(ggplot2)
library(ggpubr)
library(gridExtra)
write matex <- function(x) {</pre>
  begin <- "$$\\begin{bmatrix}"</pre>
  end <- "\\end{bmatrix}$$"</pre>
  X <-
    apply(x, 1, function(x) {
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        paste(x, collapse = "&"),
        "////"
      )
    })
  writeLines(c(begin, X, end))
theme_set(
  theme bw()+
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    axis.title.x = element_text(size = 12),
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    axis.text = element_text(size = 10),
    axis.line = element_line(color = "black", size = 0.5),
  )
cirrhosis <- read_csv("data/cirrhosis.csv")|>
  janitor::clean_names() |>
  mutate(age = round(age / 365),
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sex = if_else(sex == "M", "Male", "Female"),
         ascites = if_else(ascites == "N", "No", "Yes"),
         hepatomegaly = if_else(hepatomegaly == "N", "No", "Yes"),
         spiders = if_else(spiders == "N", "No", "Yes"),
         edema = if_else(edema == "N", "No", "Yes"))|>
 na.omit()
theme_gtsummary_journal(journal = "nejm")
cirrhosis df <- cirrhosis |>
 mutate(
    status = case_when(
      status == "C" ~ "Censored",
      status == "CL" ~ "Censored due to liver tx",
      status == "D" ~ "Death",
      TRUE ~ status))
table 1 <- cirrhosis df |>
 select(-id) |>
 tbl_summary(
   by = status,
    statistic = list(
      all_continuous() ~ "{mean} / {median} ({sd})",
      all_categorical() ~ "{n} ({p}%)"
    ),
    digits = all_continuous() ~ 1,
   missing = "no",
   label = list(
   n days ~ "N days",
    drug ~ "Drug",
    age ~ "Age",
    sex ~ "Sex",
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    spiders ~ "Spiders",
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stage ~ "Stage"
 )) |>
 modify_caption("Baseline Characteristics") |>
 as_flex_table() |>
 set_table_properties(width = 0.8, layout = "autofit") # Set width to 80%
table 1
conti_vars = cirrhosis |>
 select(age, bilirubin, cholesterol, albumin, copper, alk phos, sgot, tryglicerides, pl
# Boxplot for all continuous variables
par(mfrow = c(2, 5), oma = c(2, 2, 3, 1), mar = c(4, 4, 2, 1))
conti_names <- names(conti_vars)</pre>
p1 <- for (i in seq_along(conti_names)) {</pre>
 boxplot(conti_vars[[conti_names[i]]],
          main = conti_names[i],
          ylab = "Value",
          col = "lightblue",
          outline = TRUE) # Show outliers
}
cate_vars = cirrhosis |>
 select(drug, sex, ascites, hepatomegaly, spiders, edema, stage)
par(mfrow = c(2, 4), \# 2 rows, 5 columns)
    oma = c(2, 2, 3, 1), # Outer margins
    mar = c(4, 4, 2, 1), \# Inner margins for individual plots
   mgp = c(2, 1, 0) # Margins for axis labels and titles
colors <- c(brewer.pal(9, "YlGnBu"), "darkblue")</pre>
barplot(table(cate_vars$drug), main = "Drug", ylab = "Count",col = colors[1])
barplot(table(cate_vars$sex), main = "Sex", ylab = "Count",col = colors[2])
barplot(table(cate vars$ascites), main = "Ascites", ylab = "Count", col = colors[3])
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barplot(table(cate_vars$spiders), main = "Spiders", ylab = "Count", col = colors[5])
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barplot(table(cate_vars$stage), main = "Stage", ylab = "Count", col = colors[7])
numeric_cirr <- cirrhosis |>
 select_if(is.numeric)
cor matrix <- cor(numeric cirr, use = "complete.obs")</pre>
corrplot(cor matrix, method = "circle", type = "lower", order = "hclust")
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cirrhosis <- read_csv("../data/cirrhosis.csv")|>
  janitor::clean names() |>
  mutate(age = round(age / 365),
         sex = if_else(sex == "M", "Male", "Female"),
         ascites = if_else(ascites == "N", "No", "Yes"),
         hepatomegaly = if_else(hepatomegaly == "N", "No", "Yes"),
         spiders = if_else(spiders == "N", "No", "Yes"),
         edema = if_else(edema == "N", "No", "Yes")) |>
  drop_na()
cirrhosis$event <- ifelse(cirrhosis$status == "D", 1, 0)
surv_object <- Surv(time = cirrhosis$n_days, event = cirrhosis$event)</pre>
km fit <- survfit(surv_object ~ 1, data = cirrhosis)</pre>
plot_all = ggsurvplot(km_fit, conf.int = TRUE,
           title = "(a) Overall",
           xlab = "Days", ylab = "Survival Probability",
           legend.title = "",
           ggtheme = theme_minimal())
km fit drug <- survfit(surv object ~ drug, data = cirrhosis)</pre>
plot_drug = ggsurvplot(km_fit_drug, conf.int = TRUE,
           title = "(b) Drug Type",
           xlab = "Days", ylab = " ",
           legend.title = "",
           ggtheme = theme_minimal() )
# Fit survival curves by edema
km_fit_edema <- survfit(surv_object ~ edema, data = cirrhosis)</pre>
plot_edema <- ggsurvplot(</pre>
 km fit edema, conf.int = TRUE,
  title = "(a) Edema",
  xlab = "Days", ylab = "Survival Probability",
 legend.title = "",
  ggtheme = theme_minimal()
)
# Fit survival curves by stage
km_fit_stage <- survfit(surv_object ~ stage, data = cirrhosis)</pre>
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plot stage <- ggsurvplot(</pre>
  km_fit_stage, conf.int = TRUE,
  title = "(b) Stage",
  xlab = "Days", ylab = " ",
  legend.title = "",
  ggtheme = theme_minimal() +
    theme(legend.text = element_text(size = 6)) # Adjust legend text size
)
# Arrange the plots side by side with adjusted spacing
grid.arrange(
  plot all $plot,
  plot drug$plot,
  plot_edema$plot,
  plot stage$plot,
 ncol = 2,
  widths = c(1, 1) # Equal sizing for both plots
)
max_time <- max(cirrhosis$n_days, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
max_years <- floor(max_time / 365)</pre>
yearly times \leftarrow seq(0, max years * 365, by = 365)
km summary yearly <- summary(km fit, times = yearly times)</pre>
# Create the data frame from the KM summary
surv yearly table <- data.frame(</pre>
  years = yearly times / 365,
  n_risk = km_summary_yearly$n.risk,
  n event = km summary yearly$n.event,
  n censor = km summary yearly$n.censor,
  survival = km summary yearly$surv,
  lower_ci = km_summary_yearly$lower,
 upper_ci = km_summary_yearly$upper
)
# If time=0 row does not exist, add it
if (!any(yearly times == 0)) {
  surv yearly_table <- rbind(</pre>
    data.frame(
      years = 0,
      n_risk = km_fit$n.risk[1],
      n event = 0,
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n censor = 0,
      survival = 1,
      lower_ci = 1,
      upper ci = 1
    ),
    surv yearly table
  )
}
surv yearly table <- surv yearly table[order(surv yearly table$years), ]</pre>
interval labels <- sapply(2:nrow(surv yearly table), function(i) {
  paste0("[", surv_yearly_table$years[i-1], ", ", surv_yearly_table$years[i], ")")
  })
surv_yearly_intervals <- surv_yearly_table[-1, ] # Remove the first row if needed
surv yearly intervals$interval <- interval labels</pre>
surv yearly intervals$n risk[1] <- surv yearly table$n risk[1]</pre>
for (i in 2:nrow(surv_yearly_intervals)) {
  surv yearly intervals$n risk[i] <- surv yearly intervals$n risk[i-1] -</pre>
                                          surv yearly intervals$n event[i-1] -
                                          surv yearly intervals$n censor[i-1]
}
surv table = surv yearly intervals %>%
  rownames_to_column() %>% # Convert any existing row names to a column select(-rowname) %>% # Remove the converted row names column
  select(-rowname) %>%
                                     # Remove the converted row names column
  select(interval, n_risk, n_event, n_censor, survival, lower_ci, upper_ci) |>
  as.data.frame()
kable(
  surv table,
  caption = "Kaplan-Meier Survival Summary in Years",
      col.names = c("Time Interval (Years)", "At Risk", "Events", "Censored", "Survival
  digits = 2,
  booktabs = TRUE
) %>%
  kable_styling(full width = FALSE)
log_rank_test <- survdiff(surv_object ~ drug, data = cirrhosis)</pre>
log_rank_results_drug <- data.frame(</pre>
  Group = "Drug",
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Statistic = log rank test$chisq,
 Degrees of Freedom = 1,
 P_Value = log_rank_test$pvalue
log_rank_results_drug[, -1] <- log_rank_results_drug[, -1] %>%
  mutate(across(where(is.numeric), ~ round(., 4)))
# Log-rank test for edema
log_rank_test_edema <- survdiff(surv_object ~ edema, data = cirrhosis)</pre>
log rank results edema <- data.frame(</pre>
  Group = "Edema",
  Statistic = log_rank_test_edema$chisq,
  Degrees_of_Freedom = 1,
 P Value = ifelse(log rank test edema$pvalue < 0.0001, "<0.0001", log rank test edema$p
# Log-rank test for stage
log rank test stage <- survdiff(surv object ~ stage, data = cirrhosis)</pre>
log rank results stage <- data.frame(</pre>
 Group = "Stage",
  Statistic = log rank test stage$chisq,
  Degrees of Freedom = 3,
 P Value = ifelse(log rank test stage$pvalue < 0.0001, "<0.0001", log rank test stage$pvalue
log rank results combined <- rbind(log rank results drug,</pre>
                                    log rank results edema,
                                    log_rank_results_stage)
kable(
  log rank results combined[, -1], # Exclude the "Group" column for main table
  digits = 4.
  col.names = c("Chi-Squared Statistic", "Degrees of Freedom", "P-Value"),
  caption = "Log-Rank Test Results"
) %>%
  pack_rows("Drug", 1, 1) |>
  pack_rows("Edema", 2, 2) |>
  pack_rows("Stage", 3, 3)
cirrhosis = read_csv("../data/cirrhosis.csv")|>
  janitor::clean_names() |>
  mutate(age = round(age / 365),
         sex = if_else(sex == "M", "Male", "Female"),
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ascites = if_else(ascites == "N", "No", "Yes"),
        hepatomegaly = if_else(hepatomegaly == "N", "No", "Yes"),
         spiders = if_else(spiders == "N", "No", "Yes"),
         edema = if_else(edema == "N", "No", "Yes"),
         stage = factor(stage),
        drug = factor(drug, levels = c("Placebo", "D-penicillamine"), order = T)) |>
 na.omit()
cirrhosis = cirrhosis |>
 mutate(
    status = case_when(
      status == "D" ~ 1,  # Event of interest (death)
      status == "C" | status == "CL" ~ 0, # Censored data
      TRUE ~ as.numeric(status)))
# Interaction between Convariates
cox init = coxph(Surv(n days, status) ~ drug + age + strata(edema) +
                                bilirubin + albumin + copper + sgot +
                                prothrombin + stage + bilirubin : n_days,
                         id = id,
                        data = cirrhosis |> na.omit())
variables = c("drug", "age", "albumin", "copper", "sgot",
              "prothrombin", "stage")
vars df = tibble()
for(var in variables[1 : (length(variables) - 1)])
 left vars = variables[(which(variables == var) + 1) : length(variables)]
 for(var2 in left_vars)
    cox fit = coxph(Surv(n days, status) ~ drug + age + strata(edema) +
                                bilirubin + albumin + copper + sgot +
                                prothrombin + stage + bilirubin : n days +
                      eval(parse(text = var2)) : eval(parse(text = var)),
                         id = id,
                        data = cirrhosis |> na.omit())
     # aic_vec= c(aic_vec, AIC(model_four))
     chisq stat=-2 * (logLik(cox init)-logLik(cox fit))
     p_val = 1 - pchisq(chisq_stat,
                        attr(logLik(cox fit), "df") -
                          attr(logLik(cox init), "df"))
     if(p val < 0.05)
      vars_df = vars_df |> rbind(c(round(p_val, 4), var, var2))
 }
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}
colnames(vars_df) = c("p_value", "variable1", "variable2")
# vars df />
    mutate(interaction = pasteO(variable1, " * ", variable2)) />
    select(interaction, p_value) />
#
   knitr::kable(col.names = c("Interaction Term", "P Value"),
      caption = "Siginificant Interaction term")
# We first add the albumin*copper term into the model and evaluate again.
cox fit2 = coxph(Surv(n days, status) ~ drug + age + strata(edema) +
                  bilirubin + albumin + copper + sgot + prothrombin + stage +
                   bilirubin : n_days + albumin * copper,
                 id = id, data = cirrhosis)
vars df = tibble()
for(var in variables[1 : (length(variables) - 1)])
 left_vars = variables[(which(variables == var) + 1) : length(variables)]
 for(var2 in left vars)
    cox_fit = coxph(Surv(n_days, status) ~ drug + age + strata(edema) +
                      bilirubin + albumin + copper + sgot + prothrombin +
                      stage + bilirubin : n days + albumin * copper +
                      eval(parse(text = var2)) : eval(parse(text = var)),
                         id = id,
                       data = cirrhosis)
     # aic_vec= c(aic_vec, AIC(model_four))
     chisq stat=-2 * (logLik(cox fit2)-logLik(cox fit))
     p_val = 1 - pchisq(chisq_stat,
                        attr(logLik(cox fit), "df") -
                          attr(logLik(cox fit2), "df"))
     if(p_val < 0.05)
      vars_df = vars_df |> rbind(c(round(p_val, 4), var, var2))
 }
}
# This is our final model.
cox final = cox fit2
# summary(cox_final)$coefficient %>% .[, c(1, 2, 5)] />
    data.frame() |> mutate(significance = c("", "**", "***", "***", "**", "**".
#
                                             "". "". "*". "***". "***")) />
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knitr::kable(col.names = c(" ", "Estimate", "Hazard Ratio", "p value", "Sig."),
                 digits = 4, caption = "Final Model Parameter Results")
cox_final |> tbl_regression(
 exponentiate = T,
 estimate fun = purrr::partial(style ratio, digits = 4),
 pvalue_fun = purrr::partial(style_sigfig, digits = 4)) |>
 modify_caption("Final Model Hazard Ratio Estimates")
deviance res = residuals(cox final, type = "deviance", var = stage)
dev drug = cirrhosis |>
 mutate(deviance = deviance_res) |>
 ggplot(aes(x = drug, y = deviance)) +
 geom_point()
dev_age = cirrhosis |>
 mutate(deviance = deviance_res) |>
 ggplot(aes(x = age, y = deviance)) +
 geom_point()
dev bili = cirrhosis |>
 mutate(deviance = deviance res) |>
 ggplot(aes(x = bilirubin, y = deviance)) +
 geom_point()
dev_albu = cirrhosis |>
 mutate(deviance = deviance res) |>
 ggplot(aes(x = albumin, y = deviance)) +
 geom_point()
dev_copper = cirrhosis |>
 mutate(deviance = deviance res) |>
 ggplot(aes(x = copper, y = deviance)) +
 geom_point()
dev_sgot = cirrhosis |>
 mutate(deviance = deviance res) |>
 ggplot(aes(x = sgot, y = deviance)) +
 geom_point()
dev_proth = cirrhosis |>
 mutate(deviance = deviance res) |>
 ggplot(aes(x = prothrombin, y = deviance)) +
 geom_point()
dev_stage = cirrhosis |>
 mutate(deviance = deviance res) |>
 ggplot(aes(x = stage, y = deviance)) +
 geom_point()
ggarrange(dev_drug, dev_age, dev_bili, dev_albu, dev_copper,
          dev_sgot, dev_proth, dev_stage, ncol = 4, nrow = 2)
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# plot(deviance_res, ylab = "Deviance Residuals", xlab = "Index",
       main = "Deviance Residuals Scatterplot")
# abline(h = c(-3, 3), col = "red", lty = 2) # Flag large residuals
# which(deviance_res > 3)
coxsnell res = - (predict(cox final, type = "survival") |> log())
# hist(coxsnell_res, main = "Cox-Snell Residuals Histogram", freq = F, breaks = 15)
\# curve(exp(-x), add = T, col = "red")
# plot(coxsnell_res, ylab = "Cox-Snell Residuals", xlab = "Index",
       main = "Cox-Snell Residuals Scatterplot")
km fit = cirrhosis |> mutate(pseudo time = coxsnell res) |>
 survfit(Surv(pseudo time, status) ~ 1, id = id, data = )
km_summary = summary(km_fit)
tibble(
 t = km_summary$time,
 survival = km summary$surv
 mutate(y = log(- log(survival))) |>
 ggplot(aes(x = log(t), y = y)) +
 geom_line() +
 geom_abline(intercept = 0, slope = 1, color = "red", lty = 2) +
 labs(y = "log(-log(S(t)))", title = "")
ld res = c()
for(i in 1 : nrow(cirrhosis))
 dat = cirrhosis |> slice(- i)
 model_ld = coxph(Surv(n_days, status) ~ drug + age + strata(edema) +
                  bilirubin + albumin + copper + sgot + prothrombin + stage +
                  bilirubin : n_days + albumin * copper,
                 id = id, data = dat)
 ld res = c(ld res, 2 * abs(logLik(model ld) - logLik(cox final)))
cox after = cirrhosis |>
 slice(c(- 77, - 143, - 82, - 100, - 108, - 129, - 210)) |>
 coxph(Surv(n days, status) ~ drug + age + strata(edema) +
                  bilirubin + albumin + copper + sgot + prothrombin + stage +
                  bilirubin : n_days + albumin * copper,
                 id = id, data = )
summary(cox_final)$coefficient %>% .[, c(1, 2, 5)] |>
  cbind(summary(cox after)$coefficient %>% .[, c(1, 2, 5)]) |>
 knitr::kable(col.names = c(" ", rep(c("Estimate", "Hazard Ratio", "p value"), 2)),
               digits = 4, caption = "Model Parameter Estimates Comparison") |>
 add_header_above(header = c(" " = 1, "Original Model" = 3, "New Model" = 3))
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