

# Modelos AG, PWP, WLW

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## Exercise

Data lymphoma is available at gcmrec package. It contains cancer relapses times after first treatment in patients diagnosed with low grade lymphoma. Data can be loaded into R by executing.

```
library("survival")
library("mstate")

data(lymphoma, package = "gcmrec")
```

NOTE: variable time contains inter-occurrence times, event is the censoring variable that is 1 for cancer relapses and 0 for the last follow up time indicating that the event is not observed and the variable id identifies each patient.

## Exercise 1:

- Estimate the AG, PWP-Gap time, PWP-Total time and WLW models to determine whether there are differences in the relapsing time depending on the number of lesions at diagnosis (variable distrib). NOTE: you will need to create the proper data frames for PWT-Gap time and WLW models.

```
#Ag
ag_model <- coxph(Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + cluster(id), data = lymphoma)
summary(ag_model)
```

```
## Call:
## coxph(formula = Surv(time, event) ~ distrib, data = lymphoma,
##       cluster = id)
##
##    n= 112, number of events= 49
##
##              coef exp(coef) se(coef) robust se      z Pr(>|z|)
## distrib 0.3274    1.3874   0.1678    0.1283 2.551   0.0107 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##              exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
## distrib      1.387      0.7208    1.079    1.784
##
## Concordance= 0.584 (se = 0.037 )
## Likelihood ratio test= 3.78 on 1 df,  p=0.05
## Wald test            = 6.51 on 1 df,  p=0.01
## Score (logrank) test = 3.84 on 1 df,  p=0.05,    Robust = 5.64 p=0.02
##
## (Note: the likelihood ratio and score tests assume independence of
```

```
## observations within a cluster, the Wald and robust score tests do not).
```

```
#WLW
```

```
wlw_model <- coxph(Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + strata(event)
+ cluster(id), data = lymphoma)
summary(wlw_model)
```

```
## Call:
```

```
## coxph(formula = Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + strata(event),
## data = lymphoma, cluster = id)
```

```
##
```

```
## n= 112, number of events= 49
```

```
##
```

```
## coef exp(coef) se(coef) robust se z Pr(>|z|)
```

```
## distrib -0.09081 0.91319 0.19235 0.14358 -0.632 0.527
```

```
##
```

```
## exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
```

```
## distrib 0.9132 1.095 0.6892 1.21
```

```
##
```

```
## Concordance= 0.514 (se = 0.039 )
```

```
## Likelihood ratio test= 0.22 on 1 df, p=0.6
```

```
## Wald test = 0.4 on 1 df, p=0.5
```

```
## Score (logrank) test = 0.22 on 1 df, p=0.6, Robust = 0.44 p=0.5
```

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##
```

```
## (Note: the likelihood ratio and score tests assume independence of
```

```
## observations within a cluster, the Wald and robust score tests do not).
```

```
#PWP
```

```
# Crear la variable 'event_number' que indica el número de evento por paciente
```

```
lymphoma <- lymphoma[order(lymphoma$id, lymphoma$time), ]
```

```
lymphoma$event_number <- ave(lymphoma$event, lymphoma$id, FUN = cumsum)
```

```
# Crear las variables Tstart y Tstop para los modelos PWP
```

```
lymphoma <- lymphoma[order(lymphoma$id, lymphoma$time), ]
```

```
lymphoma$Tstart <- ave(lymphoma$time, lymphoma$id, FUN = function(x) c(0, head(x, -1)))
```

```
lymphoma$Tstop <- lymphoma$time
```

```
#PWP_Gap
```

```
pwp_gap_model <- coxph(Surv(Tstart, Tstop, event) ~ distrib
```

```
+ strata(event_number) + cluster(id), data = lymphoma)
```

```
summary(pwp_gap_model)
```

```
## Call:
```

```
## coxph(formula = Surv(Tstart, Tstop, event) ~ distrib + strata(event_number),
## data = lymphoma, cluster = id)
```

```
##
```

```
## n= 110, number of events= 49
```

```
## (2 observations deleted due to missingness)
```

```
##
```

```
## coef exp(coef) se(coef) robust se z Pr(>|z|)
```

```
## distrib 0.1411 1.1516 0.1939 0.1504 0.938 0.348
```

```
##
```

```
## exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
```

```
## distrib 1.152 0.8684 0.8575 1.547
```

```
##
```

```
## Concordance= 0.554 (se = 0.046 )
```

```
## Likelihood ratio test= 0.53 on 1 df, p=0.5
## Wald test = 0.88 on 1 df, p=0.3
## Score (logrank) test = 0.53 on 1 df, p=0.5, Robust = 0.83 p=0.4
##
## (Note: the likelihood ratio and score tests assume independence of
## observations within a cluster, the Wald and robust score tests do not).
```

```
#PWP_total
pwp_total_model <- coxph(Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + strata(event_number)
+ cluster(id), data = lymphoma)
summary(pwp_total_model)
```

```
## Call:
## coxph(formula = Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + strata(event_number),
## data = lymphoma, cluster = id)
##
## n= 112, number of events= 49
##
##      coef exp(coef) se(coef) robust se      z Pr(>|z|)
## distrib 0.1065    1.1123  0.1879    0.1314 0.81    0.418
##
##      exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
## distrib    1.112    0.899    0.8598    1.439
##
## Concordance= 0.541 (se = 0.047 )
## Likelihood ratio test= 0.32 on 1 df, p=0.6
## Wald test = 0.66 on 1 df, p=0.4
## Score (logrank) test = 0.32 on 1 df, p=0.6, Robust = 0.64 p=0.4
##
## (Note: the likelihood ratio and score tests assume independence of
## observations within a cluster, the Wald and robust score tests do not).
```

- Do we obtain the same conclusion by using the three models? (NOTE: use some of the functions we have seen in the lectures to prepare the required data)

Solo el modelo AG detecta un efecto significativo de distrib sobre el tiempo de recaída. Los otros modelos (WLW, PWP-Gap y PWP-Total) no encuentran efectos significativos.

- Repeat the same analyses adjusting for sex and response to the treatment (variable tt effaage). Do we obtain the same conclusion as in the models without such adjustment?

NOTE: variable distrib encodes the lesions involved at diagnosis and has 4 categories (0=Single, 1=Localized, 2=More than one nodal site, 3= Generalized)

```
#AG ajustat
ag_model_adj <- coxph(Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + sex
+ effage + cluster(id), data = lymphoma)
summary(ag_model_adj)
```

```
## Call:
## coxph(formula = Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + sex + effage, data = lymphoma,
## cluster = id)
##
## n= 112, number of events= 49
##
##      coef exp(coef) se(coef) robust se      z Pr(>|z|)
## distrib 0.42306    1.52663  0.18562    0.15754 2.686 0.00724 **
## sex      0.35763    1.42993  0.32714    0.33261 1.075 0.28228
```

```
## effagePR -0.06159 0.94027 0.50980 0.62216 -0.099 0.92114
## effageSD 1.66430 5.28197 1.05606 1.25886 1.322 0.18615
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##      exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
## distrib      1.5266      0.6550      1.1211      2.079
## sex          1.4299      0.6993      0.7451      2.744
## effagePR      0.9403      1.0635      0.2778      3.183
## effageSD      5.2820      0.1893      0.4480     62.279
##
## Concordance= 0.603 (se = 0.037 )
## Likelihood ratio test= 6.75 on 4 df, p=0.1
## Wald test              = 9.89 on 4 df, p=0.04
## Score (logrank) test = 7.73 on 4 df, p=0.1, Robust = 7.96 p=0.09
##
## (Note: the likelihood ratio and score tests assume independence of
## observations within a cluster, the Wald and robust score tests do not).
```

```
#WLW ajustat
```

```
wlw_model_adj <- coxph(Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + sex
                        + effage + strata(event) + cluster(id), data = lymphoma)
summary(wlw_model_adj)
```

```
## Call:
## coxph(formula = Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + sex + effage +
## strata(event), data = lymphoma, cluster = id)
##
## n= 112, number of events= 49
##
##      coef exp(coef) se(coef) robust se      z Pr(>|z|)
## distrib -0.05741 0.94421 0.20123 0.15431 -0.372 0.710
## sex      0.21307 1.23747 0.32744 0.25194 0.846 0.398
## effagePR 0.23980 1.27100 0.48821 0.56829 0.422 0.673
## effageSD 3.24405 25.63742 1.23818 0.71393 4.544 5.52e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##      exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
## distrib      0.9442      1.05909      0.6978      1.278
## sex          1.2375      0.80810      0.7552      2.028
## effagePR      1.2710      0.78678      0.4173      3.871
## effageSD     25.6374      0.03901      6.3267     103.889
##
## Concordance= 0.523 (se = 0.043 )
## Likelihood ratio test= 4.76 on 4 df, p=0.3
## Wald test              = 24.22 on 4 df, p=7e-05
## Score (logrank) test = 15.11 on 4 df, p=0.004, Robust = 2.42 p=0.7
##
## (Note: the likelihood ratio and score tests assume independence of
## observations within a cluster, the Wald and robust score tests do not).
```

```
#PWP_Gap ajustat
```

```
pwp_gap_model_adj <- coxph(Surv(Tstart, Tstop, event) ~ distrib + sex
                           + effage + strata(event_number) + cluster(id), data = lymphoma)
```

```
summary(pwp_gap_model_adj)
```

```
## Call:
## coxph(formula = Surv(Tstart, Tstop, event) ~ distrib + sex +
##       effage + strata(event_number), data = lymphoma, cluster = id)
##
##      n= 110, number of events= 49
##      (2 observations deleted due to missingness)
##
##              coef exp(coef) se(coef) robust se      z Pr(>|z|)
## distrib    0.3378   1.4018   0.2167   0.1671  2.021 0.043291 *
## sex        0.6911   1.9959   0.3794   0.2745  2.517 0.011822 *
## effagePR  -0.1845   0.8315   0.5810   0.3782 -0.488 0.625764
## effageSD   2.5742  13.1207   1.2496   0.7589  3.392 0.000693 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##              exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
## distrib    1.4018     0.71334   1.0102     1.945
## sex        1.9959     0.50102   1.1654     3.418
## effagePR    0.8315     1.20258   0.3962     1.745
## effageSD   13.1207     0.07622   2.9649    58.063
##
## Concordance= 0.585 (se = 0.043 )
## Likelihood ratio test= 6.24 on 4 df,  p=0.2
## Wald test            = 15.54 on 4 df,  p=0.004
## Score (logrank) test = 8.49 on 4 df,  p=0.08,  Robust = 6  p=0.2
##
## (Note: the likelihood ratio and score tests assume independence of
## observations within a cluster, the Wald and robust score tests do not).
```

```
#PWP_Total ajustat
```

```
pwp_total_model_adj <- coxph(Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + sex + effage
+ strata(event_number) + cluster(id), data = lymphoma)
summary(pwp_total_model_adj)
```

```
## Call:
## coxph(formula = Surv(time, event) ~ distrib + sex + effage +
##       strata(event_number), data = lymphoma, cluster = id)
##
##      n= 112, number of events= 49
##
##              coef exp(coef) se(coef) robust se      z Pr(>|z|)
## distrib    0.1900   1.2093   0.2024   0.1475  1.288 0.197583
## sex        0.2797   1.3228   0.3426   0.3272  0.855 0.392639
## effagePR  -0.2417   0.7853   0.5181   0.5130 -0.471 0.637531
## effageSD   2.9068  18.2974   1.2400   0.7794  3.729 0.000192 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
##              exp(coef) exp(-coef) lower .95 upper .95
## distrib    1.2093     0.82692   0.9057     1.615
## sex        1.3228     0.75598   0.6965     2.512
## effagePR    0.7853     1.27340   0.2873     2.146
```

```
## effageSD    18.2974    0.05465    3.9712    84.304
##
## Concordance= 0.565 (se = 0.046 )
## Likelihood ratio test= 4.54 on 4 df, p=0.3
## Wald test          = 24.7 on 4 df, p=6e-05
## Score (logrank) test = 10.32 on 4 df, p=0.04, Robust = 4.58 p=0.3
##
## (Note: the likelihood ratio and score tests assume independence of
## observations within a cluster, the Wald and robust score tests do not).
```

Tras ajustar por sexo y respuesta al tratamiento (effage), el efecto de distrib sigue siendo significativo en el modelo AG, y además se vuelve significativo en el modelo PWP-Gap. En los modelos WLW y PWP-Total, distrib no muestra efecto significativo. Por lo tanto, las conclusiones cambian al incorporar estas variables, lo cual sugiere que el efecto de distrib puede estar condicionado por otros factores clínicos.