

# Package ‘cenROC’

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**Description** Contains functions to estimate smoothed and non-smoothed (empirical) time-dependent ROC curve and the corresponding area under the ROC curve (AUC) for the right censored survival data.  
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cenROC	<i>Estimation of time-dependent ROC curve for right censored survival data</i>
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## Description

This function computes the time-dependent ROC curve for the right censored survival data using the cumulative sensitivity and dynamic specificity definitions. The ROC curves can be either empirical (non-smoothed) or smoothed with/without boundary correction. It also calculates the time-dependent area under the ROC curve (AUC).

## Usage

```
cenROC(Y, M, censor, t, U = NULL, h = NULL, bw = "NR", len = 151, method = "tra",
       ktype = "normal", ktype1 = "normal", plot = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

Y	The numeric vector of event-times or observed times.
M	The numeric vector of marker values for which the time-dependent ROC curves is computed.
censor	The censoring indicator, 1 if event, 0 otherwise.
t	A scalar time point at which we want to compute the time-dependent ROC curve.
U	The vector of grid points where the ROC curve is estimated. The default is a sequence of 151 numbers between 0 and 1.
h	A scalar for the bandwidth of Beran's weight calculations. The default is using the method of Sheather and Jones (1991).
bw	A character string specifying the bandwidth estimation method. The possible options are "NR" for the normal reference, the plug-in "PI" and the cross-validation "CV". The default is the "NR" normal reference method. It is also possible to use a numeric value.
len	The length of the grid points. The default is 151.
method	The method of ROC curve estimation. The possible options are "emp" empirical method; "untra" smooth without boundary correction and "tra" is smooth ROC curve estimation with boundary correction. The default is the "tra" smooth ROC curve estimate with boundary correction.
ktype	A character string giving the type kernel distribution to be used for smoothing the ROC curve: "normal", "epanechnikov", "biweight", or "triweight". By default, the "normal" kernel is used.
ktype1	A character string specifying the desired kernel needed for Beran weight calculation. The possible options are "normal", "epanechnikov", "tricube", "boxcar", "triangular", or "quartic". The defaults is "normal" kernel density.
plot	The logical parameter to see the ROC curve plot. The default is TRUE.

## Details

The empirical (non-smoothed) ROC estimate and the smoothed ROC estimate with/without boundary correction can be obtained using this function. The smoothed ROC curve estimators require selecting two bandwidth parameters: one for Beran's weight calculation and one for smoothing the ROC curve. For the latter, three data-driven methods: the normal reference "NR", the plug-in "PI" and the cross-validation "CV" were implemented. To select the bandwidth parameter needed for Beran's weight calculation, by default, the plug-in method of Sheather and Jones (1991) is used but it is also possible to use numeric value. The time-dependent AUC can be computed either using the direct method (i.e.  $\widehat{AUC}_t = 1 - n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{W}_i \hat{Z}_i$ ) or using the numerical integration (i.e.  $\widehat{AUC}_t = \int_0^1 \widehat{ROC}_t(u) du$ ). The details about these methods can be found in the paper of Beyene and El Ghouch (2020).

## Value

Returns the following items:

ROC The vector of estimated ROC values. These will be numeric numbers between 0 and 1.

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It can also be a user-specified numerical

See Beyene and EL Ghouch (2020) for details.

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at U for the given t.

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U The vector of grid points used.

AUC The estimated area under the ROC curve at a given  $t$  using direct method.

~~AUC1 The estimated area under the ROC curve at a given  $t$  using numerical integration method.~~

bw The computed value of bandwidth. For the empirical method this is always 1.

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#### References

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Beyene, K. M. and El Ghouch A. (2020). Smoothed time-dependent ROC curves for right-censored survival data.

Sheather, S. J. and Jones, M. C. (1991). A Reliable data-based bandwidth selection method for kernel density estimation. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series B (Methodological)* 53(3): 683–690.

#### Examples

```
library(cenROC)
```

```
data(mayo)
```

```
data <- mayo[,c("time", "censor", "mayoscore5")]
```

```
t <- 365*6
```

```
cenROC(Y=mayo$time, M=mayo$mayoscore5, censor=mayo$censor, t=365*6)
```

```
resu <- cenROC(Y=data$time, M=data$mayoscore5, censor=data$censor, t=t, U=NULL,  
len=151, bw="PI", method="tra", plot=TRUE)
```

```
resu$AUC
```

CV

*The cross-validation bandwidth selection for weighted data*

#### Description

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This function computes the data-driven bandwidth for smoothing the ROC (or distribution) function. It is an extension of the classical (unweighted) cross-validation bandwidth selection method for the case of weighted data. If all the weights are equal, then the value is the same as the one obtained using the classical cross-validation method proposed by Bowman et al (1998).

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#### Usage

```
CV(X, wt, ktype = "normal", n_pts = 100, seq_bws = NULL)
```

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integrate function and not your  
integ function. I don't see any reason to do  
not use integrate function !!.

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<b>Arguments</b>		
x	The numeric data vector.	numerical
wt	The non-negative weight vector.	
ktype	A character string giving the type kernel to be used: "normal", "epanechnikov", "biweight", or "triweight". By default, the "normal" kernel is used.	256
n_pts	The number of points to be used in the integration. The default is 100.	default ?
seq_bws	The sequence of bandwidths in which to compute the cross-validation function.	

### Details

!!! This code has been adapted from Quintela-del-Rio and Estevez-Perez (2015). Bowman et al (1998) proposed the cross-validation bandwidth selection method for unweighted kernel smoothed distribution function and it is implemented in the R package **kerdiest**. We adapted this for the case of weighted data by incorporating the weight variable into the cross-validation function of Bowman's method.

Try to improve this. It is not well written.

### Value

Returns the computed value for the bandwidth parameter.

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Beyene, K. M. and El Ghouch A. (2020). Smoothed time-dependent ROC curves for right-censored survival data.

Bowman A., Hall P. and Trvan T.(1998). Bandwidth selection for the smoothing of distribution functions. *Biometrika* 85:799-808.

Quintela-del-Rio, A. and Estevez-Perez, G. (2015). **kerdiest**: Nonparametric kernel estimation of the distribution function, bandwidth selection and estimation of related functions. R package version 1.2.

### Examples

```
library(cenROC)

#X <- rnorm(100) # random data vector
#wt <- runif(100) # weight vector

## Cross-validation bandwidth selection
#bandCV <- CV(X = X, wt = wt)
#bandCV$bw
```

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mayo	<i>Mayo Marker Data</i>
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### Description

Two marker values with event time and censoring status for the subjects in Mayo PBC data.

### Usage

```
data(mayo)
```

### Format

A data frame with 312 observations and 4 variables: time (event time/censoring time), censor (censoring indicator), mayoscore4, mayoscore5. The two scores are derived from 4 and 5 covariates respectively.

### References

Heagerty, P. J., and Zheng, Y. (2005). Survival model predictive accuracy and ROC curves. *Biometrics*, 61(1), 92-105.

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NR	<i>The normal reference bandwidth selection for weighted data</i>
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### Description

This function computes the data-driven bandwidth for smoothing the ROC (or distribution) function. It is an extension of the classical (unweighted) normal reference bandwidth selection method for the case of weighted data. If all the weights are equal, then the value is the same as the one obtained using the classical normal reference method.

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of Beyene ....

### Usage

```
NR(X, wt, ktype = "normal")
```

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### Arguments

X	The numeric data vector.
wt	The non-negative weight vector.
ktype	A character string giving the type kernel to be used: "normal", "epanechnikov", "biweight", or "triweight". By default, the "normal" kernel is used.

### Details

This method is derived from the asymptotic mean square error of the time-dependent smoothed ROC function. It requires estimating the unknown quantity  $\kappa(ROC) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ROC''(u)\}^2 du$ , where  $ROC''(\cdot)$  is the second derivative of the ROC function. To estimate this it is assumed that the random variable follows a normal distribution and the weighted nature is accounted in the estimation of the unknown parameters of the assumed normal distribution. For smoothing the ROC function the following kernel can be considered: "normal", "epanechnikov", "biweight", or "triweight".

Not clear. Try to rewrite this

I don't think that you need to show any mathematical formula here. Interested readers should check the paper.

**Value**

Returns the computed value for the bandwidth parameter.

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**Examples**

```
library(cenROC)

X <- rnorm(100) # random data vector
wt <- runif(100) # weight vector

## Normal reference bandwidth selection
bandNR <- NR(X = X, wt = wt)

bandNR$bw
```

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PI

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*The plug-in bandwidth selection for weighted data*


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**Description**

This function computes the data-driven bandwidth for smoothing the ROC (or distribution) function. It is an extension of the classical (unweighted) direct plug-in bandwidth selection method for the case of weighted data. If all the weights are equal, then the value is the same as the one obtained using the classical plug-in method.

**Usage**

```
PI(X, wt, ktype = "normal")
```

**Arguments**

X	The numeric vector of random variable.
wt	The non-negative weight vector.
ktype	A character string giving the type kernel to be used: "normal", "epanechnikov", "biweight", or "triweight". By default, the "normal" kernel is used.

– same as above

### Details

This method is derived from the asymptotic mean square error of the time-dependent smoothed ROC function. It is the modified version of the plug-in bandwidth selection method for the kernel smoothed distribution function estimation. The quantity  $\kappa(ROC) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ROC''(u)\}^2 du$ , where  $ROC''(.)$  is the second derivative of the ROC function, is estimated nonparametrically using the relation  $\kappa(ROC) = -E\{WROC^{(3)}(Z)\}$ , where  $ROC^{(3)}(.)$  is the third derivative of the ROC function. For the pilot bandwidth needed for estimating the quantity  $E\{WROC^{(3)}(Z)\}$ , the normal reference method is used.

### Value

Returns the computed value for the bandwidth parameter.

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### Examples

```
library(cenROC)

X <- rnorm(100) # random data vector
wt <- runif(100) # weight vector

## Plug-in bandwidth selection
bandPI <- PI(X = X, wt = wt)

bandPI$bw
```

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