# Survival analysis

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#### Data

## Loading the data

```
In [2]: import pandas as pd
         df = pd.read_csv("./hiv.csv")
        df.head()
           subject time death
                                      cd4 time_obs treatment sex prev_infection
         0
                              0 10.677078
                                                  0
                 1 16.97
                                                          ddC male
                                                                             AIDS intolerance
                 1 16.97
                              0 8.426150
                                                  6
                                                          ddC male
                                                                             AIDS intolerance
         2
                 1 16.97
                                 9.433981
                                                 12
                                                          ddC male
                                                                             AIDS intolerance
                                                  0
                 2 19.00
                                6.324555
                                                          ddi male
                                                                           noAIDS intolerance
                 2 19.00
                             0 8.124038
                                                  6
                                                           ddI male
                                                                           noAIDS intolerance
```

### Data types

```
In [3]: df.dtypes
                              int64
Out[3]: subject
         time
                            float64
         death
                              int64
         cd4
                            float64
         time_obs
                             int64
         treatment
                             obiect
         sex
                             object
         prev_infection
                             object
         azt
                             object
         dtype: object
```

#### NaN values check

```
In [4]: number_of_missing_values = df.isna().sum().sum()
print(f"Number of missing values: {number_of_missing_values}")
Number of missing values: 0
```

# **Duplicates check**

```
In [5]: duplicates = df.duplicated().sum()
print(f"Number of duplicates: {duplicates}")
Number of duplicates: 0
```

## Input and output variables

We are preparing the feature set (x) and the target array (y) for use in survival analysis. The data is properly formatted for models like (x) regression and (x) Random Survival Forest.

```
In [6]: import numpy as np

x = df.drop(['time', 'death'], axis=1)
y = np.zeros(len(x), dtype=[('death', bool), ('time', float)])

y['death'] = df['death'].astype(bool)
y['time'] = df['time']
```

## Split the data

We are spliting the data into training and testing sets using StratifiedShuffleSplit, ensuring the distribution of the death column (event occurrence) is preserved.

Stratifying by death is important because it accounts for censored patients, maintaining the same proportion of events and non-events in both sets.

```
In [7]: from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedShuffleSplit
    splitter = StratifiedShuffleSplit(n_splits=1, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
    for train_idx, test_idx in splitter.split(x, y['death']):
```

```
x_train, x_test = x.iloc[train_idx], x.iloc[test_idx]
y_train, y_test = y[train_idx], y[test_idx]

print("Train set - Death rate:", np.mean(y_train['death']))
print("Test set - Death rate:", np.mean(y_test['death']))

Train set - Death rate: 0.29359430604982206
Test set - Death rate: 0.2918149466192171
```

#### Data preprocessing

We are encoding the categorical features to numerical values.

#### **Encoding categorical features**

ut[9]:		subject	cd4	time_obs	treatment	sex	prev_infection	azt
	834	274	4.358899	18	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
	221	79	2.828427	12	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	257	90	16.911535	6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	186	68	8.831761	2	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
	1101	361	0.000000	0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0

#### Exploratory data analysis

## Unique patients

# CD4 count measurements per patient

Number of unique patients: 467

Max CD4 Counts per Patient

```
In [11]: cd4_counts_per_patient = df.groupby('subject')['cd4'].count()

print("\nCD4 Counts per Patient:")
print("Mean CD4 Counts per Patient :", int(cd4_counts_per_patient.mean()))
print("Median CD4 Counts per Patient:", int(cd4_counts_per_patient.median()))
print("Min CD4 Counts per Patient :", cd4_counts_per_patient.min())
print("Max CD4 Counts per Patient :", cd4_counts_per_patient.max())
CD4 Counts per Patient:
Mean CD4 Counts per Patient : 3
Median CD4 Counts per Patient : 3
Min CD4 Counts per Patient : 1
```

## Visualization of censored and non-censored patients

The plot shows the survival times of 15 patients. Each horizontal line represents a single patient, and the length of the line indicates how long they survived. Blue dots mark the time of death for patients whose death was observed, while black dots represent patients who were lost to follow-up (censored). Red crosses indicate the time of censoring for these patients. The vertical dashed line at 18 months marks the end of the study period.

Overall, the plot suggests that survival times varied among patients. Some patients survived for a relatively short time, while others survived for much longer. The presence of censored observations means that the true survival times of some patients are unknown, which can impact the accuracy of survival estimates.

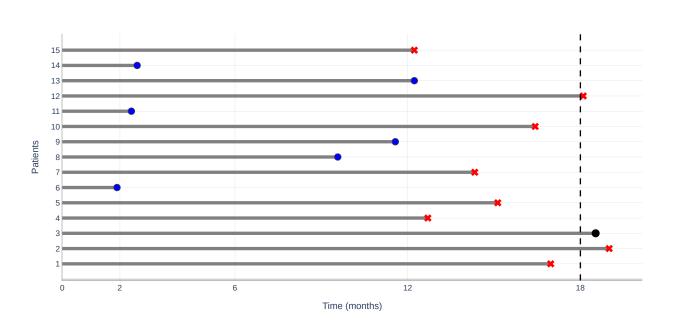
```
In [12]: import plotly.graph_objects as go
unique_patients = df.drop_duplicates(subset='subject')
subset_patients = unique_patients.head(15)
```

```
subjects_death_observed = []
times_death_observed = []
subjects_death_unobserved = []
times death unobserved = []
subjects_censored = []
times_censored = []
for _, patient in subset_patients.iterrows():
    if patient['death'] == 1:
        if patient['time'] <= 18:</pre>
            # Observed death
            subjects death observed.append(patient['subject'])
            times_death_observed.append(patient['time'])
        else:
            # Unobserved death
            subjects_death_unobserved.append(patient['subject'])
            times_death_unobserved.append(patient['time'])
    else:
        subjects_censored.append(patient['subject'])
        times_censored.append(patient['time'])
fig = go.Figure()
# Add gray lines for follow-up period (patients)
for _, patient in subset_patients.iterrows():
    fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(
        x=[0, patient['time']],
        y=[patient['subject'], patient['subject']],
        mode='lines'
        line=dict(color='gray', width=5),
        showlegend=False
    ))
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(
    x=times death observed.
    y=subjects_death_observed,
    mode='markers'
    marker=dict(color='blue', size=10, symbol='circle', line=dict(width=1)),
   name='Death (observed)'
))
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(
    x=times_death_unobserved,
    y=subjects_death_unobserved,
    mode='markers'
    marker=dict(color='black', size=10, symbol='circle',
                opacity=1, line=dict(color='black', width=2)),
    name='Death (unobserved)'
))
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(
    x=times_censored,
    y=subjects censored,
    mode='markers'
   marker=dict(color='red', size=10, symbol='x'),
    name='Censoring'
))
fig.add_vline(x=18, line=dict(color='black', dash='dash'), name='End of Study')
fig.update_layout(
    title={
        'text': 'Visualization of censored and non-censored patients - First 15 patients',
        'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
        'x': 0.5,
        'xanchor': 'center'
    font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
    plot_bgcolor='white',
    width=1000,
    height=600,
    margin=dict(l=80, r=50, b=80, t=150),
    legend=dict(
        orientation='h',
        yanchor='bottom',
        v=1.125.
        xanchor='center',
        x=0.5
    xaxis=dict(
        title='Time (months)',
```

```
showgrid=True,
        gridcolor='lightgrey',
        zeroline=True,
        zerolinecolor='black',
        zerolinewidth=1,
       linecolor='black',
        linewidth=1.
        tickvals=[0, 2, 6, 12, 18, 26]
   yaxis=dict(
       title='Patients',
        showgrid=True,
        gridcolor='lightgrey',
        zeroline=True,
        zerolinecolor='black',
        zerolinewidth=1,
        linecolor='black',
        linewidth=1,
        tickvals=list(range(1, 16))
fig.update_traces(
   hovertemplate='<b>%{fullData.name}</b><br>Patient: %{y}<br>Time: %{x} months<extra></extra>'
fig.show()
fig.write_image("censored_patients_and_non_censored_patients.svg")
```

#### Visualization of censored and non-censored patients - First 15 patients

Death (observed)
 Death (unobserved)
 Censoring



Some patients died after the study concluded and were recorded in the dataset as death, indicated by a value of 1 in the death column. However, for the purposes of this study, we will classify them as censored patients since the event occurred after the study's completion.

#### Distribution of numerical variables

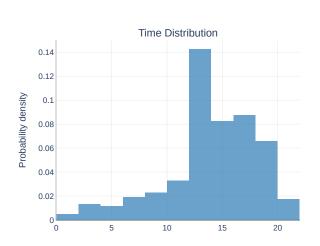
- Time Distribution: The time distribution shows a bell-shaped curve, with a peak occurring around 13.
- CD4 Count Distribution: The CD4 count distribution is right-skewed, with a peak near 4. The CD4 values range from 0 to 24.
- Observation Time Distribution: The plot suggests a decrease in the number of measurements over time, possibly due to patients no longer attending or some having passed away.

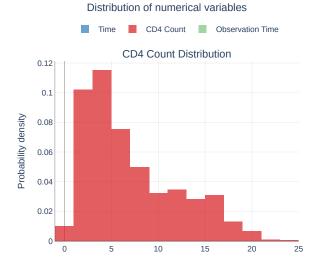
```
In [14]: import plotly.graph_objects as go
         from plotly.subplots import make_subplots
         fig = make_subplots(
             rows=1,
             cols=3,
             subplot_titles=('Time Distribution', 'CD4 Count Distribution',
                              'Observation Time Distribution'),
             horizontal_spacing=0.1
         fig.add_trace(
             go.Histogram(
                x=df['time'],
                 name='Time'
                 marker_color='#2C7BB6',
                 opacity=0.7,
                 histnorm='probability density',
                 nbinsx=20,
             row=1, col=1
         fig.add_trace(
             go.Histogram(
                 x=df['cd4'],
                 name='CD4 Count',
                 marker_color='#D7191C',
                 opacity=0.7,
                 histnorm='probability density',
                 nbinsx=20,
             row=1, col=2
         fig.add_trace(
             go.Histogram(
                 x=df['time_obs'],
                 name='Observation Time',
                 marker_color='#78C679',
                 opacity=0.7,
                 histnorm='probability density',
                 nbinsx=20,
             row=1, col=3,
         fig.update_layout(
             title={
                 'text': 'Distribution of numerical variables',
                 'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
                 'x': 0.5,
                 'xanchor': 'center'
             font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
             plot_bgcolor='white',
             width=1500,
             height=500,
             margin=dict(l=80, r=50, b=80, t=150),
             legend=dict(
                 orientation='h',
                 yanchor='bottom',
                 y=1.125,
                 xanchor='center',
                 x = 0.5
             )
         fig.update_xaxes(
             showgrid=True,
             gridcolor='lightgrey',
             zeroline=True,
             zerolinecolor='black',
             zerolinewidth=1,
             linecolor='black',
             linewidth=1,
         fig.update_yaxes(
             title_text='Probability density',
             showgrid=True,
             gridcolor='lightgrey',
             zeroline=True,
             zerolinecolor='black',
```

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zerolinewidth=1,
linecolor='black',
linewidth=1,
)

fig.update_traces(
   hovertemplate='<b>%{fullData.name}</b><br>Value: %{x:.2f}<br>Density: %{y:.4f}<extra></extra>'
)

fig.show()
fig.write_image("numerical_variables_distribution.svg")
```





## CD4 distribution across categorical variables

This plot contains four box plots that show the distribution of CD4 counts across different categorical variables.

#### 1. CD4 by Treatment (Top left)

- ddC: The median CD4 count is around 5. The interquartile range (IQR) is roughly from 3 to 10. There are some outliers above 20.
- **ddl**: The median CD4 count is slightly higher than ddC, around 5.9. The IQR is from about 3 to 11. There are also outliers above 21.

#### 2. CD4 by Sex (Top right)

- Male: The median CD4 count is around 5.4. The IQR is from about 3 to 10. There are outliers above 20.
- Female: The median CD4 count is slightly higher than males, around 6.3. The IQR is from about 3.4 to 12.8.

#### 3. CD4 by Previous Infection (Bottom left)

- AIDS: The median CD4 count is around 4. The IQR is from about 2.6 to 6.8. There are outliers above 13.
- noAIDS: The median CD4 count is higher, around 10. The IQR is from about 5 to 14.

## 4. CD4 by AZT (Bottom right)

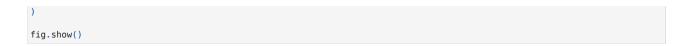
- Intolerance: The median CD4 count is around 6.5. The IQR is from about 3.6 to 12.
- Failure: The median CD4 count is lower, around 4. The IQR is from about 2.6 to 7.8. There are outliers above 12.6.

## General Observations:

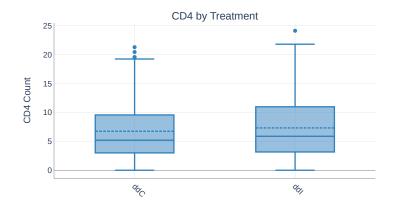
- In all plots, there are some outliers.
- The median CD4 counts tend to be higher in the categories ddl, Female, noAIDS, and Intolerance.
- The categories ddC, Male, AIDS, and Failure generally have lower median CD4 counts.

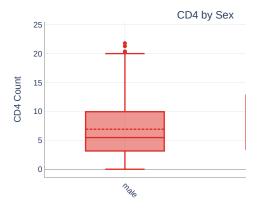
```
In [15]: fig = make_subplots(
    rows=2,
    cols=2,
    subplot_titles=(
        'CD4 by Treatment',
        'CD4 by Sex',
        'CD4 by Previous infection',
        'CD4 by AZT'
)
```

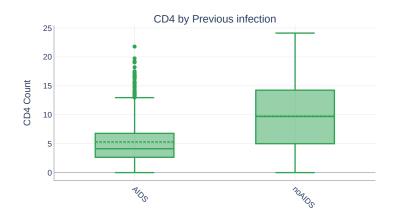
```
colors = ['#3182bd', '#de2d26', '#31a354', '#756bb1']
fig.add trace(
   go.Box(
        x=df['treatment'],
        y=df['cd4'],
        name='Treatment',
        marker_color=colors[0],
        boxmean=True
    row=1, col=1
fig.add_trace(
   go.Box(
       x=df['sex'],
       y=df['cd4'],
       name='Sex',
        marker_color=colors[1],
        boxmean=True
    row=1, col=2
fig.add_trace(
   go.Box(
       x=df['prev_infection'],
        y=df['cd4'],
        name='Previous infection',
       marker_color=colors[2],
        boxmean=True
    row=2, col=1
fig.add trace(
   go.Box(
       x=df['azt'],
       y=df['cd4'],
       name='AZT'
       marker_color=colors[3],
        boxmean=True
    row=2, col=2
fig.update_layout(
    title={
        'text': 'CD4 distribution across categorical variables',
        'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
        'x': 0.5,
        'xanchor': 'center'
    font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
   plot_bgcolor='white',
    width=1200,
   height=800,
   margin=dict(l=80, r=50, b=80, t=100),
   showlegend=False
fig.update_xaxes(
   showgrid=True,
    gridcolor='lightgrey',
linecolor='black',
   linewidth=1,
   tickangle=45
fig.update_yaxes(
   title_text='CD4 Count',
    showgrid=True,
    gridcolor='lightgrey',
   zeroline=True,
   zerolinecolor='black',
   zerolinewidth=1,
    linecolor='black',
   linewidth=1
fig.update_traces(
    hovertemplate='<b>%{x}</b><br>CD4: %{y}<extra></extra>'
```

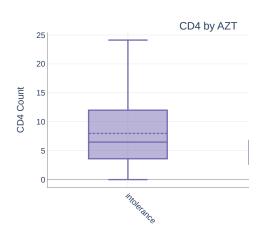


#### CD4 distribution across categorical variables









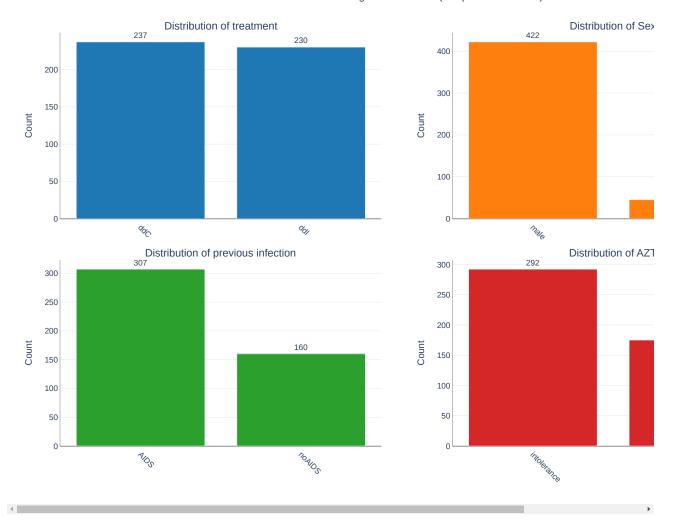
#### Distribution of categorical variables

The plot provides an overview of the distribution of categorical variables in the dataset:

- Treatment Distribution:
  - The counts of **ddC** and **ddI** cases are comparable.
- Sex Distribution:
  - Male patients are significantly more prevalent (422 cases), with female patients being much fewer (45 cases).
- Previous Infection Distribution:
  - AIDS is the more common status (307 cases), compared to **noAIDS** (160 cases).
- AZT Distribution:
  - Intolerance to AZT is more frequent (292 cases), while failure is less common (175 cases).

The dataset shows notable imbalances, especially regarding sex and the prevalence of certain treatments and previous infections.

```
vertical_spacing=0.1
colors = ['#1F77B4', '#FF7F0E', '#2CA02C', '#D62728']
categorical_vars = ['treatment', 'sex', 'prev_infection', 'azt']
for i, var in enumerate(categorical_vars):
    value_counts = unique_data[var].value_counts()
    row = i // 2 + 1
    col = i % 2 + 1
    fig.add trace(
        go.Bar(
            x=value_counts.index,
            y=value_counts.values,
name=var.replace('_', ' ').title(),
marker_color=colors[i],
            text=value_counts.values,
             textposition='outside'
        ),
        row=row,
        col=col
    )
fig.update_layout(
    title={
         'text': 'Distribution of categorical variables (Unique observations)',
         'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
         'x': 0.5,
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    font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
    plot_bgcolor='white',
    width=1200,
    height=800,
    margin=dict(l=80, r=50, b=80, t=100),
    showlegend=False
fig.update_xaxes(
    showgrid=False,
    linecolor='black',
    linewidth=1,
    tickangle=45
fig.update_yaxes(
    title_text='Count',
    showgrid=True,
    gridcolor='lightgrey',
    zeroline=True,
    zerolinecolor='black',
    zerolinewidth=1,
    linecolor='black',
    linewidth=1
fig.update_traces(
    hovertemplate='<b>%{x}</b><br>Count: %{y}<extra></extra>'
fig.show()
fig.write_image("categorical_variables_distribution.svg")
```



#### Correlation matrix

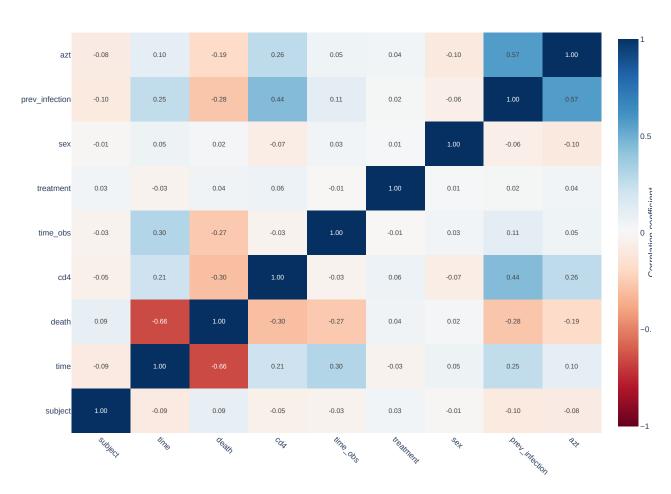
The correlation matrix highlights some notable relationships between variables:

- Time and previous infection: A strong positive correlation of **0.25**.
- Time and death: A significant negative correlation of -0.63.
- CD4 levels:
  - Positively correlated with time (0.21).
  - Negatively correlated with death (-0.32), suggesting that higher CD4 levels are associated with better survival outcomes.

```
In [17]: import numpy as np
         from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
         encoded_df = df.copy()
         for col in df.select_dtypes(include='object').columns:
             le = LabelEncoder()
             encoded_df[col] = le.fit_transform(df[col])
         correlation_matrix = encoded_df.corr()
         fig = go.Figure(data=go.Heatmap(
             z=correlation_matrix.values,
             x=correlation_matrix.columns,
             y=correlation_matrix.columns,
             colorscale='RdBu',
             zmin=-1,
             zmax=1,
             colorbar=dict(
                 title='Correlation coefficient',
                 titleside='right'
             text=np.round(correlation_matrix.values, 2),
```

```
texttemplate='%{text:.2f}',
    textfont={"size": 10},
    hoverongaps=False,
))
fig.update_layout(
    title={
         'text': 'Correlation matrix',
         'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
         'x': 0.5,
         'xanchor': 'center'
    font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
    width=1000,
    height=800,
    margin=dict(l=100, r=50, b=100, t=100)
{\tt fig.update\_traces(}
    \label{local-control} $$ \operatorname{hovertemplate='<b}_{x} \ vs \ _{y}</b>-Correlation: _{z:.2f}<extra>'/extra>' $$
fig.update_xaxes(tickangle=45)
fig.show()
fig.write_image("correlation_matrix.svg")
```

#### Correlation matrix



## CD4 analysis

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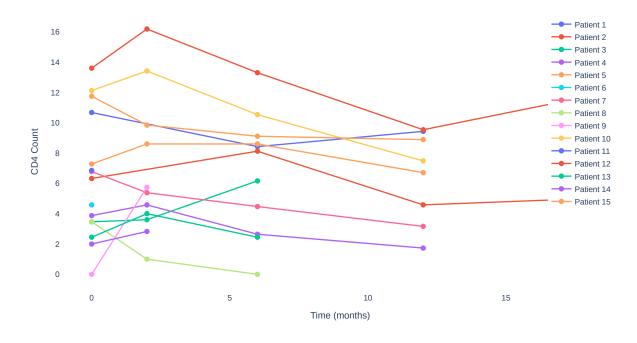
```
In [18]: sample_patients = df['subject'].unique()[:15]
    sample_data = df[df['subject'].isin(sample_patients)]
    fig1 = go.Figure()
    for i, subject in enumerate(sample_data['subject'].unique()):
```

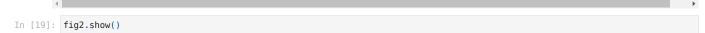
```
patient_data = sample_data[sample_data['subject'] == subject]
    fig1.add_trace(
        go.Scatter(
           x=patient_data['time_obs'],
           y=patient data['cd4'],
           mode='lines+markers'
           name=f'Patient {subject}',
            marker=dict(size=8)
fig1.update_layout(
        'text': 'CD4 Trajectories for Individual Patients',
        'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
        'x': 0.5,
        'xanchor': 'center'
   font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
   xaxis_title='Time (months)',
yaxis_title='CD4 Count',
   width=1000,
   height=600,
   plot_bgcolor='white',
   legend=dict(
       yanchor="top",
        y=0.99,
       xanchor="right",
       x=0.99
   )
cd4_mean = df.groupby('time_obs')['cd4'].mean()
cd4_median = df.groupby('time_obs')['cd4'].median()
fig2 = go.Figure()
# Mean trace
fig2.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=cd4_mean.index,
       y=cd4_mean.values,
       mode='lines+markers',
       name='CD4 Mean',
       line=dict(color='#1F77B4', width=2),
       marker=dict(size=10, symbol='circle')
fig2.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=cd4_median.index,
        y=cd4_median.values,
       mode='lines+markers',
       name='CD4 Median',
       line=dict(color='#FF7F0E', width=2, dash='dot'),
       marker=dict(size=10, symbol='square')
   )
fig2.update_layout(
   title={
        'text': 'Global CD4 Trend Over Time',
        'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
       'x': 0.5,
       'xanchor': 'center'
   font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
   xaxis_title='Time (months)',
   yaxis_title='CD4 Count',
   width=1000,
   height=600,
   plot_bgcolor='white',
   legend=dict(
       yanchor="top",
       y=0.99,
        xanchor="right",
       x=0.99
   )
group_means = df.groupby(['time_obs', 'treatment'])['cd4'].mean().unstack()
fig3 = go.Figure()
```

```
# Treatment traces
for treatment in group_means.columns:
    fig3.add_trace(
        go.Scatter(
            x=group_means.index,
            y=group_means[treatment],
            mode='lines+markers'
            name=f'Treatment {treatment}',
            line=dict(width=2),
            marker=dict(size=10)
fig3.update_layout(
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    height=600,
    plot_bgcolor='white',
    legend=dict(
        yanchor="top",
        y=0.99,
        xanchor="right",
        x=0.99
group_means = df.groupby(['time_obs', 'sex'])['cd4'].mean().unstack()
fig4 = go.Figure()
# Treatment traces
for sex in group_means.columns:
    fig4.add_trace(
        go.Scatter(
            x=group_means.index,
            y=group_means[sex],
            mode='lines+markers',
            name=f'Sex {sex}',
            line=dict(width=2)
            marker=dict(size=10)
    )
fig4.update_layout(
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    width=1000,
    height=600,
    plot_bgcolor='white',
    legend=dict(
        yanchor="top",
        y=0.99,
        xanchor="right",
        x=0.99
   )
group_means = df.groupby(['time_obs', 'azt'])['cd4'].mean().unstack()
fig5 = go.Figure()
# Treatment traces
for azt in group_means.columns:
    fig5.add_trace(
        go.Scatter(
            x=group_means.index,
            y=group_means[azt],
            mode='lines+markers',
```

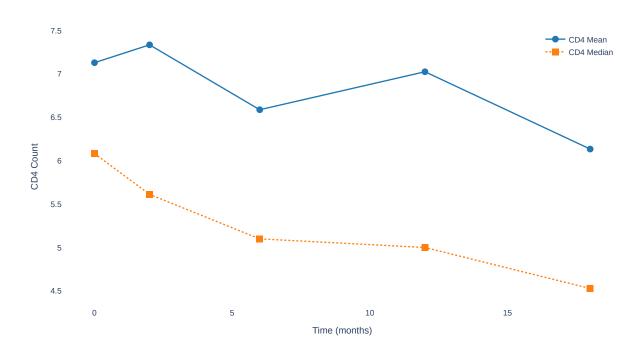
```
name=f'AZT {azt}',
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    plot_bgcolor='white',
    legend=dict(
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        xanchor="right",
        x=0.99
group_means = df.groupby(['time_obs', 'prev_infection'])[
    'cd4'].mean().unstack()
fig6 = go.Figure()
# Treatment traces
for prev_infection in group_means.columns:
    fig6.add_trace(
        go.Scatter(
            x=group_means.index,
            y=group_means[prev_infection],
            mode='lines+markers'
            name=f'Previous infection {prev_infection}',
            line=dict(width=2),
            marker=dict(size=10)
       )
    )
fig6.update_layout(
   title={
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        'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
        'x': 0.5,
        'xanchor': 'center'
    font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
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    yaxis_title='CD4 Count',
    width=1000,
    height=600,
    plot_bgcolor='white',
    legend=dict(
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        x=0.99
fig1.show()
```

## CD4 Trajectories for Individual Patients



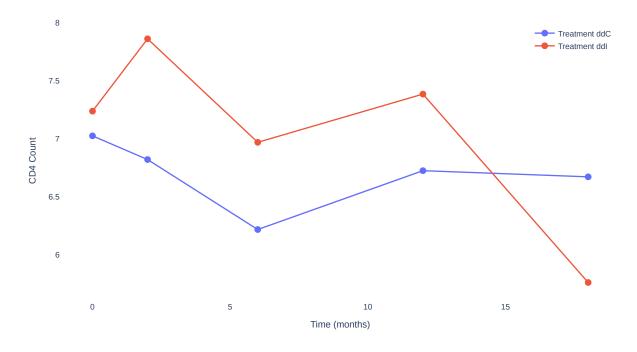






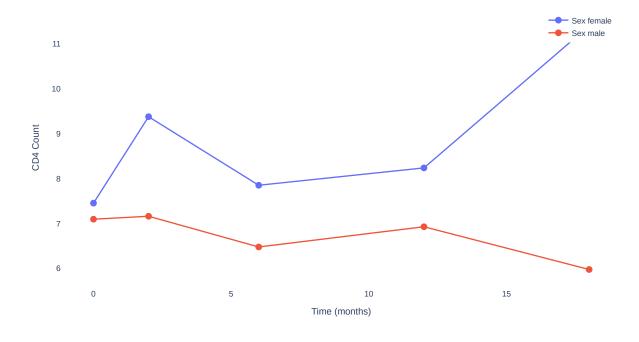
In [20]: fig3.show()

# CD4 Comparison Across Treatment Groups



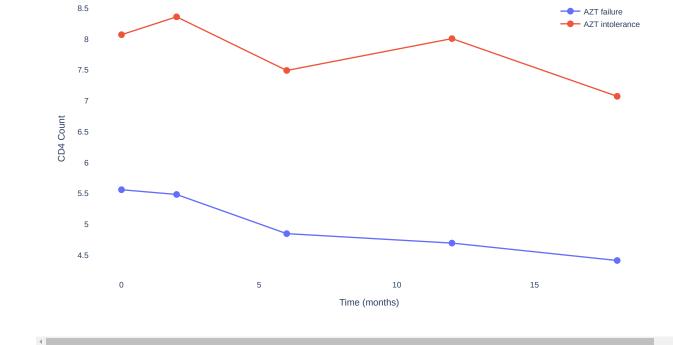
In [21]: fig4.show()

## CD4 Comparison Across Sex



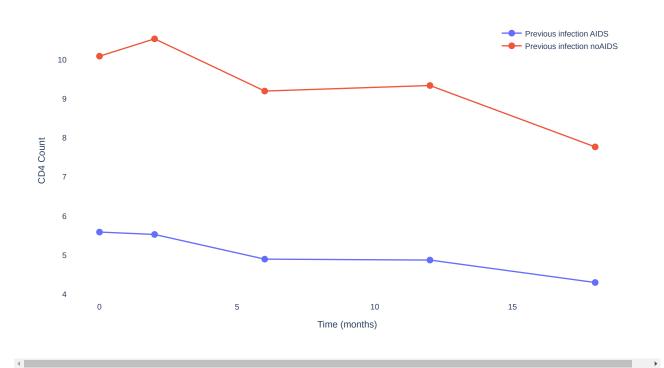
In [22]: fig5.show()

#### CD4 Comparison Across AZT



In [23]: fig6.show()

## CD4 Comparison Across Previous infection



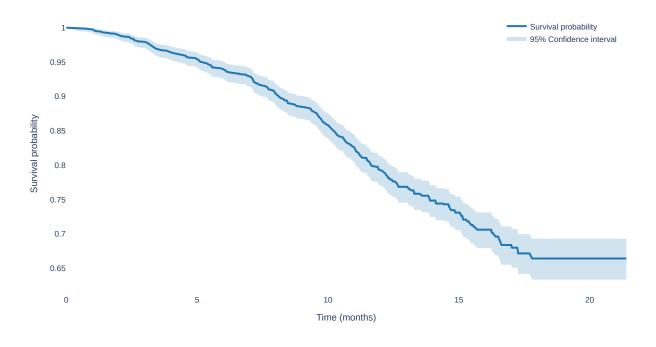
# Survival function

#### General Observations:

- The survival probability declines steadily over the 18-month period.
- As time progresses, the confidence interval broadens, indicating increasing uncertainty in the survival estimates.

• The plot visually illustrates the changes in survival probability over time, along with the growing uncertainty in these estimates.

```
In [24]: from lifelines import KaplanMeierFitter
          kmf_global = KaplanMeierFitter()
          kmf_global.fit(df['time'], event_observed=df['death'])
          survival_times = kmf_global.survival_function_.index
          survival_prob = kmf_global.survival_function_['KM_estimate']
         conf_int_lower = kmf_global.confidence_interval_['KM_estimate_lower_0.95']
conf_int_upper = kmf_global.confidence_interval_['KM_estimate_upper_0.95']
          fig_global = go.Figure()
          fig_global.add_trace(
              go.Scatter(
                  x=survival_times,
                  y=survival_prob,
                  mode='lines',
                  name='Survival probability',
                  line=dict(color='#1F77B4', width=3),
          fig_global.add_trace(
              go.Scatter(
                  x=np.concatenate([survival_times, survival_times[::-1]]),
                  y=np.concatenate([conf_int_upper, conf_int_lower[::-1]]),
                  mode='none'
                  fill='toself'
                  fillcolor='rgba(31, 119, 180, 0.2)',
                  name='95% Confidence interval'
          fig_global.update_layout(
              title={
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                  'x': 0.5,
                  'xanchor': 'center'
              font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
              xaxis_title='Time (months)'
              yaxis_title='Survival probability',
              width=1000,
              height=600,
              plot_bgcolor='white',
              legend=dict(
                  yanchor="top",
                  y=0.99,
                  xanchor="right",
                  x=0.99
          fig_global.show()
```

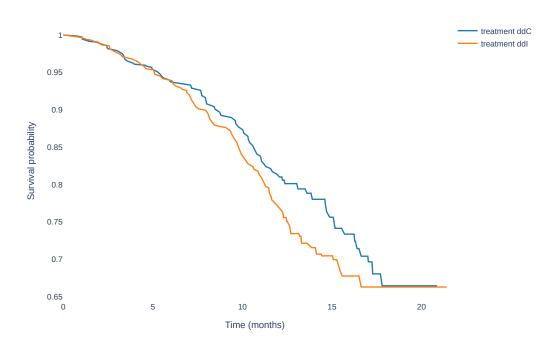


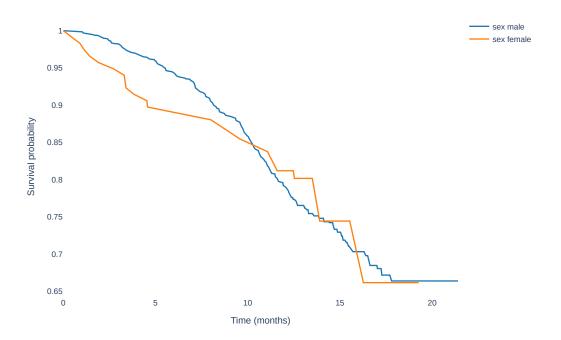
When comparing the survival functions across different groups, we observed the following:

- There is little difference between the groups that received ddC treatment and those that received ddI treatment.
- The same holds for gender, with no significant difference between males and females.
- However, the group without AIDS demonstrated significantly better survival compared to the group with AIDS.
- Similarly, for AZT, the group intolerant to AZT had a better survival function than the group that experienced AZT failure.

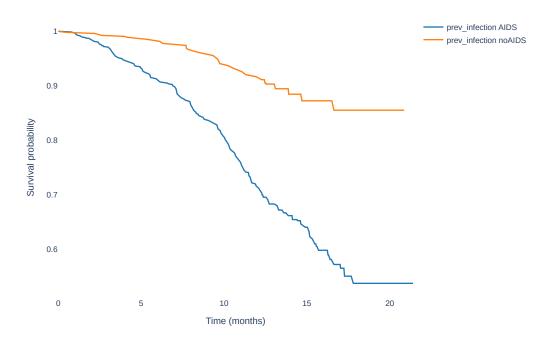
```
In [25]: from lifelines import KaplanMeierFitter
          import plotly.graph_objects as go
          categorical_vars = ['treatment', 'sex', 'prev_infection', 'azt']
colors = ['#1F77B4', '#FF7F0E', '#2CA02C', '#D62728', '#9467BD', '#8C564B']
          for var in categorical_vars:
              fig = go.Figure()
              groups = df[var].unique()
              for j, group in enumerate(groups):
                   group_data = df[df[var] == group]
                   kmf = KaplanMeierFitter()
                   kmf.fit(
                       group_data['time'],
                       event_observed=group_data['death'],
                       label=str(group)
                   survival_times = kmf.survival_function_.index
                   survival_prob = kmf.survival_function_[
                       kmf.survival_function_.columns[0]]
                   fig.add_trace(
                       go.Scatter(
                           x=survival_times,
                            y=survival_prob,
                           mode='lines'
                           name=f'{var} {group}',
                            line=dict(color=colors[j % len(colors)], width=2),
                            \verb|showlegend=| True| \\
              fig.update_layout(
                   title={
                        'text': f'Survival function by {var.replace("_", " ").title()}',
```

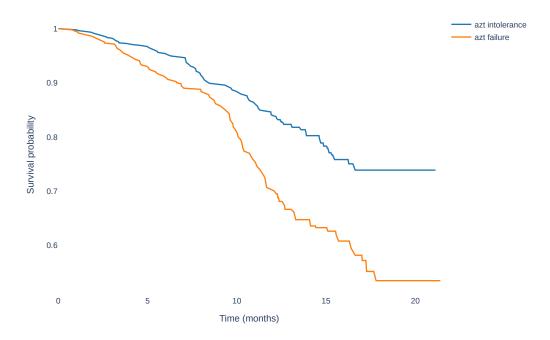
## Survival function by Treatment





## Survival function by Prev Infection





## Log-Rank test

The log-rank tests were used to compare survival functions between different groups. The results indicate that there is no significant difference in survival between patients treated with ddC and ddI or between male and female patients.

However, there is a significant difference in survival between patients with previous AIDS infection and those without, as well as between patients with azt intolerance and those with azt failure. These findings suggest that previous AIDS infection and azt intolerance are associated with worse survival outcomes.

```
In [26]: from lifelines.statistics import logrank_test
          categorical_columns = ['treatment', 'sex', 'prev_infection', 'azt']
          alpha = 0.05
          for var in categorical_columns:
              groups = df[var].unique()
              p_values = []
              for i in range(len(groups)):
                   for j in range(i + 1, len(groups)):
                       group_1_data = df[df[var] == groups[i]]
                       group_2_data = df[df[var] == groups[j]]
                       results = logrank_test(
                           group_1_data['time'],
group_2_data['time'],
                           event_observed_A=group_1_data['death'],
                           event_observed_B=group_2_data['death']
                       p_value = results.p_value
                       p_values.append((groups[i], groups[j], p_value))
              print(f'Log-rank test results for {var.replace("_", " ").title()}:')
              for group_1, group_2, p_value in p_values:
    result = "There is a significant difference" if p_value < alpha else "There is no significant difference"</pre>
                  print(f'{group_1} vs {
                         group_2): p-value = {p_value:.4e} -> {result} in survival functions')
              print()
```

```
Log-rank test results for Treatment:
ddC vs ddI: p-value = 8.8785e-02 -> There is no significant difference in survival functions

Log-rank test results for Sex:
male vs female: p-value = 7.8397e-01 -> There is no significant difference in survival functions

Log-rank test results for Prev Infection:
AIDS vs noAIDS: p-value = 1.7023e-26 -> There is a significant difference in survival functions

Log-rank test results for Azt:
intolerance vs failure: p-value = 8.7173e-12 -> There is a significant difference in survival functions
```

# Training with Cox

We will train two variants of the Cox model: one based on linear relationships between the input variables and the other accounting for more complex, non-linear relationships. Finally, we will compare the performance of these two variants.

## Variant 1: Linear relationship

#### Create Train / Test dataframes

The Cox model requires a dataframe as input, so we are combining the features (X) and target (y) into a single dataframe.

```
In [27]: train_df = x_train.copy()
    train_df["time"] = y_train["time"]
    train_df["death"] = y_train["death"].astype(int)
    train_df = train_df.reset_index(drop=True)

test_df = x_test.copy()
    test_df["time"] = y_test["time"]
    test_df["death"] = y_test["death"].astype(int)
    test_df = test_df.reset_index(drop=True)
```

#### In [28]: train\_df.head()

Out[28]:		subject	cd4	time_obs	treatment	sex	prev_infection	azt	time	death
	0	274	4.358899	18	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	19.53	0
	1	79	2.828427	12	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	12.47	0
	2	90	16.911535	6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	17.93	0
	3	68	8.831761	2	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	14.17	0
	4	361	0.000000	0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	6.90	1

#### Create Cox model

```
In [29]: from lifelines import CoxPHFitter
linear_cox_model = CoxPHFitter()
```

## Fit Cox model

By setting show\_progress=True, we can monitor the model's convergence. In our case, the model converged in 5 iterations. Additionally, since we are working with a longitudinal study, we retained all rows and specified cluster\_col='subject' to instruct the Cox model to cluster the rows for the same patient.

```
Iteration 1: norm_delta = 7.74e-01, step_size = 0.9500, log_lik = -2205.91082, newton_decrement = 1.29e+02, seconds_since_start = 0.0
Iteration 2: norm_delta = 3.78e-01, step_size = 0.9500, log_lik = -2061.62282, newton_decrement = 1.51e+01, seconds_since_start = 0.0

Iteration 3: norm_delta = 9.38e-02, step_size = 0.9500, log_lik = -2045.26599, newton_decrement = 7.00e-01, seconds_since_start = 0.0

Iteration 4: norm_delta = 4.03e-03, step_size = 1.0000, log_lik = -2044.54678, newton_decrement = 1.23e-03, seconds_since_start = 0.0

Iteration 5: norm_delta = 7.42e-06, step_size = 1.0000, log_lik = -2044.54555, newton_decrement = 4.37e-09, seconds_since_start = 0.0

Convergence success after 5 iterations.

Out[30]: lifelines.CoxPHFitter: fitted with 1124 total observations, 794 right-censored observations>
```

#### Print summary of the results

Here are the key findings:

#### 1. Significant Predictors:

- CD4 count (cd4): Higher CD4 counts significantly reduce the hazard of death (15% decrease per unit increase, p < 0.005).
- Observation Time (time\_obs): Longer observation times are associated with a 15% reduction in hazard per unit increase (p < 0.005).
- Previous Infection (prev\_infection): Not having prior infections significantly reduces the hazard of death by 55% (p < 0.005).

#### 2. Non-significant Predictors:

- **Treatment (treatment)**: The effect of treatment on hazard is uncertain (p = 0.33).
- Sex (sex): Females are slightly more likely to experience the event. But there is no significant difference in hazard between sexes (p = 0.80).
- AZT Treatment (azt): The same for AZT, it appears that there is no significant impact on the hazard of death (p = 0.51).

#### 3. Model Performance:

- The model has good predictive ability with a concordance index of **0.79**.
- The log-likelihood ratio test is highly significant (p < 0.005), indicating the model explains the data better than a null model.

These results suggest that CD4 count, and previous infections are the most influential factors in determining the hazard of death, while other variables show no clear effects in this dataset.

In [31]: linear\_cox\_model.print\_summary()

model	lifelines.CoxPHFitter
duration col	'time'
event col	'death'
cluster col	'subject'
robust variance	True
baseline estimation	breslow
number of observations	1124
number of events observed	330
partial log-likelihood	-2044.55
time fit was run	2024-12-05 10:40:34 UTC

	coef	exp(coef)	se(coef)	coef lower 95%	coef upper 95%	exp(coef) lower 95%	exp(coef) upper 95%	cmp to	z	р	- log2(p)
cd4	-0.16	0.85	0.03	-0.21	-0.11	0.81	0.90	0.00	-6.05	<0.005	29.35
time_obs	-0.16	0.85	0.01	-0.19	-0.13	0.83	0.88	0.00	-11.00	<0.005	91.01
treatment	0.16	1.18	0.17	-0.16	0.49	0.85	1.63	0.00	0.97	0.33	1.60
sex	-0.09	0.91	0.36	-0.79	0.61	0.45	1.84	0.00	-0.26	0.80	0.33
prev_infection	-0.81	0.45	0.27	-1.34	-0.28	0.26	0.76	0.00	-2.99	<0.005	8.47
azt	-0.12	0.89	0.18	-0.48	0.24	0.62	1.27	0.00	-0.66	0.51	0.97

Concordance	0.79
Partial AIC	4101.09
log-likelihood ratio test	322.73 on 6 df
-log2(p) of ll-ratio test	219.11

#### Test the model

The model performs strongly on the test set, as reflected by its high concordance index, which falls within the typical range of 0.55 to 0.75 for fitted survival models, as noted in the lifelines documentation.

The plotted **Brier score as a function of time** shows a gradual and steady increase. At the start of the study, the score starts near zero, reflecting high prediction accuracy since most individuals are still alive and the event (death) is rare. However, as time progresses, the Brier score increases, indicating more uncertainty or divergence between the predicted survival probabilities and the observed outcomes.

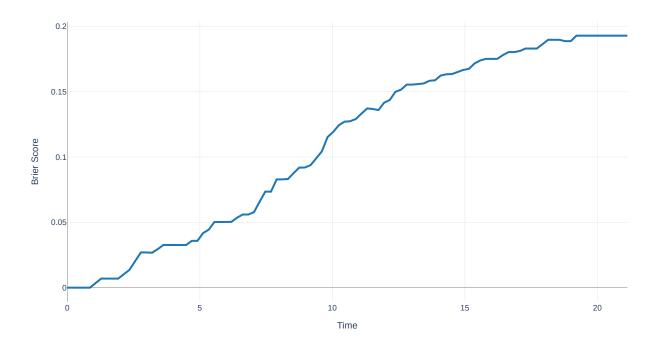
```
In [34]: from sklearn.metrics import brier_score_loss

test_times = test_df['time'].values
predicted_survival_prob = linear_cox_model.predict_survival_function(test_df)

brier_scores = []
time_grid = np.linspace(0, test_times.max(), 100)
for t in time_grid:
    survival_prob_at_t = predicted_survival_prob.apply(
        lambda s: np.interp(t, s.index, s.values))

brier_score = brier_score_loss(
    y_true=(test_df['time'] <= t) & (test_df['death'] == 1),
    y_prob=1 - survival_prob_at_t
)
brier_scores.append(brier_score)</pre>
```

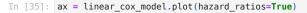
```
fig = go.Figure()
fig.add_trace(
    go.Scatter(
        x=time_grid,
        y=brier_scores,
        mode='lines',
        name='Brier Score',
        line=dict(color='#1F77B4', width=3)
fig.update_layout(
    title={
        'text': 'Brier Score as a Function of Time',
'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
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yaxis_title='Brier Score',
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    height=600,
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        zerolinewidth=1
    yaxis=dict(
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        gridcolor='lightgrey',
        zeroline=True,
        zerolinecolor='black',
        zerolinewidth=1
    ),
    legend=dict(
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        y=0.99,
        xanchor="right",
        x=0.99,
        bgcolor='rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.7)',
        bordercolor='lightgrey',
        borderwidth=1
fig.update_traces(
    hovertemplate='Time: %{x:.2f}<br>Brier Score: %{y:.4f}<extra></extra>'
fig.show()
```

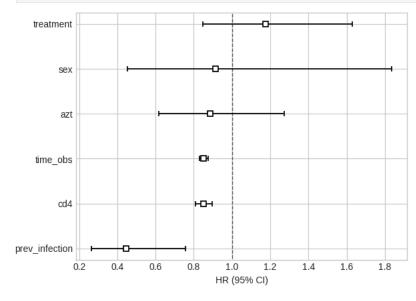


#### Log hazard ratios

This forest plot depicts the hazard ratios (HR) and 95% confidence intervals (CI) for various factors. Each factor is represented by a horizontal line, and the position of the square along the HR scale indicates the estimated effect size, with values greater than 1 suggesting an increased risk and values less than 1 suggesting a decreased risk.

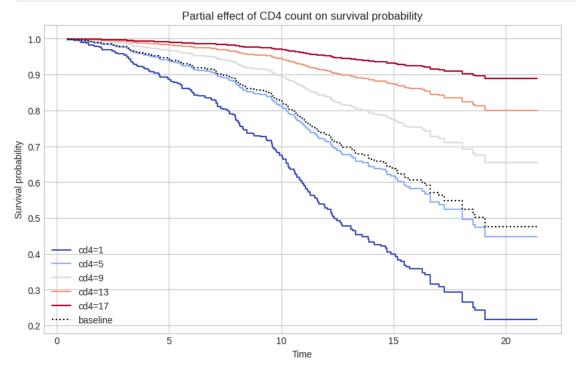
The 95% CI is represented by the horizontal bar for each factor, and the vertical line at HR = 1 indicates no effect. If a CI does not cross the vertical line, the effect is statistically significant. In this plot, only cd4 and prev\_infection have statistically significant effects, indicating that lower cd4 levels and previous infection are associated with increased risk of the event.





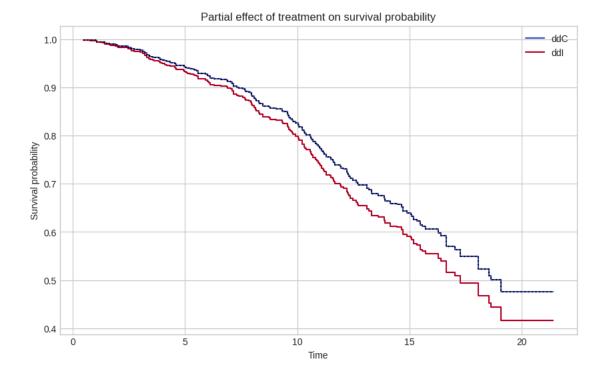
## Partial effects on outcome

The plot demonstrates the survival probabilities over time for individuals with varying CD4 counts. Higher CD4 levels (e.g., 17) are associated with significantly better survival outcomes compared to lower levels (e.g., 1). The steep decline in survival probability for lower CD4 counts highlights their critical role in predicting survival. The baseline curve provides a useful reference, showing how changes in CD4 count influence survival probabilities relative to the average individual.



#### Treatment

This plot compares survival probabilities over time for individuals treated with two medications, ddC (blue) and ddI (red). Individuals on ddC exhibit slightly better survival probabilities than those on ddI, particularly as time progresses. The divergence between the curves becomes more noticeable after approximately 10 months, suggesting that ddC might be more effective in prolonging survival in the long term.

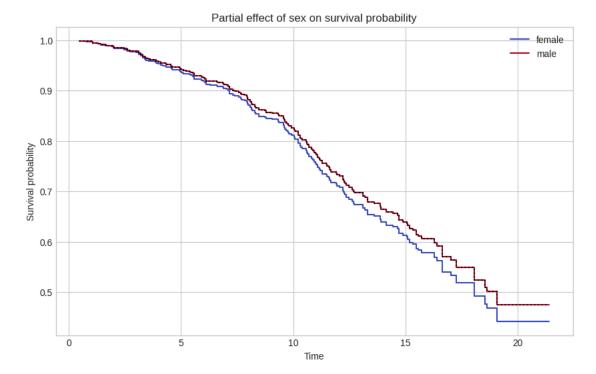


#### Sex

This graph shows the partial effect of sex on survival probability over time. The blue line represents the survival probability for females, while the red line represents the survival probability for males. Both lines start at around 1.0 and gradually decline over time. The plot suggests that males have a slightly higher survival probability compared to females.

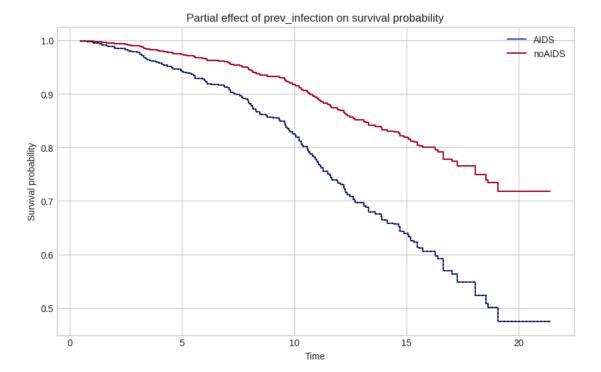
```
In [38]: sex_values = [
          0,  # Female
          1,  # Male
]
sex_names = encoder.categories_[categorical_cols.index("sex")]

ax = linear_cox_model.plot_partial_effects_on_outcome(
          covariates='sex',
          values=sex_values,
          cmap='coolwarm'
)
ax.set_ylabel("Survival probability")
ax.set_xlabel("Time")
ax.set_title("Partial effect of sex on survival probability")
ax.legend(sex_names)
ax.figure.set_size_inches(10, 6)
```



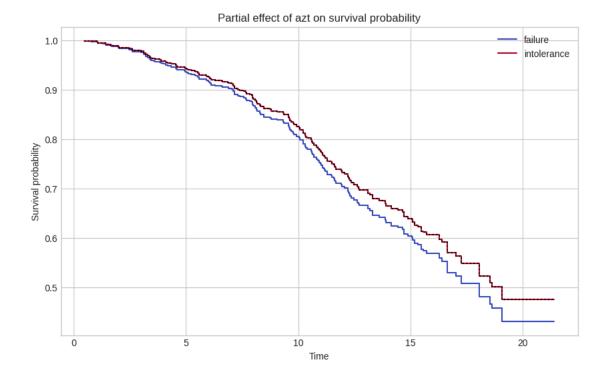
#### Previous infection

This graph illustrates the partial effect of prey\_infection on survival probability over time. The red line represents individuals without AIDS, while the blue line represents those with AIDS. The plot indicates that individuals without AIDS consistently have a higher survival probability compared to those with AIDS.



#### AZT

This graph demonstrates the partial effect of AZT on survival probability over time. The blue line represents individuals experiencing treatment failure, while the red line represents those experiencing treatment intolerance. The plot suggests that individuals with intolerance have a slightly higher survival probability than those with failure throughout the observed period.



## Variant 2: Complex relationship

```
In [41]: formula = """
                                    cd4 + I(cd4**2) + treatment + sex +
                                   prev_infection + azt + cd4 * treatment +
                                   sex * prev_infection
                          non_linear_cox_model = CoxPHFitter()
                         non_linear_cox_model.fit(
    train_df,
                                   duration_col='time',
                                    event_col='death',
                                    formula=formula,
                                    cluster col='subject',
                                    show_progress=True
                      Iteration 1: norm_delta = 1.37e+00, step_size = 0.9500, log_lik = -2205.91082, newton_decrement = 8.82e+01, seconds_since_
                      start = 0.0
                      \textbf{Iteration 2: norm\_delta = 5.80e-01, step\_size = 0.9500, log\_lik = -2113.86970, newton\_decrement = 6.42e+00, seconds\_since\_like = -2113.86970, newton\_since\_like = -2113.86970, newton\_since\_like = -2113.86970, newton\_since\_like = -2113.86970, newton\_since\_like = -2113.86970, new
                     Iteration 3: norm_delta = 2.65e-01, step_size = 0.9500, log_lik = -2106.67959, newton_decrement = 6.81e-01, seconds_since_
                      start = 0.0
                     Iteration 4: norm_delta = 4.42e-02, step_size = 1.0000, log_lik = -2105.94098, newton_decrement = 1.43e-02, seconds_since_
                     Iteration 5: norm_delta = 1.04e-03, step_size = 1.0000, log_lik = -2105.92644, newton_decrement = 7.81e-06, seconds_since_
                      start = 0.0
                      Iteration 6: norm_delta = 5.72e-07, step_size = 1.0000, log_lik = -2105.92644, newton_decrement = 2.37e-12, seconds_since_
                      Convergence success after 6 iterations.
Out[41]: lifelines.CoxPHFitter: fitted with 1124 total observations, 794 right-censored observations>
```

#### Print summary of the results

```
In [42]: non_linear_cox_model.print_summary()
```

model	lifelines.CoxPHFitter
duration col	'time'
event col	'death'
cluster col	'subject'
robust variance	True
baseline estimation	breslow
number of observations	1124
number of events observed	330
partial log-likelihood	-2105.93
time fit was run	2024-12-05 10:40:35 UTC

	coef	exp(coef)	se(coef)	coef lower 95%	coef upper 95%	exp(coef) lower 95%	exp(coef) upper 95%	cmp to	z	р	- log2(p)
cd4	-0.14	0.87	0.07	-0.28	0.00	0.75	1.00	0.00	-1.93	0.05	4.24
I(cd4 ** 2)	-0.00	1.00	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.99	1.01	0.00	-0.03	0.98	0.04
treatment[T.1.0]	0.04	1.04	0.29	-0.52	0.60	0.59	1.82	0.00	0.13	0.90	0.16
sex[T.1.0]	-0.09	0.91	0.40	-0.87	0.69	0.42	1.99	0.00	-0.24	0.81	0.30
prev_infection[T.1.0]	-0.45	0.64	0.71	-1.84	0.94	0.16	2.56	0.00	-0.63	0.53	0.93
azt[T.1.0]	-0.07	0.94	0.20	-0.45	0.32	0.64	1.37	0.00	-0.34	0.74	0.44
cd4:treatment[T.1.0]	0.02	1.03	0.05	-0.07	0.12	0.93	1.13	0.00	0.52	0.61	0.72
sex[T.1.0]:prev_infection[T.1.0]	-0.64	0.53	0.75	-2.12	0.84	0.12	2.32	0.00	-0.85	0.40	1.33

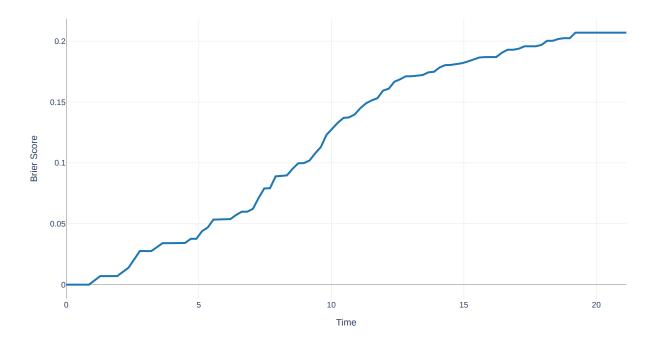
Concordance	0.72
Partial AIC	4227.85
log-likelihood ratio test	199.97 on 8 df
-log2(p) of ll-ratio test	126.86

## Test the model

The non-linear model did not perform as well as the linear model on the test set.

```
In [43]: non_linear_cox_model_concordance_score = non_linear_cox_model.score(
             scoring_method="concordance_index"
         {\tt non\_linear\_cox\_model\_concordance\_score}
Out[43]: np.float64(0.6498708010335917)
In [44]: non_linear_cox_model_log_likelihood_score = non_linear_cox_model.score(
    test_df,
              scoring_method="log_likelihood"
         non\_linear\_cox\_model\_log\_likelihood\_score
Out[44]: np.float64(-1.487633258895102)
In [45]: from sklearn.metrics import brier_score_loss
         test_times = test_df['time'].values
         predicted_survival_prob = non_linear_cox_model.predict_survival_function(
             test_df)
         brier_scores = []
          time_grid = np.linspace(0, test_times.max(), 100)
          for t in time_grid:
              survival_prob_at_t = predicted_survival_prob.apply(
                 lambda s: np.interp(t, s.index, s.values))
              brier_score = brier_score_loss(
                  y_true=(test_df['time'] <= t) & (test_df['death'] == 1),</pre>
                  y_prob=1 - survival_prob_at_t
              brier_scores.append(brier_score)
          fig = go.Figure()
```

```
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=time_grid,
       y=brier_scores,
       mode='lines',
name='Brier Score',
        line=dict(color='#1F77B4', width=3)
fig.update_layout(
   title={
        'text': 'Brier Score as a Function of Time',
        'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
       'x': 0.5,
'xanchor': 'center'
    font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
    xaxis_title='Time',
    yaxis_title='Brier Score',
   width=1000,
   height=600,
   plot_bgcolor='white',
    xaxis=dict(
       showgrid=True,
        gridcolor='lightgrey',
       zeroline=True,
       zerolinecolor='black',
       zerolinewidth=1
   yaxis=dict(
       showgrid=True,
        gridcolor='lightgrey',
       zeroline=True,
        zerolinecolor='black',
       zerolinewidth=1
   legend=dict(
       yanchor="top",
        y=0.99,
        xanchor="right",
        x=0.99,
        bgcolor='rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.7)',
        bordercolor='lightgrey',
        borderwidth=1
   )
fig.update_traces(
   hovertemplate='Time: %{x:.2f}<br/>br>Brier Score: %{y:.4f}<extra></extra>'
fig.show()
```



## Compare the scores for the 2 variants

The concordance index (C-index) is an extension of the AUC and is a metric that should be maximized. As noted in the lifelines documentation, fitted survival models typically achieve a concordance index within the range of 0.55 to 0.75.

Our models perform within this range, with a concordance index of approximately 0.73. The linear model outperforms the non-linear Cox model, achieving a value of 0.732386 compared to 0.649871.

The log-likelihood, another metric to be maximized, shows similar result: the linear model achieves the better value of -1.443152, while the non-linear model achieves -1.487633.

In conclusion, the linear model demonstrate good predictive capability.

# Out [46]: model concordance log\_likelihood 0 linear 0.732386 -1.443152 1 non\_linear 0.649871 -1.487633

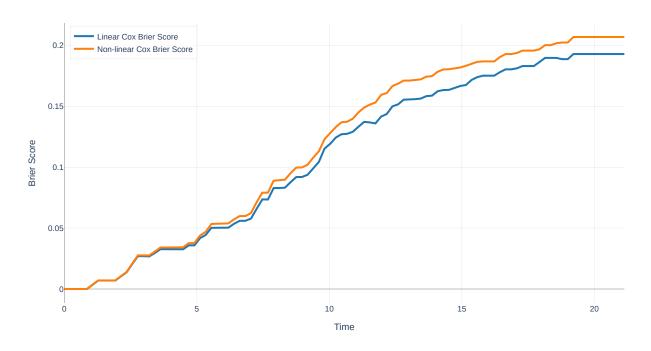
```
In [47]: test_times = test_df['time'].values
         predicted_survival_prob_linear = linear_cox_model.predict_survival_function(
            test_df)
         brier_scores_linear = []
         time_grid = np.linspace(0, test_times.max(), 100)
         for t in time_grid:
             survival_prob_at_t = predicted_survival_prob_linear.apply(
                 lambda s: np.interp(t, s.index, s.values)
             brier_score = brier_score_loss(
                 y_true=(test_df['time'] <= t) & (test_df['death'] == 1),</pre>
                 y_prob=1 - survival_prob_at_t
             brier_scores_linear.append(brier_score)
         predicted_survival_prob_non_linear = non_linear_cox_model.predict_survival_function(
            test df)
         brier_scores_non_linear = []
         for t in time_grid:
             survival_prob_at_t = predicted_survival_prob_non_linear.apply(
                 lambda s: np.interp(t, s.index, s.values)
             brier_score = brier_score_loss(
                 y_true=(test_df['time'] <= t) & (test_df['death'] == 1),</pre>
                 y_prob=1 - survival_prob_at_t
             brier_scores_non_linear.append(brier_score)
         fig = go.Figure()
         fig.add_trace(
             go.Scatter(
                 x=time_grid,
                 y=brier_scores_linear,
                 mode='lines'
                 name='Linear Cox Brier Score',
                 line=dict(color='#1F77B4', width=3)
         fig.add_trace(
             go.Scatter(
                 x=time_grid,
                 y=brier_scores_non_linear,
                 mode='lines'
                 name='Non-linear Cox Brier Score'
                 line=dict(color='#FF7F0E', width=3)
         fig.update_layout(
             title={
                 'text': 'Brier Score Comparison for Linear and Non-linear Cox Models',
                 'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
                 'x': 0.5,
                 'xanchor': 'center'
             font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
             xaxis_title='Time',
             yaxis_title='Brier Score',
             width=1000,
             height=600,
             plot_bgcolor='white',
             xaxis=dict(
                 showgrid=True,
                 gridcolor='lightgrey',
                 zeroline=True,
                 zerolinecolor='black',
                 zerolinewidth=1
             yaxis=dict(
                 showgrid=True,
                 gridcolor='lightgrey',
                 zeroline=True,
                 zerolinecolor='black',
                 zerolinewidth=1
             legend=dict(
                 yanchor="top",
                 y=0.99,
                 xanchor="left",
                 x=0.01,
```

```
bgcolor='rgba(255, 255, 0.7)',
    bordercolor='lightgrey',
    borderwidth=1
)
)

fig.update_traces(
    hovertemplate='Time: %{x:.2f}<br>Brier Score: %{y:.4f}<extra></extra>'
)

fig.show()
fig.write_image("brier_score_comparison_cox_models.svg")
```

# Brier Score Comparison for Linear and Non-linear Cox Models



# Training with Random Survival Forest

# **Encoding numerical features**

```
In [48]: from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
numerical_cols = ['cd4']
scaler = StandardScaler()
scaler.fit(x_train[numerical_cols])

x_train.loc[:, numerical_cols] = scaler.transform(x_train[numerical_cols])
x_test.loc[:, numerical_cols] = scaler.transform(x_test[numerical_cols])
```

# Variant 1 : Default hyperparameters

# Concordance index

```
In [49]: from sksurv.ensemble import RandomSurvivalForest
from sksurv.metrics import concordance_index_censored

rsf = RandomSurvivalForest(random_state=42)
rsf.fit(x_train, y_train)

c_index = concordance_index_censored(
    y_test['death'],
    y_test['time'],
    rsf.predict(x_test)
)
print("Concordance Index:", c_index[0])
```

Concordance Index: 0.7569336778639104

# Factors importance

The results indicate that the CD4 cell count is the most significant feature by a considerable margin, while sex is the least significant. This aligns well with the findings from the Cox model.

Out[50]:

	importances_mean	importances_std
cd4	0.082299	0.014950
time_obs	0.075223	0.020047
prev_infection	0.028849	0.011099
treatment	0.017410	0.006474
azt	0.014742	0.006576
sex	0.006642	0.003426

# Brier score

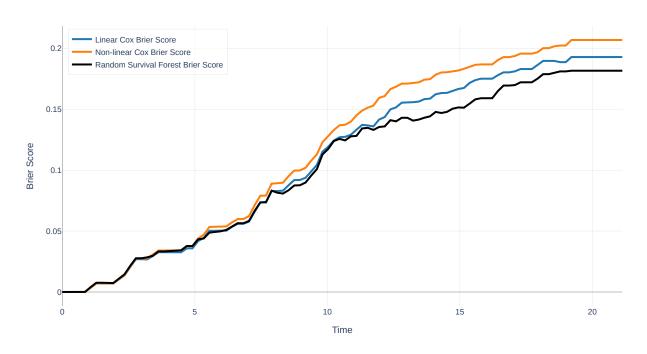
The Brier score comparison shows that the curve for the Random Survival Forest (RSF) consistently remains lower than those of the two Cox model variants, highlighting the superior performance of RSF compared to the Cox models.

```
In [51]: test_times = test_df['time'].values
         predicted survival prob linear = linear cox model.predict survival function(
            test_df)
         brier_scores_linear = []
         time_grid = np.linspace(0, test_times.max(), 100)
         for t in time grid:
             survival_prob_at_t = predicted_survival_prob_linear.apply(
                 lambda s: np.interp(t, s.index, s.values)
             brier_score = brier_score_loss(
                 y_true=(test_df['time'] <= t) & (test_df['death'] == 1),</pre>
                 y_prob=1 - survival_prob_at_t
             brier_scores_linear.append(brier_score)
         predicted_survival_prob_non_linear = non_linear_cox_model.predict_survival_function(
             test_df)
         brier_scores_non_linear = []
         for t in time_grid:
             survival_prob_at_t = predicted_survival_prob_non_linear.apply(
                 lambda s: np.interp(t, s.index, s.values)
             brier_score = brier_score_loss(
                 y_true=(test_df['time'] <= t) & (test_df['death'] == 1),</pre>
```

```
y_prob=1 - survival_prob_at_t
   brier_scores_non_linear.append(brier_score)
predicted_survival_rsf = rsf.predict_survival_function(x_test)
brier_scores_rsf = []
time_grid = np.linspace(0, test_times.max(), 100)
for t in time_grid:
   survival_prob_at_t = np.array(
        [np.interp(t, fn.x, fn.y) for fn in predicted_survival_rsf])
   brier_score = brier_score_loss(
       y_true=(y_test['time'] <= t) & (y_test['death'] == 1),</pre>
       y_prob=1 - survival_prob_at_t
   brier_scores_rsf.append(brier_score)
fig = go.Figure()
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=time_grid,
        y=brier_scores_linear,
       mode='lines'
        name='Linear Cox Brier Score',
        line=dict(color='#1F77B4', width=3)
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=time_grid,
        y=brier_scores_non_linear,
       mode='lines'
        name='Non-linear Cox Brier Score',
        line=dict(color='#FF7F0E', width=3)
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=time_grid,
        y=brier_scores_rsf,
       mode='lines'
        name='Random Survival Forest Brier Score',
        line=dict(color='#000000', width=3)
fig.update_layout(
   title={
        'text': 'Brier Score Comparison for Cox Models and Random Survival Forest',
        'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
        'x': 0.5,
        'xanchor': 'center'
   font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
   xaxis_title='Time',
   yaxis_title='Brier Score',
   width=1000,
   height=600,
   plot_bgcolor='white',
    xaxis=dict(
        showgrid=True,
       gridcolor='lightgrey',
       zeroline=True,
zerolinecolor='black',
        zerolinewidth=1
   yaxis=dict(
        showgrid=True,
        gridcolor='lightgrey',
        zeroline=True,
        zerolinecolor='black',
        zerolinewidth=1
    legend=dict(
       yanchor="top",
       y=0.99,
        xanchor="left",
        x=0.01,
        bgcolor='rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.7)',
        bordercolor='lightgrey',
        borderwidth=1
```

```
fig.update_traces(
   hovertemplate='Time: %{x:.2f}<br>Brier Score: %{y:.4f}<extra></extra>'
)
fig.show()
fig.write_image("brier_score_comparison_cox_models_rsf.svg")
```

#### Brier Score Comparison for Cox Models and Random Survival Forest



# Variant 2: Hyperparameter tuning

```
In [52]: from sksurv.ensemble import RandomSurvivalForest
          from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV, StratifiedKFold
          from sksurv.metrics import as_concordance_index_ipcw_scorer
          param_grid = {
              'estimator_n_estimators': [50, 100, 200],
'estimator_max_depth': [None, 10, 20, 30],
              'estimator_min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
              'estimator__min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4]
          rsf = RandomSurvivalForest(random_state=42)
          skf = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=5, shuffle=True, random_state=42)
          random_search = GridSearchCV(
              param_grid=param_grid,
              estimator=as_concordance_index_ipcw_scorer(rsf),
              cv=skf,
          random_search.fit(x_train, y_train)
          best_rsf = random_search.best_estimator_
       The least populated class in y has only 1 members, which is less than n_splits=5.
```

```
In [53]: from sksurv.ensemble import RandomSurvivalForest
from sksurv.metrics import concordance_index_censored

rsf = RandomSurvivalForest(
    random_state=42,
    n_estimators=40,
    min_samples_leaf=8,
    min_samples_split=20
)
```

```
rsf.fit(x_train, y_train)

c_index = concordance_index_censored(
    y_test['death'],
    y_test['time'],
    rsf.predict(x_test)
)
print("Concordance Index:", c_index[0])
```

Concordance Index: 0.7505024404249211

# Interpretation of the fitted models

# Survival probability beyond 18 months

We are comparing two individuals. The first individual is a **male patient** with a **CD4 count of 15.7**, observed at the 6-month mark of the study. He is being treated with **ddC**, has a history of **AIDS**, and experienced **AZT treatment failure**.

The second individual is a **female patient** with a **CD4 count of 1.7**, also observed at the 6-month mark. She is being treated with **ddI**, has a history of **AIDS**, and tolerated the **AZT treatment**.

Using the **Cox model**, we predicted the survival function for both individuals and found that their probabilities of surviving beyond 18 months differ. The **male patient** has a higher survival probability of **0.933**, while the **female patient** has a lower probability of **0.4737**.

This difference is explained by the CD4 counts. The female patient's very low CD4 count at the 6-month mark suggests a deteriorating condition, which lowers her chances of survival. In contrast, the male patient's higher CD4 count indicates a better immune response, significantly boosting his probability of surviving beyond 18 months.

```
In [54]: representative_individual1 = {
             'subject': 500,
             'cd4': 15.7,
             'treatment': 0, # 0: ddC, 1: ddI
             'prev infection': 0, # 0: AIDS, 1: No AIDS
             'time_obs': 6,
             'sex': 1, # 0: Female, 1: Male
             'azt': 0 # 0: Failure, 1: Intolerance
         representative_individual2 = {
             'subject': 501,
             'cd4': 1.7,
             'treatment': 1,
             'prev_infection': 0,
             'time_obs': 6,
             'sex': 0,
             'azt': 1
         representative_individual_df1 = pd.DataFrame(
             representative_individual1, columns=train_df.columns, index=[0])
         representative_individual_df2 = pd.DataFrame(
             representative_individual2, columns=train_df.columns, index=[1])
         combined_df = pd.concat(
             [representative_individual_df1, representative_individual_df2])
         predictions = linear_cox_model.predict_survival_function(combined_df)
         survival_function1 = predictions.iloc[:, 0]
         survival_function2 = predictions.iloc[:, 1]
         # Interpolate survival probabilities at 18 months
         time_points = survival_function1.index.values
         survival_prob_18_months1 = np.interp(
            18, time_points, survival_function1.values)
         survival prob 18 months2 = np.interp(
             18, time_points, survival_function2.values)
         fig = go.Figure()
         fig.add trace(
             go.Scatter(
                 x=time_points,
                 y=survival_function1.values,
                 mode='lines'
                 name='Patient 1 survival probability',
                 line=dict(color='#1F77B4', width=3),
```

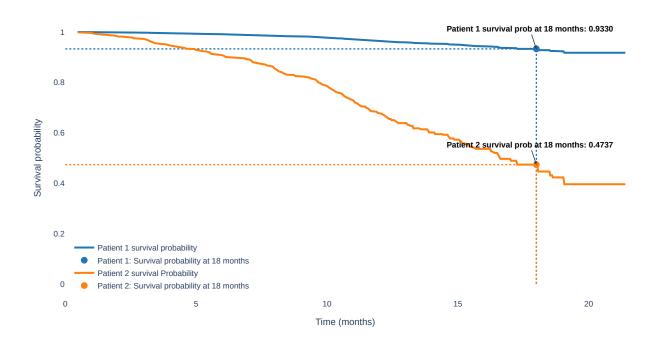
```
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=[0, 18, 18],
        y=[survival_prob_18_months1, survival_prob_18_months1, 0],
       mode='lines'
       name='Patient 1: 18-month survival probability',
        line=dict(color='#1F77B4', dash='dot'),
        showlegend=False
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=[18],
       y=[survival_prob_18_months1],
       mode='markers'
       marker=dict(color='#1F77B4', size=10),
       name='Patient 1: Survival probability at 18 months'
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=time_points,
       y=survival_function2.values,
       mode='lines',
       name='Patient 2 survival Probability',
       line=dict(color='#FF7F0E', width=3),
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=[0, 18, 18],
        y=[survival_prob_18_months2, survival_prob_18_months2, 0],
        mode='lines'
       name='Patient 2: 18-month survival probability',
        line=dict(color='#FF7F0E', dash='dot'),
        \verb| showlegend=False| \\
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=[18],
       y=[survival_prob_18_months2],
       mode='markers'
       marker=dict(color='#FF7F0E', size=10),
        name='Patient 2: Survival probability at 18 months'
fig.update_layout(
        'text': 'Survival function comparison',
        'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
       'x': 0.5,
'xanchor': 'center'
   font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
   xaxis_title='Time (months)'
   yaxis_title='Survival probability',
   width=1000,
   height=600,
   plot_bgcolor='white',
   legend=dict(
       yanchor="bottom",
       y=0.01,
       xanchor="left",
       x=0.01
   )
fig.add_annotation(
   x=18,
    y=survival_prob_18_months1,
   text=f'<b>Patient 1 survival prob at 18 months: {
       survival_prob_18_months1:.4f}</b>',
   showarrow=True,
   arrowhead=2,
   font=dict(color='#000000')
fig.add_annotation(
```

```
x=18,
  y=survival_prob_18_months2,
  text=f'<b>Patient 2 survival prob at 18 months: {
        survival_prob_18_months2:.4f}</b>',
        showarrow=True,
        arrowhead=2,
        font=dict(color='#000000')
)

fig.show()

print(
        f"Patient 1 - Survival probability at 18 months: {survival_prob_18_months1:.4f}")
print(
        f"Patient 2 - Survival probability at 18 months: {survival_prob_18_months2:.4f}")
```

# Survival function comparison



```
Patient 1 - Survival probability at 18 months: 0.9330
Patient 2 - Survival probability at 18 months: 0.4737
```

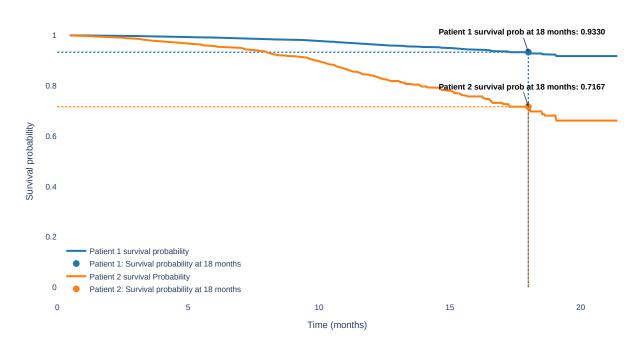
Now, if we modify the **female patient's previous infection** factor to **No AIDS**, the situation changes. The probability of surviving beyond 18 months increases from **0.4737** to **0.7167**. This supports the conclusion that the key factors affecting the survival probability of patients, as identified through the **Cox model**, are indeed accurate.

```
In [55]: representative_individual1 = {
               'subject': 500,
               'cd4': 15.7,
               'treatment': 0, # 0: ddC, 1: ddI
               'prev_infection': 0, # 0: AIDS, 1: No AIDS
               'time_obs': 6,
               'sex': 1, # 0: Female, 1: Male
'azt': 0 # 0: Failure, 1: Intolerance
          }
          representative_individual2 = {
               'subject': 501,
               'cd4': 1.7,
               'treatment': 1,
               'prev_infection': 1,
               'time_obs': 6,
               'sex': 0,
'azt': 1
          representative_individual_df1 = pd.DataFrame(
              representative\_individual1, \ columns = train\_df.columns, \ index = [0])
          representative_individual_df2 = pd.DataFrame(
               representative_individual2, columns=train_df.columns, index=[1])
```

```
combined df = pd.concat(
    [representative_individual_df1, representative_individual_df2])
predictions = linear cox model.predict survival function(combined df)
survival_function1 = predictions.iloc[:, 0]
survival_function2 = predictions.iloc[:, 1]
# Interpolate survival probabilities at 18 months
time_points = survival_function1.index.values
survival_prob_18_months1 = np.interp(
    18, time_points, survival_function1.values)
survival prob 18 months2 = np.interp(
   18, time_points, survival_function2.values)
fig = go.Figure()
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=time_points,
        y=survival_function1.values,
       mode='lines'
       name='Patient 1 survival probability',
       line=dict(color='#1F77B4', width=3),
fig.add_trace(
    go.Scatter(
       x=[0, 18, 18],
        y=[survival_prob_18_months1, survival_prob_18_months1, 0],
       mode='lines'
        name='Patient 1: 18-month survival probability',
        line=dict(color='#1F77B4', dash='dot'),
        showlegend=False
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=[18].
        y=[survival_prob_18_months1],
       mode='markers'
        marker=dict(color='#1F77B4', size=10),
        name='Patient 1: Survival probability at 18 months'
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=time_points,
        y=survival_function2.values,
       name='Patient 2 survival Probability',
        line=dict(color='#FF7F0E', width=3),
fig.add_trace(
    qo.Scatter(
       x=[0, 18, 18],
        y=[survival_prob_18_months2, survival_prob_18_months2, 0],
        mode='lines'
       name='Patient 2: 18-month survival probability',
        line=dict(color='#FF7F0E', dash='dot'),
        showlegend=False
fig.add_trace(
   go.Scatter(
       x=[18],
       y=[survival_prob_18_months2],
       mode='markers
       marker=dict(color='#FF7F0E', size=10),
        name='Patient 2: Survival probability at 18 months'
fig.update_layout(
    title={
        'text': 'Survival function comparison',
        'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
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'x': 0.5,
        'xanchor': 'center'
    font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
    xaxis_title='Time (months)',
   yaxis_title='Survival probability',
    width=1000,
    height=600,
    plot_bgcolor='white',
    legend=dict(
       yanchor="bottom",
        y=0.01,
        xanchor="left",
        x=0.01
fig.add_annotation(
   x=18,
    y=survival_prob_18_months1,
    text=f'<b>Patient 1 survival prob at 18 months: {
        survival_prob_18_months1:.4f}</b>',
    showarrow=True,
    arrowhead=2,
    font=dict(color='#000000')
fig.add_annotation(
   x = 18.
    y=survival_prob_18_months2,
    text=f'<b>Patient 2 survival prob at 18 months: {
       survival_prob_18_months2:.4f}</b>',
    showarrow=True,
    arrowhead=2,
    font=dict(color='#000000')
fig.show()
print(
   f"Patient 1 - Survival probability at 18 months: {survival_prob_18_months1:.4f}")
print(
   f"Patient 2 - Survival probability at 18 months: {survival_prob_18_months2:.4f}")
```

# Survival function comparison



Patient 1 - Survival probability at 18 months: 0.9330 Patient 2 - Survival probability at 18 months: 0.7167

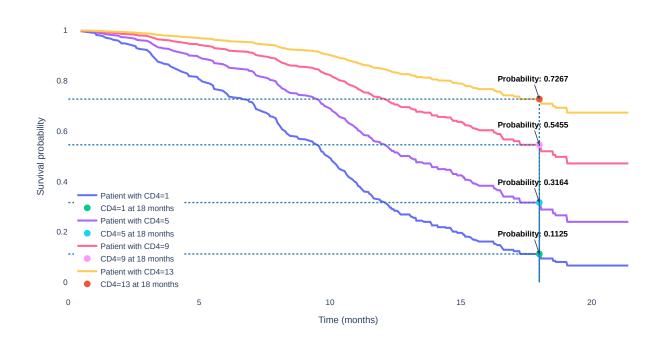
When varying the CD4 cell count from 1 to 14, we observe a significant increase in the probability of survival, starting at 0.1125 and reaching 0.7267. This highlights the critical role that CD4 cell count plays as a key factor influencing survival outcomes.

```
In [56]: cd4\_values = np.arange(1, 14, 4)
         representative_individual = {
             'subject': 501,
             'cd4': 1.7,
             'treatment': 1,
             'prev_infection': 0,
             'time_obs': 0,
             'sex': 0,
             'azt': 1
         }
         fig = go.Figure()
         for cd4 in cd4_values:
             representative individual['cd4'] = cd4
             representative_individual_df = pd.DataFrame(
                 representative_individual, columns=train_df.columns, index=[0]
             predictions = linear_cox_model.predict_survival_function(
                 representative_individual_df)
             survival_function = predictions.iloc[:, 0] # We have only one patient
             # Interpolate survival probabilities at 18 months
             time_points = survival_function.index.values
             survival_prob_18_months = np.interp(
                 18, time_points, survival_function.values)
             fig.add_trace(
                 go.Scatter(
                     x=time_points,
                     y=survival_function.values,
                     mode='lines',
                     name=f'Patient with CD4={cd4}',
                     line=dict(width=3)
             )
             fig.add_trace(
                 go.Scatter(
                     x=[0, 18, 18],
                     y=[survival prob 18 months, survival prob 18 months, 0],
                     mode='lines'
                     name='Survival probability',
                     line=dict(color='#1F77B4', dash='dot'),
                     showlegend=False
             )
             fig.add_trace(
                 go.Scatter(
                     x=[18].
                     y=[survival_prob_18_months],
                     mode='markers',
                     marker=dict(size=10),
                     name=f'CD4={cd4} at 18 months'
             )
             fig.add_annotation(
                 x = 18.
                 y=survival_prob_18_months,
                 text=f'<b>Probability: {survival_prob_18_months:.4f}</b>',
                 showarrow=True,
                 arrowhead=2,
                 font=dict(color='#000000')
         fig.update_layout(
             title={
                  'text': 'Survival function for varying CD4 counts',
                 'font': dict(size=16, family='Arial, bold'),
                 'x': 0.5,
                 'xanchor': 'center'
             font=dict(family='Arial', size=12),
             xaxis_title='Time (months)'
             yaxis_title='Survival probability',
             width=1000,
             height=600,
```

```
plot_bgcolor='white',
legend=dict(
    yanchor="bottom",
    y=0.01,
    xanchor="left",
    x=0.01
)

fig.show()
```

# Survival function for varying CD4 counts



# Conditional survival probability

- Theoretical Difference:
  - Unconditional Probability reflects survival over the entire timeline.
  - Conditional Probability accounts for having already survived 12 months, thereby adjusting for improved survival odds due to resilience.
- Practical Implication:
  - The conditional survival estimate is **higher**, highlighting that past survival improves future survival probabilities, likely due to the individual's resilience or favorable response to treatment.

```
In [57]: representative_individual1 = {
               'subject': 500,
               'cd4': 15.7,
               'treatment': 0, # 0: ddC, 1: ddI
               'prev_infection': 0, # 0: AIDS, 1: No AIDS
               'time_obs': 6,
               'sex': 1, # 0: Female, 1: Male
'azt': 0 # 0: Failure, 1: Intolerance
          representative_individual2 = {
               'subject': 501,
               'cd4': 1.7,
               'treatment': 1,
               'prev_infection': 0,
               'time_obs': 6,
               'sex': 0,
'azt': 1
          }
          representative_individual_df1 = pd.DataFrame(
              representative_individual1, columns=train_df.columns, index=[0])
```

```
representative_individual_df2 = pd.DataFrame(
    representative\_individual2, \ columns=train\_df.columns, \ index=[1])
combined_df = pd.concat(
    [representative individual df1, representative individual df2])
predictions = linear_cox_model.predict_survival_function(combined_df)
survival_function1 = predictions.iloc[:, 0]
survival_function2 = predictions.iloc[:, 1]
# Calculate survival probability at 12 months
survival_prob_12_months1 = np.interp(
   12, time points, survival function1.values)
survival_prob_12_months2 = np.interp(
   12, time_points, survival_function2.values)
# Calculate survival probability at 18 months (12 + 6 months)
survival_prob_18_months1 = np.interp(
   18, time_points, survival_function1.values)
survival_prob_18_months2 = np.interp(
   18, time_points, survival_function2.values)
# Calculate conditional probability
conditional_survival_prob1 = survival_prob_18_months1 / survival_prob_12_months1
conditional_survival_prob2 = survival_prob_18_months2 / survival_prob_12_months2
print(f"Patient 1 - Conditional survival probability for next 6 months: {
     conditional_survival_prob1:.4f}")
print(f"Patient 2 - Conditional survival probability for next 6 months: {
     conditional_survival_prob2:.4f}")
```

Patient 1 - Conditional survival probability for next 6 months: 0.9673 Patient 2 - Conditional survival probability for next 6 months: 0.6992

# Conclusion

We explored survival analysis using the HIV dataset, we used both Cox proportional hazards models (linear and non-linear variants) and Random Survival Forests. We performed extensive exploratory data analysis, revealing key relationships between variables such as CD4 count, previous infection status, and survival time.

The linear Cox model showed superior performance compared to the non-linear variant, demonstrating good predictive ability as measured by the concordance index and log-likelihood. Furthermore, Random Survival Forests achieved even better predictive performance, as indicated by a lower Brier score and C-index compared to both Cox models.

The analysis highlighted the importance of CD4 count as the most influential predictor of survival. We also demonstrated the practical application of the models by predicting survival probabilities and conditional survival probabilities for representative individuals, illustrating how varying factors like CD4 count and previous infection status affect survival outcomes.