

Simulating longitudinal data for time-to-event analysis in continuous time.

Each observation $O = (T_{(K)}, \Delta_{(K)}, A(T_{(K-1)}), L(T_{(K-1)}), T_{(K-1)}, \Delta_{(K-1)}, \dots, A(0), L(0))$ is generated in the following way. Recall from the main note that we put $\mathcal{F}_{T_{(k)}} = \sigma(T_{(k)}, \Delta_{(k)}, A(T_{(k-1)}), L(T_{(k-1)})) \vee \mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}}$.

Let $\pi_k(t, \mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}})$ be the probability of being treated at the k 'th event given $\Delta_{(k)} = a, T_{(k)} = t$, and $\mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}}$. Similarly, let $\mu_k(t, \cdot, \mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}})$ be the probability measure for the covariate value given $\Delta_{(k)} = \ell, T_{(k)} = t$, and $\mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}}$. Let also $\Lambda_k^x(dt, \mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}})$ be the cumulative cause-specific hazard measure for the k 'th event and cause x given $\mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}}$, where $x = a, \ell, d, y, c$. At baseline, we let $\pi_0(L(0))$ be the probability of being treated given $L(0)$ and $\mu_0(\cdot)$ be the probability measure for the covariate value.

We let $L(t)$ consist of the covariates *age*, *sex*, $L_1(t)$, $L_2(t)$ (e.g., recurrent events). Then we generate the baseline variables as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \text{age} &\sim \text{Unif}(40, 90) \\ \text{sex} &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(0.4) \\ L_1(0) &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(0.4) \\ L_2(0) &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(0.25) \\ A(0) &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\text{expit}((\beta_0^a)^T \mathcal{F}_0^A + \beta_0^{a,*})), \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{F}_0^A = (\text{age}, \text{sex}, L_1(0), L_2(0))$.

Then, the observation is drawn iteratively as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{(k)}^x \mid \mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}} = f_{t_{k-1}} &\sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_k^x \exp((\beta_k^x)^T f_{t_{k-1}})), x = a, \ell, d, y, c \\ \Delta_{(k)} = x &\text{ if } S_{(k)}^x < S_{(k)}^z \text{ for all } z \neq x \\ T_{(k)} &= T_{(k-1)} + S_{(k)}^x \text{ if } \Delta_{(k)} = x \\ L^* \mid T_{(k)}, \mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}} = f_{t_{k-1}} &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\text{expit}(\alpha_k^L)^T f_{t_{k-1}} + \alpha_k^{L,*}) \\ L_1(0) &= \begin{cases} L_1(k-1) + L^* & \text{if } \Delta_{(k)} = \ell \text{ and } k < K \\ L_1(k-1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ L_2(0) &= \begin{cases} L_2(k-1) + L^* & \text{if } \Delta_{(k)} = \ell \text{ and } k < K \\ L_2(k-1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ A(T_{(k)}) &= \text{Bernoulli}(\text{expit}((\alpha^A k)^T f_{t_{k-1}} + \alpha_k^{A,*})) \text{ if } \Delta_{(k)} = a \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$ denotes the exponential distribution with rate λ . When the static intervention is applied, we put $A(T_{(k)}) = 1$ for each $k = 1, \dots, K$. When the uncensored data argument is used, we put $S_{(k)}^c = \infty$. So the parameters we can vary are the α 's, β 's, and λ 's. A limitation of the current implementation is that the Markov assumption is used for the time-varying variables, i.e., $S_{(k)}^x$ depends only on $\mathcal{F}_{T_{(k-1)}}$ through $(A(T_{(k-1)}), L(T_{(k-1)}), T_{(k-1)}, \Delta_{(k-1)})$.