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Description This R package is to prepare group sequential design for maxcombo tests without doing simulations

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approx.I   *Approximate information for an arbitrary survival function*

Description

An approximation alternative to the regular prediction of the information/covariance based on the assumed survival functions.

Usage

```
approx.I(
  t.star,
  p,
  S1 = function(x) {      1 },
  S0 = function(x) {      1 },
  func = function(x) {      1 },
  n.length = 1e+06
)
```

Arguments

t.star	The ending time of the cumulative informaiton or covariance prediciton.
p	Treatment assignment probability.
S1	Survival function for the treatment group.
S0	Survival function for the control gorup.
func	The integrand function.
n.length	The number of intervals spitted to obtain the approximate integration.

Author(s)

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References

Hasegawa, T. (2016). Group sequential monitoring based on the weighted log-rank test statistic with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 15(5), 412-419.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Examples for approx.I
eps<-2 # delayed effect
p<-0.5 #treatment assignment
tau<-18 # end of the study
R<-14 # accrual period [0,R]
lambda<-log(2)/6 # control group risk hazard
theta<-0.7 # hazard ratio
lambda.trt<- lambda*theta
rho<- 0 # parameter for the weights
gamma<-1 #parameter for the weights
S1<-function(x){
  ifelse(x>eps,exp(-theta*lambda*x)*getc(theta,lambda,eps),exp(-lambda*x))
  }
  S0<-function(x){
    exp(-lambda*x)
    }
    S_pool<-function(x){
      p*S1(x)+(1-p)*S0(x)
      }
      func<-function(x){
        min((tau-x)/R,1)*(S_pool(x)^rho*(1-S_pool(x))^gamma)^2
        }
approx.I(t.star=tau,p,S1=S1,S0=S0,fun=func,n.length=1e6)
I.1(rho,gamma,lambda,theta,eps,R,p,tau)
# Change the cumulative information up to 10 instead of taus
func2<-function(x){
  min((10-x)/R,1)*(S_pool(x)^rho*(1-S_pool(x))^gamma)^2
  }
  approx.I(t.star=10,p,S1=S1,S0=S0,fun=func2,n.length=1e6)
  I.1(rho,gamma,lambda,theta,eps,R,p,t.star=10)
  # Covariance approximation for two weights: 1 and G(0,1)
  rho1=rho2=0
  gamma1=0
  gamma2=1
  func3<-function(x){
min((10-x)/R,1)*(S_pool(x)^rho1*(1-S_pool(x))^gamma1)*(S_pool(x)^rho2*(1-S_pool(x))^gamma2)
 }
 approx.I(t.star=10,p,S1=S1,S0=S0,fun=func3,n.length=1e6)
 I.1.cov(rho1,gamma1,rho2,gamma2,lambda,theta,eps,R,p,t.star=10)

## End(Not run)
```

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avg.haz   *Calcualte the average hazard ratios*

Description

Calculate the average hazard ratios according to Kalbfleisch and Prentice (1981) or in the paper Hasegawa (2014) for piece-wise exponential survival functions (only one change point eps).

Usage

```
avg.haz(theta, eps, lambda, p = 1/2)
```

Arguments

theta	hazard ratio after eps between the treatment and the control group, assuming that the hazard rato is 1 before eps.
eps	The change point, before which, the hazard ratio is 1, and after which, the hazard ratio is theta.
lambda	The constant hazard for the control arm.
p	Treatment assignment probability.

Author(s)

Lili Wang

References

Hasegawa, T. (2014). Sample size determination for the weighted log-rank test with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 13(2), 128-135.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# test
lambda=log(2)/6
theta=0.7
eps=2
avg.haz(theta,eps,lambda)

## End(Not run)
```

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cor.0   *Predicted cross-test correlation*

Description

These two functions are to predict the correlation between two weighted log-rank tests at certain time t.star under either the null hypothesis (using cor.0) or the alternative hypothesis (using cor.1).

Usage

```
cor.0(rho1, gamma1, rho2, gamma2, lambda, R, p, t.star)

cor.1(rho1, gamma1, rho2, gamma2, lambda, theta, eps, R, p, t.star)
```

Arguments

rho1	First power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for covariance calculation.
gamma1	Second power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for covariance calculation.
rho2	First power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for covariance calculation.
gamma2	Second power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for covariance calculation.
lambda	Event hazard for the control arm.
R	End of the accrual period.
p	Treatment assignment probability.
t.star	Time point we pause the study to check the cumulative information under the null.
theta	Hazard ratio after the change point (before the change point HR should be 1).
eps	Change point.

Details

These two functions are designed to calculate the predicted correlation between the two weighted log-rank tests at time t.star under the two hypotheses. The null hypothesis is an exponential distribution for both the treatment and control arms with hazard lambda, while the alternative hypothesis has the control group following an exponential distribution with hazard lambda, and the treatment group following a piece-wise exponential distribution with hazard lambda before eps, but a hazard theta times lambda after eps.

Author(s)

Lili Wang.

References

Hasegawa, T. (2016). Group sequential monitoring based on the weighted log-rank test statistic with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 15(5), 412-419.

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data.trim	*Trim the data*

Description

Trim the data according to event number or time

Usage

```
data.trim(t, data, trimmed = F)

data.trim.d(d, data, trimmed = F)
```

Arguments

t	Time of interest to pause/stop the study, which could be an interim stage or the final stage.
data	There are two possible structures allowed for this input data. The first type needs to have trimmed=F and include variables: a treatment variable with "experimental" denoting treatment group, cnsr variable with value 1 denoting censoring, ct variable denoting event time from the origin of the study, which equals the sum of entering time enterT and the survival time (time to event or censoring). A dataset simulated from from R package nphsim should fit the first type well enough (see the example1). The second type can be any data.frame or data.table output from a data.trim function, including variables: ct denoting event time from the origin of the study or the sum of entering time and the survival time, survival denoting the survival time or time to event/censoring, delta as an event indicator, enterT as entering time (example 2). For the second type, we set trimmed=T to avoid extra computations, but should be fine if trimmed=F.
trimmed	Whether this data has been trimmed by data.trim or data.trim.d before.
d	Event counts to pause/stop the study.

Details

data.trim is to trim the data upto t, data.trim.d is to trim the data upto the cound d.

Value

Note that data.trim only outputs a data.table odered by ct, the event/censoring time since the start of the study (calendar scale), including variables in the input data.table/frame data, and additional/updated variables of event indicator delta, ct, follow-up time survival since the enrollment. data.trim.d outpus a list of two components. The first component is the data censored with d events have been observed, ordered by ct, the event/censoring time since the start of the study (calendar scale). The second component is the time of the stopping point when d events have been observed.

Author(s)

Lili Wang

See Also

FH.frac.cal

FH.frac.cal	*Information fraction for Fleming-Harrington weighted log-rank test*

Description

Monitor the raction for Fleming-Harrington weighted log-rank test for a vector of time points

Usage

```
FH.frac.cal(data, t_vec, I_max, rho, gamma, trimmed)
```

Arguments

data	There are two possible structures allowed for this input data. The first type needs to have trimmed=F and include variables: a treatment variable with "experimental" denoting treatment group, cnsr variable with value 1 denoting censoring, ct variable denoting event time from the origin of the study, which equals the sum of entering time enterT and the survival time (time to event or censoring). A dataset simulated from from R package nphsim should fit the first type well enough (see the example1). The second type can be any data.frame or data.table output from a data.trim function, including variables: ct denoting event time from the origin of the study or the sum of entering time and the survival time, survival denoting the survival time or time to event/censoring, delta as an event indicator, enterT as entering time (example 2). For the second type, we set trimmed=T to avoid extra computations, but should be fine if trimmed=F.
t_vec	Follow-up time since the origin of the study (not that it's not following the survival time scale, but following the calendar time scale), which could be a vector, to measure the information fraction for these time points.
I_max	The evaluated I_{max}, which returned from function I.1 or I.0 by setting the t.start=tau, where tau is the end of the study.
rho	First power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the early departures: $S(t^-)^\rho(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
gamma	Second power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the late departures: $S(t^-)^\rho(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
trimmed	Logical indicator to show whether the data input has been "trimmed" by data.trim and data.trim.d before: adding variables like delta indicating events (=1), and trt distringuishing the treatment group (=1) from the control group (=0)

Details

Calculation the information fraction for Fleming-Harrington family weighted log-rank tests using the monitored estimated information for numerator, and the predicted information I_{max} as denominator.

Value

This function returns a vector of information fractions corresponding to the input time vector t_vec.

Author(s)

Lili Wang

References

Hasegawa, T. (2016). Group sequential monitoring based on the weighted log-rank test statistic with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 15(5), 412-419.

See Also

data.trim

Examples

```
## Not run:
# install.packages("devtools")
# library(devtools)
# install_github("keaven/nphsim")
# library(nphsim)
eps<-2 # delayed effect
p<-0.5 #treatment assignment
b<-30 # an intrinsic parameter to decide the number of intervals per time unit
tau<- 18 # end of the study
R<-14 # accrual period [0,R]
omega<- tau-R
lambda<-log(2)/6 # control group risk hazard
theta<-0.7 # hazard ratio
lambda.trt<- lambda*theta #hazard after the change point for the treatment arm
rho<- 0 # parameter for the weights
gamma<-1 #parameter for the weights
alpha<-0.025 #type 1 error
beta<-0.1 #type 2 error
# First we decide the sample size:
size_FH <- sample.size_FH(eps,p,b,tau,omega,lambda,lambda.trt,rho, gamma,alpha,beta)
n_FH <-size_FH$n
n_event_FH<-size_FH$n_event
accrual.rt<-n_FH/R # the needed arrual rate
#Generate data accordingly, use eta=1e-5 to inhibit censoring
data_temp <- nphsim(nsim=1,lambdaC=lambda, lambdaE = c(lambda,lambda.trt), ssC=ceiling(n_FH*(1-p)),intervals

# Example 1 for FH.frac.cal: Set trimmed=F and work on the crude dataset from nphsim()
inf_frac_vec1<-FH.frac.cal(data_temp,c(10,15,18),I_denom,rho,gamma,trimmed=F)
inf_frac_vec1

# Example 2 for FH.frac.cal: First trim the data before inputting into FH.frac.cal() setting trimmed=T, and obta
I_denom<-I.1(rho, gamma,lambda,theta,eps,R,p,t.star=tau)*n_FH
tau.star=21 #in case the ratio=1 when t>tau
#Trim the data
data_temp2 <-data.trim(tau.star,data_temp)
t_seq <- seq(0.1,tau.star,0.1) # the time series to check the information fraction
inf_frac_vec2<-FH.frac.cal(data_temp2,t_seq,I_denom,rho,gamma,trimmed=T)
# WLRT at the interim
interim_index<- which.min(abs(inf_frac_vec2-0.6))
interim_time<-t_seq[interim_index]
interim_frac<-inf_frac_vec2[interim_index]
 # WLRT at the final
 final_index<- which.min(abs(inf_frac_vec2-1))
 final_time<-t_seq[final_index]
 final_frac<-inf_frac_vec2[final_index]

## End(Not run)
```

FH.table   *Basic function for Fleming-Harrington family weighted log-rank tests*

Description

Basic function to build the table for the calculation of the Fleming-Harrington family of weighted log-rank tests.

Usage

```
FH.table(survival, delta, trt, rho, gamma)
```

Arguments

survival	Time to event or censoring.
delta	Event indicator: 1 for observed cases, 0 for censored cases.
trt	Treatment assignment indicator: 1 for treatment group, 0 for control group.
rho, gamma	Parameters for Fleming-Harrington family with $W(t) = S^\rho(t^-)(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.

Value

Build a table for Fleming-Harrington log-rank test which ouputs *ordered* survival as follow-up times, Surv as predictable survival functions $S(t^-)$, Surv.exact as exact survival functions $S(t)$, delta as event indicators, trt as treatment assignement (treated=1, control=0), weight as weight functon calcualted from the predictable survival functions Surv.

In addition, the output also include O1 as the observed events from the treatment arm, E1 as the expected events from the treatment arm, Cov as the estimated variance without considering the weights.

Author(s)

Lili Wang

FH.test   *Fleming-Harrington weighted log-rank tests*

Description

Calculating the Fleming-Harrington weighted log-rank tests

Usage

```
FH.test(survival, delta, trt, rho, gamma)
```

Arguments

survival	Time to event or censoring.
delta	Event indicators.
trt	Treatment assignment indicator with 1 denoting the treated group, and 0 denoting the placebo group.
rho	First power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the early departures: $S(t^-)^\rho(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
gamma	Second power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the late departures: $S(t^-)^\rho(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.

Value

A list 3 different components

O1	Observed number of weighted events (with a multiplication of corresponding weights) in the treatment arm.
E1	Expected number of weighted events (with a multiplication of corresponding weights) in the treatment arm.
Z	Weighted log-rank test statistic.

Author(s)

Lili Wang

See Also

WLR.test

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Examples for FH.test and WLR.test
set.seed(12345)
data_temp<- nphsim(nsim=1,lambdaC=log(2)/6, lambdaE = c(log(2)/6,log(2)/6*0.7), ssC=250, intervals = c(2),ssE
data_final<-data.trim.d(100,data_temp)[[1]]
rho=1
gamma=0
# compare the 3 different ways below:
#library(survival)
sqrt(survdiff(Surv(survival,delta)~trt, data =data_final,rho=rho)$chisq)
FH.test(survival=data_final$survival,delta=data_final$delta,trt=data_final$trt,rho=rho,gamma=gamma)
WLR.test(survival=data_final$survival,delta=data_final$delta,trt=data_final$trt,w=function(...){survKM_minu

## End(Not run)
```

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getc   *Basic functions*

Description

Some basic functions for information prediction.

Usage

```
getc(theta, lambda, eps)

uv(e, k, lambda, R, t.star)

v(e, k, lambda)

u(e, k, lambda, R, t.star)
```

```
h1(k1, k2, lambda, theta, eps, R, t.star)

h0(k1, k2, lambda, theta, eps, R, t.star)

h.tilde(m, lambda, theta, eps, R, p, t.star)
```

Arguments

theta	Hazard ratio after the change point (before the change point HR should be 1).
lambda	Event hazard for the control arm.
eps	Change point.
e	Some convenience parameter to control the change point, which is usually set to be eps or tau
k, k1, k2, m	Parameters to control the exponential power of the survival functions (the control arm for the null hypothesis or the weighted sum of two arms for the alternative hypothesis).
R	End of the accrual period.
t.star	Time point we pause the study to check the cumulative results.
p	Treatment assignment probability.

Details

To prepare the values for the prediction of information values. The control arm is following an exponential with rate lambda, the treatment arm is piece-wise exponential with hazard ratio with respect to the control arm to be 1 before the changing point eps, and theta after the change point. Details can be found in the appendix of the reference paper.

Value

getc returns the $\exp(-\lambda * \epsilon * (1 - \theta))$ which is a multiplier for the survival and hazard of the treatment arm after the change point eps.

Author(s)

Lili Wang

References

Wang, L., Luo, X., & Zheng, C. (2021). A Simulation-free Group Sequential Design with Max-combo Tests in the Presence of Non-proportional Hazards. Journal of Pharmaceutical Statistics.

GSMC_design   *Predicted sample sizes and boundaries for GSMC design*

Description

Compute predicted sample size and boundaries for a group sequential design of max-combo tests.

Usage

```
GSMC_design(
  FHweights,
  interim_ratio,
  error_spend,
  eps,
  p,
  b,
  tau,
  omega,
  lambda,
  lambda.trt,
  rho,
  gamma,
  beta,
  stoch = TRUE,
  range_ext = 200,
  time_ext_multiplier = 1.5,
  time_increment = 0.01
)
```

Arguments

FHweights   a list of pairs of parameters (rho, gamma) for the Fleming Harrington weighted
                log-rank tests:$W(t) = S^\rho(t^-)(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$. The first one will provide the
                information fraction we will use to sign the stopping time. Now we only accom-
                modate the surrogate information fraction, i.e., rho = 0 and gamma = 0.

interim_ratio   a vector of ratios between 0 and 1 that sign the stopping time following the first
                type of information fraction in FHweights, i.e. the event sizes. Note that the
                last value must be 1, otherwise, the function will automatically append 1 for the
                final stage.

error_spend   cumulative errors spent at each stage (including the final one). Must be of
                the same length as interim_ratio or one element shorter if the last value of in-
                terim_ratio is less than 1. The last element of error_spend should be type I error
                `alpha`.

eps   the change point, before which, the hazard ratio is 1, and after which, the hazard
                ratio is theta

p   treatment assignment probability.

b   the number of subintervals per time unit.

tau   the end of the follow-up time in the study. Note that this is identical to $T + \tau$ in
                the paper from Hasegawa (2014).

omega	the minimum follow-up time for all the patients. Note that Hasegawa(2014) assumes that the accrual is uniform between time 0 and R, and there does not exist any censoring except for the administrative censoring at the ending time τ. Thus this value omega is equivalent to tau-R. Through our simulation tests, however, we found that this function is quite robust to violations of these assumptions: dropouts, different censoring rates for two arms, and changing accrual rates.
lambda	the hazard for the control group.
lambda.trt	the hazard for the treatment group after time eps.
beta	type II error, 1-power.
stoch	stochastic prediction or not (exact prediction), the former is default.
range_ext	the width to extend the range of sample sizes. If the predicted sample size is not found in the range, try a wider range_ext. It will automatically search for the likely range, but still possibly miss the best one. Its default value is 200.
time_ext_multiplier	
	compute the time window for the possible stopping time points by multiplying it with the total expected follow-up time tau. The default is 1.5. In other words, when tau = 18, the longest time we consider would be $18 * 1.5 = 27$ months.
time_increment	time increments to compute the predicted stopping time points, the finer the more accurate.

Details

Predict the sample sizes and boundaries to achieve the targeted type I errors (error spent at each stage) and power. Prediction approaches include the exact prediction or the stochastic prediction approach following 2-piece-wise exponential distributions given in the appendix of the reference paper.

Value

z_alpha_pred	predicted boundary values for all the stages, length is equivalent to the input interim_ratio or error_spend.
z_alpha_vec_pred	
	predicted boundary values for all the test statistics following index.
d_fixed	the required observed events at each stage.
n_FH	the total required number of subjects according to the defined hazards.
n_event_FH	the total required number of events according to the defined hazards.
index	records the ordered stages for each tests, starting from 1 and ending at the length of interim_ratio or error_spend. It is actually rep(1:length(interim_ratio), each = length
interim_pred0	predicts stopping time points under the null hypothesis following the order of index.
interim_pred1	predicts stopping time points under the alternative hypothesis following the order of index.
Sigma0	predicts correlation matrix under the null hypothesis with each row and column following the test statistics corresponding to index.
Sigma1	predicted correlation matrix under the alternative hypothesis with each row and column following the test statistics corresponding to index.

mu1	the predicted unit mean under the alternative hypothesis, the $\tilde{\mu}$ in formula (5) of the reference paper. The test statistics follow index. It is also the mean of the expectation of each subject scaled weighted log-rank test statistic, which can be approximated using the formula for E^* in Hasegawa 2014 paper. Under null, the predicted mean is otherwise 0, implying no treatment effect.
stoch	input stoch boolean variable, TRUE if stochastic prediction is enabled, FALSE otherwise. The default is TRUE.
FHweights	input FHweights list.
interim_ratio	input interim_ratio vector.
error_spend	input error_spend vector.

Author(s)

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References

Wang, L., Luo, X., & Zheng, C. (2021). A Simulation-free Group Sequential Design with Max-combo Tests in the Presence of Non-proportional Hazards. Journal of Pharmaceutical Statistics.

Examples

```
## Not run:
### Parameters
FHweights <- list(
  c(0,0),
  c(0,1),
  c(1,0)
  )
  n_FHweights <- length(FHweights)
  # stop when what proportion of the events have been observed.
  fixed_death_p <-  c(0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
  interim_ratio <- c(fixed_death_p,1)
  n_stage <- length(interim_ratio)
  # treatment assignment.
  p <- 1/2
  # end of the study, chronological assuming it's on the alternative arm.
  tau <- 18
  # end of the accrual period, chronological.
  R <- 14
 # minimum potential follow-up time, not considering dropouts or other subject-specific censoring.
 omega <- (tau-R)
 # waiting time before the change point: can be the delayed effect or the crossing effect
 eps <- 2
 # event hazard of the control arm.
 lambda <- log(2)/6
 # hazard ratio after the change point eps under the alternative hypothesis.
 theta <- 0.6
 # event hazard for the treatment arm under the alternative hypothesis and after the change point eps.
 lambda.trt <- lambda*theta
 # type I error under the control.
 alpha <- 0.025
 # type II error under the alternative.
 beta <- 0.1
 # Obtain the cumulative errors spent at each stage
```

```
    error_spend <- c(0.005, 0.01, 0.015, alpha)
    # number of subintervals for a time unit
    b <- 30
    res <- GSMC_design(
    FHweights,
    interim_ratio,
    error_spend,
    eps,
    p,
    b,
    tau,]
    omega,
    lambda,
    lambda.trt,
    rho,
    gamma,
    beta,
    stoch = F
    )

  ## End(Not run)
```

I.0   *Precdict information/covariance under null hypothesis*

Description

Calulcation of the information/covariance based on a presumed survival function under the null.

Usage

```
    I.0(rho, gamma, lambda, R, p, t.star)

    I.0.cov(rho1, gamma1, rho2, gamma2, lambda, R, p, t.star)
```

Arguments

rho	First power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the early departures: $S(t^-)^\rho(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
gamma	Second power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the late departures: $S(t^-)^\rho(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
lambda	Event hazard for the control arm.
R	End of the accrual period.
p	Treatment assignment probability.
t.star	Time point we pause the study to check the cumulative information under the null.
rho1, rho2	First power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for covariance calculation.
gamma1, gamma2	Second power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for covariance calculation.

Details

This function is prepared to calculate the predicted information/covariance purely based on the assumed survival function under the null hypothesis: an exponential distribution with hazard lambda.

Author(s)

Lili Wang.

References

Hasegawa, T. (2016). Group sequential monitoring based on the weighted log-rank test statistic with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 15(5), 412-419.

See Also

I.1

I.1   *Predicted information/covariance under the alternative hypothesis*

Description

Calulcation of the information/covariance based on a presumed survival function under the alternative hypothesis.

Usage

```
I.1(rho, gamma, lambda, theta, eps, R, p, t.star)

I.1.cov(rho1, gamma1, rho2, gamma2, lambda, theta, eps, R, p, t.star)
```

Arguments

rho	First power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the early departures: $S(t^-)^\rho (1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
gamma	Second power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the late departures: $S(t^-)^\rho (1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
lambda	Event hazard for the control arm.
theta	Hazard ratio after the change point (before the change point HR should be 1).
eps	Change point.
R	End of the accrual period.
p	Treatment assignment probability.
t.star	Time point we pause the study to check the cumulative information under the null.
rho1	First power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for covariance calculation.
gamma1	Second power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for covariance calculation.

rho2	First power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for co-variance calculation.
gamma2	Second power parameters for the two Fleming-Harrington weights, defined for covariance calculation.

Details

This function is prepared to calculate the predicted information/covariance purely based on the assumed survival function under the alternaitve hypothesis: the control group is following an exponential distribution with hazard `lambda`, while the treatment group is following a piece-wise exponential distribution with same hazard before eps, but a hazard equals `theta` times the `lambda` after eps.

Author(s)

Lili Wang.

References

Hasegawa, T. (2016). Group sequential monitoring based on the weighted log-rank test statistic with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 15(5), 412-419.

See Also

I.0

I_t	*Estimated information based on the data*

Description

Estimate the information based on the data, which is the numerator of the information fraction.

Usage

```
I_t(data_ref, data_check, rho, gamma)

I_t.2(data_ref, data_check, rho, gamma)
```

Arguments

data_ref	Input reference dataset which provides the survival curves for the estimation. It could be some dataset entirely external to `data_check`. This dataset should include at lease the 3 variables: `survival` for the time to event or censoring, `delta` as the event indicator, and `trt` for the treatment assignment indicator. It will perfectly fit the output dataset from the `data.trim` functions.
data_check	Input dataset to check the estimated information. It should follow the sample format as `data_ref`, which includes three variables: `survival`, `delta` and `trt`.
rho	First power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the early departures: $S(t^-)^\rho(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
gamma	Second power parameter for the Fleming-Harrington weight which weighs on the late departures: $S(t^-)^\rho(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.

Details

The `I_t` function estimates the information up to the maximum follow-up time in the data of `data_check`, which is identical to the numerator of the information fraction proposed by Hasegawa (2016):$\hat{P}_1(t)\hat{P}_0(t)\int_0^t W(t,s)^2 N(t,ds)$. Note that the datasets `data_check` and `data_ref` input here are output data from `data.trim` functions, or any datasets including `survival` as time to event or censoring, `delta` as event indicators, and `trt` denotes treatment assignment (1 is treatment, 0 is control). Note that `I_t.2` is another option which is slightly different from the one proposed in Hasegawa(2016), but is identical to the estimate of variance of the weighted log-rank test, which considers the total at-risk set $R(t)$ and treatment arm $R_1(t)$: $\int_0^t \frac{R_1(s)R_0(s)}{R(s)^2}W(t,s)^2 N(t,ds)$.

Value

The returned value is the calculated information estimated from the input dataset `data_check` using the survival function estimated from `data_ref`.

Author(s)

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References

Hasegawa, T. (2016). Group sequential monitoring based on the weighted log-rank test statistic with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 15(5), 412-419.

See Also

data.trim

Examples

```
## Not run:
# install.packages("devtools")
# library(devtools)
# install_github("keaven/nphsim")
library(nphsim)
eps<-2 # delayed effect
p<-0.5 #treatment assignment
b<-30 # an intrinsic parameter to decide the number of intervals per time unit
tau<- 18 # end of the study
R<-14 # accrual period [0,R]
omega<- tau-R
lambda<-log(2)/6 # control group risk hazard
theta<-0.7 # hazard ratio
lambda.trt<- lambda*theta #hazard after the change point for the treatment arm
rho<- 0 # parameter for the weights
gamma<-1 #parameter for the weights
alpha<-0.025 #type 1 error
beta<-0.1 #type 2 error
# First we decide the sample size:
size_FH <- sample.size_FH(eps,p,b,tau,omega,lambda,lambda.trt,rho, gamma,alpha,beta)
n_FH <-size_FH$n
n_event_FH<-size_FH$n_event
accrual.rt<-n_FH/R # the needed arrual rate
#Generate data accordingly, use eta=1e-5 to inhibit censoring
```

```
data_temp <- nphsim(nsim=1,lambdaC=lambda, lambdaE = c(lambda,lambda.trt), ssC=ceiling(n_FH*(1-p)),intervals

#Obtain the full information at the final stage based on the generated data
#Trim the data up to the final stage when n_event_FH events have been observed
data_temp1 <-data.trim.d(n_event_FH,data_temp)[[1]]
I_t(data_temp1,data_temp1,rho,gamma) # the estimated information at the final stage
#Trim the data up to certain event numbers at the interim stage when 60% of the events have been observed. Have be
I_t.2(data_temp1,data_temp1,rho,gamma) # If we consider the change of the at-risk set, which is not necessary to
data_temp2 <- data.trim.d(ceiling(0.6*n_event_FH),data_temp1,F)[[1]]
I_t(data_temp1,data_temp2,rho,gamma) # Use the full dataset data_temp to provide the survival function, and che
I_t.2(data_temp1,data_temp2,rho,gamma) # If we consider the change of the at-risk set, which is not necessary to

## End(Not run)
```

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logrank.table   *Basic function for standard log-rank test*

Description

Build the table for log-rank test calculation.

Usage

```
logrank.table(survival, delta, trt)
```

Arguments

survival	Time to event or censoring.
delta	Event indicator: 1 for observed cases, 0 for censored cases.
trt	Treatment assignment indicator: 1 for treatment group, 0 for control group.

Value

Build a table for log-rank test which ouputs *ordered* survival as follow-up times, delta as event indicators,trt as treatment assignement (treated=1, control=0), Y as the at-risk numbers, P1 as the proportion of treated set, P0 as the proportion of the control set.

In addition, the output also include O1 as the observed events from the treatment arm, E1 as the expected events from the treatment arm, Cov as the estimated variance.

Author(s)

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See Also

FH.test, I_t.2, WLR.test.cov,WLR.test.cor

Maxcombo.bd	*Boundary calculation for GSMC*

Description

Boundary calculation for interim analysis with max-combo tests based on correlation matrix and the alpha spending function.

Usage

```
Maxcombo.bd(Sigma0, index, alpha_sp, n.rep = 5)
```

Arguments

Sigma0	correlation matrix for all the test statistics.
index	vector of non-decreasing integer starting from 1 to indicate which stage each column or row of the correlation matrix Sigma0 corresponds to.
alpha_sp	vector of cumulative errors to spend up to each stage.
n.rep	number of repeats to take the median for output since the called likelihood generator of a multivariate normal distribution pmvnorm is not determinant. The default n.rep value is 5.

Details

Suppose there are 2 stages (1 interim, 1 final), and two tests for a max-combo in each stage, then we have totally 4 test statistics. Let the alpha spending function to be c(alpha1,alpha), and the first two (Z_{11}, Z_{12}) share one cutoff value z1, the latter two share another two (Z_{21}, Z_{22}) share another cutoff value z2. Controlling the type I error is equivalent to ensuring that $P(Z_{11} < z_1, Z_{12} < z_1) = \alpha_1$ and $P(Z_{11} < z_1, Z_{12} < z_1, Z_{21} < z_2, Z_{22} < z_2) = \alpha$ are both satisfied. Note that the vector $[Z_{11}, Z_{12}, Z_{21}, Z_{22}]^T \sim MVN(0, \Sigma_0)$. Sigma0 corresponds to Σ_0, index records the ordered stages of each test statistics, whose order should be identical to the order of rows or columns in Sigma0. Specifically, in this example, index should be c(1,1,2,2). alpha_sp is the alpha spending function, which records how much type I error you would like to spend up to every stage.

Value

z_alpha	boundary values for all the stages.
z_alpha_vec	boundary values for all the test statistics following the index.

Author(s)

Lili Wang

References

Wang, L., Luo, X., & Zheng, C. (2021). A Simulation-free Group Sequential Design with Max-combo Tests in the Presence of Non-proportional Hazards. Journal of Pharmaceutical Statistics.

Examples

```
## Not run:
#install.packages("gsDesign")
library(gsDesign)
alpha=0.025
beta=0.1
# If there are two stages (K=2), with on interim stage and a final stage
# First we obtain the errors spent at each stage to be identical to the
 ones from regular interim analysis assuming that the interim stage
  happened at 60% of events have been observed. The error spending
   function used below is O\'Brien-Fleming.
x <- gsDesign::gsDesign(
k = 2,
test.type = 1,
timing = 0.6,
sfu = "OF",
alpha = alpha,
beta = beta,
delta = -log(0.7))
(z <- x$upper$bound)
x
Sigma0_v <- rep(0.5, 6)
Sigma0 <- matrix(1, ncol = 4, nrow = 4)
Sigma0[upper.tri(Sigma0)] <- Sigma0_v
Sigma0[lower.tri(Sigma0)] <- t(Sigma0)[lower.tri(t(Sigma0))]
Sigma0
# The error you would like to spend at the interim stage:
alpha_interim <- pnorm(z[1],lower.tail = F)

zz <- Maxcombo.bd(
Sigma0 = Sigma0,
index = c(1, 1, 2, 2),
alpha_sp = c(alpha_interim, alpha))


# boundary value for each stage
zz$z_alpha
# boundary value for each test statistic correponding to index
zz$z_alpha_vec
mvtnorm::pmvnorm(
upper = rep(zz$z_alpha[1], 2),
corr = Sigma0[1:2,1:2]
)[[1]]

1-alpha_interim
1-mvtnorm::pmvnorm(
upper = zz$z_alpha_vec,
corr = Sigma0
)[[1]]

alpha
# What if we do not consider interim stage but with only a final stage?
zz1 <- Maxcombo.bd(
Sigma0 = Sigma0[3:4,3:4],
index = c(1,1),
alpha_sp = c(alpha)
```

```
   )
   mvtnorm::pmvnorm(
   upper = rep(zz1$z_alpha, 2),
   corr = Sigma0[1:2, 1:2]
   )[[1]]

   1-alpha
   # This function will also fit 2 or any number of interims (K>=3)
   # Let there are 3 stages, Let us try controlling the error spent
   at each stage.
   stage_p <- c(0.5,0.7,0.8,0.9)
   x <- gsDesign::gsDesign(k=5, test.type=1, timing=stage_p, sfu="OF",
   alpha=alpha, beta=beta,delta=-log(0.7))
   (z <- x$upper$bound)
   alpha_sp<- cumsum(x$upper$prob[,1]) # the theoretical cumulative
    errors spent at each stage
# 2 tests per stage
Sigma0_v<-rep(0.5,choose(10,2))
Sigma0<-matrix(1, ncol=10,nrow=10)
Sigma0[upper.tri(Sigma0)]<- Sigma0_v
Sigma0[lower.tri(Sigma0)]<- t(Sigma0)[lower.tri(t(Sigma0))]
Sigma0

zz<-Maxcombo.bd(Sigma0 = Sigma0,index=c(1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5),alpha_sp=alpha_sp)

zz$z_alpha # boundary value for each stage
zz$z_alpha_vec # boundary value for each test statistic correponding to index
# interim 1
mvtnorm::pmvnorm(upper=rep(zz$z_alpha[1],2),corr=Sigma0[1:2,1:2])[[1]] # expected error spent at this stage
1-alpha_sp[1] #compare with the expected error spent at this stage
# above two rows are very close to each other, same for the following pairs.
# interim 2
mvtnorm::pmvnorm(upper=rep(zz$z_alpha[1:2],each=2),corr=Sigma0[1:4,1:4])[[1]]
1-alpha_sp[2]
# interim 3
mvtnorm::pmvnorm(upper=rep(zz$z_alpha[1:3],each=2),corr=Sigma0[1:6,1:6])[[1]]
1-alpha_sp[3]
# interim 4
mvtnorm::pmvnorm(upper=rep(zz$z_alpha[1:4],each=2),corr=Sigma0[1:8,1:8])[[1]]
1-alpha_sp[4]
# final stage
mvtnorm::pmvnorm(upper=rep(zz$z_alpha[1:5],each=2),corr=Sigma0[1:10,1:10])[[1]]
1-alpha_sp[5]

## End(Not run)
```

Maxcombo.beta.n   *The power for a vector of sample sizes*

Description

To obtain a spectrum of power for a vector of numbers of subjects (n) using `Maxcombo.beta.n` or events (d) using `Maxcombo.beta.d`.

Usage

```
Maxcombo.beta.n(Sigma1, mu1, z_alpha_vec, interim_vec, R, n_seq, n.rep = 5)

Maxcombo.beta.d(
  Sigma1,
  mu1,
  z_alpha_vec,
  interim_vec,
  R,
  d_seq,
  sum_D,
  n.rep = 5
)
```

Arguments

Sigma1	the correlation matrix under the alternative hypothesis.
mu1	the unit mu under the alternative hypothesis (the mean of the expectation of each subject scaled weighted log-rank test statistic, which can be approximated using the formula for E^* in Hasegawa 2014 paper.).
z_alpha_vec	same as the one exported from Maxcombo.bd, which is the boundaries for ordered test statistics, its order should be consistent to the rows and columns in Sigma1.
interim_vec	the vector of the interims in each stages, not that it should be a repeat vector with same iterim values for all the test statitics at same stages.
R	end of the enrollment time, which is identical to R defined in other functions like I.1.
n_seq	the sequence of number of patients.
n.rep	number of repeats to take the median for output
d_seq	the sequence of number of expected events.
sum_D	same as the exported value from sample.size_FH, the summed D^* in Hasegawa (2014).

Author(s)

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See Also

Maxcombo.sz

Examples

```
Sigma0_v<-rep(0.5,6)
Sigma0<-matrix(1, ncol=4,nrow=4)
Sigma0[upper.tri(Sigma0)]<- Sigma0_v
Sigma0[lower.tri(Sigma0)]<- t(Sigma0)[lower.tri(Sigma0)]
Sigma0
alpha_stage <- c(0.01,0.025) # The error you would like to spend at the interim stage
zz <- Maxcombo.bd(Sigma0 = Sigma0,index=c(1,1,2,2),alpha_sp=alpha_stage)
zz$z_alpha # boundary value for each stage
```

```
zz$z_alpha_vec # boundary value for each test statistic corresponding
to the index
```

Maxcombo.sz   *Sample size calculation*

Description

Sample size calculation to control the type II error or the power of an interim analysis with Max-combo tests.

Usage

```
Maxcombo.sz(
  Sigma1,
  mu1,
  z_alpha_vec,
  beta,
  interim_vec,
  R,
  n_range,
  sum_D,
  n.rep = 5
)
```

Arguments

Sigma1	the correlation matrix under the alternative hypothesis.
mu1	the unit mu under the alternative hypothesis (the mean of the expectation of each subject scaled weighted log-rank test statistic, which can be approximated using the formula for E^* in Hasegawa 2014 paper.).
z_alpha_vec	same as the one exported from Maxcombo.bd, which is the boundaries for ordered test statistics, its order should be consistent to the rows and columns in Sigma1.
beta	type II error.
interim_vec	the vector of the interims in each stages, not that it should be a repeat vector with same iterim values for all the test statitics at same stages.
R	end of the enrollment time, which is identical to R defined in other functions like I.1.
n_range	the range ot the expected patient numbers.
sum_D	same as the exported value from sample.size_FH, the summed D^* in Hasegawa (2014).
n.rep	number of repeats to take the median for output

Details

Assume that there are 2 stages (1 interm, 1 final), and two tests for a max-combo in each stage, then we have 4 test statistics, and the two cutoff values for the two stages have been determined by Maxcombo.bd in advance using their correlation matrix and the error spending function α_1, α. The goal of this function is to control the sample size n (number of patients for both arms) or d (observed events) to achieve the ideal type II error β or the power $(1 - \beta)$, i.e. $\P(Z_{11} < z_1, Z_{12} < z_1, Z_{21} < z_2, Z_{22} < z_2) = \beta$.

Value

n   the number of patients needed for the trial to achieve the predefined power.

d   the number of events needed for the trial to achieve the predefined power.

sum_D   the input sum_D value.

Author(s)

Lili Wang

References

Hasegawa, T. (2014). Sample size determination for the weighted log-rank test with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 13(2), 128-135.

See Also

Maxcombo.beta.n

Examples

```
## Not run:
# install.packages("mvtnorm")
library(mvtnorm)
# install.packages("gsDesign")
library(gsDesign)
alpha <- 0.025
beta <- 0.1
# If there are two stages (K = 2), with on interim stage and a final stage
# First we obtain the errors spent at each stage to be identical to the ones
 from regular interim analysis assuming that the interim stage happened at
  60% of events have been observed. The error spending function used below
   is O\'Brien-Fleming.
x <- gsDesign::gsDesign(
k = 2,
test.type = 1,
timing = 0.6,
sfu = "OF",
alpha = alpha,
beta = beta,
delta = -log(0.7)
)
(z <- x$upper$bound)
x
Sigma0_v <- rep(0.5,6)
Sigma0 <- matrix(1, ncol = 4, nrow = 4)
Sigma0[upper.tri(Sigma0)]<- Sigma0_v
Sigma0[lower.tri(Sigma0)]<- t(Sigma0)[lower.tri(t(Sigma0))]
Sigma0
alpha_interim <- pnorm(z[1],lower.tail = F) # The error you would like to spend at the interim stage
zz <- Maxcombo.bd(
Sigma0 = Sigma0,
index = c(1, 1, 2, 2),
alpha_sp = c(alpha_interim,alpha)
)
```

```
zz$z_alpha # boundary value for each stage
zz$z_alpha_vec # boundary value for each test statistic correponding to index
# Correlation matrix under the alternative hypothesis
Sigma1_v<-rep(0.5,6)
Sigma1<-matrix(1, ncol=4,nrow=4)
Sigma1[upper.tri(Sigma1)]<- Sigma1_v
Sigma1[lower.tri(Sigma1)]<- t(Sigma1)[lower.tri(t(Sigma1))]
Sigma1
# Define mu1
mu1=c(0.1,0.1,0.2,0.2)
# Obtain the sample size
Maxcombo.sz(
Sigma1 = Sigma1,
mu1 = mu1,
z_alpha_vec = zz$z_alpha_vec,
beta = 0.1,
interim_vec=c(10,10,18,18),
R = 14,
n_range = c(100,1000),
sum_D = 0.6)
# need 232 patients, 140 deaths

## End(Not run)
```

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sample.size_FH   *Sample size calculation for Fleming-Harrington weighted log-rank
                                  tests This sample size calculation method was proposed by Hasegawa
                                  (2014). This function is to calculate the sample size for Fleming-
                                  Harrington weighted log-rank tests with piece-wise exponential dis-
                                  tributed survival curves in described in Hasegawa(2014).*

Description

Sample size calculation for Fleming-Harrington weighted log-rank tests This sample size calcula-
tion method was proposed by Hasegawa (2014). This function is to calculate the sample size for
Fleming-Harrington weighted log-rank tests with piece-wise exponential distributed survival curves
in described in Hasegawa(2014).

Usage

```
sample.size_FH(
  eps,
  p,
  b,
  tau,
  omega,
  lambda,
  lambda.trt,
  rho,
  gamma,
```

```
    alpha,
    beta
)
```

Arguments

eps	The change point, before which, the hazard ratio is 1, and after which, the hazard ratio is theta
p	Treatment assignment probability.
b	The number of subintervals per time unit.
tau	The end of the follow-up time in the study. Note that this is identical to $T + \tau$ in the paper from Hasegawa (2014).
omega	The minimum follow-up time for all the patients. Note that Hasegawa(2014) assumes that the accrual is uniform between time 0 and R, and there does not exist any censoring except for the administrative censoring at the ending time τ. Thus this value omega is equivalent to `tau-R`. Through our simulation tests, we found that this function is quite robust to violations of these assumptions: dropouts, different cenosring rates for two arms, and changing accrual rates.
lambda	The hazard for the control group.
lambda.trt	The hazard for the treatment group after time eps.
rho	The first parameter for Fleming Harrington weighted log-rank test:$W(t) = S^\rho(t^-)(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
gamma	The second parameter for Fleming Harrington weighted log-rank test:$W(t) = S^\rho(t^-)(1 - S(t^-))^\gamma$.
alpha	Type I error.
beta	Type II error.

Value

n	The needed sample size.
n_event	The needed event numbers for both arms together.
E.star	The unit mean, correspoinding to E^* in Hasegawa(2014)
sum_D	The cumulative D, and ceiling(n*D) is quivalent to n_vent.

Note

This function is based on a R function from Dr. Ting Ye's paper : Ye, T., & Yu, M. (2018). A robust approach to sample size calculation in cancer immunotherapy trials with delayed treatment effect. Biometrics, 74(4), 1292-1300.

Author(s)

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References

Ye, T., & Yu, M. (2018). A robust approach to sample size calculation in cancer immunotherapy trials with delayed treatment effect. Biometrics, 74(4), 1292-1300. Hasegawa, T. (2014). Sample size determination for the weighted log-rank test with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 13(2), 128-135.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example 1 from Hasegawa (2014)
p<-2/3
tau<-66
omega<-18
eps<-6
m1=21.7  #median survival time for placebo group
m2=25.8  # median survival time for treatment group
lambda<-log(2)/m1
lambda.trt<-log(2)*(m1-eps)/(m2-eps)/m1
theta=lambda.trt/lambda
alpha<-0.025
beta<-0.1
rho=0
gamma=1
b=30
sample.size_FH(eps,p,b,tau,omega,lambda,lambda.trt,rho, gamma,alpha,beta)$n
#1974, identical to the paper's report

## End(Not run)
```

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stoch_pred   *A stochastic prediction results*

Description

A stochastic-process way of prediction of the expected event ratio (D), mean difference (μ), and the information(variance) using stoch_pred or the covariance using stoch_pred.cov.

Usage

```
stoch_pred(eps, p, b, tau, omega, lambda, theta, rho, gamma, R)

stoch_pred.cov(
  eps,
  p,
  b,
  tau,
  omega,
  lambda,
  theta,
  rho1,
  gamma1,
  rho2,
  gamma2,
  R
)
```

Arguments

eps   delayed treatment effect time.

p	probability of treatment assignment.
b	the number of sub-intervals at each time point, the larger the finer splitting for more accurate computation. Usually $b = 30$ is sufficient.
omega	the minimum follow-up time for all the patients. Note that Hasegawa(2014) assumes that the accrual is uniform between time 0 and R, and there does not exist any censoring except for the administrative censoring at the ending time τ. Thus this value omega is equivalent to tau-R.
lambda	the hazard for the control group.
theta	the hazard ratio after the delayed time eps for the treatment arm.
rho, rho1, rho2	
	the first parameter for Fleming Harrington weighted log-rank test:$W(t) = S^{\rho}(t^-)(1 - S(t^-))^{\gamma}$.
gamma, gamma1, gamma2	
	the second parameter for Fleming Harrington weighted log-rank test:$W(t) = S^{\rho}(t^-)(1 - S(t^-))^{\gamma}$.
R	the accrual period.

Value

sum_D	the mean expected event ratio. Once being multiplied by n, it will become the stochastically predicted event size.
inf or covariance	
	the information/variance or covariance (averaged for each subject), should be multiplied by n, which gives the stochastically predicted information.
E.star	the unit mean, corresponding to E^* in Hasegawa(2014), or the $\tilde{\mu}$ of formula (8) in Wang et al(2021).
trt_vs_ctrl_N	the ratio of the samples sizes between the two arms, treatment vs control, corresponding to the time vector t_vec.
t_vec	the time sequence corresponding to trt_vs_ctrl_N.

Author(s)

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References

Hasegawa, T. (2014). Sample size determination for the weighted log-rank test with the Fleming–Harrington class of weights in cancer vaccine studies. Pharmaceutical statistics, 13(2), 128-135. Wang, L., Luo, X., & Zheng, C. (2021). A Simulation-free Group Sequential Design with Max-combo Tests in the Presence of Non-proportional Hazards. Journal of Pharmaceutical Statistics.

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survKM_minus   *Calculate the survival functions*

Description

Calculate the survival function, either the predictable one $S(t^-)$ using survKM_minus or $S(t)$ using survKM_exact.

Usage

```
survKM_minus(v, survival, delta)

survKM_exact(v, survival, delta)
```

Arguments

v	Time vector to give the corresponding survival functions.
survival	Input follow-up times.
delta	Input event indicators.

Value

survKM_minus returns the predictable one $S(t^-)$, and survKM_exact returns $S(t)$.

Author(s)

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WLR.test   *Weighted log-rank tests with any input weight*

Description

Weighted log-rank test for any input weight function.

Usage

```
WLR.test(survival, delta, trt, w = function(v, ...) {
    1
})
```

Arguments

survival	Time to event or censoring.
delta	Event indicator: 1 for observed cases, 0 for censored cases.
trt	Treatment assignment indicator: 1 for treatment group, 0 for control
w	Weight function, with default to be 1, which is similar to the use of input arbitray weight in WLR.test.cov. Please also refer to the examples as well.

Author(s)

Lili Wang

See Also

FH.test

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Examples for FH.test and WLR.test
set.seed(12345)
data_temp<- nphsim(nsim=1,lambdaC=log(2)/6, lambdaE = c(log(2)/6,log(2)/6*0.7), ssC=250, intervals = c(2),ssE
data_final<-data.trim.d(100,data_temp)[[1]]
rho=1
gamma=0
# compare the 3 different ways below:
#library(survival)
sqrt(survdiff(Surv(survival,delta)~trt, data =data_final,rho=rho)$chisq)
FH.test(survival=data_final$survival,delta=data_final$delta,trt=data_final$trt,rho=rho,gamma=gamma)
WLR.test(survival=data_final$survival,delta=data_final$delta,trt=data_final$trt,w=function(...){survKM_minu

## End(Not run)
```

WLR.test.cov	*Estimate the covariance and correlation between two arbitrary weights*

Description

These two functions estimate the covariance and correlations between the two arbitrary weight functions, which are not necessary to be Fleming-Harrington family.

Usage

```
WLR.test.cov(
  survival,
  delta,
  trt,
  w1 = function(v, ...) {     1 },
  w2 = function(v, ...) {     1 }
)

WLR.test.cor(
  survival,
  delta,
  trt,
  w1 = function(v, ...) {     1 },
  w2 = function(v, ...) {     1 }
)
```

Arguments

survival	The time to event or censoring, not that, it's the follow-up time after entoring, you may also consider as the total at-risk time.
delta	The event indicator, with 1 indicating observed events, and 0 indicating censoring.
trt	The treatment assignment indicator, with 1 indicating treatment group, and 0 as control group.
w1	It has the default function which will return standard log-rank test with weight 1 and thus the function will be reduced to a variance for log-rank tests, and correlation always equals 1. If the two weights are identical, WLR.test.cov is equivalent to the estimated variance, and WLR.test.cor is always equal to 1. The function can be any non-negative functions with a basic argument v as the input time vector, which are corresponding to the follow-up times. Optionally, there are two additional variables,follow-up time survival and event indicator delta to make the weights dependent on the survival functions (like the Fleming-Harrington family). It would be better if the function itself has ... as the last argument, so that it can be robust to any misspecification of the variable names, and thus, it will just ignore the misspecified ones. Please refer to the examples to figure out how to define the Fleming-Harrington and any other weight functions.
w2	Same requirements as the other argument w1. Just not that if they are identical, WLR.test.cov returns the variance like I.t, and WLR.test.cor always returns 1.

Details

Any two weight functions can be assigned to arguments w1 and w2. Two examples, one is Fleming-Harrington family and the other is not, are demonstrated in the examples section.

Value

The two functions, WLR.test.cov returns the covariance, WLR.test.cor returns the correlation coefficient estimate solely based on the input data.

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References

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See Also

cor.0,cor.1, I_t.

Examples

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## Not run:
# install.packages("devtools")
# library(devtools)
# install_github("keaven/nphsim")
# library(nphsim)


eps<-2 # delayed effect
p<-0.5 #treatment assignment
b<-30 # an intrinsic parameter to decide the number of intervals per time unit
tau<- 18 # end of the study
R<-14 # accrual period [0,R]
omega<- tau-R
lambda<-log(2)/6 # control group risk hazard
theta<-0.7 # hazard ratio
lambda.trt<- lambda*theta #hazard after the change point for the treatment arm
rho<- 0 # parameter for the weights
gamma<-1 #parameter for the weights
alpha<-0.025 #type 1 error
beta<-0.1 #type 2 error
# First we decide the sample size:
size_FH <- sample.size_FH(eps,p,b,tau,omega,lambda,lambda.trt,rho, gamma,alpha,beta)
n_FH <-size_FH$n
n_event_FH<-size_FH$n_event
d_fixed<-ceiling(-0.6*n_event_FH)
accrual.rt<-n_FH/R # the needed arrual rate
#Generate data accordingly, use eta=1e-5 to inhibit censoring
data_temp <- nphsim(nsim=1,lambdaC=lambda, lambdaE = c(lambda,lambda.trt),
                ssC=ceiling(n_FH*(1-p)),intervals = c(eps),ssE=ceiling(n_FH*p),
                          gamma=accrual.rt, R=R, eta=1e-5, fixEnrollTime = TRUE)$simd
# Example 1 for WLR.test.cov and WLR.test.cor: Fleming-Harrington family Weights
# I will let w1 be the default 1
# define a WLRT for w2 accodring to the rho and gamma defined above.
w2<-function(...){survKM_minus(...)^rho*(1-survKM_minus(...))^gamma}
data_interim<-data.trim.d(d_fixed,data_temp)[[1]] #data trimmed at the interim stage, the second enry on the l:
data_final<-data.trim.d(n_event_FH,data_temp)[[1]] #data trimmed at the final stage
WLR.test.cov(survival=data_interim$survival,delta=data_interim$delta,trt=data_interim$trt,w2=w2)
WLR.test.cor(survival=data_interim$survival,delta=data_interim$delta,trt=data_interim$trt,w2=w2)

# The variance should be identical to the output from I_t and correlation is 1 if two weights are identical.
WLR.test.cov(survival=data_interim$survival,delta=data_interim$delta,trt=data_interim$trt,w1=w2,w2=w2)
I_t.2(data_interim,data_interim,rho,gamma)
WLR.test.cor(survival=data_interim$survival,delta=data_interim$delta,trt=data_interim$trt,w1=w2,w2=w2)

#Example 2 for WLR.test.cov and WLR.test.cor: any Weights
w2_2<-function(v,...){1-exp(-v*0.25)}
WLR.test.cov(survival=data_interim$survival,delta=data_interim$delta,trt=data_interim$trt,w2=w2_2)
WLR.test.cor(survival=data_interim$survival,delta=data_interim$delta,trt=data_interim$trt,w2=w2_2)

## End(Not run)
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