

# Week 4 Quiz

TOTAL POINTS 9

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1. Person 1 has hazard  $h_1(t) = 1$ , and Person 2 has hazard  $h_2(t) = 2$ . What is the probability of dying within the first year for each patient?

1 point

Hint:

The survival function  $S(t)$  in terms of the hazard function is:

$$S(t) = e^{-\int_0^t h(s)ds}$$

- ☐ 0.6, 0.6
- ☒ 0.63, 0.86
- ☐ 0.37, 0.14

2. Let  $T > 0$ .

1 point

For patient 1, let the survival function be  $S_1(t)$  and the hazard function be  $h_1(t)$ .

For patient 2, let the survival function be  $S_2(t)$  and the hazard function be  $h_2(t)$

You see that  $S_1(T) > S_2(T)$ . The survival probability of patient 1 at time T is higher than the survival probability of patient 2 at time T.

Which of the following is true about the hazard of patient 1 and 2 at time T?

Hint:

$$S(t) = e^{-\int_0^t h(s)ds}$$

- ☐  $h_1(T) > h_2(T)$
- ☐  $h_1(T) < h_2(T)$
- ☐  $h_1(T) = h_2(T)$
- ☒ None of the above

3. Now assume that the hazards for patient 1,  $h_1$  and for patient 2,  $h_2$  are proportional to each other. Also assume that  $S_1(T) > S_2(T)$  for some  $T > 0$ .

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Then which of the following is true about the hazards?

- ☐  $h_1(T) = h_2(T)$
- ☐  $h_1(T) > h_2(T)$
- ☒  $h_1(T) < h_2(T)$

4. You've fit a Cox model on 2 features: age and smoking status.

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The coefficients of these features are:

$$\beta_{age} = 0.9 \text{ and } \beta_{smoker} = 10.0.$$

What is the hazard ratio between Person 1, a 40 year old non-smoker, and Person 2, a 30 year old smoker?

Recall that Cox Proportional Hazards assumes a model of the form:

$$h(t) = \lambda_0(t)e^{(\beta_{age} \times Age + \beta_{smoker} \times Smoker)}$$

We're asking you to find the ratio:

$$\frac{h_1(t)}{h_2(t)}$$

☐ 2.64

☒ 0.36

☐ 2.7

5. You've fit a cox model and have the following coefficients:

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$$\beta_{female} = -1.0$$

$$\beta_{age} = 1.0,$$

$$\beta_{BP} = 0.6$$

$$h(t) = \lambda_0(t)e^{((\beta_{female} \times female) + (\beta_{age} \times Age) + (\beta_{BP} \times BP))}$$

Which of the following interpretations is most correct?

- ☒ All other things held equal, being a female decreases your risk
- ☐ All other things held equal, having lower age increases your risk
- ☐ All other things held equal, having higher BP decreases your risk

6. Assume  $h_1(t) = t$ , and  $h_2(t) = 1.0$ . At which time  $T > 0$  does  $S_1(T) = S_2(T)$ ?

1 point

- ☐ None of the above
- ☒ 2
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 0.5

7. Using the Nelson-Aalen estimator estimate  $H(7)$ , the value of the cumulative hazard at  $t=7$  for this dataset.

1 point

ID	Outcome
1	3
2	4
3	8
4	6+



The Nelson-Aalen estimator is:

$$H(t) = \sum_{i=0}^t \frac{d_i}{n_i}$$

- ☐ 8/11
- ☒ 7/12
- ☐ 5/9

8. Which risk assignments would make this pair **concordant**?

1 point

	Patient 1	Patient 2
		
T	10	5+

- ☐ 0.3, 0.8
- ☐ 0.5, 0.3
- ☐ 0.5, 0.5
- ☒ The pair is not permissible

9. Compute the Harrell C-index for the following dataset and risk scores:

1 point

ID	Outcome	Score
1	4	1.6
2	6+	1.2
3	5	0.8
4	7	0.1

Step 1: Find all the permissible pairs

Step 2: of the permissible pairs, determine which ones are concordant.

Step 3: of the permissible pairs, determine which ones are risk ties.

Harrell's c-index =  $\frac{\text{concordant} + 0.5 \times \text{riskties}}{\text{permissible}}$

☐ 1.0

☒ 0.8

☐ 0.7

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