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SimHaz-package

Simulated Survival and Hazard Analysis for time-dependent

## **Description**

SimHaz package in R generates power for the Cox proportional hazards model by simulating survival events data with time dependent exposure status for subjects. A dichotomous exposure variable is considered with a single transition from unexposed to exposed status during the subject time's in the study.

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## **Examples**

```
# Simulate a dataset of 600 subjects with time-dependent exposure without
# considering minimum follow-up time or minimum post-exposure follow-up time.
# Specifically, set the duration of the study to be 24 months; the median time to
# event for control group to be 24 months; exposure effect to be 0.3; median time
# to censoring to be 14 months; and exposure proportion to be 20%.

df1 <- tdSim.method1(N = 600, duration = 24, lambda = log(2)/24, rho = 1,
    beta = 0.3, rateC = log(2)/14, exp.prop = 0.2,
    prop.fullexp = 0, maxrelexptime = 1, min.futime = 0,
    min.postexp.futime = 0)

ret <- getpower.method1(nSim = 500, N = 600, b = 0.3, exp.prop = 0.2,
    type = "td", scenario = " ", maxrelexptime = 1/6, min.futime = 4,
    min.postexp.futime = 4, output.fn = "output.csv")</pre>
```

getpower.clst

Calculate power for the Cox proportional hazard model with timedependent exposure using method 1 with clustering getpower.clst 3

## **Description**

This functions runs nSim (number of simulations; specified by the user) Monte Carlo simulations on the Cox proportional model with a cluster option. At each simulation, the function calls tdSim.clst internally. The function returns a data frame of scenario-specific parameters (including statistical power) and appends the output to a file with file name specified in the input parameters list. The user also has an option to display an incidence plot.

#### Usage

```
getpower.clst(nSim, N, duration = 24, med.TTE.Control = 24, rho = 1, beta,
    med.TimeToCensor = 14, df, type, scenario, prop.fullexp = 0,
    maxrelexptime = 1, min.futime = 0, min.postexp.futime = 0, output.fn,
    simu.plot = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

rho

df

nSim Number of simulations.

N Number of subjects to be screened.

duration Length of the study in months; the default value is 24 (months).

med.TTE.Control

Median time to event for control group; the default value is 24 (months).

Shape parameter of the Weibull distribution. Default is 1, which will generate

survival times by using the exponential distribution.

beta A numeric value that represents the exposure effect, which is the regression

coefficient (log hazard ratio) that represents the magnitude of the relationship

between the exposure covariate and the risk of an event.

med.TimeToCensor

Median time to censoring for all subjects. The default value is 14 (months).

Also see help document for tdSim.method1.

A user-specified n by 3 clustering data frame with columns corresponding to

cat\_id (category id, which is the physician site id. It can be either text strings or integers), cat\_prop (category proportion, which is the proportion of subjects in corresponding a category id), and cat\_exprate (category exposure rate, which is the exposure proportion corresponding to a category id). n rows corresponds to

n different physician sites.

type A text string indicating the what type of dataset is of interest. Either "fixed" or

"td" should be inputted.

scenario A text string to name a scenario that is being simulated. The user can simply put

" " if he/she decides to not name the scenario.

prop.fullexp A numeric value in interval [0, 1) that represents the proportion of exposed

subjects that are fully exposed from the beginning to the end of the study. The default value is 0, which means all exposed subjects have an exposure status

transition at some point during the study.

maxrelexptime A numeric value in interval (0, 1] that represents the maximum relative exposure

time. The default value is 1, which means all exposed subjects have an exposure status transition at some point during the study and possibly at the start or end.

min.futime A numeric value that represents minimum follow-up time (in months). The

default value is 0, which means no minimum follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a

short amount of time in the study.

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min.postexp.futime

A numeric value that represents minimum post-exposure follow-up time (in months). The default value is 0, which means no minimum post-exposure follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a short amount of time in the study after their exposure.

output. fn A .csv filename to write in the output. If the filename does not exist, the function

will create a new .csv file for the output.

simu.plot A logical value indicating whether or not to output an incidence plot. The default

value is FALSE.

#### **Details**

The user needs to install the survival package in order to use this function, as it calculates power based on the Cox regression model, which calls the coxph function from the survival library.

#### Value

A data frame object with 3 rows and columns corresponding to

i\_scenarioi\_typeScenario name specified by the userDataset type specified by the user

i\_N Number of subjects needs to be screened, specified by the useri\_min.futime Minimum follow-up time to be considered, specified by the user

i\_min.postexp.futime

Minimum post-exposure follow-up time to be considered, specified by the user

i\_cat Category id specified in user's input data frame

i\_cat\_prop Category proportion specified in user's input data frame

i\_cat\_exp.prop Category exposure proportion specified in user's input dataframei\_exp.prop Weighted exposure proportion calculated from user's input dataframe

times. Calculated from median time to event for control group, which is speci-

fied by the user

i\_rho User-specified Value of the shape parameter of the Weibull distribution to gen-

erate survival times

i\_rateC Rate of the exponential distribution to generate censoring times. Calculated

from median time to censoring, which is specified by the user.

i\_beta Input value of regression coefficient (log hazard ratio)

N\_eff Simulated number of evaluable subjects, which is the resulting number of sub-

jects with or without considering minimum follow-up time and/or minimum

post-exposure follow-up time

N\_effexp\_p Simulated proportion of exposed subjects with or without considering minimum

follow-up time and/or minimum post-exposure follow-up time

bhat Simulated value of regression coefficient (log hazard ratio)

HR Simulated value of hazard ratio
d Simulated number of events in total

d\_c Simulated number of events in control groupd\_exp Simulated number of events in exposed group

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mst_c	Simulated median survival time in control group
mst_exp	Simulated median survival time in exposed group
pow	Simulated statistical power from the Cox regression model on data with time-
	dependent exposure

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#### References

Savignoni et al.: Matching methods to create paired survival data based on an exposure occurring over time: a simulation study with application to breast cancer.

BMC Medical Research Methodology 2014 14:83.

## **Examples**

```
# Install the survival package if needed.
library(survival)
# Create a clustering data frame as input with 3 categories and a 20% weighted
# exposure proportion.
input_df <- data.frame(cat_id = c('lo', 'med', 'hi'),</pre>
cat\_prop = c(0.65, 0.2, 0.15), cat\_exp.prop = c(0.1, 0.3, 0.5))
\# Run 500 simulations. Each time simulate a dataset of 600 subjects with
# time-dependent exposure with both minimum follow-up time (4 months) and
# minimum post-exposure follow-up time (4 months) imposed. Also consider a
# quick exposure after entering the study for each exposed subject. Set the
# maximum relative exposure time to be 1/6.
# Set the duration of the study to be 24 months; the median time to event for
# control group to be 24 months; exposure effect to be 0.3; median time to
# censoring to be 14 months.
ret <- getpower.clst(nSim = 500, N = 600, beta = 0.3, df = input_df,
    type = "td", scenario = "clustering", maxrelexptime = 1/6, min.futime = 4,
    min.postexp.futime = 4, output.fn = "output_clst.csv",)
```

 ${\tt getpower.method1}$ 

Calculate power for the Cox proportional hazard model with timedependent exposure using method I

## **Description**

This functions runs nSim (Number of simulations, specified by the user) Monte Carlo simulations, each time it calls tdSim.method1 internally. The function returns a data frame of scenario-specific parameters (including statistical power) and appends the output to a file with file name specified in the input parameters list. The user also have an option whether to plot an incidence plot or not.

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#### Usage

```
getpower.method1(nSim, N, duration = 24, med.TTE.Control = 24, rho = 1,
    med.TimeToCensor = 14, beta, exp.prop, type, scenario, prop.fullexp = 0,
    maxrelexptime = 1, min.futime = 0, min.postexp.futime = 0, output.fn,
    simu.plot = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

nSim Number of simulations.

N Number of subjects to be screened.

duration Length of the study in months; the default value is 24 (months).

med.TTE.Control

Median time to event for control group; the default value is 24 (months).

rho Shape parameter of the Weibull distribution. Default is 1, which will generate

survival times by using the exponential distribution.

med.TimeToCensor

Median time to censoring for all subjects. The default value is 14 (months).

A numeric value that represents the exposure effect, which is the regression

coefficient (log hazard ratio) that represent the magnitude of the relationship

between the exposure covariate and the risk of an event.

exp.prop A numeric value between 0 and 1 (not include 0 and 1) that represents the pro-

portion of subjects that are assigned with an exposure.

type A text string indicating the what type of dataset is of interest. Either one of

"fixed" or "td" should be inputted.

scenario Any text string inputted by the user as an option to name a scenario that is being

simulated. The use can simply put " " if he/she decide to not name the scenario.

prop.fullexp A numeric value in interval [0, 1) that represents the proportion of exposed

subjects that are fully exposed from the beginning to the end of the study. The default value is 0, which means all exposed subjects have an exposure status

transition at some point during the study

maxrelexptime A numeric value in interval (0, 1] that represents the maximum relative exposure

time. The default value is 1, which means all exposed subjects have an exposure status transition at some point during the study and possibly at the start or end

min.futime A numeric value that represents minimum follow-up time (in months). The

default value is 0, which means no minimum follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a

short amount of time in the study

min.postexp.futime

A numeric value that represents minimum post-exposure follow-up time (in months). The default value is 0, which means no minimum post-exposure follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a short amount of time in the study after their exposure

output. fn A .csv filename to write in the output. If the filename does not exist, the function

will create a new .csv file for the output

simu.plot A logical value indicating whether or not to output an incidence plot. The default

value is FALSE

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#### **Details**

The user needs to install the survival package in order to use this function, as it calculates power based on the Cox regression model, which calls the coxph function from the survival library.

#### Value

A data frame object with columns corresponding to

i\_scenario
 i\_type
 i\_N
 Number of subjects needs to be screened, specified by the user

i\_min.postexp.futime

Minimum post-exposure follow-up time to be considered, specified by the user

i\_exp.prop Exposure rate specified by the user

i\_lambda Value of the scale parameter of the Weibull distribution to generate survival

times. Calculated from median time to event for control group, which is speci-

fied by the user

i\_rho User-specified Value of the shape parameter of the Weibull distribution to gen-

erate survival times

i\_rateC Rate of the exponential distribution to generate censoring times. Calculated

from median time to censoring, which is specified by the user. i\_beta Input

value of regression coefficient (log hazard ratio)

N\_eff Simulated number of evaluable subjects, which is the resulting number of sub-

jects with or without considering minimum follow-up time and/or minimum

post-exposure follow-up time

N\_effexp\_p Simulated proportion of exposed subjects with or without considering minimum

follow-up time and/or minimum post-exposure follow-up time

bhat Simulated value of regression coefficient (log hazard ratio)

HR Simulated value of hazard ratio
d Simulated number of events in total

d\_c Simulated number of events in control group
 d\_exp Simulated number of events in exposed group
 mst\_c Simulated median survival time in control group
 mst\_exp Simulated median survival time in exposed group

pow Simulated statistical power from the Cox regression model on data with time-

dependent exposure

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#### References

Therneau T (2015). A Package for Survival Analysis in S. version 2.38, http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=survival

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#### **Examples**

```
# Install the survival package if needed.
library(survival)

# Run 500 simulations. Each time simulate a dataset of 600 subjects with
# time-dependent exposure with both minimum follow-up time (4 months) and
# minimum post-exposure follow-up time (4 months) imposed. Also consider a
# quick exposure after entering the study for each exposed subject. Set the
# maximum relative exposure time to be 1/6.

# Set the duration of the study to be 24 months; the median time to event for
# control group to be 24 months; exposure effect to be 0.3; median time to
# censoring to be 14 months; and exposure proportion to be 20%.

ret <- getpower.method1(nSim = 500, N = 600, b = 0.3, exp.prop = 0.2,
    type = "td", scenario = " ", maxrelexptime = 1/6, min.futime = 4,
    min.postexp.futime = 4, output.fn = "output.csv")</pre>
```

getpower.method2

Calculate power for the Cox proportional hazard model with timedependent exposure using method 1

## **Description**

This functions runs nSim (Number of simulations, specified by the user) Monte Carlo simulations, each time it calls tdSim.method2 internally. The function returns a data frame of scenario-specific input parameters- and it also output statistical power. The user has the option to append the output to a file with file name specified in the input parameters list.

## Usage

```
getpower.method2(nSim = 500, N, duration = 24, scenario, lambda12,
lambda23 = NULL, lambda13, HR = NULL, exp.prop, rateC, min.futime,
min.postexp.futime, output.fn, simu.plot = FALSE)
```

nSim	Number of simulations.
N	Number of subjects to be screened.
duration	Length of the study in months; the default value is 24 (months).
scenario	Any text string inputted by the user as an option to name a scenario that is being simulated. The use can simply put " " if he/she decides to not name the scenario.
lambda12	Lambda12 parameter to control time to exposure.
lambda23	Lambda23 parameter to control time to event after exposure.
lambda13	Lambda13 parameter to control time to event in the control group.
HR	Hazard Ratio. This input is optional. If HR is set and lambda23 is not set, lambda23 = lambda13*HR.

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exp.prop A numeric value between 0 and 1 (not include 0 and 1) that represents the pro-

portion of subjects that are assigned with an exposure.

rateC Rate of the exponential distribution to generate censoring times.

min.futime A numeric value that represents minimum follow-up time (in months). The

default value is 0, which means no minimum follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a

short amount of time in the study.

min.postexp.futime

A numeric value that represents minimum post-exposure follow-up time (in months). The default value is 0, which means no minimum post-exposure follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a short amount of time in the study after their exposure.

output. fn A .csv filename to write in the output. If the filename does not exist, the function

will create a new .csv file for the output.

simu.plot A logical value indicating whether or not to output an incidence plot. The default

value is FALSE.

#### Value

A data frame object with columns corresponding to

i\_scenario Scenario name specified by the user

i\_N Number of subjects needs to be screened, specified by the user

i\_min.futime Minimum follow-up time to be considered, specified by the user

i\_min.postexp.futime

Minimum post-exposure follow-up time to be considered, specified by the user

i\_exp.prop Exposure rate specified by the user

i\_lambda12 Lambda12 parameter to control time to exposure

i\_lambda23 Lambda23 parameter to control time to event after exposure

i\_lambda13 Lambda13 parameter to control time to event in the control group

i\_rateC Rate of the exponential distribution to generate censoring times. Calculated

from median time to censoring, which is specified by the user. i\_beta Input

value of regression coefficient (log hazard ratio)

N\_eff Simulated number of evaluable subjects, which is the resulting number of sub-

jects with or without considering minimum follow-up time and/or minimum

post-exposure follow-up time

N\_effexp\_p Simulated proportion of exposed subjects with or without considering minimum

follow-up time and/or minimum post-exposure follow-up time

bhat Simulated value of regression coefficient (log hazard ratio)

HR Simulated value of hazard ratio
d Simulated number of events in total

d\_c
 d\_exp
 Simulated number of events in control group
 mst\_c
 Simulated median survival time in control group
 mst\_exp
 Simulated median survival time in exposed group

pow Simulated statistical power from the Cox regression model on data with time-

dependent exposure

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## **Examples**

```
ret <- getpower.method2(nSim=1, N=600, duration=24, scenario="test",
  lambda12=1.3, lambda23=0.04, lambda13=0.03, HR=NULL,exp.prop=0.2, rateC=0.05,
  min.futime=4, min.postexp.futime=4,output.fn="database.csv", simu.plot=FALSE)</pre>
```

plot\_power

Plot power curves for survival analysis with time-dependent exposure

## Description

This function plots a power curve at each time and returns a subsetted data frame that match the list of input parameters.

## Usage

```
plot_power(table_df, N, type, exp.prop, min.futime, min.postexp.futime,
show.plot = FALSE, newplot = FALSE, col = NULL, lty, lwd, pch)
```

## Arguments

table_df	A data frame read from a .csv file of a format output from the getpower.method1 function.
N	Number of subjects needs to be screened
type	A text string indicating the what type of dataset is of interest. Either one of "fixed" or "td" should be inputted
exp.prop	A numeric value between 0 and 1 (not include 0 and 1) that represents the proportion of subjects that are assigned with an exposure
min.futime	A numeric value that represents minimum follow-up time (in months). The default value is 0, which means no minimum follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a short amount of time in the study

min.postexp.futime

A numeric value that represents minimum post-exposure follow-up time (in months). The default value is 0, which means no minimum post-exposure follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a short amount of time in the study after their exposure

show.plot A logical value indicating whether to output a power curve or not. The default

value is TRUE

newplot A logical value indicating whether to create a new plot or add to an existing plot col,lty,lwd,pch

Graphical parameters as in the regular plot function in R

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#### **Details**

The gist of this function is that the user can check the plot with the values in the output data frame. Moreover, it is flexible that the user can choose to only output the data frame in order to plot their own graph (such as add titles or legends) based on the data. The user can also add as many lines as possible to an existing power curve plot so that he/she is allowed to compare different scenarios.

#### Value

A data frame object with columns corresponding to

i_N	Number of subjects needs to be screened, specified by the user
N_eff	Simulated number of evaluable subjects, which is the resulting number of subjects with or without considering minimum follow-up time and/or minimum post-exposure follow-up time
i_beta	Input value of regression coefficient (log hazard ratio)
pow	Simulated statistical power from the Cox regression model on data with time-dependent exposure

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## **Examples**

```
ret <- getpower.method1(nSim = 500, N = 600, b = 0.3, exp.prop = 0.2, type = "td", scenario =
" ", maxrelexptime = 1/6, min.futime = 4, min.postexp.futime = 4,
output.fn = "output.csv")
ret2 <- getpower.method1(nSim = 500, N = 600, b = 0.3, exp.prop = 0.2, type = "td", scenario =
" ", maxrelexptime = 1/6, min.futime = 4, min.postexp.futime = 0,
output.fn = "output.csv")
# Read in .csv file as a data frame
tb <- read.csv("output.csv", header = TRUE, sep = ",")
# Visualize the subsetted data frame of interest and create a new plot
visualize1 <- plot_power(table_df = tb, N = 600, type = "td", exp.prop = 0.2,
min.futime = 4, min.postexp.futime = 4, show.plot = TRUE, newplot = TRUE, col = "red", lty = 1, lwd = 2, pch =
# Add a different power curve to the previously created plot
visualize2 <- plot_power(table_df = tb, N = 600, type = "td", exp.prop=0.2,
min.futime = 4, min.postexp.futime = 0, show.plot = TRUE, newplot = FALSE, col = "blue", lty = 1, lwd = 2, pch</pre>
```

plot\_simuData

Make an incidence plot from simulated data.

## **Description**

Create an incidence plot ordered by follow-up time from a survival data simulated.

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## Usage

```
plot_simuData(data, title="Sample Survival Data")
```

#### **Arguments**

data A dataframe of survival data containing the following columns: id, start, stop,

status, x

title Title of the graph

## **Details**

This makes the incidence plot of the survival data based on the input dataframe from the td-Sim.method1 or tdSim.method2 function. More generally, this function would also works with a dataframe containing survival data with the same columns name as indicated above.

## Author(s)

```
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```

## **Examples**

tdSim.clst

Simulate 1 dataframe (1 simulation) of time-dependent exposure under method 1 with a clustering data frame

## Description

This function allows the user to input a data frame with clustering parameters and generates a simulated dataset with time-dependent exposure. In particular, the output dataset has a column corresponding to the physician site id, which will be used as a clustering variable in the Cox regression model in power calculation.

## Usage

```
tdSim.clst(N, duration = 24, lambda, rho = 1, beta, rateC, df,
    prop.fullexp = 0, maxrelexptime = 1, min.futime = 0, min.postexp.futime = 0)
```

N	Number of subjects needs to be screened
duration	Length of the study in Months. The default value is 24 (months)
lambda	Scale parameter of the Weibull distribution, which is calculated as $\log(2)$ / median time to event for control group
rho	Shape parameter of the Weibull distribution, which is defaulted as 1, as we generate survival times by using the exponential distribution

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beta A numeric value that represents the exposure effect, which is the regression

coefficient (log hazard ratio) that represent the magnitude of the relationship

between the exposure covariate and the risk of an event

rateC Rate of the exponential distribution to generate censoring times, which is calcu-

lated as log(2) / median time to censoring

df A user-specified n (n 3) by 3 clustering data frame with columns corresponding

to cat\_id (category id, which is the physician site id. It can be either text strings or integers), cat\_prop (category proportion, which is the proportion of subjects in corresponding a category id), and cat\_exprate (category exposure rate, which is the exposure proportion corresponding to a category id). n rows corresponds

to n different physician sites

prop.fullexp A numeric value in interval [0, 1) that represents the proportion of exposed

subjects that are fully exposed from the beginning to the end of the study. The default value is 0, which means all exposed subjects have an exposure status

transition at some point during the study

maxrelexptime A numeric value in interval (0, 1] that represents the maximum exposure time

relative to the follow up time. The default value is 1, which means that exposure

time is uniformly distributed between start and follow-up time

min.futime A numeric value that represents minimum follow-up time (in months). The

default value is 0, which means no minimum follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a

short amount of time in the study

min.postexp.futime

A numeric value that represents minimum post-exposure follow-up time (in months). The default value is 0, which means no minimum post-exposure follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a short amount of time in the study after their exposure

## **Details**

The current version of this function allows the user to input a data frame with at least 3 categories of physician sites, because the function uses a multinomial distribution to assign subjects into each category according to the corresponding category proportion

#### Value

A data frame object with columns corresponding to

id Integer that represents a subject's identification number

start For counting process formulation. Represents the start of each time interval stop For counting process formulation. Represents the end of each time interval

status Indicator of event. status = 1 when event occurs and 0 otherwise x Indicator of exposure. x = 1 when exposed and 0 otherwise

clst\_id For clustering in the Cox proportional hazard model. Represents label of each

subject's corresponding physician site

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#### References

T. Therneau and C. Crowson (2015). Using Time Dependent Covariates and Time Dependent Coefficients in the Cox Model.

https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/survival/vignettes/timedep.pdf

#### **Examples**

```
# Create a clustering data frame as input with 3 categories and a 20% weighted
# exposure proportion.

input_df <- data.frame(cat_id = c('lo', 'med', 'hi'),
    cat_prop = c(0.65, 0.2, 0.15), cat_exp.prop = c(0.1, 0.3, 0.5))

# Simulate a dataset of 600 subjects with time-dependent exposure. Consider
# both minimum follow-up time (4 months) and minimum post-exposure follow-up
# time (4 months). Also consider a quick exposure after entering the study for
# each exposed subject. Set the maximum relative exposure time to be 1/6.

# Set the duration of the study to be 24 months; the median time to event for
# control group to be 24 months; exposure effect to be 0.3; median time to
# censoring to be 14 months.

df_tdclst <- tdSim.clst(N = 600, duration = 24, lambda = log(2)/24, rho = 1,
        beta = 0.3, rateC = log(2)/14, df = input_df, prop.fullexp = 0,
        maxrelexptime = 1/6, min.futime = 4, min.postexp.futime = 4)</pre>
```

tdSim.method1

Simulate 1 dataframe (1 simulation) of time-dep exposure under method 1

## **Description**

This function generates a simulated dataset with time-dependent exposure under method 1 with a user-specified list of parameters as input. Survival times and censoring times are generated from the exponential distribution.

## Usage

```
tdSim.method1(N, duration = 24, lambda, rho = 1, beta, rateC, exp.prop,
    prop.fullexp = 0, maxrelexptime = 1, min.futime = 0, min.postexp.futime = 0)
```

N	Number of subjects needs to be screened
duration	Length of the study in Months. The default value is 24 (months)
lambda	Scale parameter of the Weibull distribution, which is calculated as $\log(2)$ / median time to event for control group
rho	Shape parameter of the Weibull distribution, which is defaulted as 1, as we generate survival times by using the exponential distribution
beta	A numeric value that represents the exposure effect, which is the regression coefficient (log hazard ratio) that represent the magnitude of the relationship between the exposure covariate and the risk of an event

rateC Rate of the exponential distribution to generate censoring times, which is calcu-

lated as log(2) / median time to censoring

exp.prop A numeric value between 0 and 1 (not include 0 and 1) that represents the pro-

portion of subjects that are assigned with an exposure

prop.fullexp A numeric value in interval [0, 1) that represents the proportion of exposed

subjects that are fully exposed from the beginning to the end of the study. The default value is 0, which means all exposed subjects have an exposure status

transition at some point during the study

maxrelexptime A numeric value in interval (0, 1] that represents the maximum exposure time

relative to the follow up time. The default value is 1, which means that exposure

time is uniformly distributed between start and follow-up time.

min.futime A numeric value that represents minimum follow-up time (in months). The

default value is 0, which means no minimum follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a

short amount of time in the study

min.postexp.futime

A numeric value that represents minimum post-exposure follow-up time (in months). The default value is 0, which means no minimum post-exposure follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a short amount of time in the study after their exposure

#### **Details**

If no minimum follow-up time or minimum post-exposure follow-up time is considered (min.fut = 0 and min.postexp.fut = 0), then the output data frame will have N subjects. If we consider minimum follow-up time or both, then the output data frame will have at most N subjects.

## Value

A data frame object with columns corresponding to

id Integer that represents a subject's identification number

start For counting process formulation. Represents the start of each time interval

stop For counting process formulation. Represents the end of each time interval

status Indicator of event. status = 1 when event occurs and 0 otherwise

x Indicator of exposure. x = 1 when exposed and 0 otherwise

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#### **Examples**

```
# Simulate a dataset of 600 subjects with time-dependent exposure without
# considering minimum follow-up time or minimum post-exposure follow-up time.
# Specifically, set the duration of the study to be 24 months; the median time to
# event for control group to be 24 months; exposure effect to be 0.3; median time
# to censoring to be 14 months; and exposure proportion to be 20%.
df1 \leftarrow tdSim.method1(N = 600, duration = 24, lambda = log(2)/24, rho = 1,
   beta = 0.3, rateC = log(2)/14, exp.prop = 0.2, prop.fullexp = 0,
   maxrelexptime = 1, min.fut = 0, min.postexp.fut = 0)
# Simulate a dataset of 600 subjects with time-dependent exposure with
# both minimum follow-up time (4 months) and minimum post-exposure
# follow-up time (4 months) imposed. Other parameters remain the same as
# in the first case.
df2 \leftarrow tdSim.method1(N = 600, duration = 24, lambda = log(2)/24, rho = 1,
   beta = 0.3, rateC = log(2)/14, exp.prop = 0.2, prop.fullexp = 0,
   maxrelexptime = 1, min.fut = 4, min.postexp.fut = 4)
# Simulate a dataset of 600 subjects with time-dependent exposure with
# both minimum follow-up time (4 months) and minimum post-exposure
# follow-up time (4 months) imposed. Also consider a quick exposure after
# entering the study for each exposed subject. Set the maximum relative
# exposure time to be 1/6. Other parameters remain the same as in the first case.
df3 <- tdSim.method1(N = 600, duration = 24, lambda = log(2)/24, rho = 1,
   beta = 0.3, rateC = log(2)/14, exp.prop = 0.2, prop.fullexp = 0,
   maxrelexptime = 1/6, min.fut = 4,min.postexp.fut = 4)
```

tdSim.method2 Simulate 1 dataframe (1 simulation) of time-dep exposure under method 2

## **Description**

This function simulate Survival Data. It generates a simulated dataset with time-dependent exposure under method 2 with a user-specified list of parameters as input.

## Usage

N	Number of subjects
duration	Duration of the study. This is used in censoring
lambda12	Lambda12 parameter to control time to exposure
lambda23	Lambda23 parameter to control time to event after exposure
lambda13	Lambda13 parameter to control time to event in the control group

HR Hazard Ratio. This input is optional. If HR is set and lambda23 is not set,

lambda23 = lambda13\*HR

exp.prop A numeric value between 0 and 1 (not include 0 and 1) that represents the pro-

portion of subjects that are assigned with an exposure

rateC Rate of the exponential distribution to generate censoring times

min.futime A numeric value that represents minimum follow-up time (in months). The

default value is 0, which means no minimum follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a

short amount of time in the study

min.postexp.futime

A numeric value that represents minimum post-exposure follow-up time (in months). The default value is 0, which means no minimum post-exposure follow-up time is considered. If it has a positive value, this argument will help exclude subjects that only spend a short amount of time in the study after their exposure

#### Value

A data frame object with columns corresponding to

id Integer that represents a subject's identification number
start For counting process formulation. Represents the start of each time interval
stop For counting process formulation. Represents the end of each time interval
status Indicator of event. status = 1 when event occurs and 0 otherwise

x Indicator of exposure. x = 1 when exposed and 0 otherwise

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## **Examples**

```
sim_data <- tdSim.method2(500, duration=24,lambda12=1.3,lambda23=0.04,
    lambda13=0.03, exp.prop=0.2,rateC=0.05, min.futime=4, min.postexp.futime=4)</pre>
```

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