

STAT 645: Biostatistics - Assignment 7 Due
Thursday, October 22, 11:55pm central

1. For the “surv_times_data.txt” data given in the **data** folder under the **Course Content** tab of **eCampus**
 - (a) Compute separate Kaplan-Meier survival curves for each of the two treatment groups. Make two plots, one for each of the two treatment groups, showing the estimated survival curves, and 95% pointwise confidence interval and comment on the differences between the curves for the two treatment groups. Which group has the better survival prognosis?
 - (b) Obtain the estimate and 95% CI for the mean survival time for each group, based on the Kaplan-Meier survival curves.
 - (c) Obtain the estimate and 95% CI for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quartiles of the survival times for each group, based on the Kaplan-Meier survival curves.
 - (d) Plot the hazard functions for the two groups. Then use the log rank test to formally test for equality of the two survival curves. Report the chi-square statistic and the p -value. Comment on the results.
2. Suppose that the hazard function of T is $\lambda(t) = 0.5t^2$.
 - (a) Obtain the analytical form of the survival function, and plot it over time between 0 and 5.
 - (b) What is the mean of T ?
 - (c) Obtain the p th percentile of T . Also, provide the value of Q_1 , Q_2 and Q_3 .
3. Consider the kidney data in the survival library of R.
 - (a) Obtain the estimate and 95% CI for the survival function $S(t)$ using the Kaplan-Meier and Nelson-Aalen approach, and plot them in the same figure.
 - (b) Obtain the estimate and 95% CI for the mean using the both estimators of $S(t)$. You may use the bootstrap technique to construct the confidence interval for the mean.