Game of Thrones - Survival Analysis

Code

Description

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Objectives

Target of this analysis is to study …

Dataset description

Dataset downloaded from here (https://figshare.com/articles/Game_of_Thrones_mortality_and_survival_dataset/8259680/1)

Game of Thrones mortality and survival dataset

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This dataset includes data from Game of Thrones Seasons 1–8. The dataset comprises two separate datasets and an accompanying data dictionary. The character dataset contains 359 observations (i.e. characters) and 35 variables, including information about sociodemographics, exposures, and mortality. The episode dataset contains 73 observations (i.e. episodes) and 8 variables, including information about episode running time.

In this study we will use only the character dataset.

Character dataset

- Number of observations: 359.
- Outcome:
  - **exp_time_hrs** Survival time of character (calculated as the time between first apparition and death)
- Censoring indicator:
  - **dth_flag** = 0 if character is not dead by the end of the serie , = 1 otherwise
- Explanatory variables:

sex of character:	1. = Male
	2. = Female
religion (at time of death):	1. = Great Stallion
	2. = Lord of Light
	3. = Faith of the Seven
	4. = Old Gods
	5. = Drowned God
	6. = Many Faced God
	7. = Other
	9. = Unknown/Unclear
occupation (at time of death):	1. = Silk collar
	2. = Boiled leather collar
	9. = Unknown/Unclear

social_status:	1. = Highborn
	2. = Lowborn
allegiance_last:	1. = Stark
	2. = Targaryen
	3. = Night's Watch
	4. = Lannister
	5. = Greyjoy
	6. = Bolton
	7. = Frey
	8. = Other
	9. = Unknown/Unclear
allegiance_switched:	1. = No
	2. = Yes

prominence	1. = low <1
continuous variable splitted	2. medium
in 3 groups	3. high >3 (top 30 char.)

Data Preparation

load needed libraries

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```
library(tidyverse)
library(survival)
library(ggfortify)
library(ggplot2)
library(broom)
library(survminer)
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import datas from csv file:

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```
setwd("C:/MY_DATAS/MyGit/GoT-Survival_Analysis")
raw_data =  read.csv("./GoT_dataset/character_data_S01-S08.csv")
dat = select(raw_data,name,exp_time_hrs,dth_flag,sex,religion,occupation,social_status,alleg
iance_last,allegiance_switched,prominence)
dat = mutate(dat,
             sex = c("Male","Female")[match(sex, c(1,2))],
             religion = c("Great Stallion","Lord of Light","Faith of the Seven","Old God
s","Drowned God","Many Faced God","Other","Unknown/Unclear")[match(religion,c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,
9))],
             occupation = c("Silk collar","Boiled leather collar","Unknown/Unclear")[match
(occupation,c(1,2,9))],
             social_status = c("Highborn","Lowborn")[match(social_status,c(1,2))],
             allegiance_last = c("Stark","Targaryen","Night's Watch","Lannister","Greyjo
y","Bolton","Frey","Other","Unknown/Unclear")[match(allegiance_last,c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9))],
             allegiance_switched = c("No","Yes")[match(allegiance_switched,c(1,2))],
             prominence = ifelse(prominence>3,"High",ifelse(prominence<1,"Low","Medium"))
             )
```

Data Exploration

Proportion of people dead before the end of the serie.

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```
prop.table(table(dat$dth_flag))
```

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        0         1
0.4094708 0.5905292
```

–> roughly 40% of censored datas, 60% of the characters in the study are dead before the end of the serie

Show explanatory variables composition:

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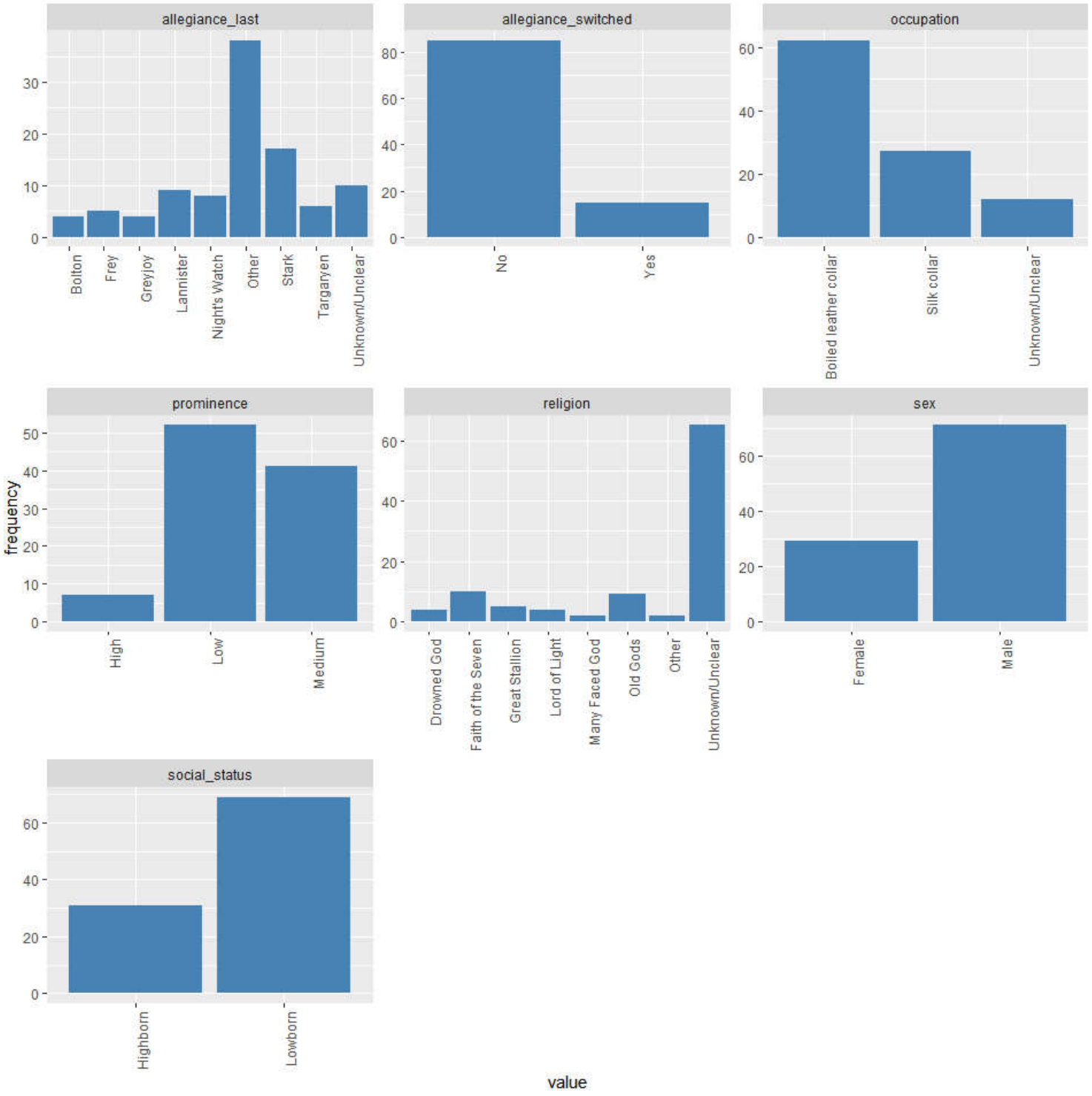
```
d_plot = dat %>%
  select(-name,-exp_time_hrs,-dth_flag) %>%
  gather() %>%
  group_by(key) %>%
  count(value) %>%
  mutate(frequency=round(`n`/sum(`n`)*100,0)) %>%
  arrange(desc(key),desc(frequency))

d_plot %>% ggplot(aes(x=value, y=frequency)) +
    facet_wrap(~ key, scales = "free") +
    geom_bar(stat="identity", fill="steelblue") +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
```



–> 65% of the population have not known or unclear religion –> Careful to check if meaningful –> most are Boiled leather collar –> 70% are lowborn

Global survival overview

Kaplan-Meyer estimator

- First look at outcome:

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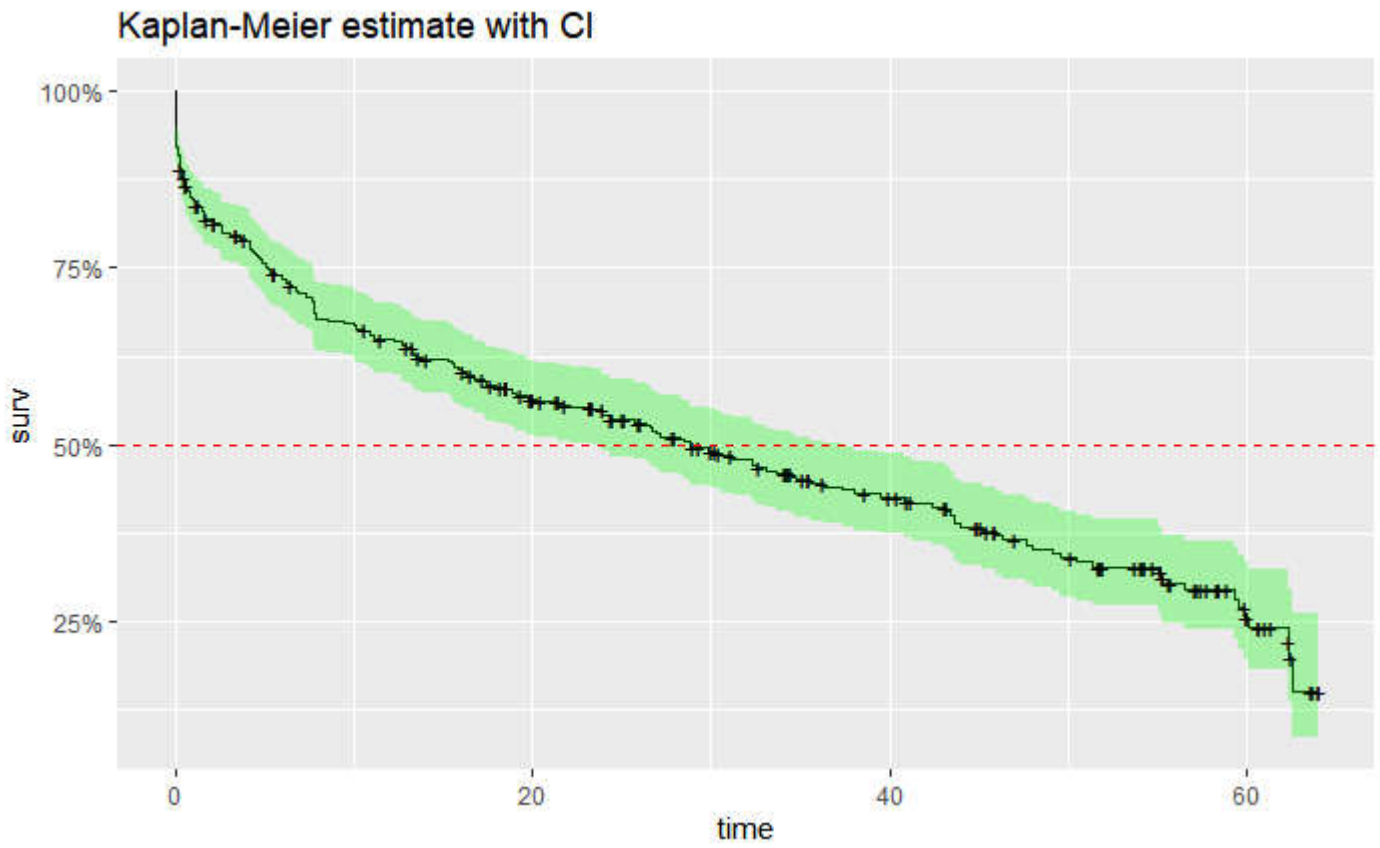
```
fit.KM = survfit(Surv(exp_time_hrs, dth_flag) ~ 1, data = dat)
autoplot(fit.KM,conf.int.fill = "#00FF00") +
  geom_hline(yintercept=.5, linetype="dashed", color = "red")+ ggtitle("Kaplan-Meier estimat
e with CI")
```



Median Survival Time: 28.8hrs - As a character, you would have 50% of change to stay alive up to 28.8hrs

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```
fit.KM
```

```
Call: survfit(formula = Surv(exp_time_hrs, dth_flag) ~ 1, data = dat)

      n  events  median 0.95LCL 0.95UCL
  359.0   212.0    28.8    23.4    37.4
```

Survival vs Explanatory variables

Used functions

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```
plot_KM <- function(df,col,CI=TRUE){
  fit = survfit(Surv(df$exp_time_hrs, df$dth_flag) ~ df[,col])
  autoplot(fit,conf.int=CI,censor=FALSE) +
    geom_hline(yintercept=.5, linetype="dashed", color = "red")
}

print_medians <- function(df,col){
  fit = survfit(Surv(df$exp_time_hrs, df$dth_flag) ~ df[,col])
  infos_fit = surv_median(fit)
  infos_fit = infos_fit %>%
    mutate(strata=substr(strata,11,100))
  cat("Medians:\n")
  cat(sprintf("%*s %*s %*s\n",25,"Group",15,"Median",20,"Conf.Interval"))
  fit.conf=paste("( ",infos_fit$lower,";",infos_fit$upper," )",sep="")
  cat(sprintf("%*s %*s %*s\n",25,infos_fit$strata,15,infos_fit$median,20,fit.conf))
}

print_cox <- function(df,col){
  fit_cox = coxph(Surv(df$exp_time_hrs, df$dth_flag) ~ df[,col])
  x = tidy(fit_cox)
  cox.ref = fit_cox$xlevels[[1]][1]
  cox.term = substr(x$term,10,100)
  cox.hr = round(exp(x$estimate),2)
  cox.hr.conflow = round(exp(x$conf.low),2)
  cox.hr.confhigh = round(exp(x$conf.high),2)
  cat("Cox Regression:\n")
  cat(sprintf("%*s %*s %*s\n",25,"Group",15,"Hazard Ratio",20,"Conf.Interval"))
  cat(sprintf("%*s %*s %*s\n",25,cox.ref,15,"(Reference)",20,"-"))
  cox.conf=paste("( ",cox.hr.conflow,";",cox.hr.confhigh," )",sep="")
  cat(sprintf("%*s %*s %*s\n",25,cox.term,15,cox.hr,20,cox.conf))
  y = glance(fit_cox)
  cox.lrt = ifelse(y$p.value.log<0.01,formatC(y$p.value.log, format = "e", digits = 2),forma
tC(y$p.value.log, digits = 2))
  cat(paste("\nLikelihood Ratio Test:",cox.lrt))
}
```

- How is gender influencing survival time ?

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plot_KM(dat,"sex")
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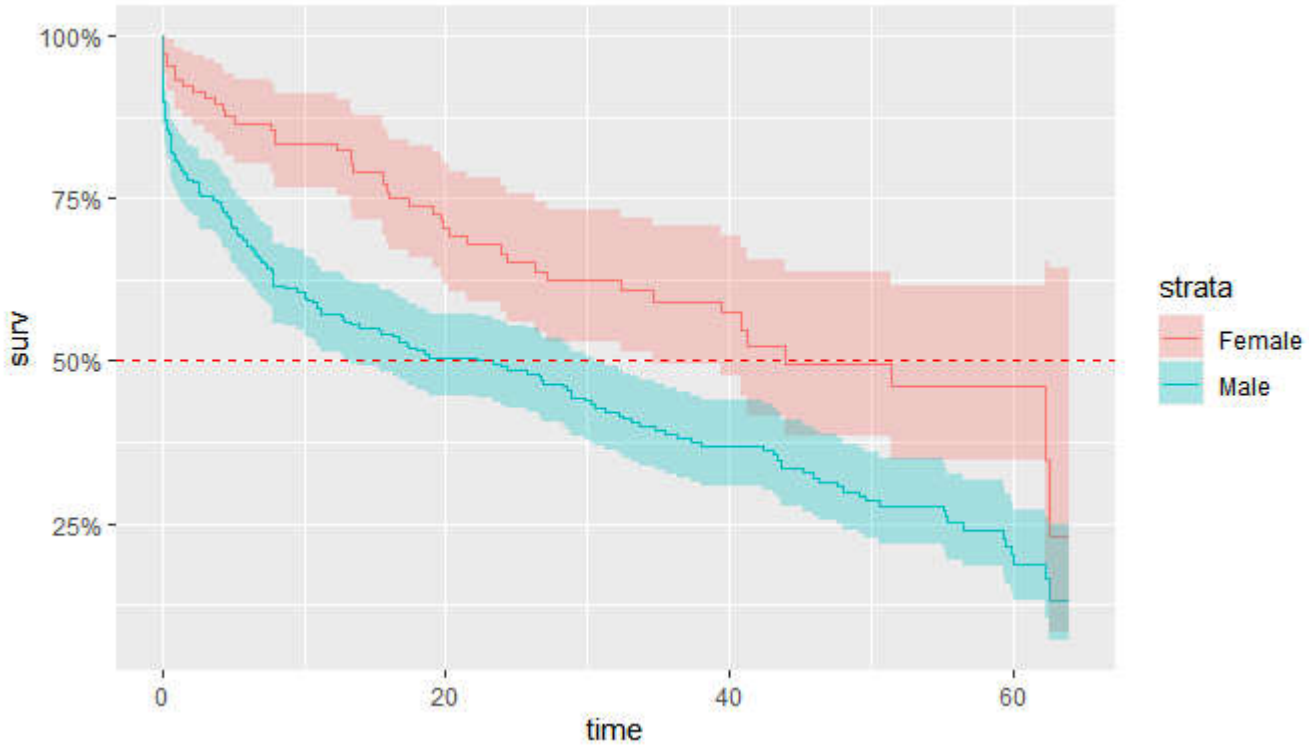

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```
print_cox(dat,"sex")
```

```
Cox Regression:
                    Group    Hazard Ratio        Conf.Interval
                   Female     (Reference)                    -
                     Male            1.87        ( 1.34;2.61 )

Likelihood Ratio Test: 9.46e-05
```

Likelihood ratio test (LRT) pvalue is very small, proving that there is a significant difference between male and female survival time.

!!!! Hazard ration is 1.87, meaning that male have 1.87 more chances to be killes than women

Here are the median survival time for each category:

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```
print_medians(dat,"sex")
```

```
Medians:
                    Group          Median        Conf.Interval
                   Female           43.92         ( 34.57;NA )
                     Male           23.38        ( 13.32;30.6 )
```

- How is religion survival time ?

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plot_KM(dat,"religion",FALSE)
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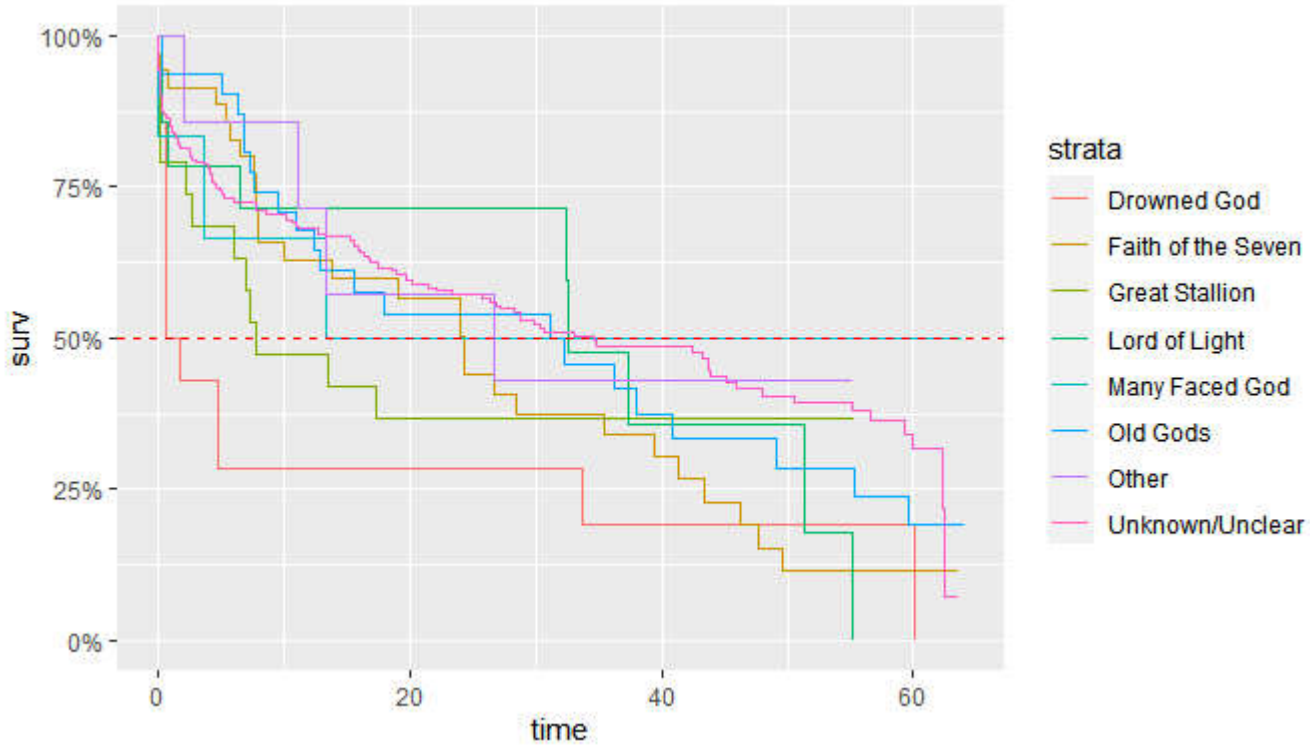

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```
print_cox(dat,"religion")
```

```
Cox Regression:
                     Group    Hazard Ratio        Conf.Interval
              Drowned God     (Reference)                    -
       Faith of the Seven            0.58        ( 0.29;1.15 )
            Great Stallion            0.62         ( 0.28;1.38 )
             Lord of Light            0.47          ( 0.2;1.13 )
            Many Faced God             0.3         ( 0.08;1.07 )
                  Old Gods            0.44         ( 0.21;0.88 )
                     Other             0.4         ( 0.13;1.25 )
           Unknown/Unclear             0.4         ( 0.22;0.73 )

Likelihood Ratio Test: 0.14
```

Cox regression LRT pvalue is quite large and > 5% pointing that there is no significant difference between religions

One thing that can be noted from the graph is that the “Drowned God” religion has a median survival time very low…

If you were of this religion, you would have only 50% chance to survive after 1.11hrs ! (pretty scary)

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```
print_medians(dat,"religion")
```

```
Medians:
                    Group          Median        Conf.Interval
             Drowned God            1.11          ( 0.54;NA )
       Faith of the Seven           24.34      ( 10.05;41.33 )
           Great Stallion            7.77          ( 5.95;NA )
            Lord of Light           32.56          ( 32.36;NA )
          Many Faced God           13.36           ( 3.59;NA )
                Old Gods           31.18      ( 12.31;55.34 )
                   Other           26.63          ( 11.17;NA )
         Unknown/Unclear           34.57      ( 26.34;47.99 )
```

- How is occupation influencing ?

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plot_KM(dat,"occupation")
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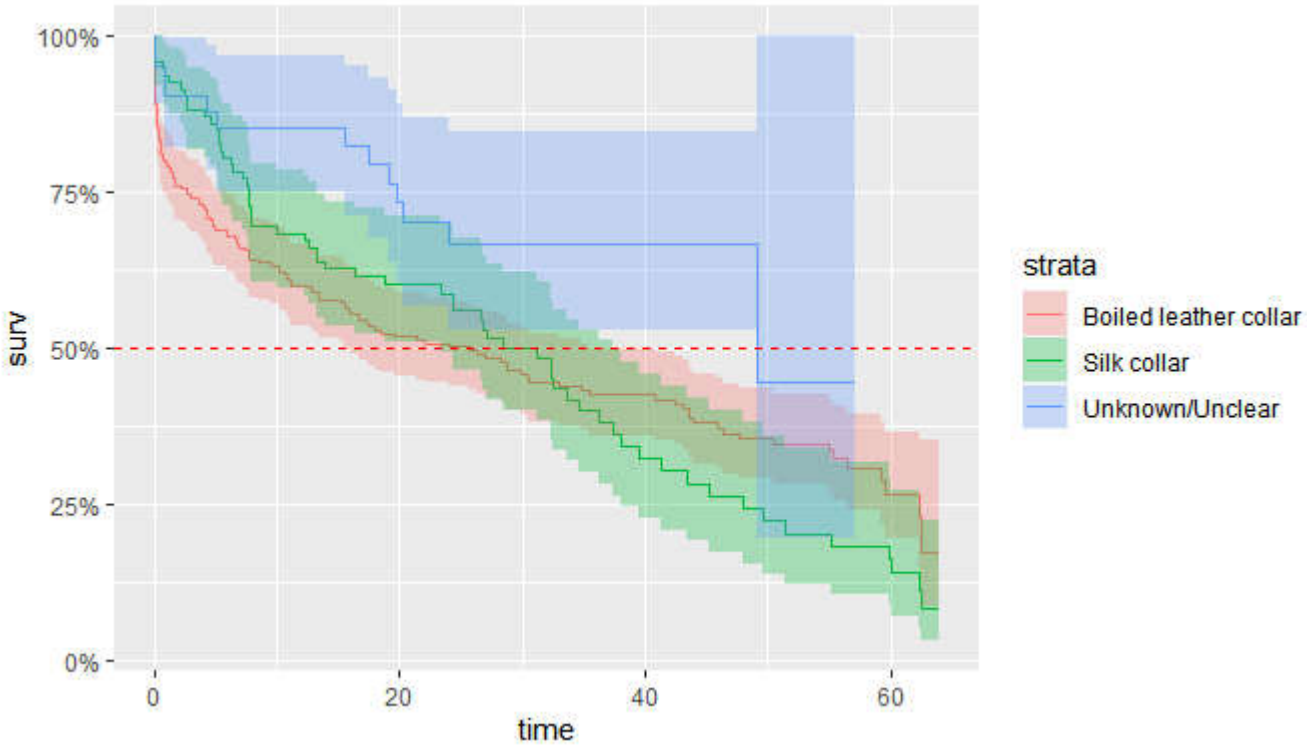

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```
print_cox(dat,"occupation")
```

```
Cox Regression:
                    Group    Hazard Ratio        Conf.Interval
    Boiled leather collar     (Reference)                    -
              Silk collar            1.03         ( 0.76;1.39 )
           Unknown/Unclear            0.48         ( 0.27;0.85 )

Likelihood Ratio Test: 0.014
```

LRT pvalue is < 5%, we can say that at least one group is significantly different from other. It's certainly due to the group 'Unknown/Unclear' which has an hazard ratio close to 0.5, the 2 others are very close (HR ~ 1). this can be also seen on the medians were CI are overlapping.

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```
print_medians(dat,"occupation")
```

```
Medians:
                    Group          Median        Conf.Interval
    Boiled leather collar           25.68      ( 15.57;40.81 )
               Silk collar           28.51      ( 23.38;37.37 )
          Unknown/Unclear           49.15         ( 49.15;NA )
```

–> Is social_status influencing ?

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```
plot_KM(dat,"social_status")
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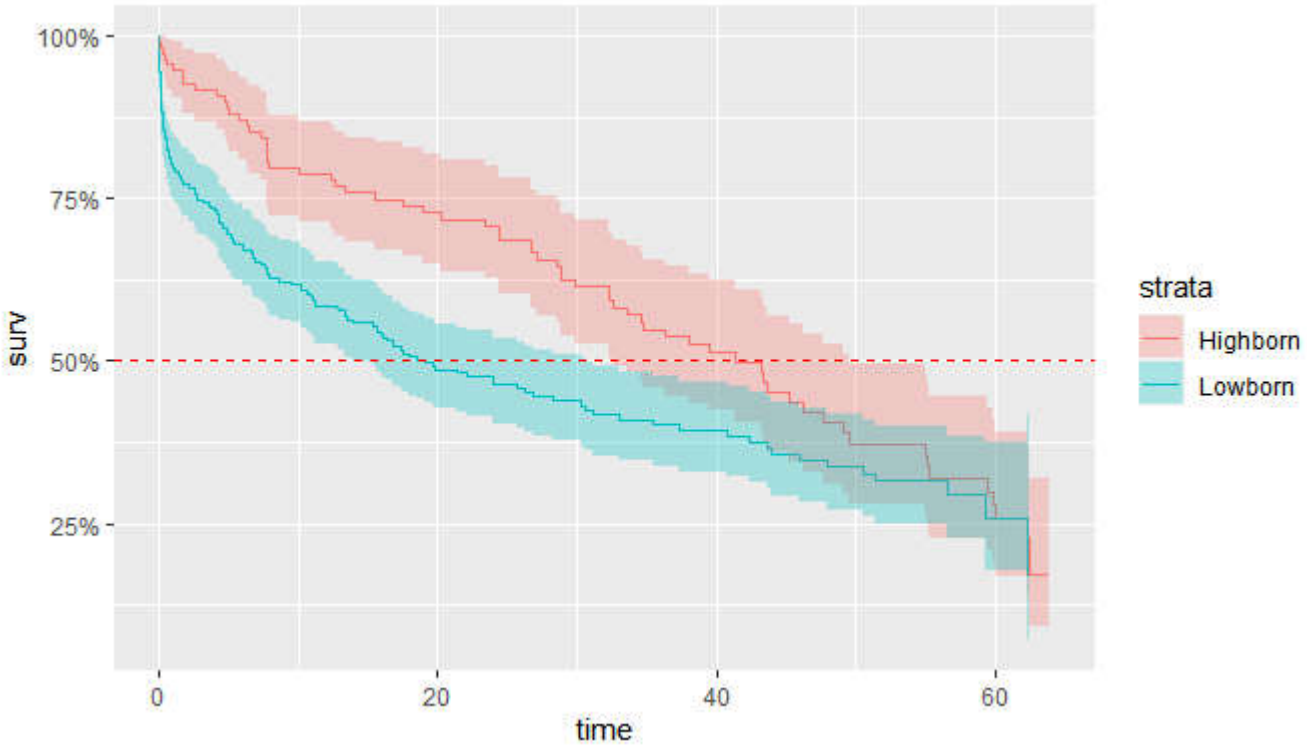

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```
print_cox(dat,"social_status")
```

```
Cox Regression:
                   Group    Hazard Ratio        Conf.Interval
                Highborn     (Reference)                    -
                 Lowborn            1.49        ( 1.11;2.01 )

Likelihood Ratio Test: 6.77e-03
```

Again LRT pvalue is <5%, meaning that to be highborn or lowborn is significantly differnt in terms of survival time in GoT.

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```
print_medians(dat,"social_status")
```

```
Medians:
                 Group          Median        Conf.Interval
              Highborn           41.33      ( 32.56;49.59 )
                Lowborn           19.08       ( 13.85;30.6 )
```

–> Is the last allegiance made influencing ?

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plot_KM(dat,"allegiance_last",FALSE)
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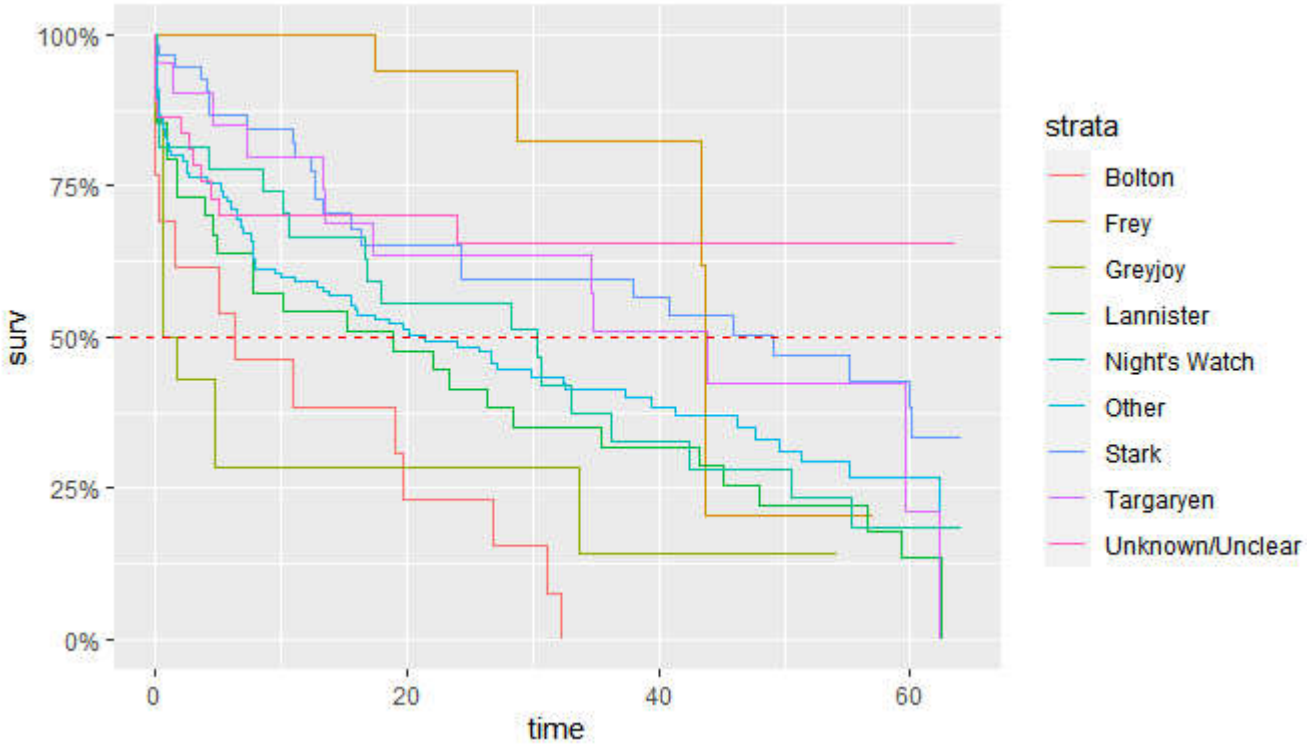

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```
print_cox(dat,"allegiance_last")
```

```
Cox Regression:
                 Group    Hazard Ratio        Conf.Interval
                Bolton     (Reference)                    -
                  Frey            0.14        ( 0.05;0.37 )
               Greyjoy            0.89          ( 0.4;1.99 )
             Lannister             0.5         ( 0.26;0.96 )
          Night's Watch            0.39        ( 0.19;0.79 )
                 Other             0.4         ( 0.22;0.72 )
                 Stark             0.22        ( 0.11;0.43 )
              Targaryen            0.29        ( 0.13;0.64 )
        Unknown/Unclear             0.2         ( 0.09;0.43 )

Likelihood Ratio Test: 2.69e-06
```

LRT pvalue is < 5%, we can say that at least one group is significantly different from other.

If you allegiance goes to ‘Bolton’, then you have 0% of chance to be present during all the show. But if you follow the ‘Greyjoy’, the you’re median survival time is only of 1.11hrs…

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```
print_medians(dat,"allegiance_last")
```

```
Medians:
                    Group          Median        Conf.Interval
                   Bolton            6.26          ( 0.28;NA )
                     Frey           43.67          ( 43.37;NA )
                  Greyjoy            1.11           ( 0.54;NA )
                Lannister           18.87        ( 4.91;43.17 )
            Night's Watch           30.32       ( 16.73;50.52 )
                    Other           21.45       ( 13.36;37.37 )
                    Stark           49.15          ( 24.34;NA )
                Targaryen           43.92           ( 17.3;NA )
          Unknown/Unclear              NA             ( NA;NA )
```

–> Is the fact to have switched allegiance during the serie influencing ?

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plot_KM(dat,"allegiance_switched")
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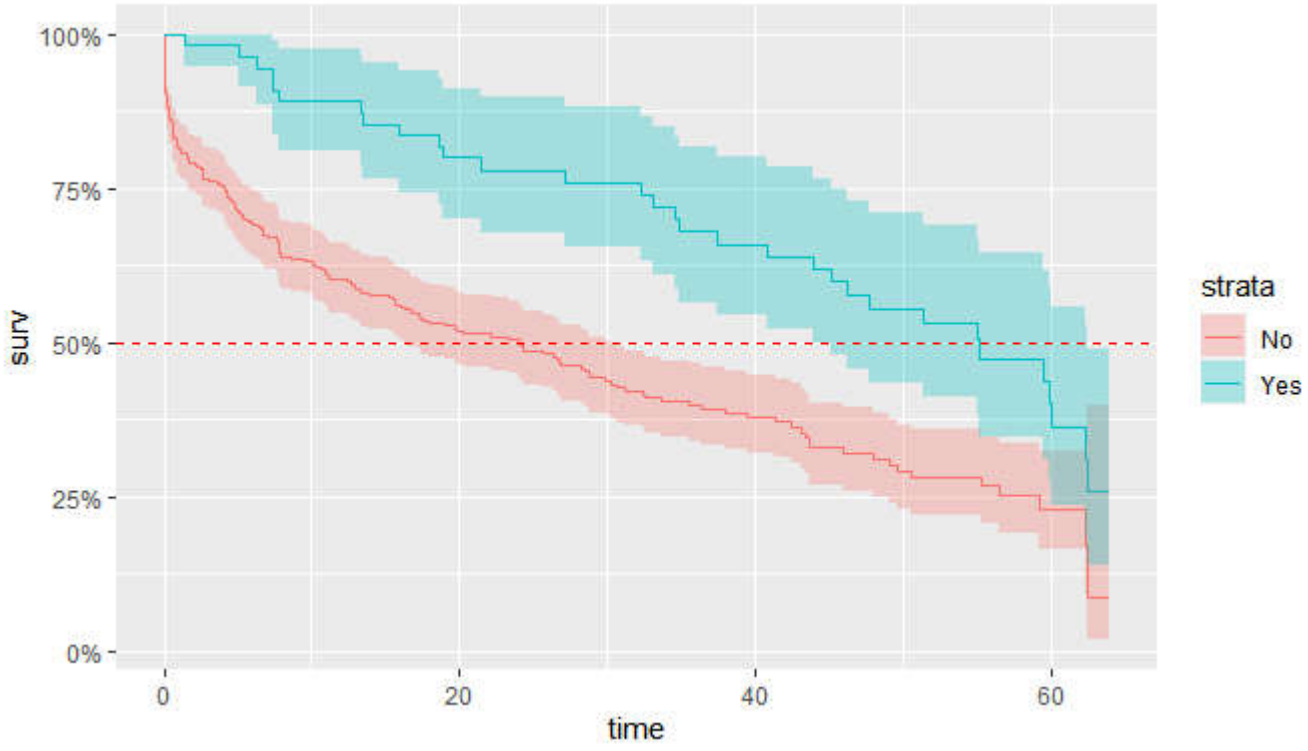

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```
print_cox(dat,"allegiance_switched")
```

```
Cox Regression:
                  Group    Hazard Ratio        Conf.Interval
                     No     (Reference)                    -
                    Yes            0.48        ( 0.32;0.71 )

Likelihood Ratio Test: 7.05e-05
```

pvalue < 5%, the change in allegiance has a real impact on the characters survival times. it seems, that in GoT, if you

want to maximize your chances to survive, you have to not be too strict with your allegiance.

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```
print_medians(dat,"allegiance_switched")
```

```
Medians:
                  Group          Median        Conf.Interval
                     No           23.96      ( 16.32;30.32 )
                    Yes           55.22       ( 45.18;62.52 )
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–> Is prominence influencing ?

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```
plot_KM(dat,"prominence")
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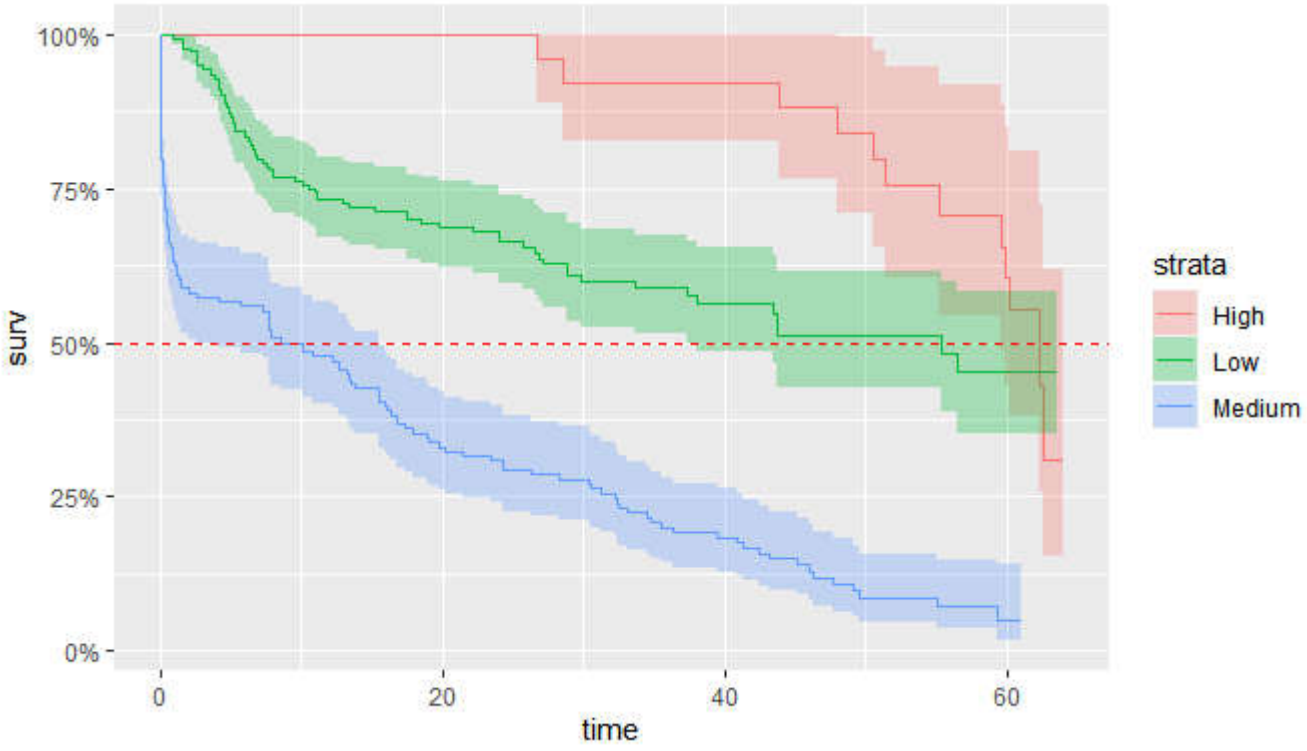

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```
print_cox(dat,"prominence")
```

```
Cox Regression:
                  Group    Hazard Ratio        Conf.Interval
                   High     (Reference)                    -
                    Low            1.93        ( 1.04;3.59 )
                 Medium            6.58        ( 3.57;12.13 )

Likelihood Ratio Test: 6.29e-21
```

Very significant difference, sounds logic for characters with high prominence (stars of the show), that producers decided no to kill them at the begining of the show so their survival time is higher than others. It seems more surprising to me, that people with low prominence have a higher survival time than the ones in the middle.

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```
print_medians(dat,"prominence")
```

```
Medians:
                    Group          Median        Conf.Interval
                     High           62.31         ( 59.54;NA )
                      Low           55.34          ( 37.37;NA )
                   Medium            8.61       ( 2.67;15.57 )
```

Build a model of Survival time in GoT

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```
dat_model = select(dat,-name)
Model_Full = coxph(Surv(exp_time_hrs,dth_flag)~.,data=dat_model)
MAIC = step(Model_Full)
```

```
Start:  AIC=2081.15
Surv(exp_time_hrs, dth_flag) ~ sex + religion + occupation +
    social_status + allegiance_last + allegiance_switched + prominence

                      Df    AIC
- religion             7 2077.9
<none>                   2081.2
- occupation           2 2082.1
- allegiance_last      8 2083.2
- social_status        1 2084.4
- sex                  1 2086.7
- allegiance_switched  1 2092.6
- prominence           2 2168.5

Step:  AIC=2077.87
Surv(exp_time_hrs, dth_flag) ~ sex + occupation + social_status +
    allegiance_last + allegiance_switched + prominence

                      Df    AIC
<none>                   2077.9
- occupation           2 2078.1
- social_status        1 2080.7
- sex                  1 2083.5
- allegiance_last      8 2087.5
- allegiance_switched  1 2088.1
- prominence           2 2160.6
```

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```
MAIC
```

```
Call:
coxph(formula = Surv(exp_time_hrs, dth_flag) ~ sex + occupation +
    social_status + allegiance_last + allegiance_switched + prominence,
    data = dat_model)

                                  coef exp(coef) se(coef)      z        p
sexMale                         0.4911    1.6342   0.1843  2.664 0.007716
occupationSilk collar           0.1324    1.1415   0.1960  0.676 0.499338
occupationUnknown/Unclear      -0.5210    0.5939   0.3270 -1.594 0.111040
social_statusLowborn            0.4307    1.5383   0.1976  2.179 0.029336
allegiance_lastFrey            -0.3664    0.6932   0.5616 -0.652 0.514091
allegiance_lastGreyjoy          0.4012    1.4937   0.4343  0.924 0.355595
allegiance_lastLannister       -0.4836    0.6165   0.3531 -1.370 0.170766
allegiance_lastNight's Watch   -0.9885    0.3721   0.3740 -2.643 0.008219
allegiance_lastOther           -0.4750    0.6219   0.3118 -1.524 0.127623
allegiance_lastStark           -1.0955    0.3344   0.3581 -3.059 0.002219
allegiance_lastTargaryen       -0.5221    0.5933   0.4209 -1.240 0.214836
allegiance_lastUnknown/Unclear -1.0134    0.3630   0.4222 -2.400 0.016378
allegiance_switchedYes         -0.7464    0.4741   0.2251 -3.316 0.000914
prominenceLow                   0.0581    1.0598   0.3503  0.166 0.868295
prominenceMedium                1.4650    4.3275   0.3300  4.439 9.03e-06

Likelihood ratio test=157.1  on 15 df, p=< 2.2e-16
n= 359, number of events= 212
```

Predict from model for some characters and compare with observed datas

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```
d_new = dat %>%
  filter(name %in% c("Arya Stark","Jaime Lannister","Theon Greyjoy","Jon Snow","Eddard Star
k","Ramsay Bolton","Samwell Tarly","Illyrio Mopatis","Mhaegen","Todder","Merry Frey")) %>%
  select(-exp_time_hrs,-dth_flag)

z = list()

for(i in 1:nrow(d_new)) {
    row <- d_new[i,]
    p_s = survfit(MAIC,newdata = row)
    z = c(z,list(p_s))
}
names(z)=d_new$name

ggsurvplot_combine(z,
           conf.int = FALSE,
           risk.table = FALSE,
           pval = FALSE,
           censor = FALSE,
           surv.median.line = "hv",
           ggtheme = theme_gray())
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