Decomposing discrete time multistate models

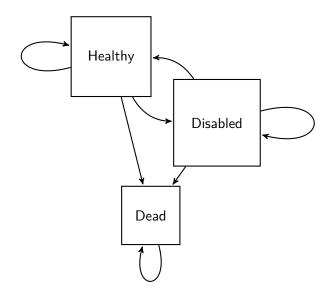
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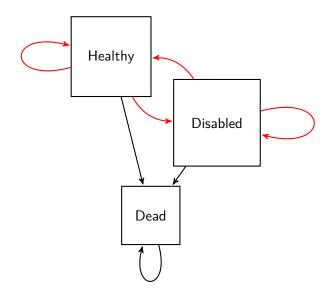
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where ξ can be any synthetic quantity calculated using θ .

 \blacktriangleright often ξ is an expectancy

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They're all good enough for what we're doing

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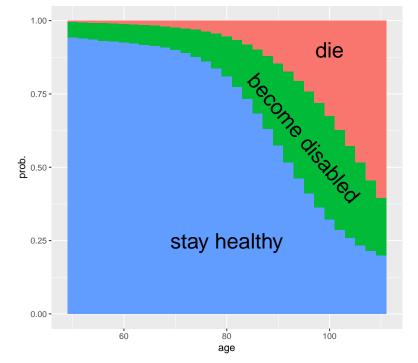
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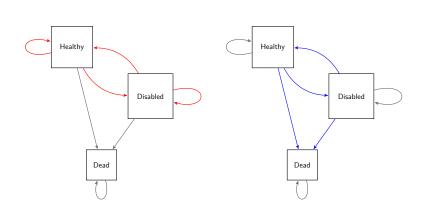
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Let's talk about θ





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Example

DFLE increased from 30.75 in 2006 to 32.33 in 2014. That's 1.58 years

(HRS, women with secondary education)

Example

Same result whether we omit:

- self-transitions
- mortality transitions
- ▶ health transitions

Example

But very different stories if we decompose:

Resid.	DF-DF	DF-Dis.	DF mort	DisDF	DisDis.	Dis. mort
(self)		-0.01	1.32	-0.28		0.54
(dead)	1.28	0.04		-1.86	2.13	
(other)	0.21		1.10		-0.41	0.67

Thank you intermission



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Transform this into two multiplicative probabilities

 $[p^{stay}|survive, p^{survive}]$

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Small things

- ▶ Best to logit or similar before decomposing $(f(\theta))$ just needs to undo it)
- ▶ Probably extends to larger state spaces
- ► Accounting for initial conditions not treated here

Things to consider

- ► Recheck LTRE work in lit
- ► Low programming overhead on top of MS modeling
- ► MS papers probably should do this