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heart_failure_data$high_blood_pressure <- as.factor(heart_failure_data$high_blood_pressure)
heart_failure_data$anaemia <- as.factor(heart_failure_data$anaemia)
heart_failure_data$diabetes <- as.factor(heart_failure_data$diabetes)
heart_failure_data$sex <- as.factor(heart_failure_data$sex)</pre>
heart_failure_data <- heart_failure_data |>
  mutate(
   log_cp = log(creatinine_phosphokinase),
    log_serum_creatinine = log(serum_creatinine)
## COX
### select covariates with alpha = 0.2
coxph(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age,
 data = heart_failure_data
)
coxph(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ log_cp,
 data = heart_failure_data
coxph(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ ejection_fraction,
  data = heart_failure_data
coxph(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ platelets,
  data = heart_failure_data
coxph(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ anaemia,
  data = heart_failure_data
coxph(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ log_serum_creatinine,
  data = heart_failure_data
)
coxph(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ serum_sodium,
 data = heart_failure_data
)
coxph(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ diabetes,
  data = heart_failure_data
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coxph(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ high_blood_pressure,
  data = heart_failure_data
coxph(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ sex,
 data = heart_failure_data
)
coxph(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ smoking,
 data = heart failure data
# age ejection_fraction anaemia log_serum_creatinine serum_sodium high_blood_pressure
# Define the Cox proportional hazards model
cox_full <- coxph(</pre>
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age + ejection_fraction + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium + anaemia + h
 data = heart_failure_data
cox_backward <- step(cox_full, direction = "backward")</pre>
# out:serum_sodium
summary(cox_backward)
#forward stepwise
cox_null <- coxph(Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ 1, data = heart_failure_data)</pre>
cox_forward <- step(cox_null,</pre>
                   scope = ~ age + log_cp + ejection_fraction +
                     platelets + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium +
                     anaemia + diabetes + high_blood_pressure + sex + smoking,
                   direction = "forward")
summary(cox_forward)
# interactions
cox_interaction <- coxph(</pre>
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age +
    high_blood_pressure +
    anaemia +
    ejection_fraction +
    log_serum_creatinine +
    age * high_blood_pressure +
    age * anaemia +
    age * ejection_fraction +
    age * log_serum_creatinine +
    high_blood_pressure * anaemia +
    high_blood_pressure * ejection_fraction +
    high_blood_pressure * log_serum_creatinine +
    anaemia * ejection_fraction +
    anaemia * log_serum_creatinine +
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ejection_fraction * log_serum_creatinine,
 data = heart_failure_data
cox_int <- stepAIC(</pre>
  cox_interaction,
 direction = "both",
 trace = TRUE
summary(cox_int)
aic_comparison <- AIC(cox_full, cox_backward, cox_forward, cox_int)</pre>
print(aic_comparison)
# VIF test for final selected variables
vif(lm(time ~ age + ejection_fraction + log_serum_creatinine +
       anaemia + high_blood_pressure + age*ejection_fraction + ejection_fraction*log_serum_creatinine,
       data = heart_failure_data),type = 'predictor')
## GVIFs computed for predictors
## Time-varying
### selected model with time-varying variable ejection_fraction
heart_failure_data$log_time <- log(heart_failure_data$time)</pre>
cox_time <- coxph(</pre>
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age +
    high_blood_pressure +
    anaemia +
    #ejection_fraction +
    log_serum_creatinine +
    age * ejection_fraction +
    ejection_fraction * log_time +
    ejection_fraction * log_serum_creatinine,
  data = heart_failure_data
## Warning in coxph.fit(X, Y, istrat, offset, init, control, weights = weights, :
## Ran out of iterations and did not converge
## Warning in coxph.fit(X, Y, istrat, offset, init, control, weights = weights, :
## one or more coefficients may be infinite
summary(cox_time)
AIC(cox_time)
# piecewise cox model
heart_failure_data$time_group <- cut(heart_failure_data$time,
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breaks=c(0, 100, 200, Inf),
                                     labels=c("0-100", "100-200", ">200"))
cox_piecewise <- coxph(</pre>
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age + high_blood_pressure + anaemia +
  log_serum_creatinine + ejection_fraction * time_group,
  data = heart failure data
## Warning in coxph.fit(X, Y, istrat, offset, init, control, weights = weights, :
## Loglik converged before variable 6,7; coefficient may be infinite.
## AFT
### weibull step 1
survreg(
Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age,
dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH EVENT) ~ log cp,
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ ejection_fraction,
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ platelets,
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ log_serum_creatinine,
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
)
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ serum_sodium,
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
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Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ anaemia,
 dist = "weibull",
  data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ diabetes,
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ high_blood_pressure,
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ sex,
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ smoking,
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
# high_blood_pressure anaemia serum_sodium log_serum_creatinine ejection_fraction age
### weibull step 2
weibull_full <-
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age + ejection_fraction + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium + anaemia + h
 dist = "weibull",
 data = heart_failure_data
weib_backward <- step(weibull_full, direction = "backward")</pre>
summary(weib_backward)
# out:serum_sodium
#weibull step 3
weibull_null <- survreg(Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age+ejection_fraction+log_serum_creatinine+anaemia+hi
weib_forward <- step(weibull_null,</pre>
                   scope = ~ age + log_cp + ejection_fraction +
                     platelets + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium +
                     anaemia + diabetes + high_blood_pressure + sex + smoking,
,data = heart_failure_data,
                   direction = "forward")
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summary(weib_forward)
### Weibull step 4
weib_interaction <- survreg(</pre>
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age +
    high_blood_pressure +
    anaemia +
    ejection_fraction +
    log_serum_creatinine +
    age * high_blood_pressure +
    age * anaemia +
    age * ejection_fraction +
    age * log_serum_creatinine +
    high_blood_pressure * anaemia +
    high_blood_pressure * ejection_fraction +
    high_blood_pressure * log_serum_creatinine +
    anaemia * ejection_fraction +
    anaemia * log_serum_creatinine +
    ejection_fraction * log_serum_creatinine,
  dist = "weibull",
  data = heart_failure_data
weib_int <- stepAIC(weib_interaction, direction = "both")</pre>
summary(weib_int)
### exponential 1
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age,
 dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ log_cp,
 dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ ejection_fraction,
 dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ platelets,
 dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ log_serum_creatinine,
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dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ serum_sodium,
 dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ anaemia,
 dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ diabetes,
 dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
)
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ high_blood_pressure,
  dist = "exponential",
  data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ sex,
 dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ smoking,
 dist = "exponential",
 data = heart_failure_data
# high_blood_pressure anaemia serum_sodium log_serum_creatinine ejection_fraction age
### exponential 2
exponential_full <-
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age + ejection_fraction + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium + anaemia + h
 dist = "exponential",
  data = heart_failure_data
)
exp_backward <- step(exponential_full, direction = "backward")</pre>
summary(exp_backward)
# out:serum_sodium
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### exponential step 3
exponential_null <- survreg(Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age+ejection_fraction+log_serum_creatinine+anaem
exp_forward <- step(exponential_null,</pre>
                   scope = ~ age + log_cp + ejection_fraction +
                     platelets + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium +
                     anaemia + diabetes + high_blood_pressure + sex + smoking,
,data = heart_failure_data,
                   direction = "forward")
summary(exp_forward)
### exponential step 4
exp_interaction <- survreg(</pre>
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age +
    high_blood_pressure +
    anaemia +
    ejection_fraction +
    log_serum_creatinine +
    age * high_blood_pressure +
    age * anaemia +
    age * ejection_fraction +
    age * log_serum_creatinine +
    high_blood_pressure * anaemia +
   high_blood_pressure * ejection_fraction +
   high_blood_pressure * log_serum_creatinine +
    anaemia * ejection_fraction +
    anaemia * log_serum_creatinine +
    ejection_fraction * log_serum_creatinine,
  dist = "exponential",
  data = heart_failure_data
exp_int <- stepAIC(exp_interaction, direction = "both")</pre>
summary(exp_int)
### log-logistic step 1
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age,
 dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ log_cp,
  dist = "loglogistic",
  data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ ejection_fraction,
  dist = "loglogistic",
  data = heart_failure_data
)
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survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ platelets,
 dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
)
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ log_serum_creatinine,
 dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ serum_sodium,
 dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ anaemia,
 dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ diabetes,
 dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ high_blood_pressure,
 dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH EVENT) ~ sex,
 dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ smoking,
 dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
)
# high_blood_pressure anaemia serum_sodium log_serum_creatinine ejection_fraction age
### log-logistic step 2
loglogistic_full <-</pre>
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age + ejection_fraction + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium + anaemia + h
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dist = "loglogistic",
 data = heart_failure_data
llog_backward <- step(loglogistic_full, direction = "backward")</pre>
summary(llog_backward)
# out:serum sodium
### log-logistic step 3
loglogistic_null <- survreg(Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age+anaemia+log_serum_creatinine+high_blood_press
llog_forward <- step(loglogistic_null,</pre>
                    scope = ~ age + log_cp + ejection_fraction +
                     platelets + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium +
                      anaemia + diabetes + high_blood_pressure + sex + smoking,
,data = heart_failure_data,
                   direction = "forward")
summary(llog_forward)
### log-logistic step 4
llog interaction <- survreg(</pre>
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age +
    high_blood_pressure +
    anaemia +
    ejection_fraction +
    log_serum_creatinine +
    age * high_blood_pressure +
    age * anaemia +
    age * ejection_fraction +
    age * log_serum_creatinine +
    high_blood_pressure * anaemia +
    high_blood_pressure * ejection_fraction +
    high_blood_pressure * log_serum_creatinine +
    anaemia * ejection_fraction +
    anaemia * log_serum_creatinine +
    ejection_fraction * log_serum_creatinine,
  dist = "loglogistic",
  data = heart_failure_data
llog_int <- stepAIC(llog_interaction, direction = "both")</pre>
summary(llog_int)
### log-normal step 1
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age,
  dist = "lognormal",
  data = heart_failure_data
)
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ log_cp,
  dist = "lognormal",
  data = heart_failure_data
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survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ ejection_fraction,
 dist = "lognormal",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ platelets,
 dist = "lognormal",
 data = heart failure data
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ log_serum_creatinine,
 dist = "lognormal",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ serum_sodium,
 dist = "lognormal",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ anaemia,
dist = "lognormal",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ diabetes,
 dist = "lognormal",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ high_blood_pressure,
 dist = "lognormal",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ sex,
 dist = "lognormal",
 data = heart_failure_data
survreg(
 Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ smoking,
```

```
dist = "lognormal",
 data = heart_failure_data
# high_blood_pressure anaemia serum_sodium log_serum_creatinine ejection_fraction age
### log-normal step 2
lognormal_full <-</pre>
survreg(
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age + ejection_fraction + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium + anaemia + h
  dist = "lognormal",
  data = heart_failure_data
logn_backward <- step(lognormal_full, direction = "backward")</pre>
summary(logn_backward)
#step 3
lognormal_null <- survreg(Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age+anaemia+log_serum_creatinine+ejection_fraction+
logn_forward <- step(lognormal_null,</pre>
                   scope = ~ age + log_cp + ejection_fraction +
                     platelets + log_serum_creatinine + serum_sodium +
                     anaemia + diabetes + high_blood_pressure + sex + smoking,
,data = heart_failure_data,
                   direction = "forward")
summary(logn_forward)
### log_normal step 4
logn_interaction <- survreg(</pre>
  Surv(time, DEATH_EVENT) ~ age +
    high_blood_pressure +
    anaemia +
    ejection_fraction +
    log_serum_creatinine +
    serum_sodium+
    age*serum_sodium+
    serum_sodium*high_blood_pressure+
    serum sodium*anaemia +
    serum_sodium*ejection_fraction +
    serum_sodium*log_serum_creatinine +
    age * high_blood_pressure +
    age * anaemia +
    age * ejection_fraction +
    age * log_serum_creatinine +
    high_blood_pressure * anaemia +
    high_blood_pressure * ejection_fraction +
    high_blood_pressure * log_serum_creatinine +
    anaemia * ejection_fraction +
    anaemia * log_serum_creatinine +
    ejection_fraction * log_serum_creatinine,
  dist = "lognormal",
  data = heart_failure_data
```

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logn_int <- stepAIC(logn_interaction, direction = "both")</pre>
summary(logn_int)
AIC(exp_int,llog_int,logn_int,cox_int,weib_int)
# expoential model as AFT model
### exponential model check
surv_obj <- Surv(heart_failure_data$time, heart_failure_data$DEATH_EVENT)</pre>
fit_total <- survfit(surv_obj ~ 1, data = heart_failure_data)</pre>
g_total <- ggsurvplot(</pre>
 fit_total,
 data = heart_failure_data,
 conf.int = FALSE,
 xlab = "Time",
 ylab = "Cumulative Hazard",
 ggtheme = theme_minimal(),
 risk.table = FALSE,
 fun = "cumhaz",
 main = "Cumulative Hazard (Total)",
  palette = "black"
```