

# Package ‘kmc’

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-- a Recursive Computational Algorithm

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**Description** Given constraints for right censored data, we use a recursive computational algorithm to calculate the the ``constrained" Kaplan-Meier estimator. The constraint is assumed given in linear estimating equations or mean functions. We also illustrate how this leads to the empirical likelihood ratio test with right censored data and accelerated failure time model with given coefficients. EM algorithm from `emplik` package is used to get the initial value. The properties and performance of the EM algorithm is discussed in Mai Zhou and Yifan Yang (2015) <[doi:10.1007/s00180-015-0567-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00180-015-0567-9)> and Mai Zhou and Yifan Yang (2017) <[doi:10.1002/wics.1400](https://doi.org/10.1002/wics.1400)>. More applications could be found in Mai Zhou (2015) <[doi:10.1201/b18598](https://doi.org/10.1201/b18598)>.

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kmc.bjtest	<i>Calculate the NPMLE with constraints for accelerated failure time model with given coefficients.</i>
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### Description

Use the empirical likelihood ratio and Wilks theorem to test if the regression coefficient equals beta.

$$El(F) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\Delta F(T_i))^{\delta_i} (1 - F(T_i))^{1-\delta_i}$$

with constraints

$$\sum_i g(T_i) \Delta F(T_i) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

Instead of EM algorithm, this function calculates the Kaplan-Meier estimator with mean constraints recursively to test  $H_0 : \beta = \beta_0$  in the accelerated failure time model:

$$\log(T_i) = y_i = x_i \beta^\top + \epsilon_i,$$

where  $\epsilon$  is distribution free.

### Usage

```
kmc.bjtest(y, d, x, beta, init.st="naive")
```

### Arguments

y	Response variable vector (length n).
d	Status vector (length n), 0: right censored; 1 uncensored.
x	n by p explanatory variable matrix.
beta	The value of the regression coeffecnt vector (length p) to be tested.
init.st	Type of methods to initialize the algorithm. By default, init.st is set to 1/n

### Details

The empirical likelihood is the likelihood of the error term when the coefficients are specified. Model assumptions are the same as requirements of a standard Buckley-James estimator.

### Value

a list with the following components:

prob	the probabilities that max the empirical likelihood under estimating equation.
logel1	the log empirical likelihood without constraints, i.e. under Kaplan-Merier of residuals'
logel2	the log empirical likelihood with constraints, i.e. under null hypotheses or estimation equations.
"-2LLR"	the -2 loglikelihood ratio; have approximate chisq distribution under null hypotheses
convergence	an indicator: 0: fails to converge 1: converged

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**References**

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Zhou, M., & Li, G. (2008). Empirical likelihood analysis of the Buckley-James estimator. *Journal of multivariate analysis*, **99**(4), 649-664.

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**See Also**

[plotkmc2D](#), [bjtest](#).

**Examples**

```
library(survival)
set.seed(1234)

stanford5 <- stanford2[!is.na(stanford2$t5), ]

y=log10(stanford5$time) + runif(dim(stanford5)[1])/1000
d <- stanford5$status
oy = order(y, -d)
d=d[oy]
y=y[oy]
x=cbind(1, stanford5$age)[oy,]
beta0 = c(3.2, -0.015)

ss = kmc.bjtest(y, d, x=x, beta = beta0, init.st="naive")
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kmc.solve

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Calculate NPMLE with constraints for right censored data

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**Description**

This function calculate the Kaplan-Meier estimator with mean constraints recursively.

$$El(F) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\Delta F(T_i))^{\delta_i} (1 - F(T_i))^{1-\delta_i}$$

with constraints

$$\sum_i g(T_i) \Delta F(T_i) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

It uses Lagrange multiplier directly.

## Usage

```
kmc.solve(x, d, g, em.boost = T, using.num = T, using.Fortran =
          T, using.C = F, tmp.tag = T, rtol = 1e-09, control =
          list(nr.it = 20, nr.c = 1, em.it = 3),...)
```

## Arguments

x	Non-negative real vector. The observed time.
d	0/1 vector. Censoring status indicator, 0: right censored; 1 uncensored
g	list of constraint functions. It should be a list of functions list(f1,f2,...)
em.boost	A logical value. It determines whether the EM algorithm is used to get the initial value, default=TRUE. See 'Details' for EM control.
using.num	A logical value. It determines whether the numeric derivatives is used in iterations, default=TRUE.
using.Fortran	A logical value. It determines whether Fortran is used in root solving, default=F.
using.C	A logical value. It determines whether to use Rcpp in iteraruib, default=T. This option will promote the computational efficiency of the KMC algorithm. Development version works on one constraint only, otherwise it will generate a Error information. It won't work on using.num=F.
tmp.tag	Development version needs it, keep it as TRUE.
rtol	Tolerance used in rootSolve(multiroot) package, see 'rootSolve::multiroot'.
control	A list. The entry nr.it controls max iterations allowed in N-R algorithm default=20; nr.c is the scaler used in N-R algorithm default=1; em.it is max iteration if use EM algorithm (em.boost) to get the initial value of lambda, default=3.
...	Unspecified yet.

## Details

The function `check_G_mat` checks whether the solution space is null or not under the constraint. But due to the computational complexity, it will detect at most two conditions.

## Value

A list with the following components:

loglik.ha	The log empirical likelihood without constraints
loglik.h0	The log empirical likelihood with constraints
"-2LLR"	The -2 Log empirical likelihood ratio
phat	

$$\Delta F(T_i)$$

pvalue	The p-value of the test
df	Degree(s) of freedom. It equals the number of constraints.
lambda	The lambda is the Lagrangian multiplier described in reference.

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## References

Zhou, M. and Yang, Y. (2015). A recursive formula for the Kaplan-Meier estimator with mean constraints and its application to empirical likelihood *Computational Statistics* **Online ISSN** 1613-9658.

## See Also

[plotkmc2D](#).

## Examples

```
x <- c( 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4.2, 5.0, 6.1, 5.3, 4.5, 0.9, 2.1, 4.3) # positive time
d <- c( 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1) # status censored/uncensored

#####
# dim =1
#####

f<-function(x) { x-3.7} # \sum f(ti) wi ~ 0
g=list( f=f) ; #define constraint as a list

kmc.solve( x,d,g) ; #using default
kmc.solve( x,d,g,using.C=TRUE) ; #using Rcpp

#####
# dim =2
#####

myfun5 <- function( x) {
  x^2-16.5
}

g = list( f1=f,f2=myfun5) ; #define constraint as a list

re0 <- kmc.solve( x,d,g);

#####
# Print Estimation and other information
# with option: digits = 5
#####
f_print <- function(x, digits = 5){
  cat("\n-----\n")
  cat("A Recursive Formula for the Kaplan-Meier Estimator with Constraint\n")
  cat("Information:\n")
  cat("Number of Constraints:\t", length(x$g), "\n")
  cat("lamda(s):\t",x$lambda,'\n');
  cat("\n-----\n")
  names <- c("Log-likelihood(Ha)", "Log-likelihood(H0)",
    "-2LLR", paste("p-Value(df=", length(x$g), ")","sep = ""))
  re <- matrix(c(x[[1]], x[[2]], x[[3]], 1 - pchisq(x[[3]],
    length(x$g))), nrow = 1)
  colnames(re) <- names
  rownames(re) <- "Est"
  print.default(format(re, digits = digits), print.gap = 2,
    quote = FALSE, df = length(x$g))
  cat("-----\n")
}
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}
f_print(re0)
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plotkmc2D

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*Plot the contour plot of log-likelihood around the  $H_0$  (dim=2).*


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## Description

Given a kmc object, this function will produce contour plot if there were two constraints.

## Usage

```
plotkmc2D(resultkmc, flist=list(f1=function(x){x}, f2=function(x){x^2}),
          range0=c(0.2, 3,20))
```

## Arguments

resultkmc	S3 Object of kmcS3.
flist	list of two functions, flist=list( f1=function( x ) x ,f2=function( x ) x^2 )
range0	A vector that helps to determine the range of the contour plot, i.e (center[1]-range0[1], center[2]-range0[2]) to (center+range0[1], center[2]+range0[2]). The third parameter defines the number of grids would be used.

## Value

X	x.grid
Y	y.grid
Z	grid value

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## Examples

```
x <- c( 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4.2, 5.0, 6.1, 5.3, 4.5, 0.9, 2.1, 4.3)
d <- c( 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1)

f<-function( x) { x-3.7}

myfun5 <- function( x) {
  x^2-16.5
}
# construct g as a LIST!

g=list( f1=f,f2=myfun5) ;
kmc.solve( x,d,g) ->re0;

#plotkmc2D(re0) ->ZZ; # run this to generate contour plot
#Advanced PLOT option using ggplot2: not run
#library(reshape2)
```

```
#volcano3d <- melt(ZZ$Z)
#names(volcano3d) <- c("x", "y", "z")

#volcano3d$x <- ZZ$X[volcano3d$x];
#volcano3d$y <- ZZ$Y[volcano3d$y];

#library(ggplot2)
#v <- ggplot(volcano3d, aes(x, y, z=z));
#v +geom_tile(aes(fill = z)) + stat_contour()+scale_fill_gradientn("Custom
#Colours",colours=grey.colors(10));
#c("lightblue","blue","green","yellow","orange","red")
#X11();
#qplot(x, y, z = z, data = volcano3d, stat = "contour", geom = "path")
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