

Analysis of Left Truncated Right Censored Data using a Model based on Piecewise Linear Approximation

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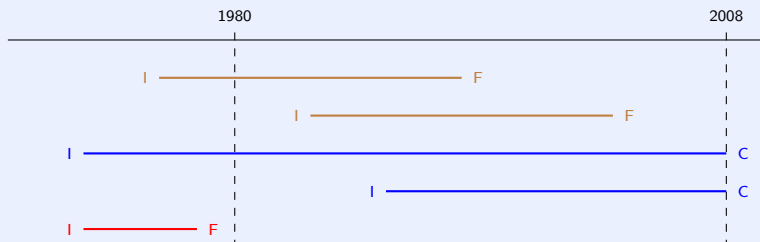
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Main Sections

- 1 Left Truncation and Right Censoring
- 2 Our Model
- 3 Likelihood Inference
- 4 Data Analysis

Left Truncated and Right Censored Data

- Left truncated and right censored (LTRC) data.



LTRC Data: An example

- Lifetimes were collected from a retirement centre, Channing House, in Palo Alto, California.
- Minimum age of to enter the centre: 60 years
- Individuals entered the centre at different ages after 60 years.
- Starting time of study: 1964.
- Ending time of study: July 01, 1975.
- Total individuals: 462 (F-365, M-97).
- No information before entering centre → Left truncation.
- Left truncation time: Age of entering.
- Alive individuals left house before ending time or still alive at the end of the study → Right censoring.
- Censoring time: Age at departure or at July 01, 1975.
- Censored individuals: 286 (F-235, M-51).

LTRC Data: An example

- Available in R-package boot.
- 6 rows of the data is given below.

Sl. No.	Sex	Entry	Exit	Time	Cens
1	Male	782	909	127	1
2	Male	1020	1128	108	1
3	Male	856	969	113	1
453	Female	840	905	65	0
454	Female	979	1040	61	1
455	Female	921	926	5	0

Brief Literature Review

- Hong et al. (2009)¹ : Weibull Distribution.

¹Hong Y., Meeker W. Q., and McCalley J. D. (2009). Prediction of remaining life of power transformers based on left truncated and right censored lifetime data, *The Annals of Applied Statistics* 3:857–879.

Brief Literature Review

- Emura and Michimae (2022)² : Review of parametric models and inferences.

²Emura, T., and Michimae, H. (2022). Left-truncated and right-censored field failure data: Review of parametric analysis for reliability. *Quality and Reliability Engineering International*, 38, 3919–3934.

Covariates

- Presence of co-variates.
- Channing House data: Male or Female.
- Cox's proportional hazards model:

$$\lambda(t, \mathbf{x}) = \lambda_0(t) \exp(\mathbf{x}'\boldsymbol{\beta}).$$

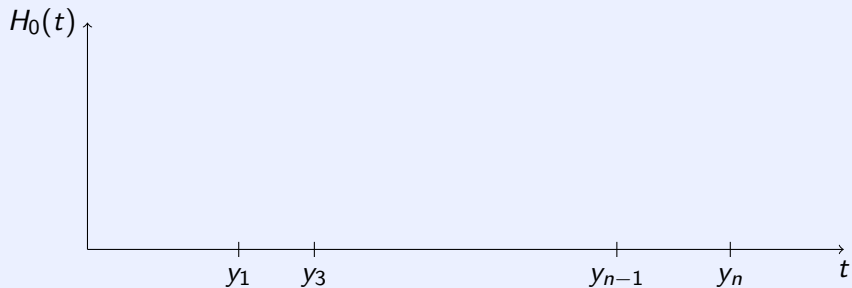
- In terms of cumulative hazard function:

$$\Lambda(t, \mathbf{x}) = \Lambda_0(t) \exp(\mathbf{x}'\boldsymbol{\beta}).$$

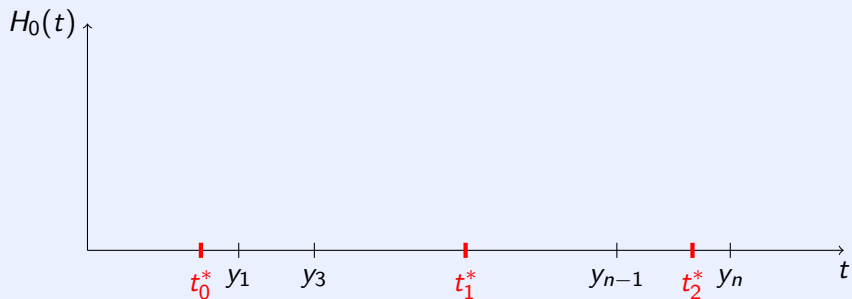
- Parametric or non-parametric estimate of $\lambda_0(\cdot)$.
- Houwelingen and Stijnen (2014)³.

³van Houwelingen, H. C. and Stijnen, T. (2014). Cox regression model. In: Handbook of Survival Analysis, Eds: Klein, J. P., van Houwelingen, H. C., Ibrahim, J. G., and Scheike, T. H. CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL.

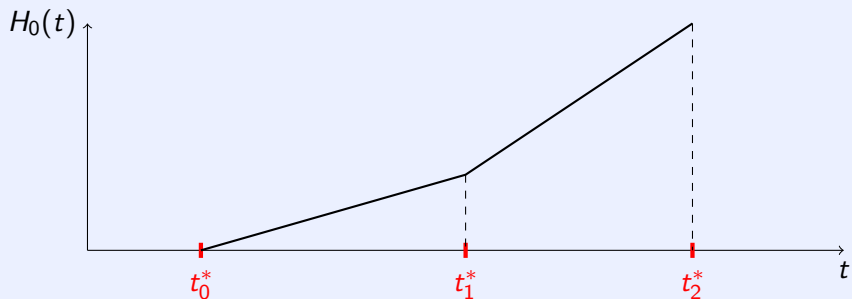
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- Lifetimes: y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n (observed failures and right censored).
- Truncation times: $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_n$.
- Cut-points: $t_0^*, t_1^*, \dots, t_n^*$.
- $t_0^* < t_1^* < \dots < t_n^*$, $t_0^* \leq \min \{y_{min}, \tau_{min}\}$ and $t_n^* \leq y_{max}$.
- Approximate $\Lambda_0(\cdot)$ by $H_0(\cdot)$:

$$H_0(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N (a_k + b_k t) I(t_{k-1}^* \leq t < t_k^*).$$

- $H_0(t_0^*) = 0 \iff a_1 = 0$.
- $H_0(\cdot)$ increasing $\iff b_k > 0$ for all k .
- $H_0(\cdot)$ continuous at t_k^* for all $k \implies a_k$ can be expressed in terms of b_k 's.

Likelihood Inference

- Approximate cumulative hazard function:

$$H(t, \mathbf{x}) = H_0(t) \exp(\mathbf{x}'\beta).$$

- Obtain log-likelihood function.
- Number of parameters to estimate:
Number of cut-points - 1 + Number of co-variates.
- Maximize numerically to obtain MLEs.
- Asymptotic/bootstrap confidence intervals of parameters.

Choice of Cut-points

- Looking at Breslow estimate of cumulative baseline hazard.
- Some suitable quantiles of data.
- AIC / BIC.

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- Sex is used as covariate (Female: $x = 1$, Male: $x = 0$).
- Time transformation: $\frac{t-720}{100}$.

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Cut Points	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	β	AIC
$t_0^*, q_{0.2}, q_{0.5}, q_{0.7}$	0.298	0.387	1.161	1.353	-0.306	542.859
$t_0^*, q_{0.2}, q_{0.5}, q_{0.8}$	0.298	0.387	1.204	1.391	-0.307	542.917
$t_0^*, q_{0.3}, q_{0.5}, q_{0.7}$	0.333	0.353	1.163	1.354	-0.307	544.014
$t_0^*, q_{0.3}, q_{0.5}, q_{0.8}$	0.333	0.354	1.205	1.392	-0.309	544.071
$t_0^*, q_{0.2}, q_{0.5}$	0.298	0.387	1.273	–	-0.307	541.443
$t_0^*, q_{0.3}, q_{0.5}$	0.333	0.353	1.275	–	-0.308	542.597
$t_0^*, q_{0.5}, q_{0.7}$	0.340	1.163	1.354	–	-0.308	542.065
$t_0^*, q_{0.5}, q_{0.8}$	0.340	1.206	1.393	–	-0.309	542.122

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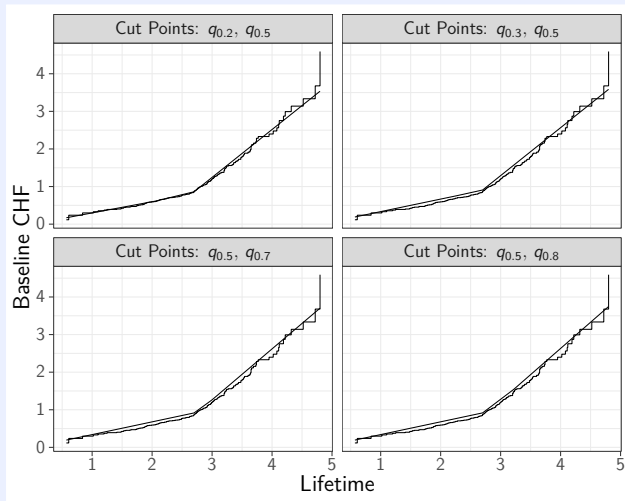


Figure: Plot of estimated baseline CHF with two cut points

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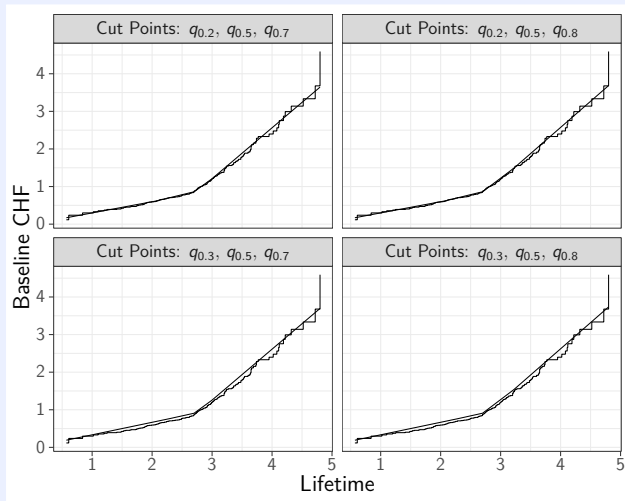


Figure: Plot of estimated baseline CHF with three cut points

Thank you!