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Fit a Cox-type self-exciting intensity model (CoxSEI) to right-censored counting process data

Description

Fit the CoxSEI model using the partial likelihood method.

Details

To use the package, the data needs to be prepared into a data frame containing a column named `Y` for observed event times in ascending order of each individual process, a column named `delta` indicating if the event is 'death' (1) or 'censoring' (0), a column named `id` indicating the process id of each event time, and one or more columns giving the value of any covariate variable at the observed event times of each process. Then call the `coxseiest` function or the identical but much faster `coxseiest2` function to estimate the parametric part of the model and then the `coxseiInt` function to estimate the cumulative baseline intensity function.

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References


See Also

survival

CoxSEI model

Description

Fit a CoxSEI model to counting process data
Usage

```r
coxsei(x, ...)
# Default S3 method:
coxsei(x, y, delta, id, par.init, m=2, mit=1000, tr=TRUE,
method="L-BFGS-B", lower=c(rep(-Inf, ncol(x)), -Inf, 0),
upper=rep(Inf, ncol(x) + 2), ...)
# S3 method for class 'coxsei'
print(x, ...)
# S3 method for class 'coxsei'
plot(x, ...)
# S3 method for class 'coxsei'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

- **x**: a covariate matrix, or an object of class `coxsei`
- **y**: a vector of observed times
- **delta**: a vector of event indicators: 1=event, 0=censoring
- **id**: the individual/group id to which the event/censoring time correspond
- **par.init**: initial parameter guess to start the iteration
- **m**: lag parameter as in m-dependence
- **mit**: max number of iteration
- **tr**: whether to trace the optimization or not
- **method**: method used in optimization
- **lower**: the lower bound of the parameter space if the L-BFGS-B method of optimization is used.
- **upper**: the upper bound of the parameter space if the L-BFGS-B method of optimization is used.
- **...**: further arguments to `plot.stepfun`
- **object**: an object of the class `coxsei`

Value

an object of class `coxsei`, basically a list of the following components

- **coefficients**: a numeric vector of coefficients
- **vcov**: the variance-covariance matrix
- **zval**: the vector of z-value of the Wald test statistic
- **pval**: the vector of p-values
- **details.par**: a list returned by the `optim` routine
- **cintfn**: a step function as the estimated cumulative baseline intensity function
- **cintvar**: a step function as the variance of the cumulative baseline intensity function estimator
- **details.cint**: a list containing more details about the cint
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References

See Also
coxseifit.ex

Examples
data(dat,package="coxsei")
acoxsei <- coxsei(dat[,3:5],dat[,1],dat[,2],dat[,6],
c(0.2*1:3,log(0.07),log(10)))
summary(acoxsei)
plot(acoxsei,do.points=FALSE)

Description
Estimate the parametric part of the CoxSEI model using (conditionally) right-censored counting process data.

Usage
coxseiest(dat, par.init, m = 2, mit = 1000, tr = TRUE,
method = "L-BFGS-B", lower=c(rep(-Inf,ncol(dat)-3),-Inf,0),
upper=rep(Inf,ncol(dat)-3 + 2),
gfun = function(x, pa) {
  ifelse(x <= 0, rep(0, length(x)), pa[1] * exp(-pa[2] * x))
})
coxseiest2(dat, par.init, m = 2, mit = 1000, tr = TRUE,
method = "L-BFGS-B", lower=c(rep(-Inf,ncol(dat)-3),-Inf,0),
upper=rep(Inf,ncol(dat)-3 + 2),
gfun = function(x, pa) {
  ifelse(x <= 0, rep(0, length(x)), pa[1] * exp(-pa[2] * x))
})
coxseiest3(dat, par.init, m = 2, mit = 1000, tr = TRUE,
method = "L-BFGS-B", lower=c(rep(-Inf,ncol(dat)-3),-Inf,0),
upper=rep(Inf,ncol(dat)-3 + 2))
Arguments

dat

A data frame with columns Y containing the censored event times of each individual process arranged in ascending order with the last time always being the censoring time, delta containing the event time indicator with value indicator an event time and 0 a censoring time, id specifying the id (process number) of each event time recorded, and the others giving the value of the associated covariate process at the corresponding event times.

par.init

Initial guess of the value of the parameters to start the optimization iteration with.

m

Order of "autoregression" of the excitation term.

mit

Maximum number of iteration in the optimization routine.

tr

If set to TRUE, print some summary information while the optimization routine is running.

method

Method of optimization

lower

Vector of lower boundary values of the parameter space.

upper

Vector of upper boundary of the parameter space.

gfun

The excitation function. Defaults to the exponential decay function:

\[ g(t; \gamma) = \gamma_1 \gamma_2 e^{-\gamma_2 t} \]

Details

coxseiest uses only R code; coxseiest2 uses external C code, and is expected to be 3–4 times faster than the former; coxseiest3 assumes the excitation function is the exponential function as defaulted by the former two, and hardware it in the C side of the code, and therefore is much faster than the former two when the exponential excitation function is desired.

Value

A list as that returned by the call to the optimizer routine. For instance,

par

gives the estimate of the parameters

hessian

gives the inverse of the estimate of the variance-covariance matrix

Note

The excitation function has to contain exactly two parameters; a feature that does not seem desirable and might change later.

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References


See Also

See `optim` for the components of the returned value

Examples

```r
data("dat")
## this takes over 15 minutes
##est0 <- coxseiexp(Y, delta, id, Z, par.init=c(0.2,0.4,0.6,0.6,5))
## this one takes about 4 minutes
##est1 <- coxseiexp(Y, delta, id, Z, par.init=c(0.2,0.4,0.6,0.6,5))
## this one takes about 10 seconds
est2 <- coxseiexp(Y, delta, id, Z, par.init=c(0.2,0.4,0.6,0.6,5))
```

Description

fit CoxSEI model using an exponential excitation function

Usage

```r
coxseiexp(Y, delta, id, Z, par.init, m = 2, mit = 1000, tr = TRUE, 
method = "L-BFGS-B",lower=rep(-Inf,ncol(Z)),-Inf,0),
upper=rep(Inf,ncol(Z) + 2),...)
```

Arguments

- `Y` the observed times (including censoring times)
- `delta` indicator of event: 1=event, 0=censoring
- `id` the id of the individual/group the event/censoring corresponds to
- `Z` covariate matrix
- `par.init` initial parameter value to start the iteration
- `m` the lag parameter as in M-dependence
- `mit` maximum number of iteration allowed in maximizing the log partial likelihood
- `tr` should the optimization process be ‘tr’aced
- `method` method of optimization; defaults to “L-BFGS-B”
- `lower` vector of lower boundary values of the parameter space
- `upper` vector of upper boundary of the parameter space
- `...` other arguments to be passed to the optimization routine
Value

- an object of class "coxsei", basically a list with components
  - coefficients: a named vector of coefficients
  - vcov: a symmetric matrix which is supposed to be positive definite when m>0, or with the (np-2)x(np-2) major submatrix positive definite when m=0

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Description

Fit a CoxSEI model with exponential function to right censored counting process data

Usage

coxseifit.ex(dat, par.init, m = 2, mit = 1000, tr = TRUE,
    method = "L-BFGS-B", lower=c(rep(-Inf,ncol(dat)-3),-Inf,0),
    upper=rep(Inf,ncol(dat)-3 + 2),...)

Arguments

dat The data
par.init initial value of the regression coefficients and coefficients in the excitation function
m the lag parameter (the m-dependence parameter)
mit maximum number of iterations allowed in the optimizer
tr whether to trace the optimization or not
method the method of optimization used by the optim routine
lower vector of lower boundary values of the parameter space
upper vector of upper boundary of the parameter space
... other arguments to be passed to the optimization routine

Value

A list of some components with kind of self-evident meanings by their name

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coxseiInt

Calculate the estimator of the cumulative baseline intensity function in the CoxSEI model.

description

It takes the parameter of the parametric part (or its theorized value) and calculates the values of the estimator at the jump times; it also gives the values of the estimator for the variance of the intensity estimator.

Usage

```
coxseiInt(dat, parest, hessian=NULL, vcovmat=solve(hessian), m = 2,
gfun = function(x, pa) {
  ifelse(x <= 0, 0, pa[1] * pa[2] * exp(-pa[2] * x))
},
gfungrd = function(x, pa){
  if(length(x)==0)return(matrix(0,2,0));
  rbind(pa[2]*exp(-pa[2]*x),
    pa[1]*exp(-pa[2]*x)*(1-pa[2]*x))
})
```

Arguments

- `dat` a data frame containing the right-censored counting process data
- `parest` the estimate of parameter of the parametric part of the CoxSEI model
- `hessian` the hessian matrix returned by the optimization procedure in the estimation of the parametric part based on partial likelihood
- `vcovmat` the variance-covariance matrix of the estimator of the parametric components; defaulted to the inverse of the hessian matrix
- `m` autoregressive order in the excitation part of the intensity
- `gfun` the excitation function; defaults to the exponential decay function
- `gfungrd` derivative/gradient function of the excitation function

See Also

`coxseiest, coxseiInt`

Examples

```
data("dat")
csfite <- coxseifit.ex(dat,c(1:3*0.2,0.7,10))
coef(csfite)
plot(csfite$cintfn,do.points=FALSE)
```
Value

A list giving the jump times and values at these of the estimator of the cumulative baseline intensity function.

- \( x \) the ordered death/event times
- \( y \) the value of the estimator of the intensity function at the observed death/event times
- \( \text{varest} \) the value of the estimator of the variance of the estimator of the intensity function, at the jump times

The step function can be obtained using \texttt{stepfun}, and plotted by setting \texttt{type="s"} in the \texttt{plot} function.

Note

Currently doesn’t compute the standard error or variance estimator of the baseline cumulative intensity estimator.

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Examples

data("dat")
est <- coxseiest3(dat,c(0.2,0.4,0.6,log(0.06),log(5)))
pe <- est$par; pe[4:5] <- exp(pe[4:5]);
ve <- diag(pe) %*% solve(est$hessian, diag(pe));
cintest <- coxseiInt(dat,pe,vcovmat=ve)
plot(cintest,type="s")

\texttt{coxseisim}

\textit{A function to simulate a CoxSEI process conditional on specified covariate values}

Description

simulate the sample path of the CoxSEI model with given covariate process values, and excitation function and order of autodependence in the excitation term.

Usage

coxseisim(parreg, parg, lmd0 = function(tt) (1 + 0.5 * cos(2 * pi * tt)),
g = function(x, parg) {
},
censor = 1, m = 2, trace=TRUE,
Z = function(x) matrix(0, length(x), length(parreg))
)
Arguments

parreg  the regression parameter
parg    parameters of the excitation function
lmd0    the baseline intensity function
g       the excitation function
censor  the censoring time
m       order of autoregression in the excitation component of the intensity process
trace   whether to trace the data generation process; defaults to TRUE
Z       a function to calculate the covariate values at a specified event time

Value

A data frame with provided covariate values and the censoring time, and the generated event times.

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Examples

```r
n.smp <- 100;
z <- matrix(NA,n.smp,3)
for(i in 1:n.smp)
z[i,] <- round(c(runif(1,0.5,1.5),runif(1,1.5,2.5),rbinom(1,1,0.5)),2)
dat <- coxseisim(1:3*0.2,c(0.07,10),censor=rlnorm(1,0,0.1),m=2,
Z=function(x)matrix(z[1,],length(x),3,byrow=TRUE))
dat$id <- 1;
for(i in 2:n.smp){
dattmp <- coxseisim(1:3*0.2,c(0.07,10),censor=rlnorm(1,0,0.1),m=2,
Z=function(x)matrix(z[i,],length(x),3,byrow=TRUE))
dattmp$id <- i;
dat <- rbind(dat,dattmp)
}
```

CumInt

**Cumulative intensity function**

Description

Calculate the cumulative/integrated hazard/intensity function

Usage

```
CumInt(x, int, ...)
```
Arguments

- **x**: the value at which to calculate the cumulative function value
- **int**: the intensity/hazard rate function. Has to be vectorized.
- **...**: the arguments to be passed in to control the behavior of the underlying integrate function.

Details

Relies on the numerical integration routine of R.

Value

The value(s) of the cumulative hazard function at the specified x value(s).

Warning

The validity of the user supplied intensity function is not checked.

Note

Not intended to be called by the user directly.

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Examples

```r
curve(CumInt(x, int=function(y)1*( y>=0 & y<2)+3*(y>=2 & y<3)+1*(y>=3)),
0,5,xlab="t",ylab="H(t) of a piece-wise constant hazard fun h(t)"
```

Description

Simulated from a CoxSEI model with an exponential excitation function and an AR order 2 for the self-excitation effects. Generated using the following code:

```r
set.seed(1); n.smp <- 50; z <- matrix(NA,n.smp,3); for(i in 1:n.smp) z[i,] <- round(c(runif(1,0.5,1.5), runif(1,1.5,2.5),rbinom(1,1,0.5)),2);
dat <- coxseisim(1:3*0.2,c(0.07,10),censor=rlnorm(1,0,0.1),m=2,Z=function(x)matrix(z[i,],length(x),3,byrow=T));
dat$id <-1; for(i in 2:n.smp){ dattmp <- coxseisim(1:3*0.2,c(0.07,10),censor=rlnorm(1,0,0.1),m=2,Z=func)
dattmp$id <-i; dat <-rbind(dat,dattmp) }
```

Usage

```r
data(dat)
```
Format

A data frame with 307 observations on the following 6 variables.

Y  a numeric vector
delta a numeric vector
Z.1 a numeric vector
Z.2 a numeric vector
Z.3 a numeric vector
id  a numeric vector

Examples

data(dat)
## maybe str(dat) ; plot(dat) ...

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\textbf{Dens}  \quad \textit{Density function}

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Description

Evaluate the density function corresponding to the specified intensity/hazard function int.

Usage

\texttt{Dens(x, int, \ldots)}

Arguments

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{x} \quad \text{the value at which to evaluate the density function}
  \item \texttt{int} \quad \text{the intensity/hazard function. Has to be vectorized.}
  \item \ldots \quad \text{other arguments to be passed to the underlying integrator}
\end{itemize}

Value

A numerical value or vector giving the value(s) of the density function

Note

Relies on R’s integrate function

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Examples

\begin{verbatim}
set.seed(1); dat <- RND(1000,int=function(x)3*x^2)
hist(dat,freq=FALSE); curve(Dens(x,int=function(x)3*x^2),add=TRUE)
\end{verbatim}
Dist

**Distribution function**

**Description**

Calculate the value at \( x \) of the distribution function associated with the intensity/hazard function provided through \( \text{int} \).

**Usage**

\[
\text{Dist}(x, \text{int}, \ldots)
\]

**Arguments**

- **x** the value to evaluate the distribution function at.
- **int** vectorized function specifying the intensity/hazard function
- **...** arguments to be passed to the integrate function

**Value**

A number between 0 and 1 inclusive, that gives the value of the distribution function at the specified \( x \) value.

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**Examples**

\[
\text{curve(Dist}(x, \text{int=function}(x)3\times x^2),0,5)\\
\text{curve(pweibull}(x,\text{shape}=3),0,5,\text{add=TRUE},\text{col=3},1\text{ty=3})
\]

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Quant

**Quantile function**

**Description**

calculates the value of the quantile function (inverse of the distribution function) of the survival variable with given intensity/hazard function.

**Usage**

\[
\text{Quant}(p, \text{int, tolerance = .Machine$double.eps, \ldots})
\]
RND

Random number generator

Arguments

- `p`  the (probability) values to calculate the quantiles at
- `int`  the intensity/hazard function. Has to be vectorized.
- `tolerance`  tolerated numerical error in inverting the distribution function.
- `...`  arguments to be passed to `CumInt` (eventually to integrate)

Value

- a numerical value or vector giving the values of the quantile function at `x`

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Examples

- `curve(Quant(x,int=function(x)3*x^2),from=1e-3,to=1−1e-3)`
- `curve(qweibull(x,shape=3),col=3,lty=3,add=TRUE)`

Description

RND takes a vectorized positive R function defined on positive reals and returns a vector of `n` values of the random variable (survival time) with the specified function as its hazard/intensity rate function.

Usage

- `RND(n, int, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5, epsabs = 1e-10, epsrel = 1e-10, limit = 1000)`

Arguments

- `n`  number of observations.
- `int`  hazard rate function of the survival variable, or the intensity function of the one-event point process counting the number (0 or 1) of deaths by following a sample of the surviving subject.
- `tol`  tolerance of the numerical error in calculating the inverse of the cumulative distribution function of the survival variable. Defaults to the square root of the machine epsilon.
- `epsabs`  maximum absolute error to be tolerated by the integrator.
- `epsrel`  maximum relative error to be tolerated by the integrator.
- `limit`  maximum number of iterations permitted by the integrator.
Surv

Value

a vector of \( n \) observations of the survival variable with the supplied intensity/hazard function.

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Examples

```r
set.seed(1)
dat <- RND(100, int=function(x)x^2)
ks.test(dat,pweibull,shape=3) # p-value = 0.6058
qqplot(dat,rweibull(100, shape=3))
```

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Surv

Survival function

Description

Evaluate the survival function corresponding to the given intensity/hazard function.

Usage

```r
Surv(x, int, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` value to calculate the value of the survival function for
- `int` the intensity/hazard function
- `...` further arguments to be passed to CumInt

Value

a numerical value or vector giving the value(s) of the survival function at \( x \)

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Examples

```r
curve(Surv(x, int=function(x)3*x^2), from=0, to=5)
curve(pweibull(x,shape=3,lower=FALSE), add=TRUE, col=2, lty=3)
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