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References


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See Also

survival

Examples

#--- sample data ---#
D=rmt2.sample.data()
time=D$time
status=D$status
arm=D$arm
tau=NULL
x=D[,c(4,6,7)]
#--- without covariates ----
a=rmt2(time, status, arm, tau=10)
print(a)
plot(a, xlab="Years", ylab="Probability", density=60)
#--- with covariates ----
a=rmt2(time, status, arm, tau=10, covariates=x)
print(a)
Description

S3 method for class 'rmst2'

Usage

## S3 method for class 'rmst2'
plot(
  x,
  xlab = "", ylab = "",
  col = "red",
  col.RMST = "pink",
  col.RMTL = "orange",
  density = 80,
  angle = 80,
  ...
)

Arguments

- **x**: Results of the unadjusted analyses.
- **xlab**: x label.
- **ylab**: y label.
- **col**: Color for line. Default is red.
- **col.RMST**: Color for areas of RMST. Default is pink.
- **col.RMTL**: Color for areas of RMTL. Default is orange.
- **density**: Density of shading lines, in lines per inch. Default is 80.
- **angle**: Slope of shading lines, given as an angle in degrees (counter-clockwise). Default is 85.
- **...**: Further arguments ignored in this function.

Value

returns a plot
Description

S3 method for class 'rmst2'

Usage

## S3 method for class 'rmst2'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)

Arguments

x               Object to be printed.
digits          Integer indicating the number of decimal places.
...             Further arguments ignored in this function.

Value

returns summary output for class 'rmst2'

Description

Performs two-sample comparisons using the restricted mean survival time (RMST) as a summary measure of the survival time distribution. Three kinds of between-group contrast metrics (i.e., the difference in RMST, the ratio of RMST and the ratio of the restricted mean time lost (RMTL)) are computed. The Greenwood plug-in estimator is used for the asymptotic variance. It performs ANCOVA-type adjusted analyses when covariates are passed to it as an argument.

Usage

rmst2(time, status, arm, tau = NULL, covariates = NULL, alpha = 0.05)

Arguments

time             The follow-up time for right censored data.
status           The status indicator, 1=event, and 0=right censored.
arm              The group indicator for comparison. The elements of this vector take either 1 or 0. Normally, 0=control group, 1=active treatment group.
tau A scaler value to specify the truncation time point for the RMST calculation. When tau = NULL, the default value is used. See Details for the definition of the default tau.

covariates This specifies covariates to be used for the adjusted analyses. When NULL, unadjusted analyses are performed. When non NULL, the ANCOVA-type adjusted analyses are performed using those variables passed as covariates. This can be one variable (vector) or more than one variables (matrix).

alpha The default is 0.05. (1-alpha) confidence intervals are reported.

Details
The definition of the default tau. Let x1 and x0 be the maximum observed time in Group 1 and Group 0, respectively. Case 1: if the last observations in Group 1 and Group 0 are "event," then tau = max(x1, x0). Case 2-1: if the last observation in Group 1 is "event," the last observation in Group 0 is "censor," and x1 <= x0, tau = max(x1, x0) = x0. Case 2-2: if the last observation in Group 0 is "event," the last observation in Group 1 is "censor," and x1 > x0, tau = max(x1, x0) = x1. Case 3-1: if the last observation in Group 1 is "event," the last observation in Group 0 is "censor," and x1 > x0, tau = min(x1, x0) = x0. Case 3-2: if the last observation in Group 0 is "event," the last observation in Group 1 is "censor," and x1 <= x0, tau = min(x1, x0) = x1. Case 4: the last observations in Group 1 and Group 0 are "censor," then tau = min(x1, x0).

Value
an object of class rmst2.

tau the truncation time used in the analyses

note a note regarding the truncation time

RMST.arm1 RMST results in arm 1. This is generated only when covariates is not specified.

RMST.arm0 RMST results in arm 0. This is generated only when covariates is not specified.

unadjusted.result Results of the unadjusted analyses. This is generated only when covariates is not specified.

The values below are generated when some covariates are passed to the function.

adjusted.result Results of the adjusted analyses.

RMST.difference.adjusted Results of the parameter estimates with the model to derive an adjusted difference in RMST.

RMST.ratio.adjusted Results of the parameter estimates with the model to derive an adjusted ratio of RMST.

RMTL.ratio.adjusted Results of the parameter estimates with the model to derive an adjusted ratio of RMTL.
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print(a)
```

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rmst2.sample.data  Generate a sample data from the pbc data

Description
This is a function to retrieve 312 randomized patients from the pbc data.

Usage
```
rmst2.sample.data(t.unit="year")
```

Arguments

- **t.unit** Specify the time unit. It supports "year" (default), "month", and "day".

Details
The function creates a sample dataset to illustrate the usage of the function `rmst2()` in this package. The original pbc data in `survival` package consists of 418 patients data. This function loads the `pbc` data, select the 312 patients who were randomized. The status variable is edited, so that 1 indicates death and 0 indicates alive.
Value
returns a data frame

See Also
pbc in survival package

Examples
D=rmst2.sample.data()
head(D)
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