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**Description**

Penalised Likelihood for Survival Analysis with Dependent Censoring

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coef.coxph_mpl_dc	<i>Extract regression coefficients of a coxph_mpl_dc Object</i>
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**Description**

Extract the matrix of regression coefficients with their corresponding standard errors, *z*-statistics and *p*-values of the model part of interest of a coxph\_mpl\_dc object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'coxph_mpl_dc'  
coef(object, parameter, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| object    | an object inheriting from class <code>coxph_mpl_dc</code>   |
| parameter | the set of parameters of interest. Indicate parameters="beta" for the regression parameter of beta and parameters="phi" for the regression parameter of phi |
| ...       | other arguments   |



```

tau = 0.5, copula = copula3,
pent = 'penalty_mspl', smpart = 'REML',
penc = 'penalty_mspl', smparc = 'REML',
cat.smpar = 'No' )

coxMPLests_tau <- coxph_mpl_dc(surv=surv, cova=cova, control=control, )
MPL_beta<-coef(object = coxMPLests_tau, parameter = "beta",)
MPL_phi<-coef(object = coxMPLests_tau, parameter = "phi",)

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coxph_mpl_dc	<i>Fit Cox Proportional Hazard Regression Model under dependent right censoring via MPL and Archimedean Copulas</i>
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## Description

Simultaneously estimate the regression coefficients and the baseline hazard function of proportional hazard Cox models under dependent right censoring using maximum penalised likelihood (MPL) and Archimedean Copulas

## Usage

```
coxph_mpl_dc(surv, cova, control,...)
```

## Arguments

surv	the outcome of survival data, with the first column X (observed time), second column del (event indicator) and third column eta (dependent right censoring indicator).
cova	the covariate matrix, with dimension of n rows and p columns, where 'n' is the sample size and 'p' is the number of covariates Default is <code>cova=matrix(0,n,1)</code> , which the covariates are not considered.
control	object of class <code>coxph_mpl_dc.control</code> specifying control options like basis choice, refer to <code>coxph_mpl_dc.control</code> to see the defaults.
...	other arguments. In <code>coxph_mpl_dc</code> , these elements, will be passed to <a href="#">coxph_mpl_dc.control</a> .

## Details

`coxph_mpl_dc` allows to simultaneously estimate the regression coefficients and baseline hazard function of Cox proportional hazard models, with dependent and independent right censored data, by maximizing a penalized likelihood, in which a penalty function is used to smooth the baseline hazard estimates. Note that the dependence between event and censoring times is modelled by an Archimedean copula.

Optimization is achieved using an iterative algorithm, which combines Newton's method and the multiplicative iterative algorithm proposed by Ma (2010), and respects the non-negativity constraints on the baseline hazard estimate (refer to Ma et al (2014) and Xu et al (2018)).

The centered covariate matrix  $Z$  is used in the optimization process to get a better shaped (penalized) log-likelihood. Baseline hazard parameter estimates and covariance matrix are then respectively corrected using a correction factor and the delta method.

The estimates of zero are possible for baseline hazard parameters (e.g., when number of knots is relatively large to sample size) and will correspond to active constraints as defined by Moore and Sadler (2008). Inference, as described by Ma et al (2014) or Xu et al (2018), is then corrected accordingly (refer to Moore and Sadler (2008)) by adequately cutting the corresponding covariance matrix.

There are currently three ways to perform inference on model parameters: Let  $H$  denote the negative of Hessian matrix of the non-penalized likelihood,  $Q$  denote the product of the first order derivative of the penalized likelihood by its transpose, and  $M_2$  denote the negative of the second order derivative of the penalized likelihood. Then the three estimated covariance matrices for the MPL estimates are  $M_2^{-1}$ ,  $M_2^{-1} H M_2^{-1}$  and  $M_2^{-1} Q M_2^{-1}$ .

Simulation studies the coverage levels of confidence intervals for the regression parameters seem to indicate  $M_2^{-1} H M_2^{-1}$  performs better when using the piecewise constant basis, and that  $M_2^{-1} Q M_2^{-1}$  performs better when using other bases.

#### Value

mpl_theta	MPL estimates of the regression coefficient for the basis functions of the baseline hazard of T, i.e. theta
mpl_gamma	MPL estimates of the regression coefficient for the basis functions of the baseline hazard of C, i.e. gamma
mpl_h0t	MPL estimates of the baseline hazard for T, i.e. h_0T(x_i)
mpl_h0c	MPL estimates of the baseline hazard for C, i.e. h_0C(x_i)
mpl_H0t	MPL estimates of the baseline cumulative hazard for T, i.e. H_0T(x_i)
mpl_H0c	MPL estimates of the baseline cumulative hazard for C, i.e. H_0C(x_i)
mpl_S0t	MPL estimates of the baseline survival for T, i.e. S_0T(x_i)
mpl_S0c	MPL estimates of the baseline survival for C, i.e. S_0C(x_i)
mpl_beta	MPL estimates of beta
mpl_phi	MPL estimates of phi
penloglik	the penalized log-likelihood function given the MPL estimates
mpl_Ubeta	the first derivative of penalized log-likelihood function with respect to beta given the MPL estimates
mpl_Uphi	the first derivative of penalized log-likelihood function with respect to phi given the MPL estimates
mpl_Utheta	the first derivative of penalized log-likelihood function with respect to theta given the MPL estimates
mpl_Ugamma	the first derivative of penalized log-likelihood function with respect to gamma given the MPL estimates
iteration	a vector of length 3 indicating the number of iterations used to estimate the smoothing parameter (first value, equal to 1 when the user specified a chosen value), the beta, phi, theta and gamma parameters during the entire process (second value), and beta, phi, theta and gamma parameters during the last smoothing parameter iteration (third value)

mpl_cv1	the cross validation value given the MPL estimates
mpl_aic	the AIC value given the MPL estimates
mpl_beta_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimated beta
mpl_phi_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimated phi
mpl_h0t_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimates for the baseline hazard coefficient of T, i.e. theta
mpl_h0c_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimates for the baseline hazard coefficient of C, i.e. gamma
mpl_ht0_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimates for the baseline hazard of T
mpl_hc0_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimates for the baseline hazard of C
mpl_Ht0_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimates for the cumulative baseline hazard of T
mpl_Hc0_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimates for the cumulative baseline hazard of C
mpl_St0_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimates for the baseline survival of T
mpl_Sc0_sd	the asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimates for the baseline survival of C
mpl_est_cov	the asymptotic covariance matrix of the MPL estimates
mpl_beta_phi_zp	the MPL estimates for regression coefficient with their corresponding standard deviations, z scores and p-values
binwv	the width of each discretized bin of the observed times when piecewise constant approximation applied to the baseline hazards
ID	the bin ID for each individual of the sample when piecewise constant approximation applied to the baseline hazards
binedg	the edge for each discretized bin among the observed time vector X, which are the internal knots and boundaries
psix	basis function matrix $\psi(x_i)$ with dimension of n by m for baseline hazard, where m=number of internal knots+ordSp
Psix	basis function matrix $\Psi(x_i)$ with dimension of n by m for baseline cumulative hazard

Inputs defined in coxph\_mpl\_dc.control

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## See Also

[plot.coxph\\_mpl\\_dc](#), [coxph\\_mpl\\_dc.control](#), [coef.coxph\\_mpl\\_dc](#)

## Examples

```
##-- Copula types
copula3 <- 'frank'

##-- Marginal distribution for T, C, and A
a <- 2
lambda <- 2
cons7 <- 0.2
cons9 <- 10
tau <- 0.8
betas <- c(-0.5, 0.1)
phis <- c(0.3, 0.2)
distr.ev <- 'weibull'
distr.ce <- 'exponential'

##-- Sample size
n <- 200

##-- One sample Monte Carlo dataset
cova <- cbind(rbinom(n, 1, 0.5), runif(n, min=-10, max=10))
surv <- surv_data_dc(n, a, cova, lambda, betas, phis, cons7, cons9, tau, copula3,
                     distr.ev, distr.ce)

n <- nrow(cova)
p <- ncol(cova)
##-- event and dependent censoring proportions
colSums(surv)[c(2,3)]/n
X <- surv[,1] # Observed time
del<-surv[,2] # failure status
eta<-surv[,3] # dependent censoring status

##-- control inputs for the coxph_mpl_dc function
control <- coxph_mpl_dc.control(ordSp = 4,
                                binCount = 100,
                                tau = 0.8, copula = copula3,
                                pent = 'penalty_mspl', smpart = 'REML',
                                penc = 'penalty_mspl', smparc = 'REML',
```

```

cat.smpar = 'No' )

##-- Fitting cox ph hazard model for T using MPL and an correct copula
#with REML smoothing parameters
coxMPLests5 <- coxph_mpl_dc(surv, cova, control, )
mpl_beta_phi_zp5 <- coxMPLests5$mpl_beta_phi_zp
mpl_h0t5 <- coxMPLests5$mpl_h0t
mpl_h0Ti5 <- approx( X, mpl_h0t5, xout = seq(0, 5.4, 0.01),
                    method="constant", rule = 2, ties = mean)$y

##-- Real marginal baseline hazard for T
ht0b <- a * (seq(0, 5.4, 0.01) ^ (a - 1)) / (lambda ^ a)

##-- Fitting cox ph hazard model for T using MPL and an correct copula
#with zero smoothing parameters
coxMPLests3 <- coxph_mpl_dc(surv, cova,
                          ordSp=4, binCount=100,
                          tau=0.8, copula=copula3,
                          pent='penalty_mspl', smpart=0, penc='penalty_mspl', smparc=0,
                          cat.smpar = 'No')
mpl_beta_phi_zp3 <- coxMPLests3$mpl_beta_phi_zp
mpl_h0t3 <- coxMPLests3$mpl_h0t
mpl_h0Ti3 <- approx( X, mpl_h0t3, xout = seq(0, 5.4, 0.01),
                    method="constant", rule = 2, ties = mean)$y

##-- Plot the true and estimated baseline hazards for T
t_up <- 3.5
y_uplim <- 2
Ti<-seq(0, 5.4, 0.01)[seq(0, 5.4, 0.01)<=t_up]
h0Ti<-ht0b[seq(0, 5.4, 0.01)<=t_up]
h0Ti5<-mpl_h0Ti5[seq(0, 5.4, 0.01)<=t_up]
h0Ti3<-mpl_h0Ti3[seq(0, 5.4, 0.01)<=t_up]

plot( x = Ti, y = h0Ti5,
      type="l", col="grey", lty=4, lwd=3, cex.axis=1.6, cex.lab=1.6, ylim=c(0, y_uplim),
      xlab='Time', ylab='Hazard')
lines(x = Ti, y = h0Ti,
      col="green",
      lty=1, lwd=3, cex.axis=1.6, cex.lab=1.6, ylim=c(0, y_uplim)
      )
lines(x = Ti, y = h0Ti3,
      col="blue",
      lty=4, lwd=3, cex.axis=1.6, cex.lab=1.6, ylim=c(0, y_uplim)
      )

```



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coxph\_mpl\_dc.control    *Ancillary arguments for controlling the outputs of coxph\_mpl\_dc*

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## Description

This is used to set various numeric parameters controlling a Cox model fit using coxph\_mpl\_dc. Typically it would only be used in a call to coxph\_mpl\_dc.

## Usage

```
coxph_mpl_dc.control(ordSp,
                     binCount, tie,
                     tau, copula,
                     pent, smpart, penc, smparc,
                     maxit2, maxit,
                     mid, asy, ac, cv,
                     ac.theta, ac.gamma, ac.Utheta, ac.Ugamma,
                     min.theta, min.gamma,
                     min.ht, min.hc, min.St, min.Sc, min.C, min.dC,
                     eps, tol.thga, tol.bph, cat.smpar, tol.smpar
                     )
```

## Arguments

ordSp	the order of spline for the basis function for baseline hazard for both T and C, can be 'piecewise constant' if ordSp=1, cubic 'm-spline' if ordSp=4, etc. Default is ordSp=1.
binCount	the number of subjects in each discretized bin, can be selected either by trial and error or AIC method Default is binCount=1.
tie	tie='No' if tied observations are not existed, otherwise tied observations existed. Default is tie='No'.
tau	the kendall's correlation coefficient between T and C. Default is tau=0.
copula	Archimedean copula type, i.e. 'independent', 'clayton', 'gumbel' and 'frank'. Default is copula='independent'.
pent	penalty function type for T, i.e. mat1 (first order difference) or mat2 (second order difference) for piecewise constant basis, penalty_mspl for m-spline basis Default is pent='mat1'.
smpart	value of smoothing parameter for T, can be selected by either trial and error or cross validation method. Note that smpart can be also estimated by restricted maximum likelihood (i.e. smpart='REML'). Default is smpart=0.
penc	penalty function type for C, i.e. mat1 (first order difference) or mat2 (second order difference) for piecewise constant basis, penalty_mspl for m-spline basis Default is pent='mat1'.

smparc	value of smoothing parameter for C, can be selected by either trial and error or cross validation method. Note that smparc can be also estimated by restricted maximum likelihood (i.e. smparc='REML'). Default is smparc=0.
maxit2	maximum number of iterations for smpart and smparc. Default is maxit2=50.
maxit	maximum number of iteration for updating beta, phi, theta and gamma given fixed smpart and smparc. Default is maxit=5000.
mid	the middle matrix selection for the sandwich formula that used to computed the asymptotic covariance matrix, i.e. mid=1 (negative of the hessian matrix with zeros smoothing parameters, i.e. smpart=smparc=0, or negative of the matrix with second derivatives of the MPL estimates with respect to the log-likelihood), 2 (the matrix created by the vector of first derivative of the penalized log-likelihood with respect to the MPL estimates times its transpose) and otherwise (negative of the hessian matrix or negative of the matrix with second derivatives of the MPL estimates with respect to the penalized log-likelihood). Default is mid=1.
asy	asy=1 if asymptotic standard deviation of the MPL estimates are computed and 0 if not computed. Default is asy=1.
ac	ac=1 if aic value is calculated 0 if not. Default is ac=0.
cv	cv=0 if cv value is calculated 0 if not. Default is cv=0.
ac.theta	the minimum value of theta for active constraints. Default is ac.theta=1e-5.
ac.gamma	the minimum value of gamma for active constraints. Default is ac.gamma=1e-5.
ac.Utheta	the minimum value of Utheta (the first derivative of the penalized log-likelihood with respect to theta) for active constraints. Default is ac.Utheta=1e-2.
ac.Ugamma	the minimum value of Ugamma (the first derivative of the penalized log-likelihood with respect to gamma) for active constraints. Default is ac.Ugamma=1e-2.
min.theta	a value indicating the minimal baseline hazard parameter value theta updated at each iteration. Baseline hazard parameter theta estimates at each iteration lower than min.theta will be considered as min.theta. Default is min.theta=1e-7.
min.gamma	a value indicating the minimal baseline hazard parameter value gamma updated at each iteration. Baseline hazard parameter gamma estimates at each iteration lower than min.gamma will be considered as min.gamma. Default is min.gamma=1e-7.
min.ht	a value indicating the minimal baseline hazard of T updated at each iteration. Baseline hazard estimates of T at each iteration lower than min.ht will be considered as min.ht. Default is min.ht=1e-7.
min.hc	a value indicating the minimal baseline hazard of C updated at each iteration. Baseline hazard estimates of C at each iteration lower than min.hc will be considered as min.hc. Default is min.hc=1e-7.
min.St	a value indicating the minimal baseline survival of T updated at each iteration. Baseline survival estimates of T at each iteration lower than min.St will be considered as min.St. Default is min.St=1e-7.
min.Sc	a value indicating the minimal baseline survival of C updated at each iteration. Baseline survival estimates of C at each iteration lower than min.Sc will be considered as min.Sc. Default is min.Sc=1e-7.

min.C	a value indicating the minimal copula $K(u, v)$ at each iteration, lower than min.C will be considered as min.C. Default is min.C=1e-7.
min.dC	a value indicating the minimal first i.e. $dK(u, v)/du$ and $dK(u, v)/dv$ and second i.e. $d^2K(u, v)/dudv$ derivatives of copula $K(u, v)$ at each iteration, lower than min.dC will be considered as min.dC. Default is min.dC=1e-7.
eps	a small positive value added to the diagonal of a square matrix. Default value is eps=1e-5.
tol.thga	the convergence tolerance value for both theta and gamma. Convergence is achieved when the maximum absolute difference between the parameter estimates at iteration k and iteration k-1 is smaller than tol.thga. Default is tol.thga=1e-5.
tol.bph	the convergence tolerance value for both beta and phi. Convergence is achieved when the maximum absolute difference between the parameter estimates at iteration k and iteration k-1 is smaller than tol.bph. Default is tol.bph=1e-5.
cat.smpar	cat.smpar='Yes' to display the smoothing parameters estimation process, otherwise not to display. Default is cat.smpar='Yes'.
tol.smpar	the convergence tolerance value for both smpart and smparc. Convergence is achieved when the maximum absolute difference between the parameter estimates at iteration k and iteration k-1 is smaller than tol.smpar. Default is tol.smpar=1e-2.

### Value

A list containing the values of each of the above arguments for most of the inputs of Coxph\_mpl\_dc.

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### References

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### See Also

[plot.coxph\\_mpl\\_dc](#), [coxph\\_mpl\\_dc](#), [coef.coxph\\_mpl\\_dc](#)

### Examples

```
control <- coxph_mpl_dc.control(ordSp=4,
                               binCount=40,
                               tau=0.8, copula='frank',
                               pent='penalty_mspl', smpart='REML', penc='penalty_mspl', smparc='REML',
                               cat.smpar='No'
                               )
```

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plot.coxph_mpl_dc	<i>Plot a baseline hazard estimates from coxph_mpl_dc Object</i>
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## Description

Plot the baseline hazard with the confidence interval estimates

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'coxph_mpl_dc'
plot(
  x,
  parameter = "theta",
  funtype = "hazard",
  xout,
  se = TRUE,
  ltys,
  cols,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

x	an object inheriting from class <code>coxph_mpl_dc</code>
parameter	the set of parameters of interest. Indicate parameters="theta" for the baseline hazard estimated by <i>theta</i> and parameters="gamma" for the baseline hazard estimated by <i>gamma</i>
funtype	the type of function for plotting, i.e. funtype="hazard" for baseline hazard, funtype="cumhazard" for baseline cumulative hazard and funtype="survival" for baseline survival function
xout	the time values for the baseline hazard plot
se	se=TRUE gives both the MPL baseline estimates and 95% confidence interval plots while se=FALSE gives only the MPL baseline estimate plot.
ltys	a line type vector with two components, the first component is the line type of the baseline hazard while the second component is the line type of the 95% confidence interval
cols	a colour vector with two components, the first component is the colour of the baseline hazard while the second component is the colour the 95% confidence interval
...	other arguments

## Details

When the input is of class `coxph_mpl_dc` and parameters=="theta", the baseline estimates base on  $\theta$  and xout (with the corresponding 95% confidence interval if se=TRUE ) are plotted. When the input is of class `coxph_mpl_dc` and parameters=="gamma", the baseline hazard estimates based on  $\gamma$  and xout (with the corresponding 95% confidence interval if se=TRUE ) are plotted.

**Value**

the baseline hazard plot

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**See Also**

[coef.coxph\\_mpl\\_dc](#), [coxph\\_mpl\\_dc.control](#), [coxph\\_mpl\\_dc](#)

**Examples**

```
##-- Copula types
copula3 <- 'frank'

##-- A real example
##-- One dataset from Prospective Research in Memory Clinics (PRIME) study
##-- Refer to article Brodaty et al (2014),
## the predictors of institutionalization of dementia patients over 3-year study period

data(PRIME)

surv<-as.matrix(PRIME[,1:3]) #time, event and dependent censoring indicators
cova<-as.matrix(PRIME[, -c(1:3)]) #covariates
colMeans(surv[,2:3]) #the proportions of event and dependent censoring

n<-dim(PRIME)[1];print(n)
p<-dim(PRIME)[2]-3;print(p)
names(PRIME)

##--MPL estimate Cox proportional hazard model for institutionalization under medium positive
##--dependent censoring
control <- coxph_mpl_dc.control(ordSp = 4,
                               binCount = 200, tie = 'Yes',
                               tau = 0.5, copula = copula3,
                               pent = 'penalty_mspl', smpart = 'REML',
                               penc = 'penalty_mspl', smparc = 'REML',
                               cat.smpar = 'No' )

coxMPLests_tau <- coxph_mpl_dc(surv=surv, cova=cova, control=control, )

plot(x = coxMPLests_tau, parameter = "theta", funtype="hazard",
```

```

xout = seq(0, 36, 0.01), se = TRUE,
cols=c("blue", "red"), ltys=c(1, 2), type="l", lwd=1, cex=1, cex.axis=1, cex.lab=1,
xlab="Time (Month)", ylab="Hazard",
xlim=c(0, 36), ylim=c(0, 0.05)
)
title("MPL Hazard", cex.main=1)
legend( 'topleft', legend = c( expression(tau==0.5), "95% Confidence Interval"),
col = c("blue", "red"),
lty = c(1, 2),
cex = 1)

plot(x = coxMPLests_tau, parameter = "theta", funtype="cumhazard",
xout = seq(0, 36, 0.01), se = TRUE,
cols=c("blue", "red"), ltys=c(1, 2),
type="l", lwd=1, cex=1, cex.axis=1, cex.lab=1,
xlab="Time (Month)", ylab="Hazard",
xlim=c(0, 36), ylim=c(0, 1.2)
)
title("MPL Cumulative Hazard", cex.main=1)
legend( 'topleft',
legend = c( expression(tau==0.5), "95% Confidence Interval"),
col = c("blue", "red"),
lty = c(1, 2),
cex = 1
)

plot(x = coxMPLests_tau, parameter = "theta", funtype="survival",
xout = seq(0, 36, 0.01), se = TRUE,
cols=c("blue", "red"), ltys=c(1, 2),
type="l", lwd=1, cex=1, cex.axis=1, cex.lab=1,
xlab="Time (Month)", ylab="Hazard",
xlim=c(0, 36), ylim=c(0, 1)
)
title("MPL Survival", cex.main=1)
legend( 'bottomleft',
legend = c( expression(tau==0.5), "95% Confidence Interval"),
col = c("blue", "red"),
lty = c(1, 2),
cex = 1
)

```

## Description

This data set is from a longitudinal study called "Prospective Research in Memory Clinics" (PRIME), see Brodaty et al (2011), with a period of 3-year. The data set includes 583 dementia patients. The

outcome is time to institutionalised. The predictors are age, sex, educational level, living status, dementia type, baseline cognitive ability (MMSE), baseline functional ability (SMAF), baseline neuropsychiatric symptoms (total NPI), baseline dementia severity (CDR), baseline caregiver burden (ZBI), medication types, change in cognitive ability at 3 months, change in functional ability at 3 months, and change in neuropsychiatric symptoms at 3 months. Note that this data set is complete and was analyzed by Brodaty et al (2014).

## Usage

```
data(PRIME)
```

## Format

A data frame with 583 observations on 18 variables.

**Time** observed time in term of months

**Event** event or institutionalisation, 1=Yes and 0=No

**Depcen** dependent right censoring or withdrawal, 1=Yes and 0=No

**Age** age at baseline, 1=80 years or above and 0=80 year below

**Gender** gender, 1=Female and 0=Male

**HighEdu** education level at baseline, 1=high school above and 0=high school or below

**Alzheimer** Alzheimer disease, 1=Yes and 0=No

**CDR\_base** dementia severity at baseline

**MMSE\_base** cognitive ability at baseline

**SMAF\_base** functional ability at baseline

**ZBI\_base** caregiver burden at baseline

**NPI\_base** neuropsychiatric symptoms at baseline

**Benzon** benzodiazepines taking, 1=Yes and 0=No

**Antipsy** anti-psychotics taking, 1=Yes and 0=No

**LivingAlone** living alone, 1=Yes and 0=No

**MMSE\_change\_3m** cognitive ability change at 3-month from baseline

**SMAF\_change\_3m** functional ability change at 3-month from baseline

**NPI\_change\_3m** neuropsychiatric symptoms change at 3-month from baseline

## References

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surv_data_dc	<i>Generate a sample of time to event dataset with dependent right censoring under an Archimedean copula</i>
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## Description

Generate a sample of time to event dataset with, dependent right censoring based on one of the Archimedean copulas the given Kendall's tau, sample size  $n$  and covariates matrix  $Z$ .

## Usage

```
surv_data_dc(n, a, Z, lambda, betas, phis, cons7, cons9, tau, copula, distr.ev, distr.ce)
```

## Arguments

<code>n</code>	the sample size, or the number of the subjects in a sample.
<code>a</code>	the shape parameter of baseline hazard for the event time $T$ .
<code>Z</code>	the covariate matrix with dimension of $n$ by $p$ , where $p$ is the number of covariates.
<code>lambda</code>	the scale parameter of baseline hazard for event time $T$ .
<code>betas</code>	the regression coefficient vector of proportional hazard model for the event time $T$ with dimension of $p$ by 1.
<code>phis</code>	the regression coefficient vector of proportional hazard model for dependent censoring time $C$ with dimension of $p$ by 1.
<code>cons7</code>	the parameter of baseline hazard for the dependent censoring time $C$ if assuming an exponential distribution.
<code>cons9</code>	the upper limit parameter of uniform distribution for the independent censoring time $A$ , i.e. $A \sim U(0, \text{cons9})$ .
<code>tau</code>	the Kendall's correlation coefficient between $T$ and $C$ .
<code>copula</code>	the Archimedean copula that captures the dependence between $T$ and $C$ , a characteristic value, i.e. 'independent', 'clayton', 'gumbel' or 'frank'.
<code>distr.ev</code>	the distribution of the event time, a characteristic value, i.e. 'weibull' or 'log logit'.
<code>distr.ce</code>	the distribution of the dependent censoring time, a characteristic value, i.e. 'exponential' or 'weibull'.

## Details

surv\_data\_dc allows to generate a survival dataset under dependent right censoring, at sample size  $n$ , based on one of the Archimedean copula, Kendall's tau, and covariates matrix  $Z$  with dimension of  $n$  by  $p$ . For example, at  $p=2$ , we have  $Z=\text{cbind}(Z1, Z2)$ , where  $Z1$  is treatment generated by distribution of  $\text{bernoulli}(0.5)$ , i.e. 1 represents treatment group and 0 represents control group;  $Z2$  is the age generated by distribution of  $U(-10, 10)$ .



The generated dataset includes three variables, which are  $X_i$ ,  $\delta_i$  and  $\eta_i$ , i.e.  $X_i = \min(T_i, C_i, A_i)$ ,  $\delta_i = I(X_i = T_i)$  and  $\eta_i = I(X_i = C_i)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . 'T' represents the event time, whose hazard function is

$$h_T(x) = h_{0T}(x)\exp(Z^\top \beta)$$

, where the baseline hazard can take weibull form, i.e.  $h_{0T}(x) = ax^{a-1}/\lambda^a$ , or log logistic form, i.e.

$$h_{0T}(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{a\exp(\lambda)}\left(\frac{x}{\exp(\lambda)}\right)^{1/a-1}}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{\exp(\lambda)}\right)^{1/a}}$$

. 'C' represents the dependent censoring time, whose hazard function is  $h_C(x) = h_{0C}(x)\exp(Z^\top \phi)$ , where the baseline hazard can take exponential form, i.e.  $h_{0C}(x) = \text{cons7}$ , or weibull form, i.e.  $h_{0C}(x) = ax^{a-1}/\lambda^a$ . 'A' represents the administrative or independent censoring time, where  $A \sim U(0, \text{cons9})$ .

### Value

A sample of time to event dataset under dependent right censoring, which includes observed time  $X$ , event indicator  $\delta$  and dependent censoring indicator  $\eta$ .

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### References

Xu J, Ma J, Connors MH, Brodaty H. (2018). *"Proportional hazard model estimation under dependent censoring using copulas and penalized likelihood"*. *Statistics in Medicine* 37, 2238–2251.

### See Also

[coxph\\_mpl\\_dc](#)

### Examples

```
##-- Copula types
copula3 <- 'frank'

##-- Marginal distribution for T, C, and A
a <- 2
lambda <- 2
cons7 <- 0.2
cons9 <- 10
tau <- 0.8
betas <- c(-0.5, 0.1)
phis <- c(0.3, 0.2)
distr.ev <- 'weibull'
distr.ce <- 'exponential'

##-- Sample size
n <- 200
```

```
##-- One sample Monte Carlo dataset
cova <- cbind(rbinom(n, 1, 0.5), runif(n, min=-10, max=10))
surv <- surv_data_dc(n, a, cova, lambda, betas, phis, cons7, cons9,
                    tau, copula3, distr.ev, distr.ce)

n <- nrow(cova)
p <- ncol(cova)
##-- event and dependent censoring proportions
colSums(surv)[c(2,3)]/n
X <- surv[,1] # Observed time
del<-surv[,2] # failure status
eta<-surv[,3] # dependent censoring status
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