

Homework 2.90 (p.103). 1. Compute the KME and Nelson-Aalen estimator of the survival function and the estimators of their standard deviations using Group 0 leukemia data.

**Sol.** Survival times:  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  from  $S_X(t)$ .

If  $X_i$ 's are all observed, the NPMLE of  $S_X$  is  $\hat{S}_X(t) = \sum_i I(X_i > t)/n$ .

If  $X_i$ 's are right censored, that is,  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  may not be observed, but one observed

RC data:  $(Z_1, \delta_1), \dots, (Z_n, \delta_n)$ .

the NPMLE of  $S_X$  is  $\hat{S}_{pl}(t) = \prod_{t_k \leq t} (1 - \frac{d_k}{r_k})$ , where  $t_1 < \dots < t_m$  are distinct values of  $Z_i$ 's with  $\delta_i = 1$ ,

$d_k$  is the number of person died at time  $t_k$ , and

$r_k$  is the number of person at risk at time  $t_k$  ( $= \sum_{i=1}^n I(Z_i \geq t_k)$ ).

An estimator of  $\sigma_{\hat{S}_{pl}(t)}^2$  is

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{S}_{pl}(t)}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (\hat{S}_{pl}(t))^2 \sum_{k: t_k \leq t} \frac{\hat{f}_{pl}(t_k)}{\hat{S}_Z(t_k^-) \hat{S}_{pl}(t_k)} \tag{1}$$

(1) The data are 6+, 6, 6, 6, 7, 9+, 10+, 10, 11+, 13, 16, 17+, 19+, 20+, 22, 23, 25+, 32+, 32+, 34+, 35+ (m=21),

Table 1. Calculation of KME		
Exact remission Time	$(1 - \frac{d_k}{r_k})$	$\hat{S}_{pl}(a_k)$
6	18/21	18/21
7	16/17	$\frac{18}{21} \cdot \frac{16}{17}$
10	14/15	$\frac{18}{21} \cdot \frac{16}{17} \cdot \frac{14}{15}$
13	11/12	$\frac{18}{21} \cdot \frac{16}{17} \cdot \frac{14}{15} \cdot \frac{11}{12}$
16	10/11	$\frac{18}{21} \cdot \frac{16}{17} \cdot \frac{14}{15} \cdot \frac{10}{12}$
22	6/7	$\frac{6 \cdot 10 \cdot 14 \cdot 16 \cdot 18}{7 \cdot 12 \cdot 15 \cdot 17 \cdot 21}$
23	5/6	$\frac{5 \cdot 10 \cdot 14 \cdot 16 \cdot 18}{7 \cdot 12 \cdot 15 \cdot 17 \cdot 21}$

By (1), in order to compute  $\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{S}_{pl}}$ , we need

$$\hat{S}_{pl}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t < 6, \\ 18/21 & \text{if } t \in [6, 7) \\ 96/119 & \text{if } t \in [7, 10) \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}, \quad \hat{f}_{pl}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - 18/21 & \text{if } t = 6 \\ 18/21 - 96/119 & \text{if } t = 7, \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{S}_Z(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \sum_i I(Z_i > t) \\ 1 & \text{if } t < 6, \\ 17/21 & \text{if } t \in [6, 7) \\ 16/21 & \text{if } t \in [7, 9) \\ 15/21 & \text{if } t \in [9, 10) \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \prod_{t_k \leq t} (1 - \frac{d_k}{r_k}) \\ 1 & \text{if } t < 6, \\ \frac{17}{21} & \text{if } t \in [6, 7) \\ \frac{17}{21} \frac{16}{17} & \text{if } t \in [7, 9) \\ \frac{17}{21} \frac{16}{17} \frac{15}{16} & \text{if } t \in [9, 10) \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{S}_{pl}(t)}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (\hat{S}_{pl}(t))^2 \sum_{k: t_k \leq t} \frac{\hat{f}_{pl}(t_k)}{\hat{S}_Z(t_k^-) \hat{S}_{pl}(t_k)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 6, \\ \frac{1}{21} (18/21)^2 \frac{3/21}{1 \times 18/21} & \text{if } t \in [6, 7) \\ \frac{1}{21} (96/119)^2 \left[ \frac{3/21}{1 \times 18/21} + \frac{18/21 - 96/119}{(17/21) \times 96/119} \right] & \text{if } t \in [7, 10) \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}$$

The other estimator is the **Nelson-Aalen estimator**:  $\tilde{S}_{NA}(t) = e^{-\sum_{t_k \leq t} \frac{d_k}{r_k}}$ . Its variance can be estimated by  $\hat{\sigma}_{\tilde{S}_{NA}(t)}^2 = (\tilde{S}_{NA}(t))^2 \hat{\sigma}_{H(t)}^2$ , where  $\hat{\sigma}_{H(t)}^2 = \sum_{t_j \leq t} \frac{(r_j - d_j) d_j}{(r_j - 1) r_j^2}$ .

$$\tilde{S}_{NA}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t < 6, \\ \exp(-3/21) & \text{if } t \in [6, 7) \\ \exp(-3/21 - 1/17) & \text{if } t \in [7, 10) \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\tilde{S}_{NA}(t)}^2 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 6, \\ \exp(-6/21) \frac{3 \cdot 18}{20 \cdot (21)^2} & \text{if } t \in [6, 7) \\ \exp(-3/21 - 1/17) \left[ \frac{3 \cdot 18}{20 \cdot (21)^2} + \frac{16 \cdot 1}{16 \cdot 17^2} \right] & \text{if } t \in [7, 10) \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}$$

2. Compute the MLE assuming  $X \sim S_X(x) = e^{-x/\theta} I(x > 0)$ , the NPMLE and  $\check{F}$  (see Eq. (1)) of the cdf using Group 1 leukemia data. Compute the estimators of their standard deviations.

$$x=c(1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 8, 8, 8, 8, 11, 11, 12, 12, 15, 17, 22, 23)$$

$$\bar{X} = (1 + 1 + \dots + 23)/21 = \frac{26}{3}$$

The MLE of  $S(t)$  is  $\tilde{S}(t) = \exp(-t/\bar{X}) = \exp(-\frac{3t}{26})$  for  $t > 0$ .

The NPMLE of  $F(t)$  and  $\check{F}$  are given in the textbook.

The NPMLE of  $S(t)$  and  $\check{S}$  are  $\hat{S}(t) = 1 - \hat{F}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}$  and

$$\check{S}(t) = 1 - \check{F}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ \dots & \dots \end{cases}.$$

$$Var(\tilde{S}(t)|\theta) = E((\tilde{S}(t))^2) - (E(\tilde{S}(t)))^2.$$

$$E(\tilde{S}(t)|\theta) = E(\exp(-\frac{nt}{\sum_i X_i})) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\exp(-\frac{nt}{x}) x^{n-1} \exp(-x/\theta)}{\Gamma(n)\theta^n} dx.$$

$$E((\tilde{S}(t))^2|\theta) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\exp(-\frac{2nt}{x}) x^{n-1} \exp(-x/\theta)}{\Gamma(n)\theta^n} dx$$

The estimator of the standard deviation of  $\tilde{S}(t)$  is

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{\tilde{S}(t)} = \sqrt{\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{21-1} \exp(-x/(26/3) - \frac{42t}{x})}{\Gamma(21)(26/3)^{21}} dx - \left( \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{21-1} \exp(-x/(26/3) - \frac{21t}{x})}{\Gamma(21)(26/3)^{21}} dx \right)^2}$$

Since  $\hat{S}(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i > t)$ ,

$$\sigma_{\hat{S}(t)}^2 = \sigma_{I(X_i > t)}^2/n = F(t)S(t)/n.$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{S}(t)} = \sqrt{\hat{F}(t)\hat{S}(t)/n} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ \dots & \text{if } t \in [1, 2). \\ \dots & \end{cases}$$

Notice that  $\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{S}(t)}$  is a step function in  $t$ .  $\hat{\sigma}_{\tilde{S}(t)}$  can be obtained by linear interpolation through  $\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{S}(t)}$ .

#### About correction on midterm exam.

2. An actuary models the future lifetime of (30) as follows.  $T(30)$  has force of mortality  $\mu$ , where  $\mu$  has pdf  $f_\mu(u) = 400ue^{-20u}$ ,  $u \geq 0$ . Calculate  ${}_t p_{30}$ .

**Modify the problem.** An actuary models the future lifetime of (30) as follows.  $T(30)$  has a uniform distribution  $U(0, W)$ , where  $W$  has pdf  $f_W(t) = 1/40$  if  $t \in (40, 80)$ . Calculate  ${}_t p_{30}$ .

Sol. Let  $t > 0$ . Conditional on  $W$ ,  $S_{T(x)|W}(t) = 1 - t/W$ , where  $t \in (0, W)$ .  ${}_t p_{30} = E(1 - t/W)$

$$E(1 - t/W) = \int_{40}^{80} \frac{1 - t/t}{40} dt = \int_{40}^{80} \frac{0}{40} dt = 0 \dots$$

$$E(1 - t/W) = \int_{40}^{80} \frac{1 - t/w}{40} dw = \dots = 1 - \frac{t}{40} \ln 2, \quad t \in (0, 40) \quad (\text{Is it correct?})$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(1 - t/W) &= \int_{40}^{80} \frac{1 - t/w}{40} I(t < w) dw \quad (\text{as } f_W(w) = \frac{I(w \in (40, 80))}{40}) \\ &= I(t \in (0, 40]) \int_{40}^{80} \frac{1 - t/w}{40} dw + I(t \in (40, 80]) \int_t^{80} \frac{1 - t/w}{40} dw \\ &= I(t \in (0, 40]) \left[ 1 - \frac{t}{40} \ln w \Big|_{40}^{80} \right] + I(t \in (40, 80]) \left[ \frac{w}{40} - \frac{t}{40} \ln w \Big|_t^{80} \right] \\ &= I(t \in (0, 40]) \left( 1 - \frac{t}{40} (\ln 80 - \ln 40) \right) + I(t \in (40, 80]) \left[ \frac{80 - t}{40} - \frac{t}{40} (\ln 80 - \ln t) \right] \\ &= I(t \in (0, 40]) \left( 1 - \frac{t \ln 2}{40} \right) + I(t \in (40, 80]) \left[ \frac{80 - t}{40} - \frac{t}{40} \ln(80/t) \right]; \end{aligned}$$

Or

$$= \begin{cases} \left( 1 - \frac{t \ln 2}{40} \right) & \text{if } t \in (0, 40) \\ \left[ \frac{80 - t}{40} - \frac{t}{40} \ln(80/t) \right] & \text{if } t \in (40, 80) \end{cases}$$

3. Suppose that 

$x$	90	91	92	93	94
$p_x$	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.01	0

.  $E(K_{90} \wedge 2) = ?$

**Solution:** I first explained how to find  $E(K(90))$ ,  $E(K_{90})$ ,  $e_{90:\overline{1}|}$ ,  $E(K(90) \wedge 1)$  and  $E(K_{90} \wedge 1)$ .  
By [9],  $E(K(90) \wedge n) = e_{x:\overline{n}|} = \sum_{k=1}^n {}_k p_x$ .

$$E(K(90)) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} {}_k p_x = 0.2 + 0.2 * 0.1 + 0.2 * 0.1 * 0.05 + 0.2 * 0.1 * 0.05 * 0.01 \quad (\text{by [9]})$$

$$E(K_{90}) = E(K(90) + 1) = E(K(90)) + 1 \quad (\text{by [8]}).$$

$$e_{90:\overline{1}|} = p_{90} = 0.2 = E(K(90) \wedge 1) \quad (\text{by [9]}) \text{ Or by 447}$$

$$E(K(90) \wedge 1) = \sum_x f_X(x) = 0 \cdot P(K(90) = 0) + 1 \cdot P(K(90) \geq 1) = P(K(90) \geq 1) = p_{90} = 0.2.$$

$$E(K_{90} \wedge 1) = E(K(90) \wedge 1) + 1 = 1.2 \quad ? \quad \mathbf{Wrong !} \quad (1)$$

$$K_{90} \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} \text{ and } K(90) \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \}$$

$$K_{90} \wedge 1 = (K(90) + 1) \wedge 1 = ?$$

$$E(K_{90} \wedge 1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k f_X(k) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \quad (\text{by 447})$$

$$E(K_{90} \wedge 1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(K_{90} \wedge 1 \geq k) \quad (\text{by [2] } E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k))$$

$$= P(K_{90} \wedge 1 \geq 1) + P(K_{90} \wedge 1 \geq 2) + \dots = P(K_{90} \geq 1) = 1.$$

**You need to redo it without copying it if your correction is wrong !**

Now consider  $E(K_{90} \wedge 2)$ .

$$K_{90} = \lceil T(90) \rceil \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\},$$

$$K_{90} \wedge 2 \in \{1, 2\},$$

$$P(K_{90} \geq 1) = P(T(90) > 0) = {}_0 p_{90} = 1,$$

$$P(K_{90} \geq 2) = P(T(90) > 1) = {}_1 p_{90} = p_{90}$$

$${}_t p_x = P(T(x) > t) \neq P(T(x) \geq t) !!$$

$$E(K_{90} \wedge 2)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(K_{90} \wedge 2 \geq k) \quad (\text{by [2] } ) \quad E(X) = \sum_{k \geq 1} P(X \geq k), \quad X = ?$$

$$= P(K_{90} \wedge 2 \geq 1) + P(K_{90} \wedge 2 \geq 2)$$

$$= P(K_{90} \geq 1) + P(K_{90} \geq 2) = 1 + P(T(90) > 1) = 1 + p_{90} = 1.2.$$

$$E(K_{90} \wedge 2)$$

$$= 0P(K_{90} \wedge 2 = 0) + 1P(K_{90} \wedge 2 = 1) + 2P(K_{90} \wedge 2 = 2) \quad (\text{by 447})$$

$$= 0 + P(K_{90} = 1) + 2P(K_{90} \geq 2)$$

$$= (1 - p_{90}) + 2 \cdot p_{90} = (1 - 0.2) + 2 * 0.2 = 1.2$$