

Plan for this lecture

- ★ Summary of nonparametric tests for two groups of individuals
 - test for two groups, $H_0 : \alpha_1(t) = \alpha_2(t)$
- ★ Nonparametric test with only one group av individuals

$$H_0 : \alpha(t) = \alpha_0(t)$$

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- ★ When H_0 is true $Z(t_0)$ is a mean zero martingale

Properties of $Z(t_0)$ when H_0 is true

- ★ $E[Z(t_0)] = 0$
- ★ Using the predictable variation process $\langle Z \rangle(t_0)$ we found

$$\text{Var}[Z(t_0)] = E \left[\int_0^{t_0} \frac{L^2(t)(Y_1(t) + Y_2(t))}{Y_1(t)Y_2(t)} \alpha(t) dt \right]$$

- ★ Estimating $\alpha(t)dt$ with $d\hat{A}(t)$ (data from both groups) we get an estimator for $\text{Var}[Z(t_0)]$

$$V_{11}(t_0) = \int_0^{t_0} \frac{L^2(t)}{Y_1(t)Y_2(t)} dN_{\bullet}(t)$$

- ★ It can be shown (Chapter 3.3.5 in ABG) that $Z(t_0)$ is approximately normal
- ★ Use test statistic

$$U(t_0) = \frac{Z(t_0)}{\sqrt{V_{11}(t_0)}}$$

which is approximately standard normal when H_0 is true

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$$A_0^*(t) = \int_0^t J(s)\alpha_0(s)ds$$

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- ★ First: Review some martingale results we are going to use

Martingale results

- ★ Doob-Meyer decomposition of a counting process $N(t)$

$$N(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(s) ds + M(t)$$

- ★ Predictable variation process for a counting process martingale

$$\langle M \rangle(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(s) ds$$

- ★ A stochastic integral with respect to a mean zero martingale is a mean zero martingale

$$I(t) = \int_0^t H(t) dM(t)$$

- ★ Predictable variation process for a stochastic integral

$$\langle I \rangle(t) = \int_0^t H^2(t) d\langle M \rangle(t)$$

- ★ Martingale central limit theorem