

Plan for this exercise session

- ★ In a situation without truncation or censoring
 - simplify the expression for the Kaplan-Meier estimator
 - simplify the expression for the estimator for the variance

Situation

★ We assume:

- n individuals
- each individual has the same $\alpha(t)$ and $S(t)$
- may have truncation and/or censoring
- $Y(t)$: number of individuals at risk just before time t

★ Gives a multiplicative intensity process

$$\lambda(t) = \alpha(t)Y(t)$$

★ Kaplan-Meier estimator

$$\hat{S}(t) = \prod_{u < t} (1 - d\hat{A}(u)) = \prod_{j: T_j \leq t} \left(1 - \frac{1}{Y(T_j)}\right)$$

Estimator for $\text{Var}[\widehat{S}(t)]$

★ Using martingale theory, we found that

- $\widehat{S}(t)$ is approximately normal
- $\text{Var}[\widehat{S}(t)] = S^2(t)\text{Var}[\widehat{A}(t)]$

★ Estimator for $\text{Var}[\widehat{S}(t)]$

$$\widehat{\tau}^2(t) = \widehat{S}^2(t)\widehat{\sigma}^2(t) = \widehat{S}^2(t) \sum_{j:T_j \leq t} \frac{1}{Y(T_j)^2}$$

★ Alternative estimator (Greenwood's formula)

$$\widehat{\tau}^2(t) = \widehat{S}^2(t) \sum_{j:T_j \leq t} \frac{1}{Y(T_j)(Y(T_j) - 1)}$$