

# TMA4275 LIFETIME ANALYSIS

## Slides 13: More on Cox regression

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# RECALL: SIMPLE EXAMPLE COX-REGRESSION

$i$	$Y_i$	$x_i$	$\delta_i$
1	5	12	0
2	10	10	1
3	40	3	0
4	80	5	0
5	120	3	1
6	400	4	1
7	600	1	0

Model:

- $z(t|x) = z_0(t) \exp\{\beta x\}$

Partial likelihood:

$$L(\beta) = \frac{e^{10\beta}}{e^{10\beta} + e^{3\beta} + e^{5\beta} + e^{3\beta} + e^{4\beta} + e^{\beta}} \cdot \frac{e^{3\beta}}{e^{3\beta} + e^{4\beta} + e^{\beta}} \cdot \frac{e^{4\beta}}{e^{4\beta} + e^{\beta}}$$

$$\hat{Z}_0(t) = \sum_{T_{(j)} \leq t} \frac{1}{\sum_{i \in R_j} e^{\hat{\beta}' x_i}}$$

so

$$\hat{Z}_0(10) = \frac{1}{e^{10\hat{\beta}} + e^{3\hat{\beta}} + e^{5\hat{\beta}} + e^{3\hat{\beta}} + e^{4\hat{\beta}} + e^{\hat{\beta}}} = 4.57 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

$$\hat{Z}_0(120) = 4.57 \cdot 10^{-4} + \frac{1}{e^{3\hat{\beta}} + e^{4\hat{\beta}} + e^{\hat{\beta}}} = 0.0304$$

$$\hat{Z}_0(400) = 0.0304 + \frac{1}{e^{4\hat{\beta}} + e^{\hat{\beta}}} = 0.0730$$

ESTIMATED SURVIVAL FUNCTION  $P(T > t) = R(t; \mathbf{x})$ 

$$\hat{R}(t; \mathbf{x}) = \exp\{-\hat{Z}_0(t)e^{\hat{\beta}'\mathbf{x}}\}$$

so

$$\hat{R}(10; \mathbf{x}) = \exp\{-4.57 \cdot 10^{-4} e^{0.765\mathbf{x}}\}$$

$$\hat{R}(120; \mathbf{x}) = \exp\{-0.0304 e^{0.765\mathbf{x}}\}$$

$$\hat{R}(400; \mathbf{x}) = \exp\{-0.0730 e^{0.765\mathbf{x}}\}$$

$x$	$\hat{R}(10; x)$	$\hat{R}(120; x)$	$\hat{R}(400; x)$
$0^*$	0.9995	0.9701	0.9296
1	0.9990	0.9368	0.8548
3	0.9955	0.7396	0.4846
5	0.9793	0.2483	0.0352
10	0.3829	0.0000	0.0000
KM**	0.8333	0.5556	0.2778

\* Baseline survival function

\*\* KM-estimator does not use the value of  $x$

# MODEL CHECKING IN COX REGRESSION: COX-SNELL RESIDUALS

Cox-Snell Residuals (called “Generalized residuals” by Ansell & Phillips):

$$\hat{V}_i \equiv \hat{Z}_0(Y_i) e^{\hat{\beta}' x_i},$$

which should behave like a *censored set from expon(1)* if the model is correct.

*Note:* Sometimes 1 is added to the censored residuals in order to include them as “uncensored”. The reason for this is that if  $V \sim \text{expon}(1)$ , then

$$E[V|V > y] = y + E(V) = y + 1$$

by the memoryless property of the exponential distribution.

$$\hat{V}_i = \hat{Z}_0(Y_i) e^{\hat{\beta}' x_i}$$

which should behave like censored data from *expon*(1)

$i$	$Y_i$	$x_i$	$\delta_i$	$\hat{V}_i$
1	5	12	0	$\hat{Z}_0(0)e^{0.765 \cdot 12} = 0.0000$
2	10	10	1	$\hat{Z}_0(10)e^{0.765 \cdot 10} = 0.9593$
3	40	3	0	$\hat{Z}_0(10)e^{0.765 \cdot 3} = 0.0045$
4	80	5	0	$\hat{Z}_0(10)e^{0.765 \cdot 5} = 0.0209$
5	120	3	1	$\hat{Z}_0(120)e^{0.765 \cdot 3} = 0.3017$
6	400	4	1	$\hat{Z}_0(400)e^{0.765 \cdot 4} = 1.5567$
7	600	1	0	$\hat{Z}_0(400)e^{0.765 \cdot 1} = 0.1569$

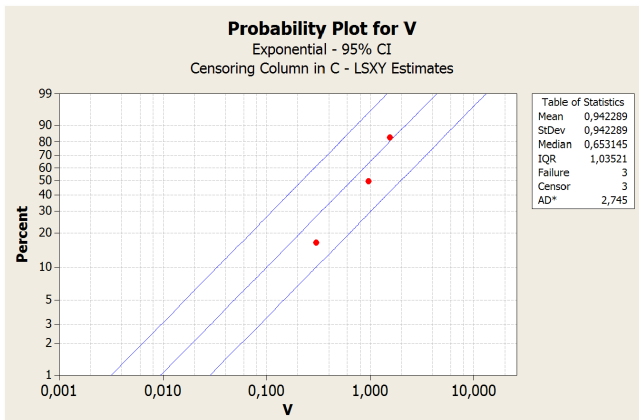
## COX-SNELL RESIDUALS IN SIMPLE EXAMPLE



## Worksheet 1 \*\*\*

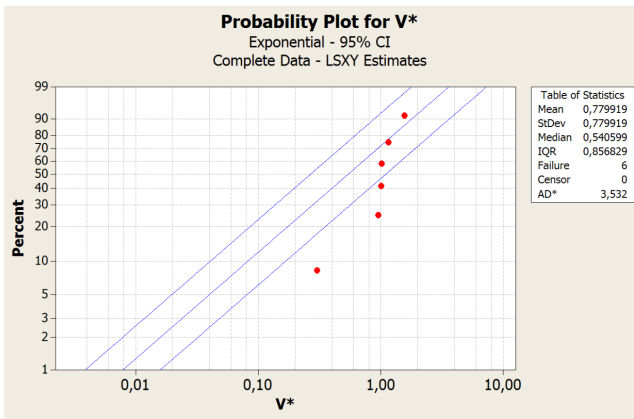
↓	C1	C2	C3
	V	C	V*
1	0,9593	1	0,9593
2	0,0045	0	1,0045
3	0,0209	0	1,0209
4	0,3017	1	0,3017
5	1,5567	1	1,5567
6	0,1569	0	1,1569
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# COX-SNELL RESIDUALS IN SIMPLE EXAMPLE: PROBABILITY PLOT OF CENSORED RESIDUALS





# COX-SNELL RESIDUALS IN SIMPLE EXAMPLE: PROBABILITY PLOT WITH 1 ADDED TO CENSORED RESIDUALS



# USE OF COX REGRESSION TO COMPARE TWO GROUPS

Example from book by Ansell and Phillips

**Table 3.2.** Lifetimes (in cycles) of sodium sulphur batteries

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Batch 1	164	164	218	230	263	467	538	639	669
	917	1148	1678+	1678+	1678+	1678+			
Batch 2	76	82	210	315	385	412	491	504	522
	646+	678	775	884	1131	1446	1824	1827	2248
	2385	3077							

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Note: Lifetimes with + are right censored observations, not failures.

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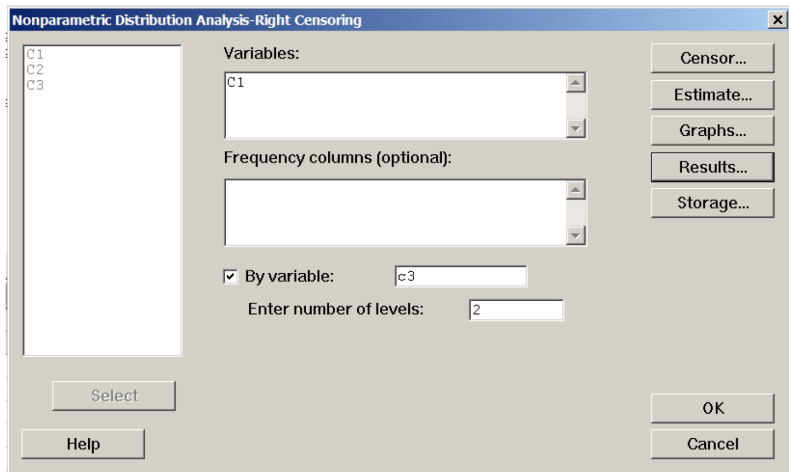
# BATTERY DATA IN MINITAB: WORKSHEET

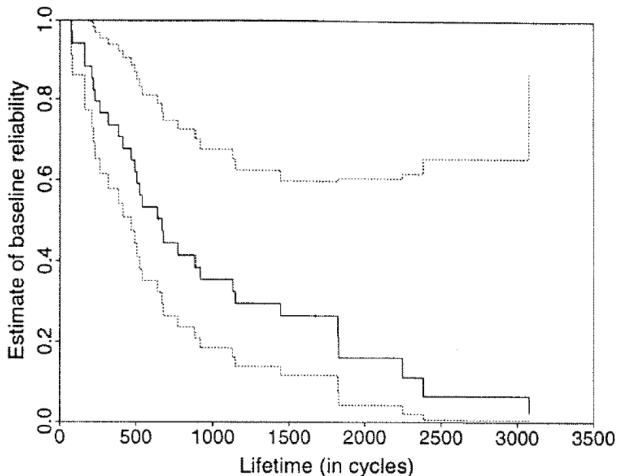
C1=Obs. times, C2=censoring, C3="batch" no.

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12
1	164	1	1									
2	164	1	1									
3	218	1	1									
4	230	1	1									
5	263	1	1									
6	467	1	1									
7	538	1	1									
8	639	1	1									
9	669	1	1									
10	917	1	1									
11	1148	1	1									
12	1678	0	1									
13	1678	0	1									
14	1678	0	1									
15	1678	0	1									
16	76	1	2									
17	82	1	2									
18	210	1	2									
19	315	1	2									
20	385	1	2									
21	412	1	2									
22	491	1	2									
23	504	1	2									
24	522	1	2									
25	646	0	2									

# BATTERY DATA IN MINITAB: SETUP

MINITAB-analysis of data from Ansell & Phillips:

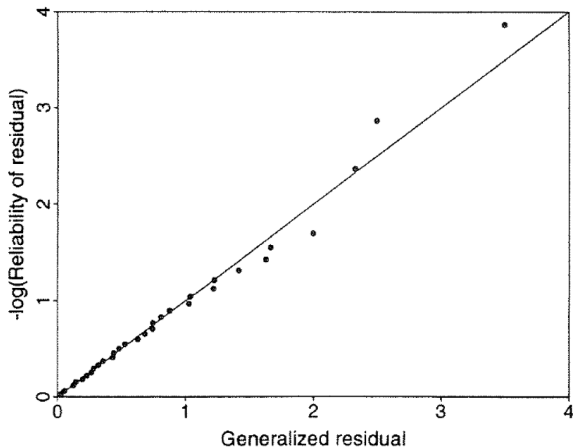




**Fig. 3.3.** Plot of the baseline reliability function for the proportional hazards model for the sodium sulphur battery data with 95% confidence limits

# BATTERY DATA: COX-SNELL RESIDUALS

1 is added to the censored residuals



**Fig. 3.5.** Plot of the generalized residuals of the proportional hazards model for the sodium sulphur battery data

Recall the Cox-model:  $z(t; \mathbf{x}) = z_0(t)e^{\beta' \mathbf{x}}$

As we have seen, the effect of increasing, e.g., covariate number 1 by 1 unit, is to multiply the likelihood by  $e^{\beta_1}$ , independently of time  $t$ .

In practice one might imagine, however, that  $\beta_1$  could depend on  $t$ , like  $\beta_1(t)$ ; for example the risk of smoking could depend on the age,  $t$ , of a person, with  $\beta_1(t)$  approaching 0 for high ages  $t$ .

The *Schoenfeld residual* (see 3.5.2 p. 77 in the book chapter on regression) compares, for each failure time  $T_{(j)}$ , the values of the covariates of the unit that fails, with what would be expected if the Cox-model with constant  $\beta$  is correct.

# SCHOENFELD RESIDUALS FOR THE CASE OF A SINGLE COVARIATE

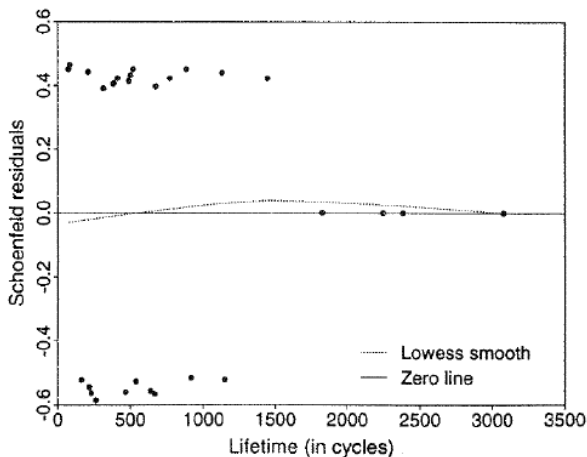
“...compares, for each failure time  $T_{(j)}$ , the values of the covariates of the unit that fails, with what would be expected if the Cox-model with constant  $\beta$  is correct.”

For each failure time  $T_{(j)}$ , with unit  $l_j$  failing and risk set  $R_j$ , we compute

$$\begin{aligned} s_j &= x_{l_j} - \sum_{i \in R_j} x_i P(\text{unit } i \text{ fails at } T_{(j)}) \\ &= x_{l_j} - \sum_{i \in R_j} x_i \frac{e^{\hat{\beta}x_i}}{\sum_{v \in R_j} e^{\hat{\beta}x_v}} \\ &= x_{l_j} - \frac{\sum_{i \in R_j} x_i e^{\hat{\beta}x_i}}{\sum_{i \in R_j} e^{\hat{\beta}x_i}} \end{aligned}$$

*If the model is correct, the  $s_j$  are supposed to vary around 0.*





**Fig. 3.7.** Plot of the Schoenfeld residuals for batch of the proportional hazards model for the sodium sulphur battery data

$s_j = x_{\ell_j} - \text{expected } x\text{-covariate of failing unit in } R_j$

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_1 &= 10 - \frac{10e^{10\hat{\beta}} + 3e^{3\hat{\beta}} + 5e^{5\hat{\beta}} + 3e^{3\hat{\beta}} + 4e^{4\hat{\beta}} + e^{\hat{\beta}}}{e^{10\hat{\beta}} + e^{3\hat{\beta}} + e^{5\hat{\beta}} + e^{3\hat{\beta}} + e^{4\hat{\beta}} + e^{\hat{\beta}}} \\
 &= 10 - 9.7646 = 0.2354 \\
 s_2 &= 3 - \frac{3e^{3\hat{\beta}} + 4e^{4\hat{\beta}} + e^{\hat{\beta}}}{e^{3\hat{\beta}} + e^{4\hat{\beta}} + e^{\hat{\beta}}} = 3 - 3.5099 = -0.5099 \\
 s_3 &= 4 - \frac{4e^{4\hat{\beta}} + e^{\hat{\beta}}}{e^{4\hat{\beta}} + e^{\hat{\beta}}} = 4 - 3.7254 = 0.2756
 \end{aligned}$$

*The Schoenfeld residuals appear to be rather small, so there is apparently no reason to reject the model based on them.*

See book chapter on regression, p. 63.

Model used in Battery example:

$$\text{Batch1 : } z(t|0) = z_0(t)$$

$$\text{Batch2 : } z(t|1) = z_0(t)e^\beta$$

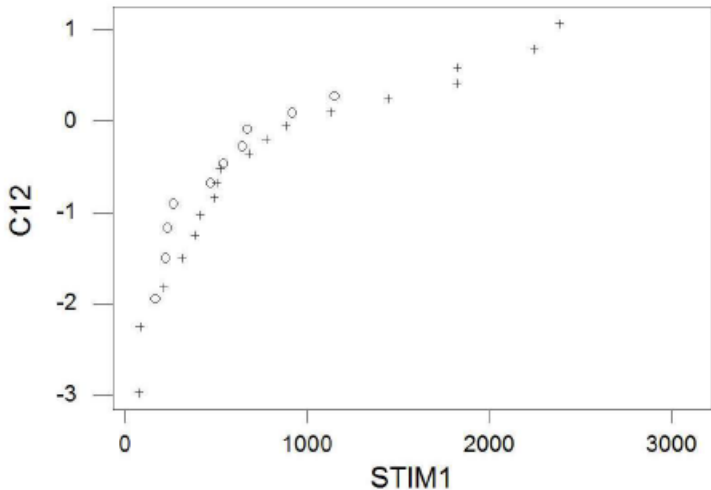
Thus:

$$\text{Batch1: } R_1(t) = e^{-Z_0(t)} \Rightarrow \ln(-\ln R_1(t)) = \ln Z_0(t)$$

$$\text{Batch2: } R_2(t) = e^{-Z_0(t)e^\beta} \Rightarrow \ln(-\ln R_2(t)) = \ln Z_0(t) + \beta$$

- Thus if we compute KM-estimates  $\hat{R}_{KM,1}$  and  $\hat{R}_{KM,2}$  for each of the two batches, and plot  $(t, \ln(-\ln \hat{R}_{KM,1}(t)))$  and  $(t, \ln(-\ln \hat{R}_{KM,2}(t)))$ , then the two “curves” will be in constant distance (theoretically equal to  $\beta$ ) from each other.
- Often one plots instead  $(\ln t, \ln(-\ln \hat{R}_{KM,1}(t)))$  and  $(\ln t, \ln(-\ln \hat{R}_{KM,2}(t)))$ , in which case straight lines will indicate Weibull distributions.

# LOG MINUS LOG PLOT FOR THE BATTERY DATA



# LOG MINUS LOG PLOT FOR THE BATTERY DATA, VS. LOG $t$

