

SOLUTIONS TO EXERCISES WEEK 41

Exercise 3.10

$N_h(t)$ counting processes with intensity processes $\lambda_h(t) = \alpha_h(t) \gamma_h(t)$ for $h=1, 2$.

Under $H_0: \alpha_1(t) = \alpha_2(t)$ the aggregated counting process $N_0(t) = N_1(t) + N_2(t)$ has intensity process $\lambda_0(t) = \alpha(t) \gamma_0(t)$ where $\gamma_0(t) = \gamma_1(t) + \gamma_2(t)$ and $\alpha(t)$ is the common value of $\alpha_1(t)$ and $\alpha_2(t)$ under H_0 .

We know from (3.54) that the test statistic $Z_1(t_0)$ has predictable variation process

$$\langle Z_1 \rangle(t_0) = \int_0^{t_0} \frac{L^2(t) \gamma_0(t)}{\gamma_1(t) \gamma_2(t)} \alpha(t) dt$$

under H_0 . The variance estimator (3.55) takes the form

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$$V_{11}(t_0) = \int_0^{t_0} \frac{L^2(t)}{\gamma_1(t)\gamma_2(t)} dN_0(t)$$

By using the decomposition (under H_0)

$$dN_0(t) = \alpha(t)\gamma_0(t)dt + dM_0(t) \quad \text{we}$$

get under H_0 :

$$V_{11}(t_0) = \int_0^{t_0} \frac{L^2(t)}{\gamma_1(t)\gamma_2(t)} (\alpha(t)\gamma_0(t)dt + M_0(t))$$

$$= \langle Z_1 \rangle(t_0) + \int_0^{t_0} \frac{L^2(t)}{\gamma_1(t)\gamma_2(t)} dM_0(t)$$

Here the latter term on the right hand side is a mean zero martingale, and hence

$$E V_{11}(t_0) = E \langle Z_1 \rangle(t_0)$$

But we know that

$$\text{Var } Z_1(t_0) = E \langle Z_1 \rangle(t_0)$$

and hence $V_{11}(t_0)$ is unbiased under H_0 .

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Exercise 3.4

We know from (3.53) in the ABG-book that $Z_t(t_0)$ is a mean zero martingale under the null hypothesis.

Hence we have $E\{Z_t(t_0)\} = 0$.

Considering the logrank test, we have that [cf formula just above (3.60)]

$$Z_t(t_0) = N_t(t_0) - E_t(t_0)$$

Hence we have under H_0 that

$$E\{N_t(t_0) - E_t(t_0)\} = 0$$

So that

$$E\{E_t(t_0)\} = E\{N_t(t_0)\}$$