

variables					AIC
treat	age	serum	size	gleas	32.17
treat	age		size	gleas	30.17
treat			size	gleas	28.57
			size	gleas	27.53
			size		31.04
	coef	exp(coef)	se(coef)	z	p
treat	-1.1127	0.3287	1.2031	-0.92	0.355
size	0.0826	1.0861	0.0475	1.74	0.082
gleas	0.7102	2.0345	0.3379	2.10	0.036

Likelihood ratio test=13.8 on 3 df, p=0.00323
n= 38, number of events= 6

1) Data is from Collett (2003, p. 10) regarding survival of prostate cancer patients. The predictors are *treat* (1 if placebo, 2 if DES), *age* = patient age, *serum* (a prognostic variable), *size* of the primary tumour, and *gleas* (Gleason index: the more advanced the tumour, the higher the index). Results from backward elimination are shown.

a) What is the best starting submodel I_I ?

b) Are there any other candidate submodels? Explain briefly.

c) Consider the model containing $x_1 = \textit{treat}$, $x_2 = \textit{size}$ and $x_3 = \textit{gleas}$. Find the $ESP = \hat{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}$ if $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 20$, and $x_3 = 10$.

	M1	M2	M3	M4
# of predictors	7	4	2	1
# with $0.01 \leq \text{p-value} \leq 0.05$	1	1	1	0
# with $\text{p-value} > 0.05$	6	3	0	0
$-2\log(L)$	175.22	175.63	177.52	181.12
$AIC(I)$	189.22	183.63	181.52	183.12
p-value for change in PLR test	1.0	0.936	0.806	0.434

2) The above table gives summary statistics for 4 PH regression models considered as final submodels after performing variable selection. Assume that the PH assumptions hold for all 4 models. The full model was M1. Which model should be considered as the first starting submodel I_I ? Explain briefly why each of the other 3 submodels should not be used as the starting submodel.

Full model

variable	coef	std._err.	z	pval
age	-0.029	0.008	-3.53	0.000
bectota	0.008	0.005	1.68	0.094
ndrugtx	0.028	0.008	3.42	0.001
herco_2	0.065	0.150	0.44	0.663
herco_3	-0.094	0.166	-0.57	0.572
herco_4	0.028	0.160	0.18	0.861
ivhx_2	0.174	0.139	1.26	0.208
ivhx_3	0.281	0.147	1.91	0.056
race	-0.203	0.117	-1.74	0.082
treat	-0.240	0.094	-2.54	0.011
site	-0.102	0.109	-0.94	0.348

Likelihood ratio test = 24.436 on 11 df, p = 0.011

Reduced model

variable	coef	std._err.	z	pval
age	-0.026	0.008	-3.25	0.001
bectota	0.008	0.005	1.70	0.090
ndrugtx	0.029	0.008	3.54	0.000
ivhx_3	0.256	0.106	2.41	0.016
race	-0.224	0.115	-1.95	0.051
treat	-0.232	0.093	-2.48	0.013
site	-0.087	0.108	-0.80	0.422

Likelihood ratio test = 21.038 on 7 df, p = 0.004

3) The data studies time until illegal drug use relapse. Variables were *age*, *becktota*, *ndrugtx*, *herco*₂ = 1 if heroin user and 0 else, *herco*₃ = 1 if cocaine user and 0 else, *herco*₄ = 1 if used neither heroin nor cocaine and 0 else, *ivhx*₂ = 1 if previous but not recent IV drug use and 0 else, *ivhx*₃ = 1 if recent IV drug use and 0 else, *race* = 1 for white and 0 else, *treat* = 1 for short treatment and 0 for long and *site*.

Using the output for the full and reduced model above, test whether the reduced model is good.

	coef	exp(coef)	se(coef)	z	p
X1	-0.0148	0.9853	0.0470	-0.32	0.7526
X2	0.0516	1.0530	0.0394	1.31	0.1905
factor(X3)2	0.2197	1.2457	0.7489	0.29	0.7692
factor(X4)3	-2.4437	0.0868	0.9606	-2.54	0.0110
X5	-0.2436	0.7838	0.8859	-0.27	0.7833
X6	-0.0579	0.9437	0.1612	-0.36	0.7193
X7	2.6127	13.6357	0.9176	2.85	0.0044

Likelihood ratio test=22.3 on 7 df, p=0.00223
n= 37, number of events= 17

4) The above output is for the Collett (2003, p. 367) data for leukemia patients who received a bone marrow transplant. Y is the survival time in days, and the predictors are $x_1 = \text{page} = \text{age of patient}$, $x_2 = \text{dage} = \text{age of donor}$, factor type of leukemia where the three types were coded as indicator variables x_3 and x_4 , $x_5 = \text{preg} = \text{donor pregnancy}$ (0 for no, 1 for yes), $x_6 = \text{index}$, and $x_7 = \text{Gvhd} = \text{graft-versus host-disease}$ (0–no,1–yes) which can cause transplanted cells to attack host cells (potentially fatally). A PH model was used.

a) Test $\beta = \mathbf{0}$.

b) Find a 95% CI for β_7 .

c) Do a 4 step test for $H_0 : \beta_7 = 0$.

	coef	exp(coef)	se(coef)	z	Pr(> z)
treat	0.5964	1.8155	0.5870	1.016	0.31

Likelihood ratio test= 1.05 on 1 df, p=0.3

5) The data from Collett (2003, p. 335-6) gives censored survival times for patients with ovarian cancer. The indicator variable for treatment $x = 0$ treatment is type 0 (cyclophosphamide and adriamycin) and $x = 1$ if treatment = 1 (cyclophosphamide).

a) Do a PLR test for $\beta = 0$.

b) The solid line in each plot is the estimated PH survival function. There are 3 bands of vertical circles. The middle circles correspond to the Kaplan Meier estimator. The outer circles are pointwise confidence interval bands for the Kaplan Meier estimator. The CI for $S(0)$ is $[1,1]$. For group 0, the CI for $S(1200)$ is approximately $[0.35,0.95]$. Is the proportional hazards model reasonable? Explain briefly.

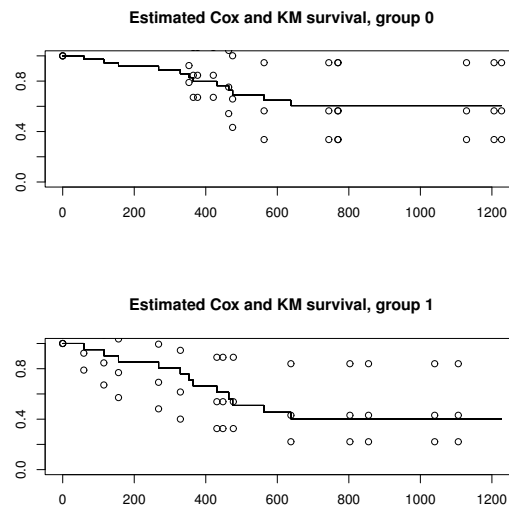


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