

Joint modelling of multivariate longitudinal and time-to-event data

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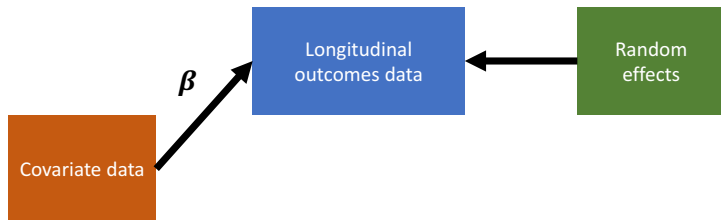
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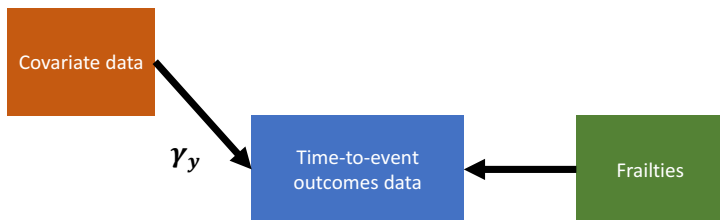


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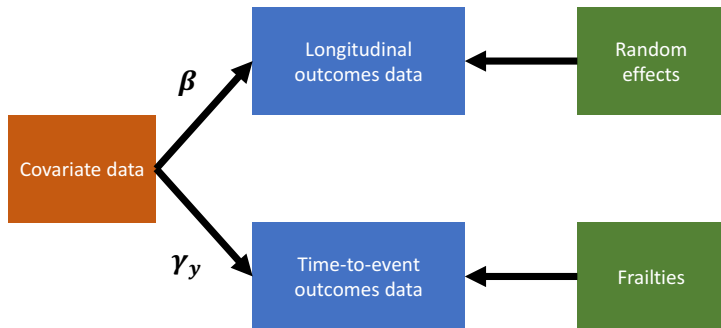


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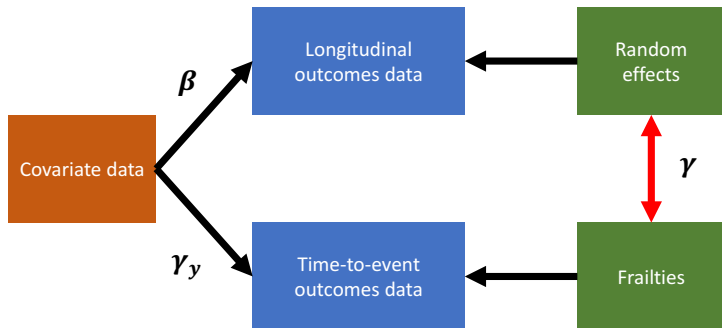


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Why use a joint model?

Interest lies with

- adjustment of inferences about longitudinal measurements for possibly outcome-dependent drop-out
- adjustment of inferences about the time-to-event distribution conditional on intermediate and/or error prone longitudinal measurements
- the joint evolution of the measurement and event time processes
- biomarker surrogacy
- dynamic prediction



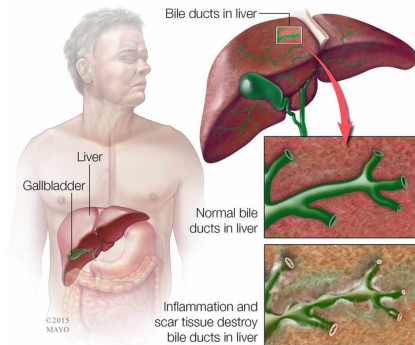
Motivation for *multivariate* joint models

- Clinical studies often repeatedly measure *multiple* biomarkers or other measurements **and** an event time
- Research has predominantly focused on a single event time and single measurement outcome
- Ignoring correlation leads to bias and reduced efficiency in estimation
- Harnessing all available information in a single model is advantageous and should lead to improved model predictions



Clinical example

Primary biliary cirrhosis



Primary biliary cirrhosis (PBC) is a chronic liver disease characterized by inflammatory destruction of the small bile ducts, which eventually leads to cirrhosis of the liver and death

Figure source: <https://www.medgadget.com>



Clinical example

- Consider a subset of 154 patients randomized to placebo treatment from Mayo Clinic trial (Murtaugh et al. 1994)
- Multiple biomarkers repeatedly measured at intermittent times, of which we consider 3 clinically relevant ones:
 - 1 serum bilirunbin (mg/dl)
 - 2 serum albumin (mg/dl)
 - 3 prothrombin time (seconds)

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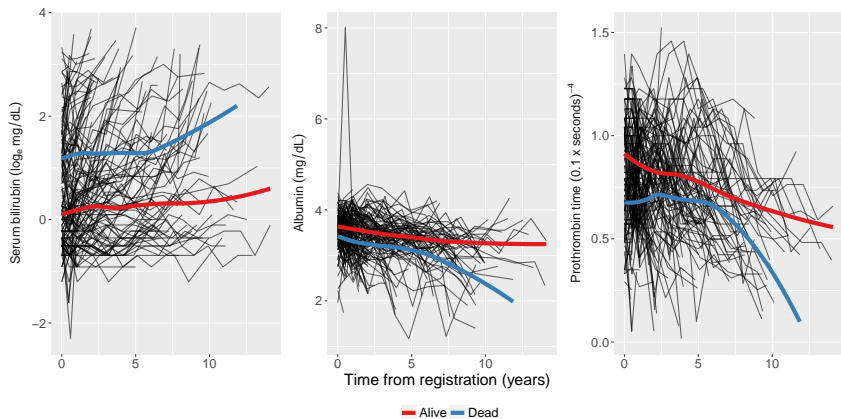
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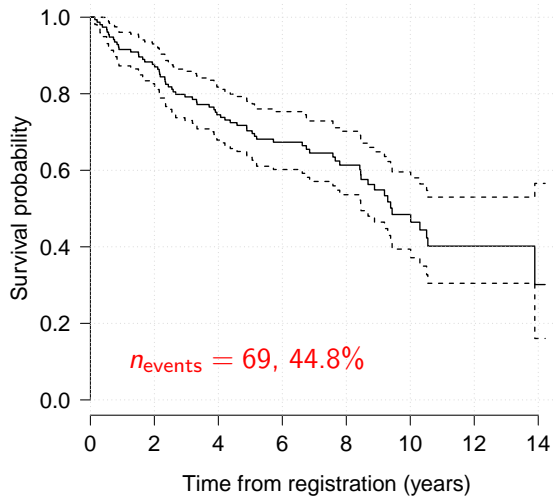
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Objective 3

- 1 Wrap it all up into a freely available software package







Data

For each subject $i = 1, \dots, n$, we observe

- $y_i = (y_{i1}^\top, \dots, y_{iK}^\top)$ is a K -variate continuous outcome vector, where each y_{ik} denotes an $(n_{ik} \times 1)$ -vector of observed longitudinal measurements for the k -th outcome type:

$$y_{ik} = (y_{i1k}, \dots, y_{in_{ik}k})^\top$$
- Observation times t_{ijk} for $j = 1, \dots, n_{ik}$, which can differ between subjects and outcomes
- (T_i, δ_i) , where $T_i = \min(T_i^*, C_i)$, where T_i^* is the true event time, C_i corresponds to a potential right-censoring time, and δ_i is the failure indicator equal to 1 if the failure is observed ($T_i^* \leq C_i$) and 0 otherwise



Longitudinal sub-model

Following Henderson et al. (2000) for the **univariate case**

$$y_i(t) = \mu_i(t) + W_{1i}(t) + \varepsilon_i(t),$$

where

- $\varepsilon_i(t)$ is the model error term, which is i.i.d. $N(0, \sigma^2)$ and independent of $W_{1i}(t)$
- $\mu_i(t) = x_i^\top(t)\beta$ is the mean response
- $x_i(t)$ is a p -vector of (possibly) time-varying covariates with corresponding fixed effect terms β
- $W_{1i}(t)$ is a zero-mean *latent* Gaussian process



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We can extend it to K -separate sub-models (with $k = 1, \dots, K$)

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Time-to-event sub-model

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_i(t) &= \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(t \leq T_i < t + dt \mid T_i \geq t)}{dt} \\ &= \lambda_0(t) \exp \left\{ v_i^\top(t) \gamma_v + W_{2i}(t) \right\},\end{aligned}$$

where

- $\lambda_0(\cdot)$ is an unspecified baseline hazard function
- $v_i(t)$ is a q -vector of (possibly) time-varying covariates with corresponding fixed effect terms γ_v
- $W_{2i}(t)$ is a zero-mean *latent* Gaussian process, independent of the censoring process



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- 3 Correlation between sub-models¹: $W_{2i}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma_{yk} W_{1i}^{(k)}(t)$

¹Extends model proposed Henderson et al. (2000)



Association structure: alternatives

Many other proposals for association structures in the literature:

- Current value parameterisation: $W_{2i}(t) = \gamma_y \{\mu_i(t) + W_{1i}(t)\}$
- Random effects parameterisation: $W_{2i}(t) = \gamma_{y1}^\top b_i$
- Bivariate distribution: $(W_{1i}, W_{2i}) \sim N(0, \Omega)$
- Random-slopes parameterisation:
$$W_{2i}(t) = \gamma_{y1} \{\mu_i(t) + W_{1i}(t)\} + \gamma_{y2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \{\mu_i(t) + W_{1i}(t)\}$$
- ...



Likelihood

We can re-write the longitudinal sub-model as

$$y_i | b_i, \beta, \Sigma_i \sim N(X_i \beta + Z_i b_i, \Sigma_i), \text{ with } b_i | D \sim N(0, D),$$

where $\beta = (\beta_1^\top, \dots, \beta_K^\top)$, $b_i = (b_{i1}^\top, \dots, b_{iK}^\top)^\top$, and

$$X_i = \begin{pmatrix} X_{i1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & X_{iK} \end{pmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} D_{11} & \cdots & D_{1K} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ D_{1K}^\top & \cdots & D_{KK} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$Z_i = \begin{pmatrix} Z_{i1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & Z_{iK} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_i = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 I_{n_{i1}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \sigma_K^2 I_{n_{iK}} \end{pmatrix}$$



Likelihood

The *observed* data likelihood is given by

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y_i | b_i, \theta) f(T_i, \delta_i | b_i, \theta) f(b_i | \theta) db_i \right)$$

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$$f(T_i, \delta_i | b_i; \theta) = \left[\lambda_0(T_i) \exp \left\{ v_i^\top \gamma_v + W_{2i}(T_i, b_i) \right\} \right]^{\delta_i} \\ \exp \left\{ - \int_0^{T_i} \lambda_0(u) \exp \left\{ v_i^\top \gamma_v + W_{2i}(u, b_i) \right\} du \right\}$$



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$$f(b_i | \theta) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{r}{2}} |D|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} b_i^\top D^{-1} b_i \right\},$$

with $r = \dim(b_i)$



Estimation

Multiple approaches have been considered over the years:

- Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
- Direct likelihood maximisation (e.g. Newton-methods)
- Generalised estimating equations
- EM algorithm (treating the random effects as missing data)
- ...



EM algorithm (Dempster et al. 1977)

E-step. At the m -th iteration, we compute the expected log-likelihood of the *complete* data conditional on the *observed* data and the current estimate of the parameters.

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\theta | \hat{\theta}^{(m)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left\{ \log f(y_i, T_i, \delta_i, b_i | \theta) \right\}, \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \log f(y_i, T_i, \delta_i, b_i | \theta) \right\} f(b_i | T_i, \delta_i, y_i; \hat{\theta}^{(m)}) db_i \end{aligned}$$



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M-step. We maximise $Q(\theta | \hat{\theta}^{(m)})$ with respect to θ . namely,

$$\hat{\theta}^{(m+1)} = \arg \max_{\theta} Q(\theta | \hat{\theta}^{(m)})$$



M-step: closed form estimators

$$\hat{\lambda}_0(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i I(T_i = t)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} [\exp \{v_i^\top \gamma_v + W_{2i}(t, b_i)\}] I(T_i \geq t)}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^\top X_i \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^\top (y_i - Z_i \mathbb{E}[b_i]) \right)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_k^2 = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n n_{ik}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ (y_{ik} - X_{ik} \beta_k)^\top (y_{ik} - X_{ik} \beta_k - 2Z_{ik} \mathbb{E}[b_{ik}]) \right. \\ \left. + \text{trace} \left(Z_{ik}^\top Z_{ik} \mathbb{E}[b_{ik} b_{ik}^\top] \right) \right\}$$

$$\hat{D} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} [b_i b_i^\top]$$



M-step: non-closed form estimators

There is no closed form update for $\gamma = (\gamma_v^\top, \gamma_y^\top)$, so use a one-step Newton-Raphson iteration

$$\hat{\gamma}^{(m+1)} = \hat{\gamma}^{(m)} + I(\hat{\gamma}^{(m)})^{-1} S(\hat{\gamma}^{(m)}),$$

where

$$S(\gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\delta_i \mathbb{E}[\tilde{v}_i(T_i)] - \int_0^{T_i} \lambda_0(u) \mathbb{E}[\tilde{v}_i(u) \exp\{\tilde{v}_i^\top(u)\gamma\}] du \right]$$

$$I(\gamma) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma} S(\gamma)$$

with $\tilde{v}_i(t) = (v_i^\top, z_{i1}^\top(t)b_{i1}, \dots, z_{iK}^\top(t)b_{iK})$ a $(q + K)$ -vector



MCEM algorithm

- E-step requires calculating several multidimensional integrals of form $\mathbb{E} \left[h(b_i) \mid T_i, \delta_i, y_i; \hat{\theta} \right]$
- Gauss-quadrature can be slow if $\dim(b_i)$ is large \Rightarrow might not scale well as K increases
- Instead, we use the **Monte Carlo Expectation-Maximization** (MCEM; Wei and Tanner 1990)
- M-step updates remain the same



Monte Carlo E-step

Conventional EM algorithm: use quadrature to compute

$$\mathbb{E} \left[h(b_i) \mid T_i, \delta_i, y_i; \hat{\theta} \right] = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(b_i) f(b_i \mid y_i; \hat{\theta}) f(T_i, \delta_i \mid b_i; \hat{\theta}) db_i}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(b_i \mid y_i; \hat{\theta}) f(T_i, \delta_i \mid b_i; \hat{\theta}) db_i},$$

where

$h(\cdot)$ = any known function,

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MCEM algorithm E-step: use Monte Carlo integration to compute

$$\mathbb{E} \left[h(b_i) \mid T_i, \delta_i, y_i; \hat{\theta} \right] \approx \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{d=1}^N h(b_i^{(d)}) f(T_i, \delta_i \mid b_i^{(d)}; \hat{\theta})}{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{d=1}^N f(T_i, \delta_i \mid b_i^{(d)}; \hat{\theta})}$$

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$b_i^{(1)}, b_i^{(2)}, \dots, b_i^{(N)} \sim b_i \mid y_i, \theta$ a Monte Carlo draw



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Variance reduction

Instead of directly sampling from the MVN distribution for $b_i | y_i; \theta$, we apply a variance reduction technique

Antithetic simulation

Sample $\Omega \sim N(0, I_r)$ and obtain the *pairs*

$$A_i \left\{ Z_i^\top \Sigma_i^{-1} (y_i - X_i \beta) \right\} \pm C_i \Omega,$$

where C_i is the Cholesky decomposition of A_i such that $C_i C_i^\top = A_i$

Negative correlation between the $N/2$ pairs \Rightarrow smaller variance in the sample means than would be obtained from N independent simulations



Convergence

In standard EM, convergence usually declared at $(m + 1)$ -th iteration if one of the following criteria satisfied

- Relative change: $\Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m+1)} = \max \left\{ \frac{|\hat{\theta}^{(m+1)} - \hat{\theta}^{(m)}|}{|\hat{\theta}^{(m)}| + \epsilon_1} \right\} < \epsilon_0$
- Absolute change: $\Delta_{\text{abs}}^{(m+1)} = \max \left\{ |\hat{\theta}^{(m+1)} - \hat{\theta}^{(m)}| \right\} < \epsilon_2$

for some choice of ϵ_0 , ϵ_1 , and ϵ_2



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⇒ **Solution:** increase Monte Carlo size N as algorithm moves closer towards maximizer



Dynamic MC size

- Using large N when far from maximizer = computationally inefficient
- Using small N when close to maximizer = unlikely to detect convergence

Solution (proposed by Ripatti et al. 2002): after a 'burn-in' phase, calculate the *coefficient of variation* statistic

$$cv(\Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m+1)}) = \frac{\text{sd}(\Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m-1)}, \Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m)}, \Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m+1)})}{\text{mean}(\Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m-1)}, \Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m)}, \Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m+1)})},$$

and increase N to $N + \lfloor N/\delta \rfloor$ if $cv(\Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m+1)}) > cv(\Delta_{\text{rel}}^{(m)})$ for some small positive integer δ

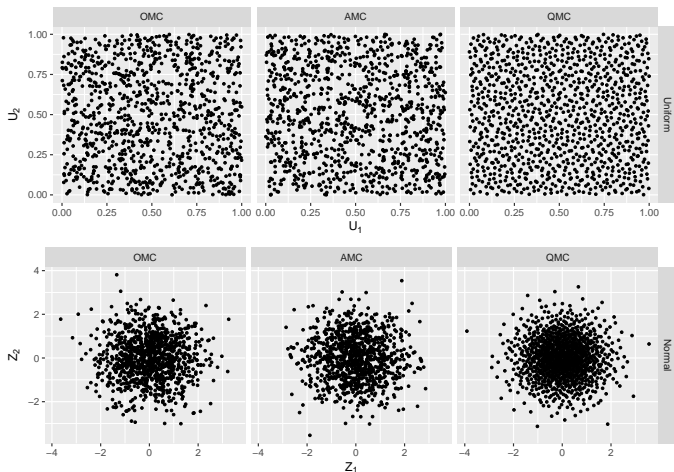


Quasi-Monte Carlo

- Replaces the (pseudo-)random sequence by a deterministic one
- Quasi-random sequences yield smaller errors than standard Monte Carlo integration methods
- Convergence is $O\left(\frac{(\log N)^r}{N}\right)$
- Research on-going...



Quasi-Monte Carlo



Key: OMC = ordinary Monte Carlo; AMC = antithetic Monte Carlo; QMC = quasi-Monte Carlo



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Method 2: Empirical information matrix approximation

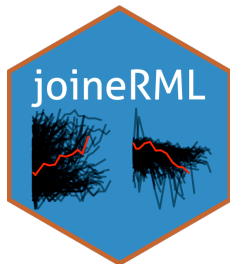
Following McLachlan and Krishnan (2008), $SE(\theta) \approx I_e^{-1/2}(\hat{\theta})$, where

$$I_e(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i(\theta) s_i^\top(\theta) - \frac{1}{n} S(\theta) S^\top(\theta),$$

$S(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i(\theta)$ is the score vector for $\theta_{-\lambda_0(t)}$ (baseline hazards a profiled out of the likelihood)



joineRML



Version 0.3.0 available on CRAN

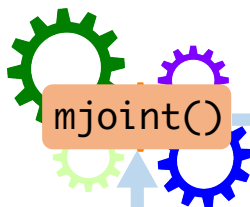
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Developmental version available on
GitHub

<https://github.com/graemeleehickey/joineRML>

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Rich collection of associated methods

* associated with additional plot methods

getVarCov()	print()
vcov()	summary()
fixef()	plot()
raneff()*	sigma()
AIC()	coef()
BIC()	update()
confint()	baseHaz()
formula()	residuals()
sampleData()	fitted()
dynSurv()*	logLik()
dynLong()*	bootSE()



Armadillo

C++ linear algebra library



Parallel
Computing



Alternative options

- Pre-2017: none!
- 2017-onwards:
 - **joinerML**: discussed today
 - **stjm**: a new extension to the Stata package² written by Michael Crowther
 - **megenreg**: similar to **stjm**, but can handle other models
 - **rstanarm**: development branch that absorbs package written by Sam Brilleman³
 - **JMbayes**: a new extension⁴ to the R package written by Dimitris Rizopoulos

²Crowther MJ. *Joint Statistical Meeting*. Seattle; 2015.

³github.com/sambrilleman/rstanjm

⁴github.com/drizopoulos/JMbayes



Proposed model for PBC data

Longitudinal sub-model

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\text{serBilir}) &= (\beta_{0,1} + b_{0i,1}) + (\beta_{1,1} + b_{1i,1})\text{year} + \varepsilon_{ij1}, \\ \text{albumin} &= (\beta_{0,2} + b_{0i,2}) + (\beta_{1,2} + b_{1i,2})\text{year} + \varepsilon_{ij2}, \\ (0.1 \times \text{prothrombin})^{-4} &= (\beta_{0,3} + b_{0i,3}) + (\beta_{1,3} + b_{1i,3})\text{year} + \varepsilon_{ij3}, \\ b_i &\sim N_6(0, D), \text{ and } \varepsilon_{ijk} \sim N(0, \sigma_k^2) \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3; \end{aligned}$$

Time-to-event sub-model

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i(t) &= \lambda_0(t) \exp \{ \gamma_{\text{vage}} + W_{2i}(t) \}, \\ W_{2i}(t) &= \gamma_{\text{bil}}(b_{0i,1} + b_{1i,1}t) + \gamma_{\text{alb}}(b_{0i,2} + b_{1i,2}t) + \gamma_{\text{pro}}(b_{0i,3} + b_{1i,3}t). \end{aligned}$$



Example code

```
data(pbc2)
placebo <- subset(pbc2, drug == "placebo")
fit.pbc <- mjoint(
  formLongFixed = list(
    "bil" = log(serBilir) ~ year,
    "alb" = albumin ~ year,
    "pro" = (0.1 * prothrombin)^-4 ~ year),
  formLongRandom = list(
    "bil" = ~ year | id,
    "alb" = ~ year | id,
    "pro" = ~ year | id),
  formSurv = Surv(years, status2) ~ age,
  data = placebo,
  timeVar = "year",
  control = list(tol0 = 0.001, burin = 400))
```



Results

Parameter	Estimate	SE	95% CI
$\beta_{0,1}$	0.5541	0.0858	(0.3859, 0.7223)
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$\beta_{0,3}$	0.8304	0.0212	(0.7888, 0.8719)
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Results

Effect of multivariate inference over univariate joint model:

Parameter	Model	Estimate	95% CI
γ_{bil}	UV	1.2182	(0.9789, 1.6130)
γ_{bil}	MV	0.8181	(0.4171, 1.2191)
γ_{alb}	UV	-3.0770	(-4.4865, -2.3466)
γ_{alb}	MV	-1.7060	(-2.9173, -0.4946)
γ_{pro}	UV	-7.2078	(-10.5410, -5.3917)
γ_{pro}	MV	-2.2085	(-5.3582, 0.9412)

UV = univariate joint model (fitted with `joiner` package); MV = multivariate joint model



Dynamic prediction

- So far we have only discussed **inference** from joint models
- How we can use them for **prediction**?
- Predict what?
 - 1 Failure probability at time $u > t$ given longitudinal data observed up until time t
 - 2 Longitudinal trajectories at time $u > t$ given longitudinal data observed up until time t



Dynamic prediction: example

Bivariate joint model

We will consider the PBC data again (as above) with $K = 2$ biomarkers only: serum bilirubin (log-transformed) and albumin (untransformed), since prothrombin time was non-significant in the trivariate model



Dynamic prediction: survival

For a new subject $i = n + 1$, we want to calculate

$$P[T_{n+1}^* \geq u \mid T_{n+1}^* > t, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}; \theta] = \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{S_{n+1}(u \mid \mathcal{W}_{2,n+1}(u, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}; \theta); \theta)}{S_{n+1}(t \mid \mathcal{W}_{2,n+1}(t, \mathbf{b}_{n+1}; \theta); \theta)} \right],$$

where $\mathcal{W}_{2i}(t, \mathbf{b}_i; \theta) = \{W_{2i}(s, \mathbf{v}_i; \theta); 0 \leq s < t\}$ and the expectation is taken with respect to the distribution

$$p(\mathbf{b}_{n+1} \mid T_{n+1}^* > t, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}; \theta)$$



Dynamic prediction: survival

Rizopoulos (2011) proposed two estimators for this:

- 1 A first-order approximation

$$P[T_{n+1}^* \geq u \mid T_{n+1}^* > t, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}; \theta] \approx \frac{S_{n+1}(u \mid \mathcal{W}_{2,n+1}(u, \hat{b}_{n+1}; \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}); \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}})}{S_{n+1}(t \mid \mathcal{W}_{2,n+1}(t, \hat{b}_{n+1}; \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}); \hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}})},$$

where \hat{b}_{n+1} is the mode of $p(b_{n+1} \mid T_{n+1}^* > t, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}; \theta)$

- 2 A simulated scheme

- 1 Draw $\theta^{(l)} \sim N(\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}, V(\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}))$
- 2 Draw $b_{n+1}^{(l)} \sim p(b_{n+1} \mid T_{n+1}^* > t, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}; \theta)$ [Metropolis-Hastings]
- 3 Calculate $\frac{S_{n+1}(u \mid \mathcal{W}_{2,n+1}(u, b_{n+1}^{(l)}; \theta^{(l)}); \theta^{(l)})}{S_{n+1}(t \mid \mathcal{W}_{2,n+1}(t, b_{n+1}^{(l)}; \theta^{(l)}); \theta^{(l)})}$
- 4 Repeat Steps 1–3 $l = 2, \dots, L$ times



Example code

```
# New patient
nd <- subset(placebo, id == "11") # patient 11

# First-order prediction (default)
pred1 <- dynSurv(fit.pbc, nd[1:5, ])
pred1
plot(pred1)

# Simulated prediction
pred2 <- dynSurv(fit.pbc, nd[1:5, ], type = "simulated", scale = 2)
pred2
plot(pred2)
```



Dynamic prediction: survival



Dynamic prediction: longitudinal

For a new subject $i = n + 1$, we want to calculate

$$\mathbb{E}[y_{n+1}(u) | T_{n+1}^* > t, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}; \theta] = \mathbf{X}_{n+1}^\top(u)\beta + \mathbf{Z}_{n+1}^\top(u)\mathbb{E}[b_{n+1}],$$



Dynamic prediction: longitudinal

Again, we can use the same estimation proposals:

- 1 A first-order approximation

$$\mathbb{E}[y_{n+1}(u) | T_{n+1}^* > t, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}; \theta] \approx X_{n+1}^\top(u)\hat{\beta} + Z_{n+1}^\top(u)\hat{b}_{n+1},$$

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- 3 Calculate $X_{n+1}^\top(u)\beta^{(l)} + Z_{n+1}^\top(u)b_{n+1}^{(l)}$
- 4 Repeat Steps 1–3 $l = 2, \dots, L$ times



Example code

```
# First-order prediction (default)
pred1 <- dynLong(fit.pbc, nd[1:5, ])
pred1
plot(pred1)

# Simulated prediction
pred2 <- dynLong(fit.pbc, nd[1:5, ], type = "simulated", scale = 2)
pred2
plot(pred2)
```



Dynamic prediction: longitudinal



Open challenges

- How can we incorporate high-dimensional K ? E.g. $K = 10$?
- Data reduction techniques: can we project high-dimensional K onto a lower order plane?
- Speed-up calculations using approximations (e.g. Laplace approximations)

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