

Survival Data with Incomplete Missing Categorical Covariates

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Abstract : The survival censored data with incomplete covariate data is a common occurrence in many studies in which the outcome is survival time. With model when the missing covariates are categorical, a useful technique for obtaining parameter estimates is the EM by the method of weights. The survival outcome for the class of generalized linear model is applied and this method requires the estimation of the parameters of the distribution of the covariates. In this paper, we propose some clinical trials with v covariates, four of which have some missing values which clearly show that they were fully censored data.

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