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See Also

survival

Examples

```
#--- sample data ---#
D=rmst2.sample.data()
time=D$time
status=D$status
arm=D$arm
tau=NULL
x=D[,c(4,6,7)]
#--- without covariates ----
a=rmst2(time, status, arm, tau=10)
print(a)
plot(a, xlab="Years", ylab="Probability", density=60)
#--- with covariates ----
a=rmst2(time, status, arm, tau=10, covariates=x)
print(a)
```

`plot.rmst2` *plot.rmst2*

Description

S3 method for class ’rmst2’

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rmst2'
plot(
  x,
  xlab = "",
  ylab = "",
  col = "red",
  col.RMST = "pink",
  col.RMTL = "orange",
  density = 80,
  angle = 85,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`x`	Results of the unadjusted analyses.
`xlab`	x label.
`ylab`	y label.
`col`	Color for line. Default is red.
`col.RMST`	Color for areas of RMST. Default is pink.
`col.RMTL`	Color for areas of RMTL. Default is orange.
`density`	Density of shading lines, in lines per inch. Default is 80.
`angle`	Slope of shading lines, given as an angle in degrees (counter-clockwise). Default is 85.
`...`	Further arguments ignored in this function.

Value

returns a plot

`print.rmst2` *print.rmst2*

Description

S3 method for class 'rmst2'

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rmst2'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	Object to be printed.
`digits`	Integer indicating the number of decimal places.
`...`	Further arguments ignored in this function.

Value

returns summary output for class 'rmst2'

`rmst2` *Comparing restricted mean survival time*

Description

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Usage

```
rmst2(time, status, arm, tau = NULL, covariates = NULL, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

`time`	The follow-up time for right censored data.
`status`	The status indicator, 1=event, and 0=right censored.
`arm`	The group indicator for comparison. The elements of this vector take either 1 or 0. Normally, 0=control group, 1=active treatment group.

`tau`	A scaler value to specify the truncation time point for the RMST calculation. `tau` needs to be smaller than the minimum of the largest observed time in each of the two groups. When `tau = NULL`, the default value (i.e., the minimum of the largest observed time in each of the two groups) is used.
`covariates`	This specifies covariates to be used for the adjusted analyses. When NULL, unadjusted analyses are performed. When non NULL, the ANCOVA-type adjusted analyses are performed using those variables passed as `covariates`. This can be one variable (vector) or more than one variables (matrix).
`alpha`	The default is 0.05. (1-`alpha`) confidence intervals are reported.

Details

For more details, please see the package vignette: `browseVignettes(package = "survRM2")`

Value

an object of class rmst2.

`tau`	the truncation time used in the analyses
`note`	a note regarding the truncation time
`RMST.arm1`	RMST results in arm 1. This is generated only when `covariates` is not specified.
`RMST.arm0`	RMST results in arm 0. This is generated only when `covariates` is not specified.
`unadjusted.result`	Results of the unadjusted analyses. This is generated only when `covariates` is not specified.

The values below are generated when some covariates are passed to the function.

`adjusted.result`	Results of the adjusted analyses.
`RMST.difference.adjusted`	Results of the parameter estimates with the model to derive an adjusted difference in RMST.
`RMST.ratio.adjusted`	Results of the parameter estimates with the model to derive an adjusted ratio of RMST.
`RMTL.ratio.adjusted`	Results of the parameter estimates with the model to derive an adjusted ratio of RMTL.

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print(a)
```

`rmst2.sample.data` *Generate a sample data from the pbc data*

Description

This is a function to retrieve 312 randomized patients from the pbc data.

Usage

```
rmst2.sample.data(t.unit="year")
```

Arguments

`t.unit`	Specify the time unit. It supports "year" (default), "month", and "day".

Details

The function creates a sample dataset to illustrate the usage of the function `rmst2()` in this package. The original pbc data in `survival` package consists of 418 patients data. This function loads the pbc data, select the 312 patients who were randomized. The status variable is edited, so that 1 indicates death and 0 indicates alive.

Value

returns a data frame

See Also

`pbc` in survival package

Examples

```
D=rmst2.sample.data()
head(D)
```

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