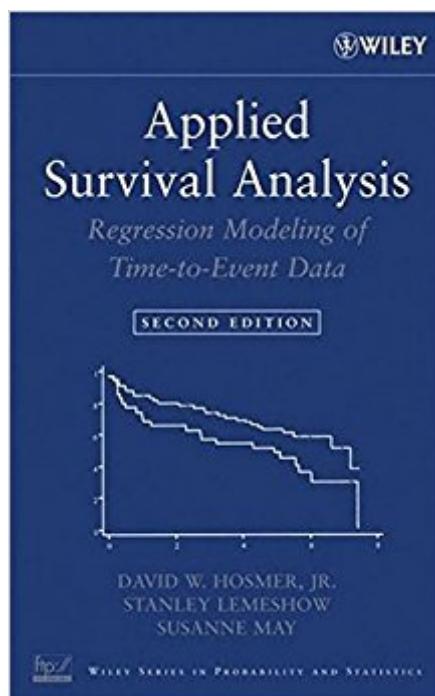


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The authors provide a really nice, non-technical survey of the landscape for Cox Proportional Hazards models. A nice aspect of their treatment is the care they take to reference all highly technical texts and journal articles. For example, if you'd like to find out more about goodness-of-fit tests for survival models, the authors provide ample references to the Counting Process Theory of Martingale Residuals. The first chapter discusses the basic characteristics of survival data, including the notion of censoring (in all of its various forms). Examples of the principle types of censoring are included. The chapter also includes introductory material on the general survival model, including a nice description of the log likelihood function. Curiously, the rigorous definition of the hazard function has been omitted, probably to avoid intimidating readers who are not familiar with formal limits. Chapter 2 continues to build up the general survival model and introduces the relationship between the survivor function and the cumulative hazard. Pointwise estimators for the survivor function are discussed, including the Kaplan-Meier estimator along with the various variance estimators. Test statistics for comparing two survival populations are introduced, including the Log-Rank and General Wilcoxon statistics. The reader is encouraged to read the counting process treatments of these statistics to see why they produced defensible hypothesis tests. Chapter 3 is devoted to the Cox Model and Cox's partial likelihood function. Tests for significance of the coefficients are introduced, included the Wald test, log likelihood ratio test and the score test. These are used heavily in the later chapters as the basis of a model-building methodology. Chapter 4 is a

very short, but nicely written chapter explaining how to interpret the values of each regression coefficient. It also describes covariate-adjustment techniques for model diagnostics. Chapter 5 is just a wonderful chapter which outlines classical model building techniques. This is a great chapter for anyone who has ever been thrown a ton of data (with a bushel of possible covariates) and asked to "fit a model to this stuff". Readers who have done a lot of purposeful fitting of linear regression models won't find the basic techniques new, but use of survival specific residuals and selection criterion will probably be an eye-opener. The section on assessing the functional form for continuous covariates is also nicely written. However, the section on Best Subsets Selection was a little too "cook-booky" for my taste. Chapter 6 is another very nice chapter on goodness-of-fit. It discusses analysis of the various residuals and their use for analysis outliers, testing proportional hazards assumptions and overall Goodness-of-Fit. Chapter 7 discusses the standard extensions of the Cox model, including stratification and time-varying covariates. Chapter 8 discusses parametric survival models, and is a good introduction to the SAS procedure LIFEREG. The generalization of the Cox model to recurring event data (also known as Aalen's multiplicative intensity model) can be found in Chapter 9. My only complaint is that each chapter was designed to be read in one sitting. Individual ideas, topics and formulas can be buried in a seemingly unbroken chain of paragraphs. The lack of sub-sub section titles, etc., makes using the text as is somewhat cumbersome to use as a desk reference. I've gotten around this limitation by marking key concepts, etc., in the margin in order to give a "quick search" capability enhancement to the index.

This book was recommended for my Survival Analysis course at my university! It was absolutely helpful! Easy to follow and more application-oriented which makes it an easy read!

This book is essential for anyone who is doing survival analysis. It is clearly written and useful, and covers a wide range of topics related to survival analysis. For non-R users such as myself, there is an incredibly helpful website: [...] that includes all of the examples in the book demonstrated in Stata, SAS, and SPSS. For me, this practical application using statistical packages I was comfortable with, combined with the useful description in the book facilitated both my understanding of the concepts, and allowed me to hit the ground running in my analytic work.

A good introduction to survival analysis, probably the best I've read so far. Other books on this topic are either conceptually heavy and aimed at students of statistics, or take a too-dumbed-down approach in an attempt to appeal to the non-statistically savvy researcher. This book strikes a good

balance in introducing statistical concepts to the researcher in an understandable manner. Concepts are easily understood and descriptions of application to real studies is welcome. Covers all the basics of survival analysis with introductory sections on more advanced concepts such as the extended cox model.

Very good textbook for survival analysis.

This book was purchased out of PURE necessity where I was acting a the sole biostatistician very early in my career... it truly was a survival analysis. The HL series for both Survival and Logistic give great examples that anyone with a basic background in statistics can understand. Keep in mind that this is more theoretical and that if you are just getting started with Survival or Logistic models you are better off with the Paul Allison series.

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