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DepCens-package	<i>The 'DepCens' package.</i>
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Description

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References

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dependent.censoring	<i>Dependent Censoring model</i>
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Description

dependent.censoring can be used to fit survival data with dependent censoring, it can also be utilized to take into account informative censoring.

Usage

```
dependent.censoring(
  formula,
  data,
  delta_t,
  delta_c,
  ident,
  dist = c("weibull", "mep"),
  Num_intervals = 10
)
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	an object of class "formula": should be used as 'time ~ failure covariates informative covariates'.
<code>data</code>	a data frame, list or environment containing the variables.
<code>delta_t</code>	Indicator function of the event of interest.
<code>delta_c</code>	Indicator function of the dependent censoring.
<code>ident</code>	Cluster variable.
<code>dist</code>	distribution to be used in the model adjustment, specifies the marginal distribution of times (must be either weibull or mep).
<code>Num_intervals</code>	Number of intervals of the time grid (mep only).

Details

This function estimates the parameters of the Piecewise exponential model (`dist = "mep"`) or Weibull model (`dist = "weibull"`) with dependent censoring, considering the frailty model to estimate the clusters variability and a parameter that captures the dependence between failure and dependent censoring times.

Value

`dependent.censoring` returns an object of class "dcensoring" containing the results of the fitted models. An object of class "dcensoring" is a list containing at least the following components:

- `param_est` a vector containing estimated parameters (dependency parameter, regression coefficients associated with failure times, regression coefficients associated with dependent censoring times, and time distribution parameters (Weibull or piecewise exponential)).
- `stde` a vector containing the estimated standard errors of the estimated parameters vector.
- `crit` a vector containing the information criteria, Akaike's information criterion (AIC), Bayesian information criterion (BIC), Hannan-Quinn information criterion (HQ), calculated according to Louis, T. A. (1982).
- `pvalue` p-value of the estimated parameters vector.
- `n` number of observations in the dataset.
- `p` number of covariates associated with failure times (event of interest times).
- `q` number of covariates associated with dependent censoring times (informative censoring times or competitive risk times).
- `formula` formula used in the function call.
- `terms` the terms object used, containing the covariates associated with the failure times and with the dependent censoring times.
- `labels1` labels of the covariates associated with failure times.
- `labels2` labels of the covariates associated with dependent censoring times.
- `risco_a_T` a vector containing the cumulative baseline hazard of failure times.
- `risco_a_C` a vector containing the cumulative baseline hazard of dependent censoring times.

- `bi` a matrix containing the generated fragilities, one of the outputs of the function `dependent.censoring`, in which the individuals are in the rows and the Monte Carlo replicas in the columns.
- `X_T` a matrix of variables associated with failure times.
- `X_C` a matrix of variables associated with dependent censoring times.
- `time` a vector of the observable times.

Examples

```
library(DepCens)
delta_t <- ifelse(KidneyMimic$cens==1,1,0)
delta_c <- ifelse(KidneyMimic$cens==2,1,0)
fit <- dependent.censoring(formula = time ~ x1 | x3, data=KidneyMimic, delta_t=delta_t,
                          delta_c=delta_c, ident=KidneyMimic$ident, dist = "mep")
summary_dc(fit)
```

KidneyMimic

KidneyMimic data set

Description

A simulated data frame with 200 individuals, distributed in 40 clinics (clusters) with 5 individuals per clinic. Simulated dataset that mimic a kidney result study. In this simulated dataset it is hypothetically suggested the following causes of outcome: event of interest: death due to kidney failure; dependent censoring: if the patient received a transplant; administrative censoring: all other outcomes.

Format

A data frame with 200 rows and 9 variables:

- `ident`: Variable that indicates the clinic (cluster) of the patient.
- `time`: time observed until the occurrence of the outcome.
- `event`: variable that indicates the occurrence of the event of interest, `event=1` if the event of interest occurs.
- `x1`: covariate 1, generated from a Uniform Distribution. Can denote, for example, a exam result.
- `x2`: covariate 2, generated from a Binomial Distribution. Can denote, for example, an treatment
- `x3`: covariate 3, generated from a Normal Distribution. can denote, for example, an standardized age.
- `cens`: variable that indicates the outcome, `cens=1` if the event of interest occurred (death due to kidney failure); `cens=2` if the dependent censoring occurred (patient received a transplant); `cens=3` if administrative censoring.
- `delta_t`: indicator function of the event of interest.
- `delta_c`: indicator function of the dependent censoring.

plot_dc	<i>Plot the survival function</i>
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Description

This graph helps to visualize the survival function.

Usage

```
plot_dc(object, scenario = c("t", "c", "both"))
```

Arguments

object	an object of the class "dcensoring".
scenario	which defines the scenario in the graph (t: failure times, c: dependent censoring times, or both).

Details

In order to smooth the line presented in the graph, we used the 'lowess' function. So, it can result in a non-monotonous survival function.

Value

a survival function graph of the fitted model.

Examples

```
fit <- dependent.censoring(formula = time ~ x1 | x3, data=KidneyMimic, delta_t=KidneyMimic$delta_t,  
                          delta_c=KidneyMimic$delta_c, ident=KidneyMimic$ident, dist = "mep")  
plot_dc(fit, scenario = "both")
```

summary_dc	<i>Print the summary output</i>
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Description

Print the summary output

Usage

```
summary_dc(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object an object of the class "dcensoring".
... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

a summary of the fitted model.

Examples

```
fit <- dependent.censoring(formula = time ~ x1 | x3, data=KidneyMimic, delta_t=KidneyMimic$delta_t,  
                           delta_c=KidneyMimic$delta_c, ident=KidneyMimic$ident, dist = "mep")  
summary_dc(fit)
```

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