

Log transformed confidence intervals using Kaplan-Meier estimator

$$g(S(t)) = \ln(-\ln(S(t))) \quad \text{and consequently} \quad S(t) = \exp(-\exp(g(S(t))))$$

- $g(S(t))$ is estimated using $g(S_n(t)) = \ln(-\ln(S_n(t)))$ and

$$\hat{\text{var}}(g(S_n(t))) \approx \frac{\hat{\text{var}}(S_n(t))}{(S_n(t) \times \ln(S_n(t)))^2} \text{ and}$$

$$\sqrt{\hat{\text{var}}(g(S_n(t)))} \approx -\frac{\sqrt{\hat{\text{var}}(S_n(t))}}{S_n(t) \times \ln(S_n(t))} \text{ as } S_n(t) \times \ln(S_n(t)) < 0$$

- Approx. conf. Int. for $g(S(t))$ is given by

$$\left(g(S_n(t)) - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{\text{var}}(g(S_n(t)))}; g(S_n(t)) + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{\text{var}}(g(S_n(t)))} \right) \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\left(g(S_n(t)) + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sqrt{\hat{\text{var}}(S_n(t))}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)}; g(S_n(t)) - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sqrt{\hat{\text{var}}(S_n(t))}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)} \right) \text{ as}$$

$$\sqrt{\hat{\text{var}}(g(S_n(t)))} = -\frac{\sqrt{\hat{\text{var}}(S_n(t))}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)}$$

Now, we will apply the inverse transform $S(t) = \exp(-\exp(g(S(t))))$ to get a confidence interval for $S(t)$ as requested. Note that the inverse transform is a decreasing function and consequently the inverse transform of the lower bound will be the upper bound of the new CI ($\Psi(x) = \exp(-\exp(x))$ and $\Psi'(x) = -e^x \Psi(x) < 0$).

So, the upper bound of the new Confidence interval is the inverse transform of

$$g(S_n(t)) - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{\text{var}}(g(S_n(t)))}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
UB &= \exp\left(-\exp\left(g(S_n(t)) - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}}(g(S_n(t)))}\right)\right) \\
&= \exp\left(-\exp\left(g(S_n(t)) + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}} S_n(t)}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)}\right)\right) \\
&= \exp\left(-\exp(g(S_n(t))) \times \exp\left(z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}} S_n(t)}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)}\right)\right) \\
&= \exp(-\exp(g(S_n(t))) \times U) \quad \text{defining } U = \exp\left(z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}} S_n(t)}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)}\right) \\
&= \exp(-\exp(g(S_n(t))))^U \\
&= (S_n(t))^U
\end{aligned}$$

And for the lower bound

$$\begin{aligned}
LB &= \exp\left(-\exp\left(g(S_n(t)) + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}}(g(S_n(t)))}\right)\right) \\
&= \exp\left(-\exp\left(g(S_n(t)) - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}} S_n(t)}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)}\right)\right) \\
&= \exp\left(-\exp(g(S_n(t))) \times \exp\left(-z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}} S_n(t)}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)}\right)\right) \\
&= \exp\left(-\exp(g(S_n(t))) \times \frac{1}{U}\right) \quad \text{as } U = \exp\left(z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}} S_n(t)}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)}\right) \\
&= \exp(-\exp(g(S_n(t))))^{1/U} \\
&= (S_n(t))^{1/U}
\end{aligned}$$

To sum-up:

- Compute $U = \exp\left(z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}} S_n(t)}}{S_n(t) \times \ln S_n(t)}\right)$
- The log-transformed CI is $(S_n(t))^{1/U}; (S_n(t))^U$