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Description This package contains functions to assess prognostic ROC curve . The user enters herself/him the survival according to the model she/he choose or she/he enters individual survival data. The area under the prognostic ROC curve is assessed by using the trapezoidal rules. The extrapolated area (when survival curves do not reach 0) are performed by assuming pessimist, optimist and non-informative situation.

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`prognosticROC-package` *Prognostic ROC curves*

Description

This package computes prognostic ROC curves.

Details

The separation between two survival curves represents the magnitude of the association between the intervention and the time-to-event. A statistical test can determine the statistical significance of the difference but does not quantify its magnitude. The purpose of the prognostic ROC curve is to represent this uncertainty: the AUC is the probability that the time-to-event is improved in one arm compared to the other. This package is designed for computing such prognostic ROC curve.

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AggregatedPROC	Compute prognostic ROC curve based on survival function already determined by the user (parametric model, Kaplan-Meier curve, weighted estimations,...)
IndividualPROC	Compute prognostic ROC curve based on individual data and survival function determined by the Kaplan-Meier estimator

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References

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See Also

URL: http://www.divat.fr

`AggregatedPROC` *Prognostic ROC curve based on survival probabilities already computed*

Description

The user enters the survival according to the model she/he chooses. The area under the prognostic ROC curve is assessed by using the trapezoidal rules. The extrapolated areas (when survival curves do not reach 0) are performed by assuming pessimist, optimist and non-informative situation.

Usage

```
AggregatedPROC(Time.LR, Surv.LR, Time.HR, Surv.HR)
```

Arguments

`Time.LR`	A numeric vector with the survival times in the low risk group.
`Surv.LR`	A numeric vector with the survival probabilities corresponding to `Time.LR`
`Time.HR`	A numeric vector with the survival times in the high risk group.
`Surv.HR`	A numeric vector with the survival probabilities corresponding to `Time.HR`.

Details

The maximum prognostic time is the minimum between the maximum of `Time.LR` and the maximum of `Time.HR`.

Value

`max.time`	This is the maximum prognostic time used for the analysis
`table`	This data frame presents the different time cut-offs associated with the coordinates of the ROC curves.
`auc`	This data frame presents the different estimations of the area under the prognostic ROC curve: the lower bound, the pessimist, the non-informative, the optimist and the upper bound.

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Examples

```
# example of two survival curves using exponential distributions
time.hr <- seq(0, 600, by=5)
time.lr <- seq(0, 500, by=2)
surv.hr <- exp(-0.005*time.hr)
surv.lr <- exp(-0.003*time.lr)

# Illustration of both survival curves
plot(time.hr, surv.hr, xlab="Time (in days)",
 ylab="Patient survival", lwd=2, type="l")
lines(time.lr, surv.lr, lty=2, col=2, lwd=2)
legend("topright", c("High-Risk Group", "Low-Risk Group"), lwd=2,
 col=1:2, lty=1:2)

# Computation of the prognostic ROC curve
proc.result <- AggregatedPROC(time.lr, surv.lr, time.hr, surv.hr)

# Representation of the prognostic ROC curve
plot(proc.result$table$x, proc.result$table$y, type="l",
 lwd=2, xlim=c(0,1), ylim=c(0,1),
 xlab="1-Survival in the low risk group",
 ylab="1-Survival in the high risk group")
abline(c(0,0), c(1,1), lty=2)

# The pessimist value of the area under the curve
proc.result$auc$pessimist
```

`IndividualPROC` *Prognostic ROC curve based on individual data*

Description

The user enters individual survival data. The area under the prognostic ROC curve is assessed by using the trapezoidal rules. The extrapolated areas (when survival curves do not reach 0) are performed by assuming pessimist, optimist and non-informative situation.

Usage

```
IndividualPROC(times, failures, variable)
```

Arguments

`times`	A numeric vector with the follow up times.
`failures`	A numeric vector with the event indicator (0=right censored, 1=event).
`variable`	A numeric vector with the result of the binary test (only two groups). The variable equals 1 for the high risk group and 0 for the low risk group.

Details

The maximum prognostic time is the minimum between the two last observed times of failure in both groups.

Value

`max.time`	This is the maximum prognostic time used for the analysis
`table`	This data frame presents the different time cut-offs associated with the coordinates of the ROC curves.
`auc`	This data frame presents the different estimations of the area under the prognostic ROC curve: the lower bound, the pessimist, the non-informative, the optimist and the upper bound.

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Examples

```
# example of two samples with different exponential distributions
n1 <- 200
n2 <- 350
grp  <- c(rep(1, n1), rep(0, n2))
time.evt <- c(rexp(n1, rate = 1.2), rexp(n2, rate = 0.5))
time.cen <- rexp(n1+n2, rate = 0.2)
time <- pmin(time.evt, time.cen)
evt  <- 1*(time.evt < time.cen)


# Illustration of both survival curves
surv.temp <- survfit(Surv(time, evt) ~ grp)
plot(surv.temp, lty = 2:3)

# Computation of the prognostic ROC curve
proc.result <- IndividualPROC(time, evt, grp)

# Representation of the prognostic ROC curve
plot(proc.result$table$x, proc.result$table$y, type="l",
 lwd=2, xlim=c(0,1), ylim=c(0,1),
 xlab="1-Survival in the low risk group",
 ylab="1-Survival in the high risk group")
abline(c(0,0), c(1,1), lty=2)

# The pessimist value of the area under the curve
proc.result$auc$pessimist
```

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