

# Package ‘survRM2’

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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)
```

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plot.rmst2

*plot.rmst2*


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**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.

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print.rmst2

*print.rmst2*


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**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.

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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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```

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rmst2.sample.data	<i>Generate a sample data from the pbc data</i>
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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
rmst2.sample.data()
```

**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.

**See Also**

`pbc` in survival package

**Examples**

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