

Demographic register research and multistate models: rates, probabilities, sojourn time

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Topics

- ▶ Registers
- ▶ Demography
- ▶ Scales
- ▶ Follow-up representation
- ▶ Multistate data
- ▶ Multistate likelihood
- ▶ Multistate modeling

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What's in a register

One record per event (diagnosis):

- ▶ person-id
- ▶ time of event (a date, usually)
- ▶ type of event (T1 / T2 / other)

Some events can occur at most once (diabetes, cancer),
other any number of times (CVD, hypoglycemia)

Some registers contain multiple events of a type (NPR, e.g.)

It is **you** who define what an event is

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Disease register use: Look-up

- ▶ Persons from some study cohort, such as a population survey or a clinical study—what is their:
 - ▶ **disease status** (noDM/T1/T2) at a given date
 - ▶ **disease date** (T1 / T2)
- ▶ by exclusion we also know if a person does **not** have disease (completeness assumption)
- ▶ ⇒ data input to existing (cohort) studies where follow-up is already known
 - ▶ explanatory variable for known outcome (**status**)
 - ▶ outcome event in an existing cohort (**date**)

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Disease register use: Demography

Demographic **analysis** in the **population**

- ▶ **incidence** and
- ▶ **mortality** rates,
- ▶ **prevalence**
- ▶ —and derivatives of basic demographic measures:
 - ▶ state probabilities
 - ▶ lifetime risk
 - ▶ expected lifetime in noDM / T1 / T1
 - ▶ lifetime lost
- ... these measures need further assumptions
- ▶ register events are outcome **events** (d),
FU-time in population is outcome **risk time** (y)

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Disease demography: Scales of inference

- 1. Occurrence **rates**
—the scale of **observed** register data, (d, y) (empirical rate),
measured in **time**⁻¹ (events per person-time)
0. State **probabilities** (survival function)
—the **integral** of rates w.r.t. time
—requires an origin (such as date of diagnosis)
measured in **time**⁰ (dimensionless)
1. Sojourn **times** (time spent in a state)
—the **integral** of state probabilities w.r.t. time
—requires an origin and endpoint
measured in **time**¹

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Demographic quantities—functions of time

- ▶ occurrence **rate**:

$$\lambda(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} P\{\text{event in } (t, t+h) \mid \text{alive at } t\} / h$$

- ▶ survival **probability** (since time a):

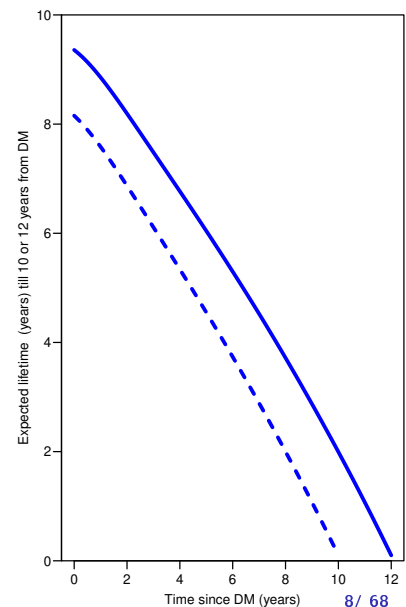
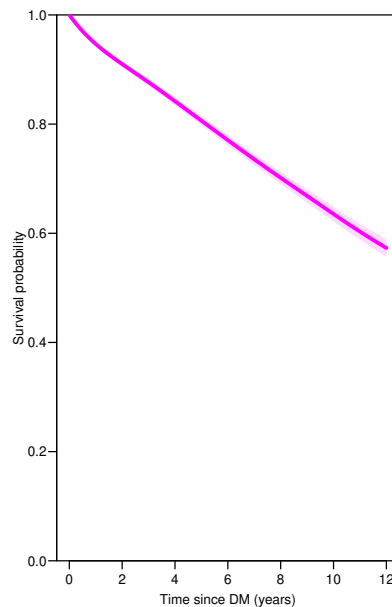
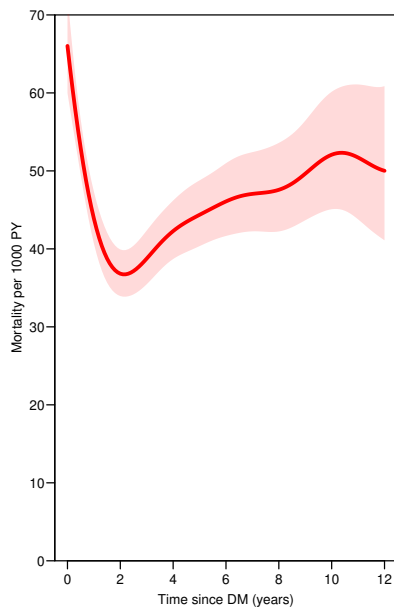
$$S_a(t) = \exp\left(-\int_a^t \lambda(u) du\right)$$

- ▶ sojourn **time** (between a and b)
(restricted mean survival time till b , RMST):

$$L(a, b) = \int_a^b S_a(u) du$$

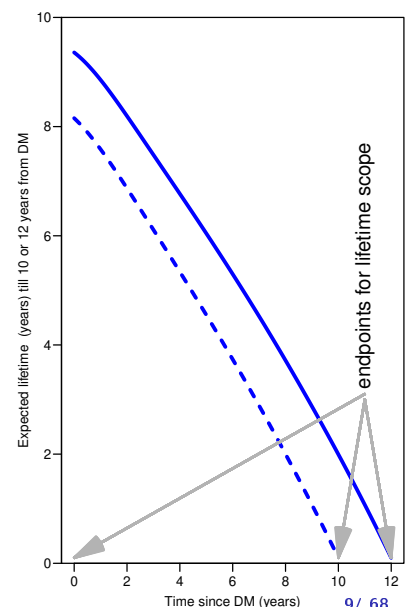
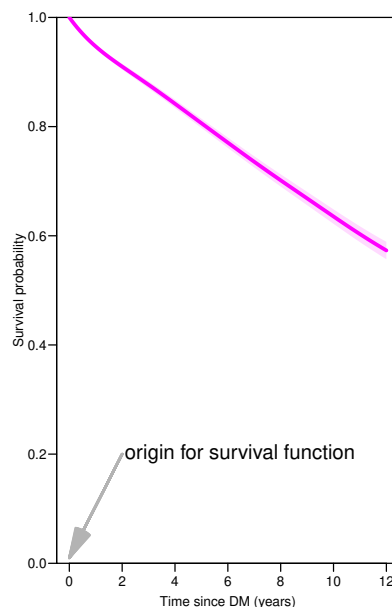
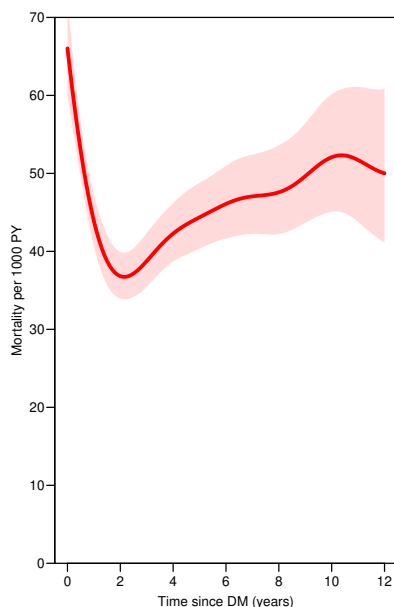
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Mortality / survival / life time after DM



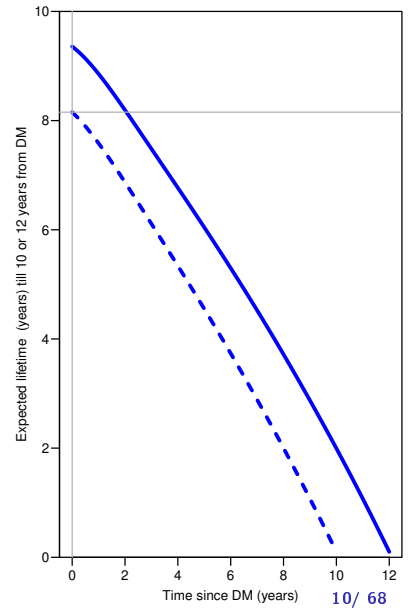
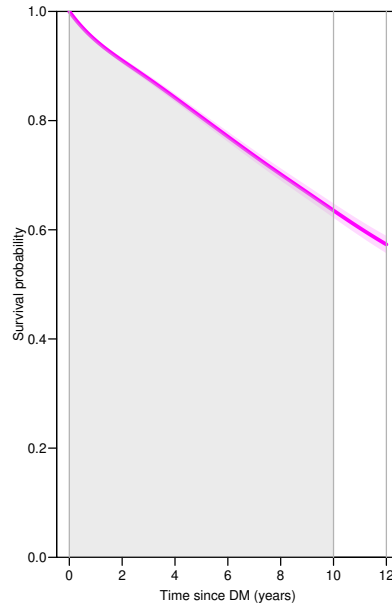
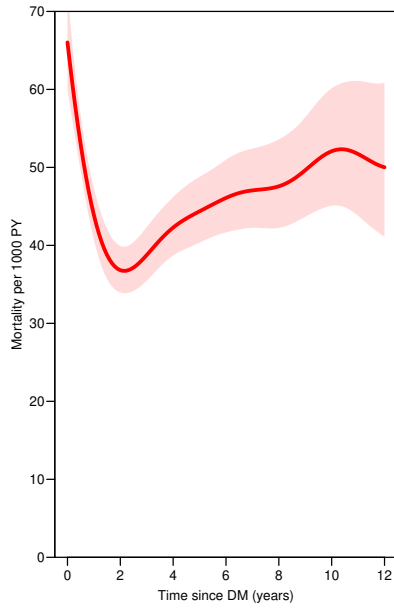
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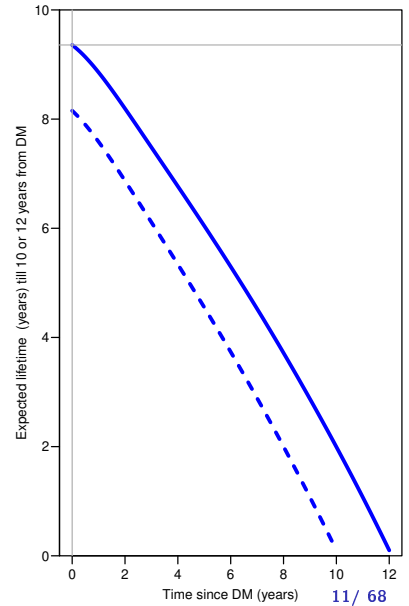
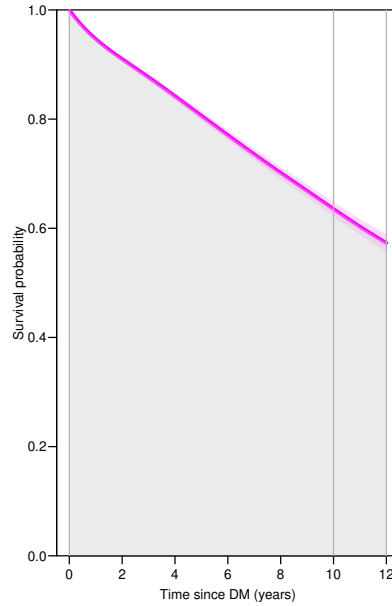
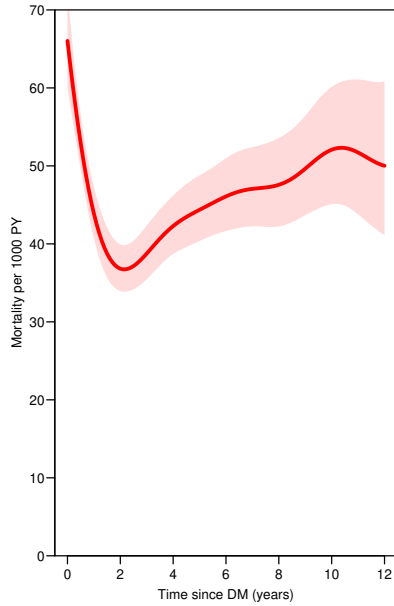


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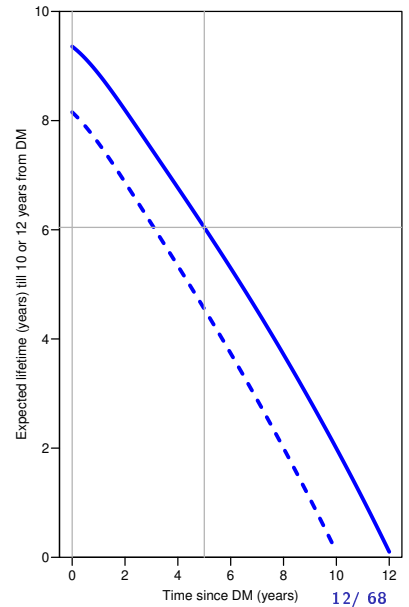
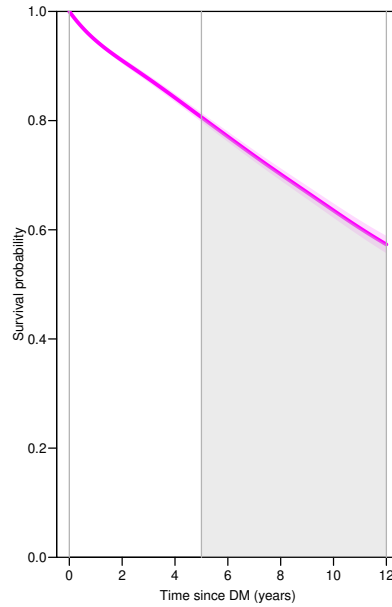
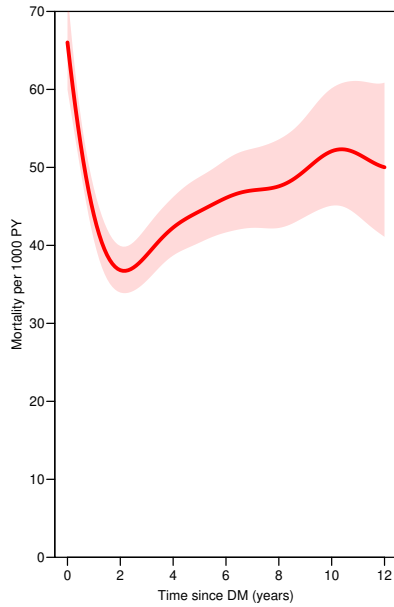
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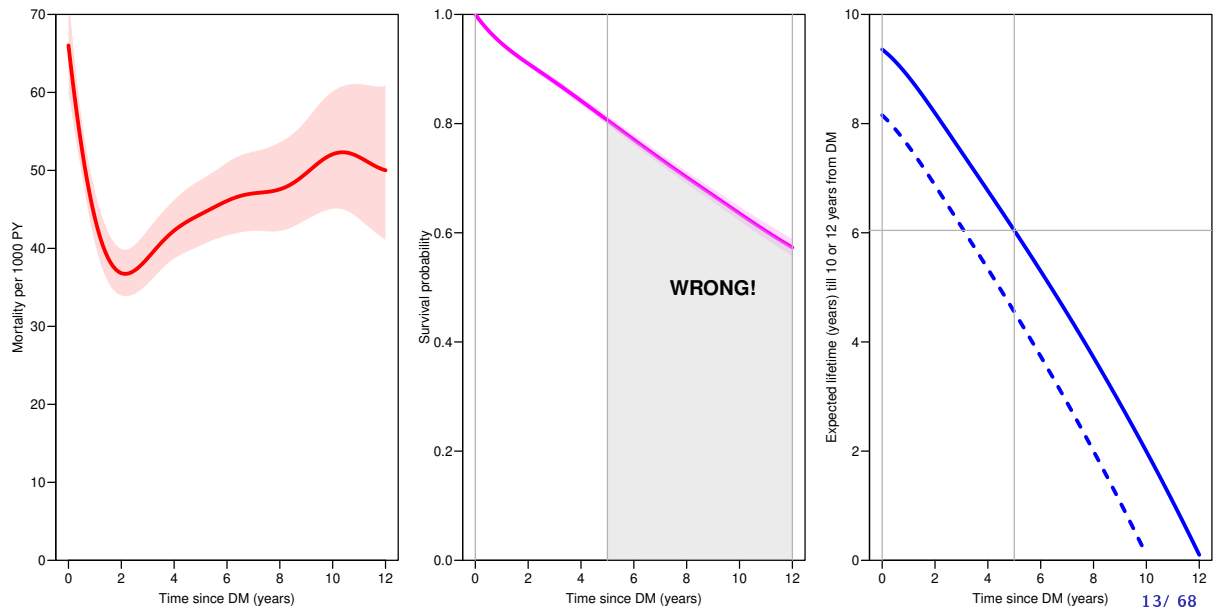
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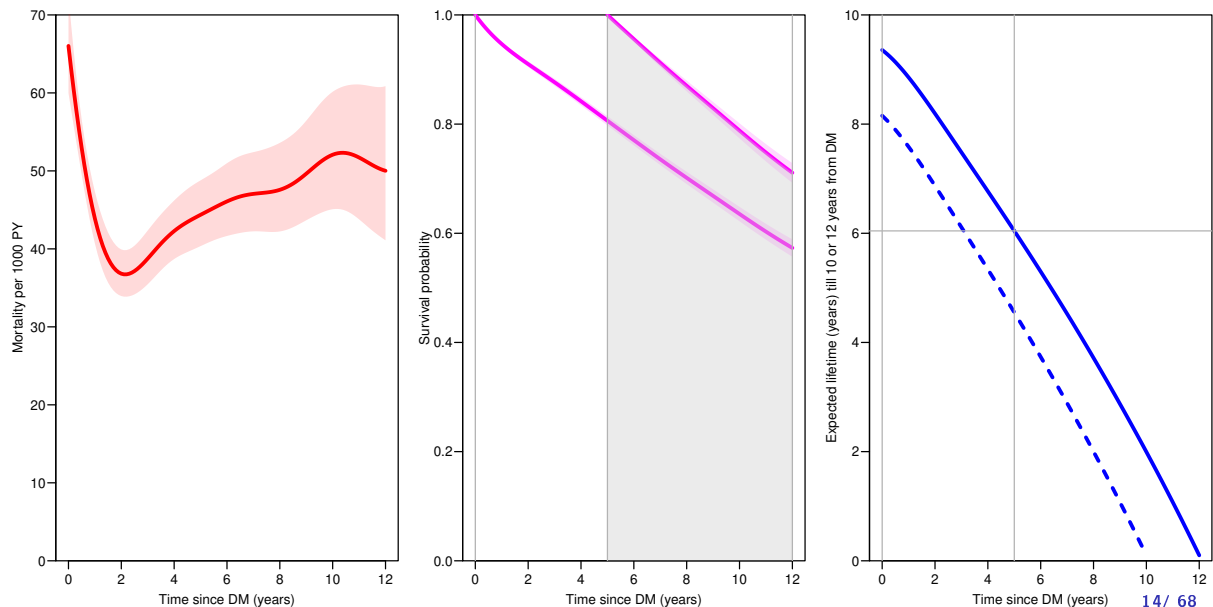
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Disease demography

Demographic analyses of register event rates requires knowledge of **events** as well as **population time** covered by the register:

1. population size (risk time) by sex, age, date and other variables available both in the register and population; **tabular** data, such as that available from Statistikbanken at DST.
Tabulation of events from the register.
2. **individual level** follow-up for **all** persons in the population — basically knowledge of entry (birth or immigration) and exit (death or emigration).

In DK available as the **LifeLines** register at DST:
individual follow-up of the entire DK population

How does **follow-up** look in a dataset

- ▶ One record per time **interval** (where nothing happens)
- ▶ Several records from a person:
The observational units is (d_{pi}, y_{pi}) from person p , interval i .
- ▶ things happen at the **end** of the interval: outcome d
- ▶ the FU belongs in a particular **state**, e.g.:
 - ▶ noDM / T1 / T2
 - ▶ noCKD / CKD
 - ▶ no comorb. / 1 comorb. / 2 comorb. / 3 comorb. / ...
 - ▶ albuminuria: Norm / Micro / Macro (recurrence possible)
- ▶ the **length** of the interval is the outcome y

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How does **follow-up** look in a dataset

- ▶ Intervals may further be classified by **time-varying** variables:
 - ▶ quantitative **deterministic** variables (time scales):
age, date of follow up, disease duration, e.g. age_{pi}
 - ▶ quantitative random variables: HbA_{1c}, cholesterol, ...
 - ▶ categorical random variables: parity, marital status
- ▶ States are a special type of time varying covariates:
targets of demographic measures (probability, sojourn time)

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```
> library(Epi)
> library(tidyverse)
> data(DMlate)
> DMlate[13:19,]
      sex  dobth  dodm  dodth  dooad  doins  dox
119305  M 1938.107 1997.461 1998.35    NA    NA 1998.350
188248  F 1979.864 1999.684    NA    NA    NA 2009.997
38336   M 1944.420 2002.550    NA    NA 2005.354 2009.997
368534  F 1962.482 2000.355    NA 2001.559    NA 2009.997
139497  F 1956.439 1995.544    NA    NA    NA 2009.997
132331  M 1935.024 1996.746    NA 1997.915 2005.995 2009.997
228434  F 1949.622 2006.783    NA 2006.783    NA 2009.997
```

Each record: relevant dates for a person followed from date of diabetes till death or 2009-12-31 (end of study).

—combination of several registers

—a collection of **dates**

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Total follow-up of diabetes ptt.

In terms of follow-up we must define:

- ▶ Entry time: $dodm$
- ▶ Exit time: dox
- ▶ Event death: $dodth = dox$

states of follow-up by (any) drug-exposure:

no drug / OAD / Insulin

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Intermediate register events

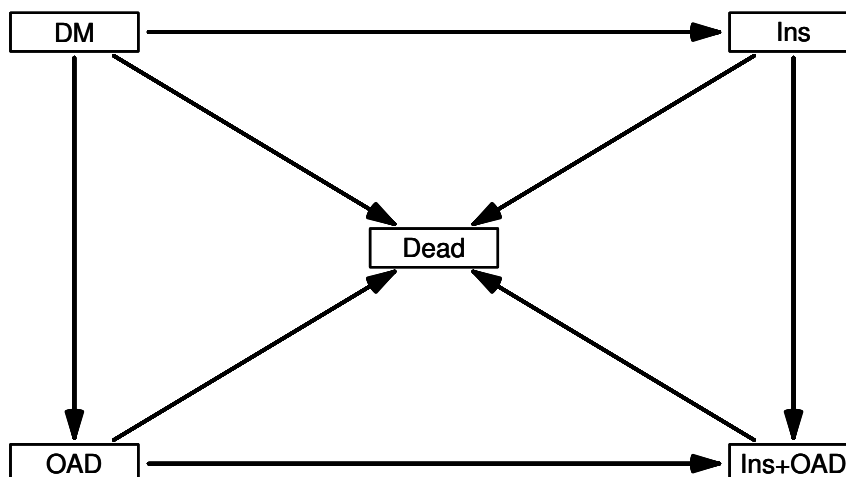
Other dates specify occurrence of intermediate events

- ▶ start of OAD drugs at $doOAD$
- ▶ start of insulin at $doIns$
- ▶ possible states:
 - ▶ DM, no drug
 - ▶ OAD alone
 - ▶ Ins alone
 - ▶ both OAD & Ins
 - ▶ or:
 - ▶ OAD after Ins
 - ▶ Ins after OAD
 - ▶ Dead

States are derived from data, but **defined** by the investigator

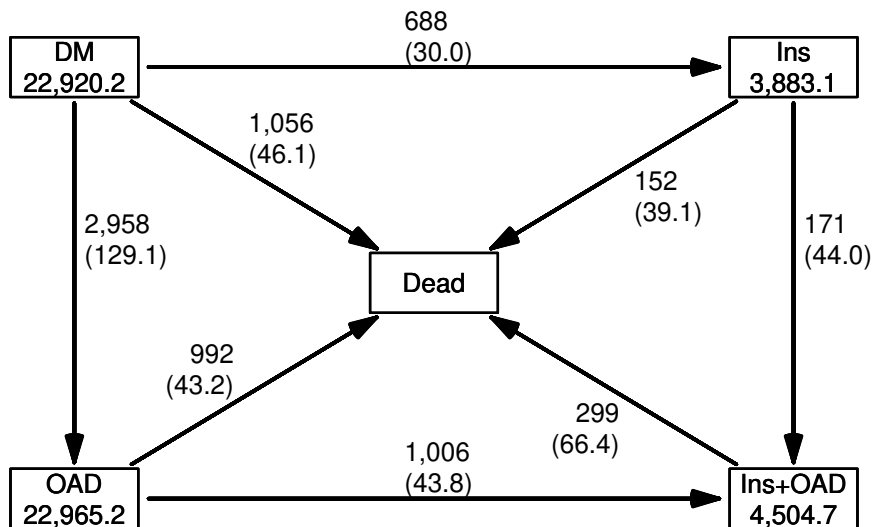
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Multi-state model — 5 states, 8 transitions



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Multi-state data



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Representation of multistate follow-up data

- ▶ provide an overview of the follow-up:
who is where, when, how
- ▶ where: state
- ▶ when: timescales
- ▶ how: other covariates
- ▶ provide analytical possibility for **rate** models:
modeling on the observation scale (observed rates (d, y))

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Multi-state data representation with Lexis

```
> dmL <- Lexis(entry = list(Per = dodm,
+                           Age = dodm - dobth,
+                           DMdur = 0 ),
+             exit = list(Per = dox),
+             exit.status = factor(!is.na(dodth),
+                                 labels = c("DM", "Dead")),
+             data = DMlate)
```

NOTE: entry.status has been set to "DM" for all.
NOTE: Dropping 4 rows with duration of follow up < tol

```
> summary(dmL)
```

Transitions:

To

From	DM	Dead	Records:	Events:	Risk time:	Persons:	
	DM	7497	2499	9996	2499	54273.27	9996

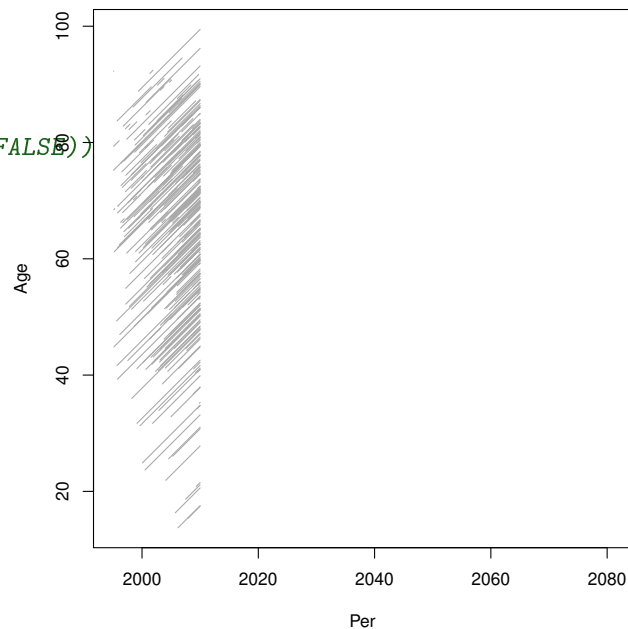
Initial set-up for transition DM -> Dead, ignoring intermediate events

Multiple time scales: Per, Age, DMdur

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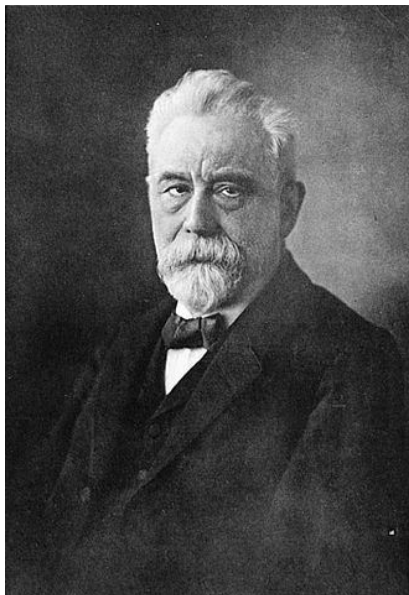
A Lexis diagram

```
> plot(dmL)
> plot(bootLexis(dmL,
+         300,
+         replace = FALSE))
```



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Wilhelm Lexis



EINLEITUNG
IN DIE
THEORIE
DER
BEVÖLKERUNGSSTATISTIK

VON
W. LEXIS
DR. DER STAATSWISSENSCHAFTEN UND DER PHILOSOPHIE,
O. PROFESSOR DER STATISTIK IN DORPAT.

150 years!

STRASSBURG
KARL J. TRÜBNER
1875.

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Multiple states: intermediate events OAD and Ins

```
> dmIO <- mcutLexis(dmL,
+                   wh = c("doad", "doins"),
+                   timescale = "Per",
+                   new.states = c("OAD", "Ins"),
+                   seq.states = FALSE,
+                   ties.resolve = 1/365.25)
```

NOTE: Precursor states set to DM

NOTE: 15 records with tied events times resolved (adding 0.002737851 random uniform) so results are only reproducible if the random number seed was set.

```
> summary(dmIO)
```

Transitions:
To

From	DM	Dead	OAD	Ins	Ins+OAD	Records:	Events:	Risk time:	Persons:
DM	2830	1056	2958	688	0	7532	4702	22920.25	7532
OAD	0	992	3327	0	1006	5325	1998	22965.25	5325
Ins	0	152	0	462	171	785	323	3883.07	785
Ins+OAD	0	299	0	0	878	1177	299	4504.69	1177
Sum	2830	2499	6285	1150	2055	14819	7322	54273.27	9996

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lex.id	Per	Age	DMdur	lex.dur	lex.Cst	lex.Xst	doins	dood	dodth
2	2003.31	64.09	0	6.69	DM	DM	NA	2007.45	NA
15	2002.55	58.13	0	7.45	DM	DM	2005.35	NA	NA
18	1996.75	61.72	0	13.25	DM	DM	2005.99	1997.92	NA
770	1995.22	79.25	0	8.31	DM	Dead	1995.49	1995.64	2003.53

lex.id	Per	Age	DMdur	lex.dur	lex.Cst	lex.Xst	doins	dood	dodth
2	2003.31	64.09	0.00	4.14	DM	OAD	NA	2007.45	NA
2	2007.45	68.23	4.14	2.55	OAD	OAD	NA	2007.45	NA
lex.id	Per	Age	DMdur	lex.dur	lex.Cst	lex.Xst	doins	dood	dodth
15	2002.55	58.13	0.0	2.80	DM	Ins	2005.35	NA	NA
15	2005.35	60.93	2.8	4.64	Ins	Ins	2005.35	NA	NA
lex.id	Per	Age	DMdur	lex.dur	lex.Cst	lex.Xst	doins	dood	dodth
18	1996.75	61.72	0.00	1.17	DM	OAD	2005.99	1997.92	NA
18	1997.92	62.89	1.17	8.08	OAD	Ins+OAD	2005.99	1997.92	NA
18	2005.99	70.97	9.25	4.00	Ins+OAD	Ins+OAD	2005.99	1997.92	NA
lex.id	Per	Age	DMdur	lex.dur	lex.Cst	lex.Xst	doins	dood	dodth
770	1995.22	79.25	0.00	0.27	DM	Ins	1995.49	1995.64	2003.53
770	1995.49	79.52	0.27	0.15	Ins	Ins+OAD	1995.49	1995.64	2003.53
770	1995.64	79.67	0.42	7.89	Ins+OAD	Dead	1995.49	1995.64	2003.53

lex.Cst is the Current state

lex.Xst is the eXit state

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Multistate model data representation

- ▶ If all transition times are known (register data):
 - ▶ one record per follow-up interval (transient states)
 - representation of follow-up—Epi and survival package
 - “Andersen-Gill” representation
 - ▶ one record per likelihood term (transitions)
 - stacked data—mstate package
- ▶ state occupancy known at (some) times (panel data):
 - (person p is in state s at time t)
 - “prevalence”, panel data—msm package

We stick to representation of follow-up time (d, y)
 —the most natural representation for register-based data

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Likelihood for multistate transition rates

- ▶ assume all transitions and -times known exactly
- ▶ likelihood from one person is a **product** of terms
- ▶ constant rates \Rightarrow log-likelihood a **sum** of terms like:

$$d \log(\lambda) - \lambda y$$

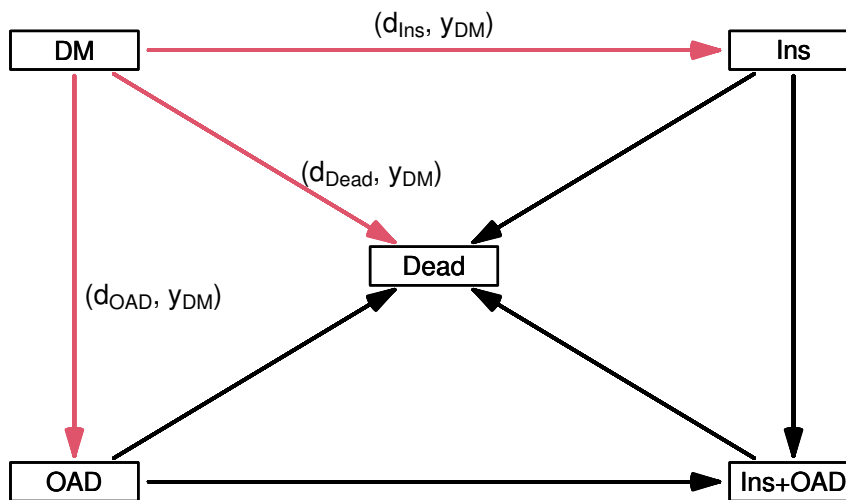
- ▶ —one term for each **possible** transition between states.
- ▶ for state DM **one record** but
 - three likelihood terms**, different ds , same y :

$$d_{OAD} \log(\lambda_{OAD}) - \lambda_{OAD} y_{DM} + d_{Ins} \log(\lambda_{Ins}) - \lambda_{Ins} y_{DM} + d_{Dead} \log(\lambda_{Dead}) - \lambda_{Dead} y_{DM}$$

— looks like independent Poisson variates

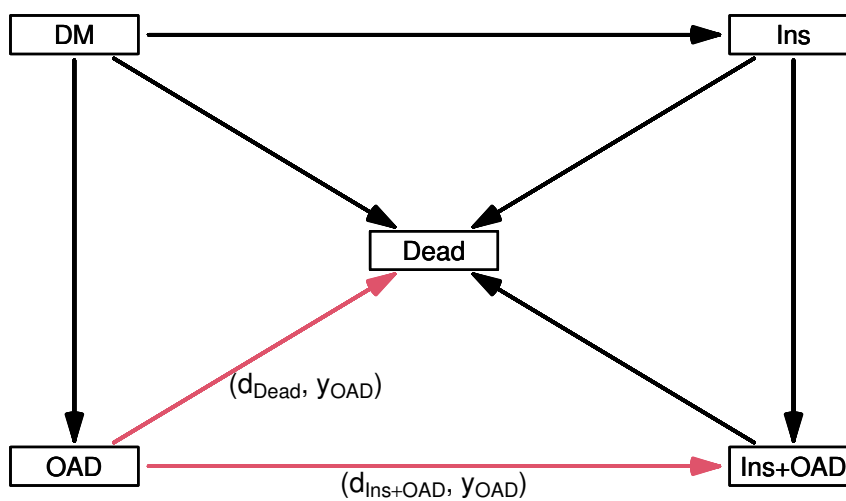
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Total multi-state likelihood — 5 states, 8 transitions



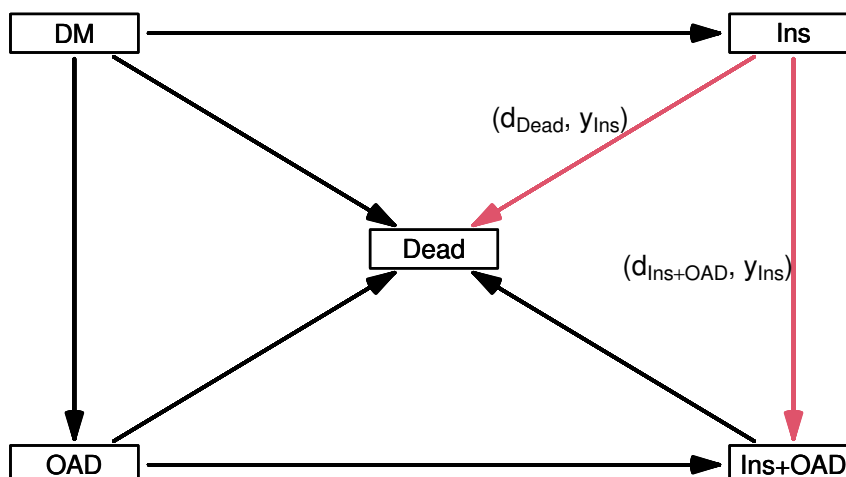
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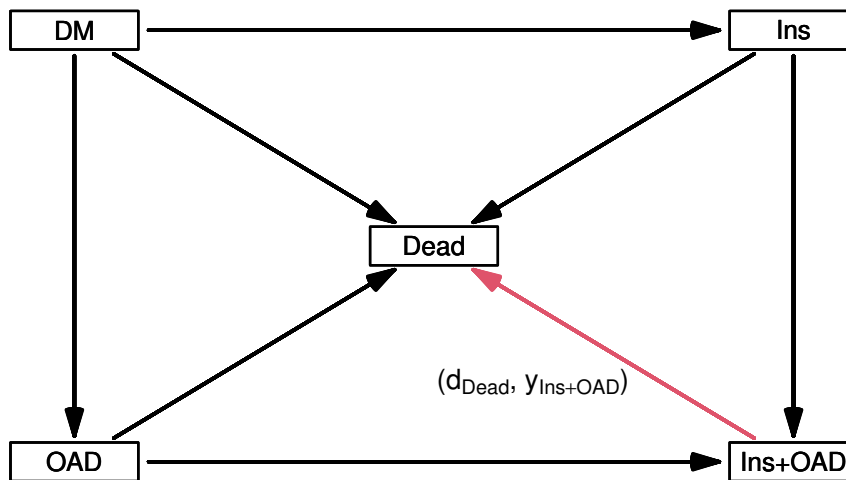
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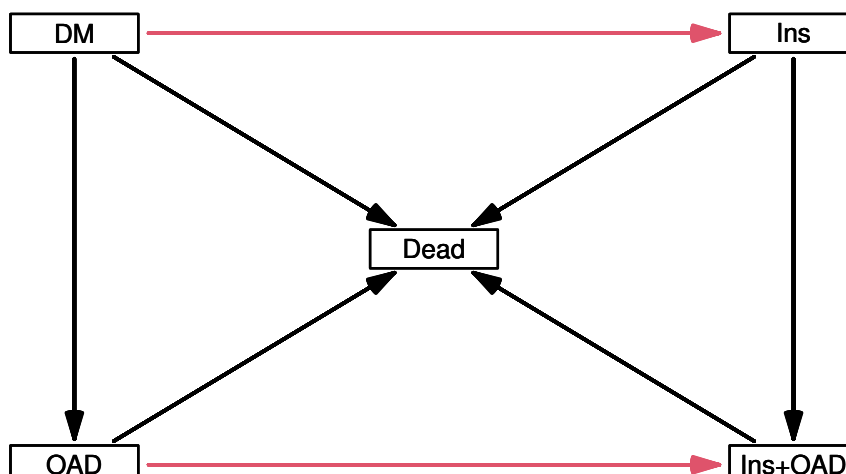
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Models for transition rates

- ▶ For rates in the same model: common parameters possible
e.g. same age effect for different rates
- ▶ **Lexis** represents FU-time—**not** likelihood terms
- ▶ \Rightarrow analysis of a model for different rates from **different** states can be done based on a **Lexis** object
- ▶ Analysis of a model for different rates from **the same** state requires a stacked data frame
- ▶ ... but this is hardly ever relevant, e.g.:
 - ▶ do not expect age effect to be the same for rate of **OAD** and **Ins**
 - ▶ In practice only rates from **different** origin states are analyzed together, such as **Ins** rates from **DM** resp. **OAD**

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Partial multi-state likelihood — rates of **Ins**



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Modeling rates

- ▶ Poisson likelihood is for constant rates:
- ▶ \Rightarrow model restricted to constant rate within each FU-record
- ▶ remedy: split FU-records in many records with shorter length interval (t_e, t_x) , $t_e < t_1 < t_2 < t_x$:

$$\begin{aligned} P \{d \text{ at } t_x \mid \text{entry at } t_e\} &= P \{\text{survive } (t_e, t_1) \mid \text{alive at } t_e\} \times \\ &P \{\text{survive } (t_1, t_2) \mid \text{alive at } t_1\} \times \\ &P \{\text{survive } (t_2, t_x) \mid \text{alive at } t_2\} \times \\ &P \{d \text{ at } t_x \mid \text{alive just before } t_x\} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ include the t s as **quantitative** variables
- ▶ constant rates only in each small interval
- ▶ likelihood is a product of terms

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Modeling rates

- ▶ constant rates only in each small interval
- ▶ likelihood is a product of terms
- ▶ each term looks like a Poisson likelihood term
- ▶ the total likelihood is a product of terms:
- ▶ looks as likelihood for independent Poisson variates
- ▶ ... but they are neither independent nor Poisson
- ▶ there is not a one-to-one correspondence between models and likelihood—different models can have the same likelihood

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```
> summary(dmIO)
```

```
Transitions:
```

```
  To
From   DM Dead  OAD  Ins Ins+OAD  Records:  Events: Risk time:  Persons:
DM      2830 1056 2958 688      0      7532    4702  22920.25    7532
OAD      0  992 3327  0    1006    5325    1998  22965.25    5325
Ins      0  152  0  462    171    785     323   3883.07     785
Ins+OAD  0  299  0  0    878    1177    299   4504.69    1177
Sum     2830 2499 6285 1150  2055   14819   7322  54273.27   9996
```

```
> sIO <- splitLexis(dmIO, seq(0,20,0.1), "DMdur")
```

```
> summary(sIO)
```

```
Transitions:
```

```
  To
From   DM Dead  OAD  Ins Ins+OAD  Records:  Events: Risk time:  Persons
DM     228333 1056  2958  688      0  233035    4702  22920.25    753
OAD      0  992 231721  0    1006  233719    1998  22965.25    532
Ins      0  152  0 39203    171  39526    323   3883.07     78
Ins+OAD  0  299  0  0 45923  46222    299   4504.69    117
Sum     228333 2499 234679 39891 47100  552502   7322  54273.27   999
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How cut and split work

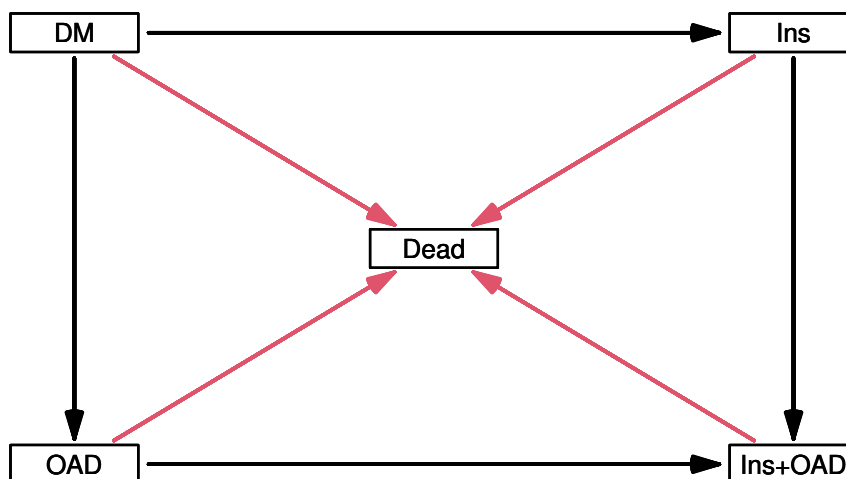
```
> subset(dmL , lex.id == 92)[, 1:11]
  lex.id   Per   Age DMdur lex.dur lex.Cst lex.Xst sex  dobth  dodm  dodth
    92 2008.56 55.15    0    0.57    DM   Dead  M 1953.41 2008.56 2009.13

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    92 2008.81 55.39  0.25    0.33    OAD  Dead  M 1953.41 2008.56 2009.13

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    92 2008.66 55.25  0.10    0.10    DM    DM  M 1953.41 2008.56 2009.13
    92 2008.76 55.35  0.20    0.05    DM   OAD  M 1953.41 2008.56 2009.13
    92 2008.81 55.39  0.25    0.05    OAD  OAD  M 1953.41 2008.56 2009.13
    92 2008.86 55.45  0.30    0.10    OAD  OAD  M 1953.41 2008.56 2009.13
    92 2008.96 55.55  0.40    0.10    OAD  OAD  M 1953.41 2008.56 2009.13
    92 2009.06 55.65  0.50    0.07    OAD  Dead  M 1953.41 2008.56 2009.13
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Multi-state likelihood — mortality rates



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Mortality rates

```
> mdth <- glmLexis(sIO, ~ Ns(DMdur, knots=c(0,1,3,6,10)) + lex.Cst,
+                 to = "Dead")

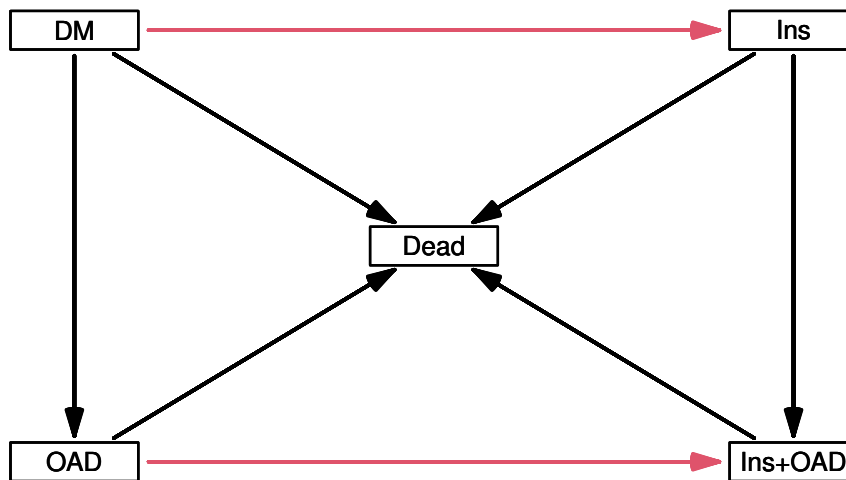
stats::glm Poisson analysis of Lexis object sIO with log link:
Rates for transitions:
DM->Dead
OAD->Dead
Ins->Dead
Ins+OAD->Dead

> round(ci.exp(mdth), 3)

              exp(Est.)  2.5% 97.5%
(Intercept)          0.085 0.075 0.096
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))1  0.519 0.433 0.621
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))2  0.710 0.605 0.832
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))3  0.222 0.159 0.310
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))4  0.943 0.836 1.064
lex.CstOAD            0.973 0.891 1.063
lex.CstIns            0.880 0.742 1.045
lex.CstIns+OAD        1.508 1.315 1.730
```

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Multi-state likelihood — rates of Ins



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Rates of insulin uptake

```

> mins <- glmLexis(sIO, ~ Ns(DMdur, knots=c(0,1,3,6,10)) + lex.Cst,
+                 from = c("DM", "OAD"),
+                 to = c("Ins", "Ins+OAD"))
  
```

stats::glm Poisson analysis of Lexis object sIO with log link:
Rates for transitions:

DM->Ins
OAD->Ins+OAD

```
> round(ci.exp(mins), 3)
```

	exp(Est.)	2.5%	97.5%
(Intercept)	0.215	0.195	0.238
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))1	0.137	0.109	0.173
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))2	0.358	0.294	0.437
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))3	0.002	0.001	0.003
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))4	1.608	1.359	1.903
lex.CstOAD	1.822	1.650	2.013

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Rates of OAD uptake

```

> moad <- glmLexis(sIO, ~ Ns(DMdur, knots=c(0,1,3,6,10)) + lex.Cst,
+                 from = c("DM", "Ins"),
+                 to = c("OAD", "Ins+OAD"))
  
```

stats::glm Poisson analysis of Lexis object sIO with log link:
Rates for transitions:

DM->OAD
Ins->Ins+OAD

```
> round(ci.exp(moad), 3)
```

	exp(Est.)	2.5%	97.5%
(Intercept)	0.732	0.689	0.777
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))1	0.213	0.179	0.255
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))2	0.155	0.126	0.192
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))3	0.004	0.003	0.005
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))4	0.366	0.306	0.439
lex.CstIns	0.469	0.402	0.548

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What not to do

```
> mDM <- glmLexis(sIO, ~ Ns(DMdur, knots=c(0,1,3,6,10)), from = "DM")
```

NOTE:

Multiple transitions *from* state ' DM ' - are you sure?

The analysis requested is effectively merging outcome states.

You may want analyses using a *stacked* dataset - see ?stack.Lexis

stats::glm Poisson analysis of Lexis object sIO with log link:

Rates for transitions:

DM->Dead

DM->OAD

DM->Ins

```
> round(ci.exp(mDM), 3)
```

	exp(Est.)	2.5%	97.5%
(Intercept)	1.170	1.115	1.229
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))1	0.217	0.188	0.250
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))2	0.178	0.151	0.211
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))3	0.004	0.003	0.005
Ns(DMdur, knots = c(0, 1, 3, 6, 10))4	0.513	0.447	0.588

The model is meaningless, not statistically meaningless, but substantially meaningless

—not sensible to have same age effect for different event types

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Predictions

Going from rates → probabilities → sojourn times

... uses integration, even double integration

- ▶ state probabilities not so simple with multiple time scales
- ▶ simulation is the way to go
- ▶ sojourn times easy from state probabilities or simulated data

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Predictions by simulation: simLexis

Two things needed for prediction:

- ▶ complete **model** for all transitions
—possibly made up from different models for subsets of transitions: the same model can be used for more than one transition
- ▶ prediction **data frame** (baseline):
one record per person with starting values for **all** covariates

Goal: simulate a cohort starting as the prediction data frame going through time according to the model.

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Predictions by simLexis: transition rates

Transition models fitted: `mdth`, `mins`, `moad`

```
> Tm <- list(DM = list(Ins = mins,
+                      OAD = moad,
+                      Dead = mdth),
+            Ins = list("Ins+OAD" = moad,
+                       Dead = mdth),
+            OAD = list("Ins+OAD" = mins,
+                       Dead = mdth),
+            "Ins+OAD" = list(Dead = mdth))
> unlist(lapply(Tm, names))
      DM1      DM2      DM3      Ins1      Ins2      OAD1      OAD2      Ins+OAD
      "Ins"      "OAD"      "Dead" "Ins+OAD"      "Dead" "Ins+OAD"      "Dead"      "Dead"
```

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Predictions by simLexis: baseline

Prediction data frame (baseline),
specifies values for all variables in total model (here `DMdur`, `lex.Cst`)
—must be a `Lexis` object (to know timescale variables)

```
> bline <- sIO[1,]
> bline[1, "DMdur"] <- 0
> bline[1, "lex.Cst"] <- "DM"
> bline[, 1:7]
lex.id   Per   Age DMdur lex.dur lex.Cst lex.Xst
      1 1998.92 58.66    0    0.1     DM     DM
```

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Predictions by simLexis: simulated cohort

```
> system.time( simL <- simLexis(Tr = Tm, init = bline, N = 1000) )
  bruger   system forløbet
    1.97     0.23     2.31

> simL <- Relevel(simL, c("DM", "OAD", "Ins", "Ins+OAD", "Dead"))
> summary(simL)
Transitions:
  To
From   DM OAD Ins  Ins+OAD Dead  Records:  Events: Risk time:  Persons:
DM     50 557 136      0 257     1000     950   5428.24    1000
OAD     0  90  0      278 189     557     467   4498.08     557
Ins     0  0  51      32  53     136     85   1015.57     136
Ins+OAD 0  0  0      170 140     310    140   1986.81     310
Sum     50 647 187     480 639     2003   1642  12928.70    1000
```

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Predictions by simLexis: results

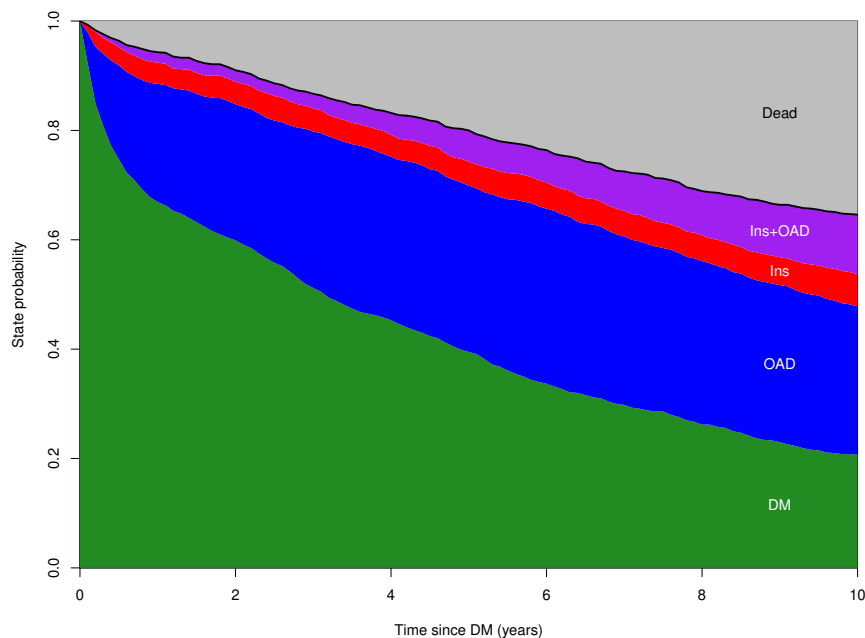
```
> timeScales(simL)
[1] "Per" "Age" "DMdur"
> head(nS <- nState(simL, from = 0,
+               at = seq(0, 10, .1),
+               time.scale = "DMdur"), 4)
      State
when  DM  OAD  Ins  Ins+OAD  Dead
0     1000  0   0     0       0
0.1   922  57  13     1       7
0.2   849 104  27     3      17
0.3   808 132  29     7      24
> head(pS <- pState(nS, perm = 1:5), 4)
      State
when  DM  OAD  Ins  Ins+OAD  Dead
0     1.000 1.000 1.000  1.000  1
0.1   0.922 0.979 0.992  0.993  1
0.2   0.849 0.953 0.980  0.983  1
0.3   0.808 0.940 0.969  0.976  1
```

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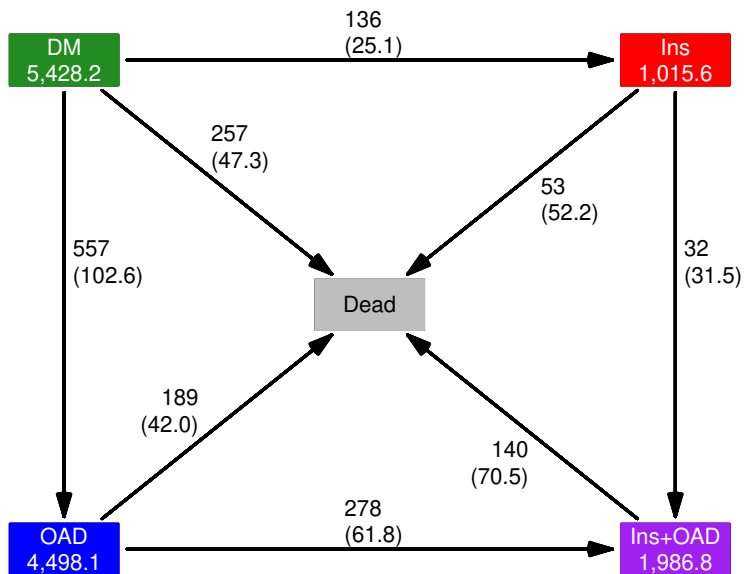
Predictions by simLexis: results

```
> clr <- c("forestgreen", "blue", "red", "purple", "gray")
> cld <- c(clr[1:4], adjustcolor(clr[4:1], alpha = 0.3))
> plot(pS, col = clr,
+      xlab = "Time since DM (years)",
+      ylab = "State probability")
> lines(rownames(pS), pS[, 4], lwd = 2)
> #
> mid <- function(x) x[-1] - diff(x) / 2
> text(9, mid(c(0, pS["9",])), colnames(pS), col = c(rep("white", 4), "black"))
```

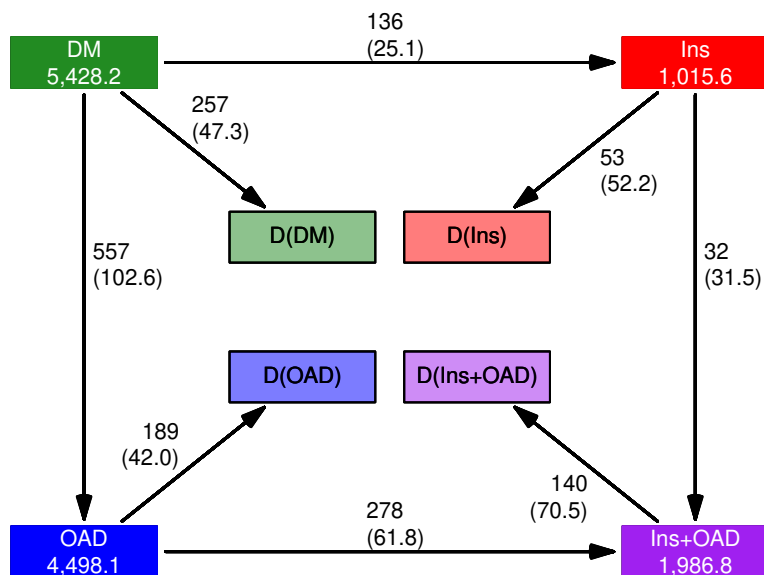
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Death subdivided by state at death

```

> simX <- mutate(simL, lex.Xst = as.character(lex.Xst),
+               lex.Xst = ifelse(lex.Xst == "Dead",
+                               paste0("D(", lex.Cst, ")"),
+                               lex.Xst))
> simX <- factorize(simX)
> simX <- Relevel(simX, c(
+               levels(simX)[1:4],
+               paste0("D(", levels(simX)[4:1], ")")))
> summary(simX)
  
```

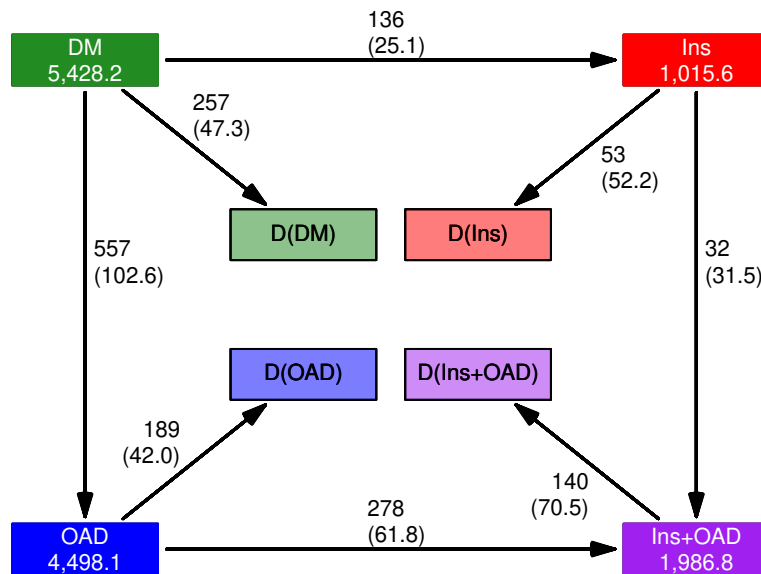
Transitions:

From	To	DM	OAD	Ins	Ins+OAD	D(Ins+OAD)	D(Ins)	D(OAD)	D(DM)	Records:	Events:	Ri
DM		50	557	136	0	0	0	0	257	1000	950	
OAD		0	90	0	278	0	0	189	0	557	467	
Ins		0	0	51	32	0	53	0	0	136	85	
Ins+OAD		0	0	0	170	140	0	0	0	310	140	
Sum		50	647	187	480	140	53	189	257	2003	1642	

Transitions:

From	To	Persons:
DM		1000

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Subdivided death state

```
> head(nS <- nState(simX, from = 0, at = seq(0, 10, .1), time.scale = "DMdur"))
```

when	DM	OAD	Ins	Ins+OAD	D(Ins+OAD)	D(Ins)	D(OAD)	D(DM)
0	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.1	922	57	13	1	0	0	0	7
0.2	849	104	27	3	0	0	1	16
0.3	808	132	29	7	0	1	2	21
0.4	772	156	33	8	0	2	3	26
0.5	747	172	33	12	0	2	4	30

```
> head(pS <- pState(nS))
```

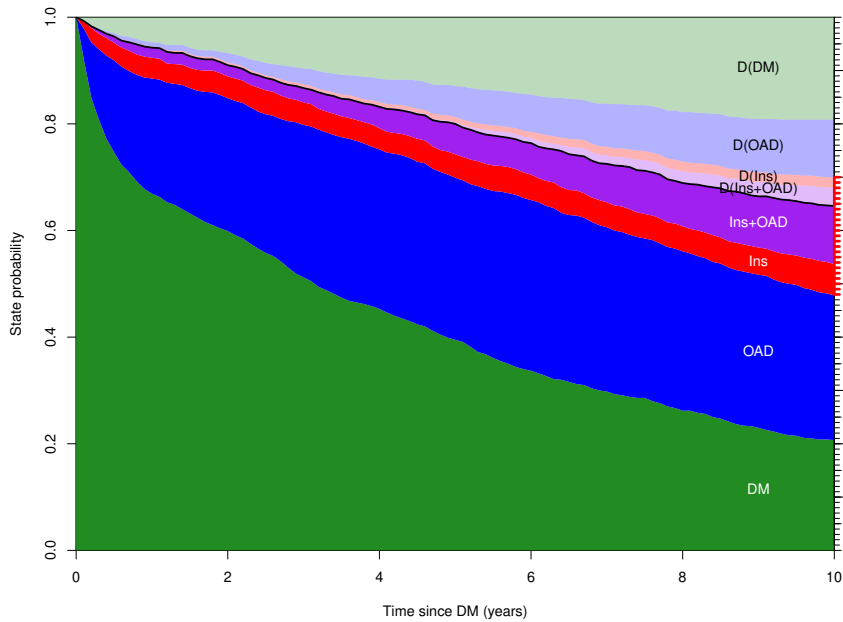
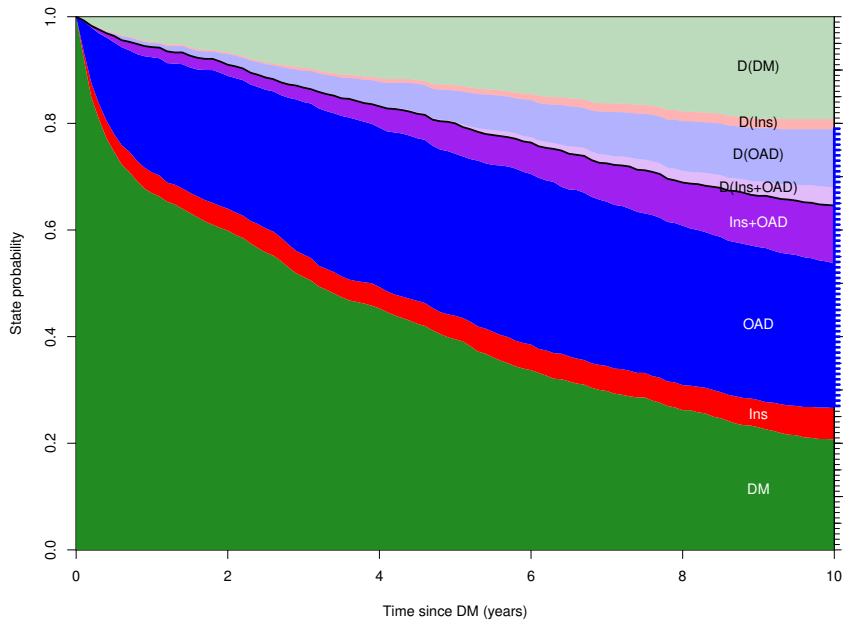
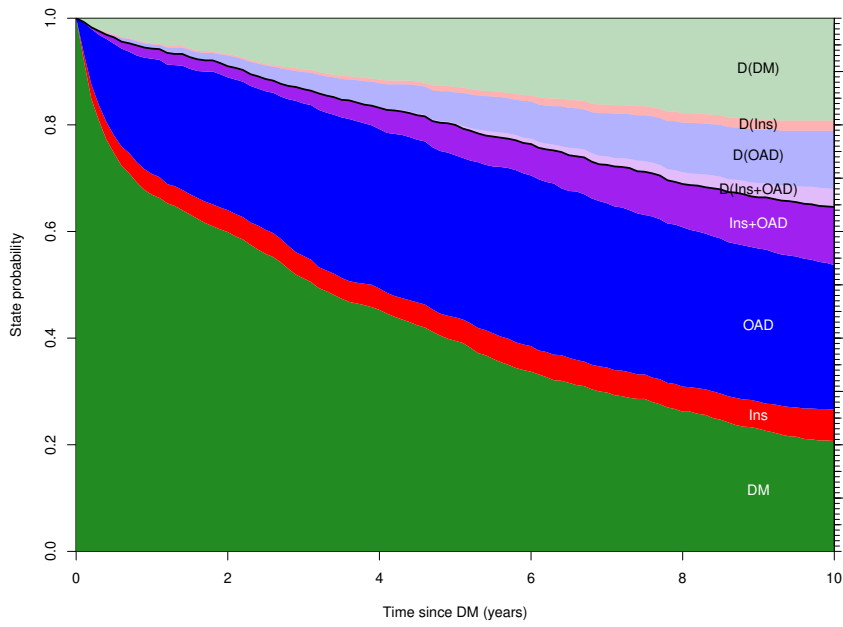
when	DM	OAD	Ins	Ins+OAD	D(Ins+OAD)	D(Ins)	D(OAD)	D(DM)
0	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1
0.1	0.922	0.979	0.992	0.993	0.993	0.993	0.993	1
0.2	0.849	0.953	0.980	0.983	0.983	0.983	0.984	1
0.3	0.808	0.940	0.969	0.976	0.976	0.977	0.979	1
0.4	0.772	0.928	0.961	0.969	0.969	0.971	0.974	1
0.5	0.747	0.919	0.952	0.964	0.964	0.966	0.970	1

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Subdivided death state

```
> plot(pS, col = clr,
+       xlab = "Time since DM (years)",
+       ylab = "State probability")
> lines(rownames(pS), pS[, 4], lwd = 2)
> mid <- function(x) x[-1] - diff(x) / 2
> text(9, mid(c(0, pS["9",])), colnames(pS), col = rep(c("white", "black"), each
> axis(side = 4, at = tk <- 1:9/10, labels = tk * 100, las = 1)
> axis(side = 4, at = 0:20/20, labels = NA, tcl = -0.4)
> axis(side = 4, at = 1:99/100, labels = NA, tcl = -0.3)
> # hasins <- round(100 * pS["10", c("OAD", "D(Ins)"))
> # axis(side = 4, at = hasins[1]:hasins[2] / 100, labels = NA,
> #       tcl = -0.3, col = "red", lwd = 3)
```

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RMST 0–10 years

- ▶ What is the expected time spent without medication during the first 5 or 10 years after diagnosis of diabetes?
- ▶ This is just the green area in the figure
- ▶ We simulated 1000 persons, so nS is the state probability in 1/1000s, every 0.1 years until 10 years.

```
> head(nS, 2)
      State
when   DM  OAD  Ins Ins+OAD D(Ins+OAD) D(Ins) D(OAD) D(DM)
0     1000   0   0     0         0         0         0         0
0.1   922   57  13     1         0         0         0         7

> round(RMST <- sum(mid(nS[1:51, "DM"]) * 0.1) / 1000, 3)
[1] 2.864

> round(RMST <- sum(mid(nS[1:101, "DM"]) * 0.1) / 1000, 3)
[1] 4.287
```

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RMST directly from simulation

$simX$ is a `Lexis` object, so we can just take the actual simulated lifetimes (`lex.dur`) before 10 years.

FU must be split at 5 and 10 years:

```
> simS <- splitLexis(simX, c(5,10), "DMdur")
> sum(subset(simS, lex.Cst == "DM" & DMdur < 5)$lex.dur) / 1000
[1] 2.864011

> sum(subset(simS, lex.Cst == "DM" & DMdur < 10)$lex.dur) / 1000
[1] 4.286286
```

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Rates, survival, RMST

- ▶ **rates** on the observation scale, time^{-1} , depends on time(scales)
- ▶ **survival** is one type of state probability
- ▶ **state probabilities** are predictions, dimensionless, scale time^0 , requires:
 - ▶ starting time(s)
 - ▶ baseline covariates
- ▶ **RMST** are integrals of state probabilities, scale time^1 , requires:
 - ▶ starting and ending time (a time interval)
 - ▶ baseline covariates
- ▶ **Demography** uses expected (residual) lifetime at age a :

$$L(a) = \int_a^{\infty} S_a(u) du$$

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Summary

- ▶ Registers provide **dates** of **events**
- ▶ defines **transition times** between defined **states**
- ▶ ... or time-dependent variables
- ▶ data representation and manipulation in `Lexis` objects
- ▶ `cutLexis` to introduce (dates of) intermediate states
- ▶ `splitLexis` to make intervals short to allow constant rate assumption
- ▶ (parametric) models for transition rates:
`glmLexis`, `gamLexis`, `coxphLexis`
- ▶ simulation (`simLexis`) using **rates** used to predict **state probabilities** (**survival**) and **RMST** (**expected life time**)

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Material

- ▶ Book: **Bendix Carstensen**:
Epidemiology with R, Oxford University Press, 2022
- ▶ Book (draft) on line: Practical Multistate Modeling
<https://bendixcarstensen.com/PMM/>
- ▶ Vignettes in the `Epi` package:
 - ▶ Analysis of follow-up data using the `Lexis` functions in `Epi`
 - ▶ Competing risks with `Lexis`, parametric rates and simulation based confidence intervals
 - ▶ Simulation of multistate models with multiple timescales: `simLexis`

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