

# Adaptive estimation of survival function in the convolution model on $\mathbb{R}^+$

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- We study the following model:

$$Z_i = X_i + Y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (1)$$

- $X_i$ 's i.i.d. nonnegative variables with **unknown** density  $f$ , survival function  $S_X$ .
- $Y_i$ 's i.i.d. nonnegative variables with **known** density  $g$ , survival function  $S_Y$ .
- $(X_i)_i \perp\!\!\!\perp (Y_i)_i$ ,  $Z_i \sim h$ , survival function  $S_Z$ .

**Target:** estimation of  $S_X$  when the  $Z_i$ 's are observed and  $g$  is known.

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### Definition (Projection estimator)

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  - ▶ Estimation when  $g$  is unknown  $\rightarrow$  work in progress.
  - ▶ Goodness-of-fit test.

Thank you for your attention.



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