

Question #30

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$.542 = \hat{F}(n) = 1 - e^{-\hat{H}(n)}$, $\hat{H}(n) = .78$. The Nelson-Aalen estimate is the sum of successive s/r values. From the problem statement, $r = 100$ at all surrender times while the s -values follow the pattern $1, 2, 3, \dots$. Then,

$$.78 = \frac{1}{100} + \frac{2}{100} + \dots + \frac{n}{100} = \frac{n(n+1)}{200} \text{ and the solution is } n = 12.$$