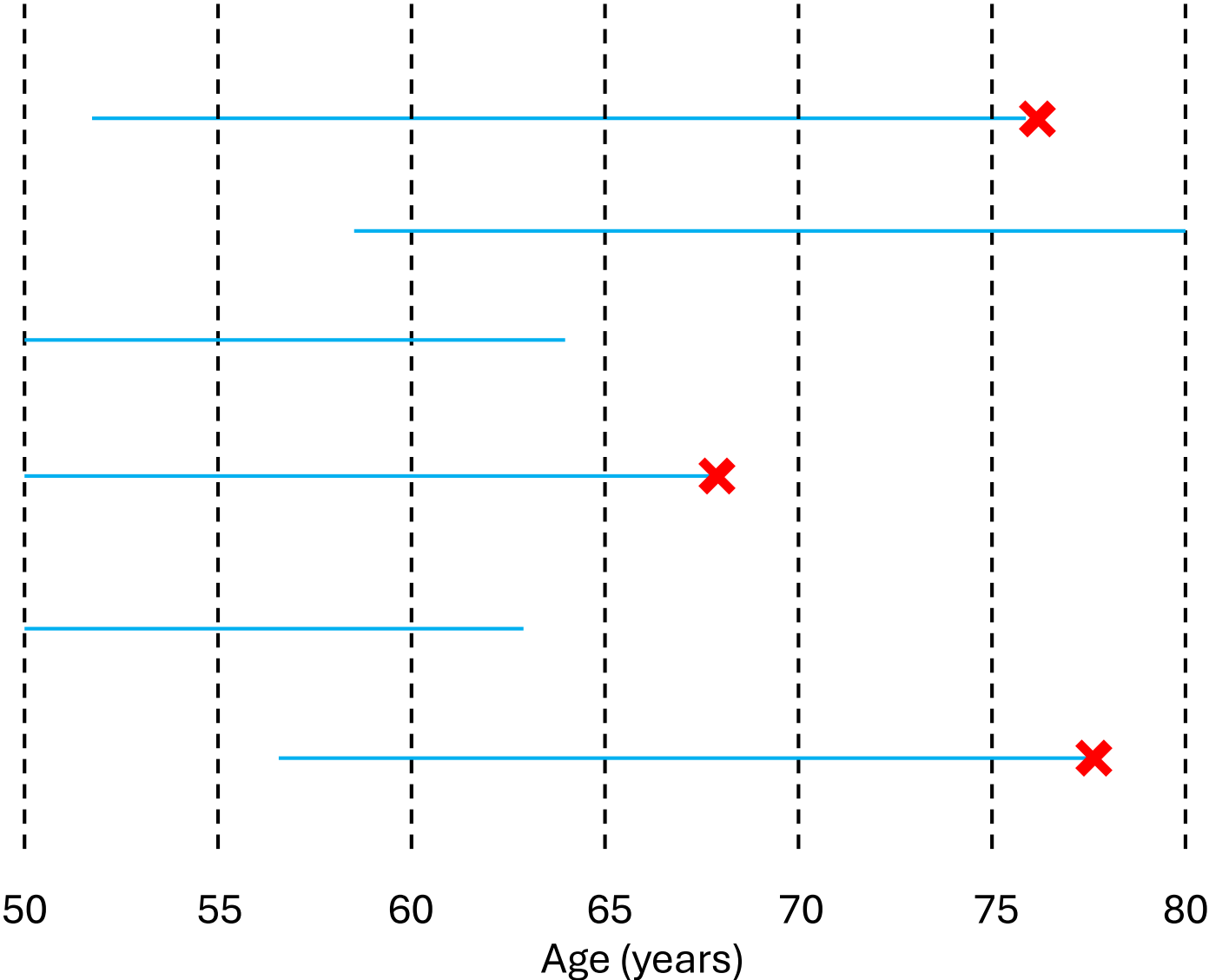




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PY:	18	26	27	18	15	9
Events:	0	0	0	1	0	2
Rate:	0	0	0	0.06	0	0.22



DATAB Processing sequence

- Remember
 - DATAB starts with individual records and finishes by creating a person-year table
- Define variable names (NAMES or USETXT) for use in the 'individual records phase'
- Assign variables as needed (birth dates, death dates, cases, age at exposure, etc.)
- Define strata that will be used in the person-year table
- Define event variables (used in the person-year table)
- INPUT (this initiates the transformation process)
 - Read the individual records
 - Accumulate the person-years into the defined strata
 - Accumulate the number of events in each strata
- At the end of this process, only variables appropriate for the person-year table remain. Other variables are removed.

DATAB Syntax (DURATION)

- The DURATION creates time categories on an arbitrary time scale between the ENTRY value and the EXIT value
- For example, it could be weeks or hours in an animal study

```
duration category_name  
    cut_point / cut_point / ...  
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```

- Note: There are other syntax variations for the DURATION statement. See the documentation.



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