Estimation and imputation in Probabilitic Principal Component Analysis with Missing Not At Random Data

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Missing values are everywhere

▶ for many reasons: unanswered questions in a survey, lost data, damaged plants, machines that fail...

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NA: Not Available.

Classical definitions

* $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ the data matrix,
* $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ the missing-data pattern:

$$\Omega_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Y_{ij} \text{ is observed,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

* **Issue: Cause of the missingness ?**
  [Rubin, 1976], [Little and Rubin, 2014]

Missing-data mechanism

ϕ: the unknown parameters of the missingness.

MCAR mechanism

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MAR mechanism

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MNAR mechanism

Other case, i.e.

$$p(\Omega | Y; \phi) = p(\Omega | Y_{\mathrm{obs}}, Y_{\mathrm{mis}}; \phi), \quad \forall \phi.$$

Self-masked setting when the missingness of a variable depends on the variable itself:

$$p(\Omega_{.j} | Y; \phi) = p(\Omega_{.j} | Y_{.j}; \phi), \quad \forall \phi.$$

MNAR data are very frequent in practice...

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- MNAR case extremely frequent, such as the heart rate (HR).
  patient's condition critical
  → HR high or low
  → doctors would rather provide emergency care than measure HR.

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► Estimation in the MNAR setting: we should take into account the mechanism explicitly (by modelling it) or implicitly.

► Identifiability in the MNAR setting: the law is identifiable only if the mechanism is identifiable.

Identifiability issue in the MNAR case

$Y^{\mathrm{NA}} = [1, \mathrm{NA}, 0, 1, \mathrm{NA}, 0]$.
► $\mathbb{P}(Y)$ is not identifiable without knowing $\mathbb{P}(\Omega|Y)$.

  ○ Y missing only if $Y = 1$. Thus, $Y = [1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0]$ and $\mathbb{P}(Y) = 2/3$.

  ○ Y missing only if $Y = 0$. Thus, $Y = [1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0]$ and $\mathbb{P}(Y) = 1/3$.

► 2 mechanisms yield to different data distribution.

Credit: Ilya Shpitser

Existing works for handling MNAR data (1)

How to estimate parameters of the data distribution in presence of MNAR data?

▶ By modeling the MNAR mechanism via a **Logistic Model** $\forall i \in [1, n]$, $\phi_j = (\phi_{1j}, \phi_{2j})$ denoting a parameter vector:

$$p(\Omega_{ij}|y_{ij}; \phi) = [(1+e^{-\phi_{1j}(y_{ij}-\phi_{2j})})^{-1}]^{(1-\Omega_{ij})}[1-(1+e^{-\phi_{1j}(y_{ij}-\phi_{2j})})^{-1}]^{\Omega_{ij}}$$

and **using an EM algorithm** to estimate both parameters of the data and mechanism distributions.

- in linear models [Ibrahim et al., 1999],
- in low-rank models [S., Boyer, Josse 2018].

✓ Handling MNAR data.

✗ Often restricted to a limited number of MNAR variables.

✗ Parametric assumption for the mechanism distribution.

✗ Computationally costly.

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⇒ **Proposal: Handling the MNAR data in probabilistic PCA model.**

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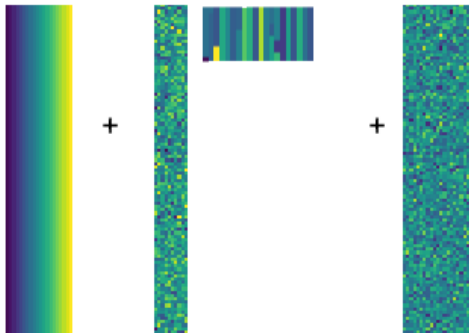
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where

$$\begin{cases} W = (W_{1.}|\ldots|W_{n.})^{T}, \text{ with } W_{i.} \sim \mathcal{N}(0_r, \mathrm{Id}_{r \times r}), \\ B \text{ with } \mathrm{rank}\ r < \min\{n, p\}, \\ \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^p \text{ and } \mathbf{1} = (1 \ldots 1)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ \epsilon = (\epsilon_{1.}|\ldots|\epsilon_{n.})^{T}, \text{ with } \epsilon_{i.} \sim \mathcal{N}(0_p, \sigma^2 \mathrm{Id}_{p \times p}). \end{cases}$$

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⇢ Access only to the missing-data matrix $Y \odot \Omega + \mathrm{NA} \odot (1 - \Omega)$

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Y =
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\end{array} \\
\begin{pmatrix}
12 & 28 & 31 & 3 & \dots & \mathrm{NA} \\
\mathrm{NA} & 23 & 89 & 2 & \dots & 85 \\
32 & 6 & 24 & \mathrm{NA} & \dots & \mathrm{NA} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\
\mathrm{NA} & 3 & 7 & \mathrm{NA} & \dots & 11
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Proposal

Under the PPCA model $\forall i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}, \quad Y_{i.} \sim \mathcal{N}(\alpha, \Sigma), \Sigma = B^T B + \sigma^2 \mathrm{Id}_{p \times p}$,

- **Identifiability** of the PPCA parameters assuming self-masked MNAR,

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Proposition: identifiability of the PPCA parameters

Consider that d variables are self-masked MNAR and $p - d$ variables are MCAR.

► The parameters (α, Σ) of the PPCA model and the mechanism parameter are identifiable.

► Assuming that the noise level σ^2 is known, the parameter B is identifiable up to a row permutation.

- Mean and covariance matrix estimation without explicitly modeling the MNAR mechanism and by only using all available observed cells **Consistency results** assuming general MNAR mechanism,

- Estimation of the loading matrix B,

- Imputation of the missing values in the data matrix Y.

Toy example

- $p = 3$, $r = 2$.
- $Y_{.1}$ is MNAR (self-masked in this case).
- As $r = 2$, it requires two **pivot variables**, say $Y_{.2}$ and $Y_{.3}$ **which are independent of the missing-data pattern** $\Omega_{.1}$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_{.1} & Y_{.2} & Y_{.3} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{1} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} W_{.1} & W_{.2} \end{pmatrix} B + \epsilon$$
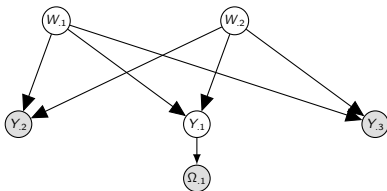
Figure: Graphical model for **"fully-connected"** PPCA model when $p = 3$, $r = 2$ and one variable $Y_{.1}$ is missing.

Mean estimation
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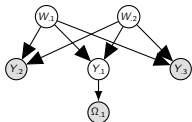As any variable is generated by all the latent variables, linear links can be established.
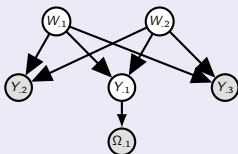
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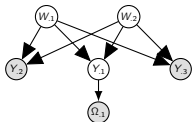- Note that $\mathbb{E}[\zeta|Y_{.1},Y_{.3}] \neq 0$ (no exogeneity)

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Effects of $Y_{.2}$ on $Y_{.1}$ and $Y_{.3}$ in the complete case when $\Omega_{.1} = 1$:

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As $Y_{.2} \perp\!\!\!\perp \Omega_{.1} | Y_{.1}, Y_{.3}$, one has

$$\mathbb{E}\left[Y_{.2} | Y_{.1}, Y_{.3}, \Omega_{.1} = 1\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[0]} + \mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[1]} Y_{.1} + \mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[3]} Y_{.3} | Y_{.1}, Y_{.3}\right].$$

Taking the expectation,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[Y_{.2}\right] = \mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[0]} + \mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[1]} \mathbb{E}\left[Y_{.1}\right] + \mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[3]} \mathbb{E}\left[Y_{.3}\right].$$

Mean formula

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\alpha_2 - \mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[0]} - \mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[3]} \alpha_3}{\mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[1]}},$$

given that $\mathcal{B}^c_{2 \to 1,3[1]} \neq 0$.

Consistency results

Definition of a mean estimator:

$$\hat{\alpha}_1 := \frac{\hat{\alpha}_2 - \hat{\mathcal{B}}^c_{2\to1,3[0]} - \hat{\mathcal{B}}^c_{2\to1,3[3]}\hat{\alpha}_3}{\hat{\mathcal{B}}^c_{2\to1,3[1]}}.$$

Consistency for the missing variable mean

Assume that:

- There exist consistent estimators for α_2 and α_3.

- There exist consistent estimators for $\mathcal{B}^c_{2\to1,3[0]}$, $\mathcal{B}^c_{2\to1,3[1]}$ and $\mathcal{B}^c_{2\to1,3[3]}$.

Then, the estimator $\hat{\alpha}_1$ is consistent.

Estimation in practice

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▶ $(\mathcal{B}^c_{2\to1,3[k]})_{k\in\{0,1,3\}}$ estimated by the coefficients of the linear regression of $Y_{.2}$ on $Y_{.1}$ and $Y_{.3}$ using the rows where $Y_{.1}$ is observed.

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► Assuming that σ^2 is known,

$$Y \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix}, B^T B + \sigma^2 \mathrm{Id} \right) \Rightarrow \hat{\Sigma} - \sigma^2 \mathrm{Id}_{3\times3} \text{ estimates } B^T B.$$

► Singular value decomposition:

$$\hat{\Sigma} - \sigma^2 \mathrm{Id}_{3\times3} =: \hat{U}\hat{D}\hat{U}^T, \text{ with } \hat{U} = (\hat{u}_1|\hat{u}_2|\hat{u}_3).$$

► Assuming that $r = 2$,

$$\hat{B} = \hat{D}_{|2}^{1/2} \hat{U}_{|2}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\hat{d}_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\hat{d}_2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_1^T \\ \hat{u}_2^T \end{pmatrix}.$$

Imputation of the missing values in Y

▶ Impute the missing values Y_{i1} for $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ such that $M_{i1} = 0$
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\text{NA} & 23 & \text{NA} & \ldots & 45 \\
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Numerical experiments

Measuring the performance

- estimation of B: RV coefficient (cosine between two subspaces).
- imputation of Y: $\|(\hat{Y} - Y) \odot (1 - \Omega)\|_F^2 / \|Y \odot (1 - \Omega)\|_F^2$.

Other methods

- **MAR** our method which has been adapted to handle MAR data (inspired by [Mohan et al., 2018] in linear models);
- **EMMAR**: EM algorithm to perform PPCA with MAR values [Ilin and Raiko, 2010];
- **SoftMAR**: matrix completion using iterative soft-thresholding singular value decomposition algorithm [Mazumder et al., 2010] relevant only for M(C)AR values;
- **MNARparam**: matrix completion technique modeling the MNAR mechanism with a parametric logistic model [Sportisse et al., 2018];
- **Del**: the naive listwise deletion method;
- **Mean**: the imputation by the mean.

Numerical experiments

$n = 1000$, $p = 20$, $r = 3$, $\sigma = 0.8$
10 MNAR variables with

$$\forall m \in [1:10],\ \mathbb{P}(\Omega_{.m} = 1|Y) = \mathbb{P}(\Omega_{.m} = 1|Y_{.m}, Y_{.k}, Y_{.\ell}),$$

where k and ℓ are indexes of MNAR variables randomly chosen such that
$k \neq \ell \in [1:10]\backslash\{m\}$.
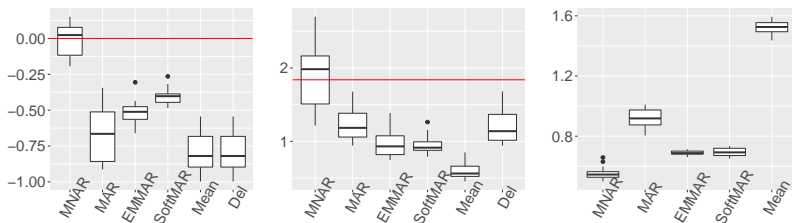
Figure: Mean estimation (left graphic), variance estimation (middle graphic) of one missing variable and prediction error (right graphic).

Numerical experiments
Real data

▶ Introduction additional MNAR values in the variable *HR.ph* using a logistic self-masked mechanism. Other variables considered as M(C)AR.
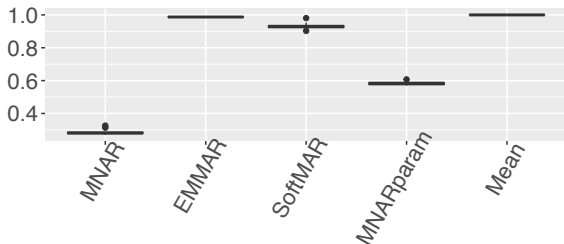
Figure: Comparison of the prediction error for the TraumaBase data.

Numerical experiments
Others
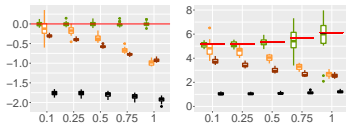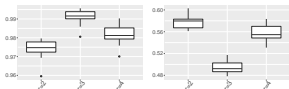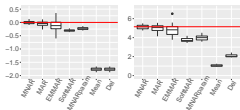
- Robustness to the percentage of missing values.
- **Robustness to the noise.**
- Model (PPCA) misspecification
- **Rank misspecification.**
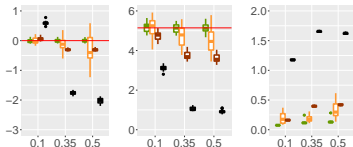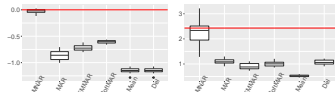
Conclusion

Take-home messages

- MNAR is hard.
- Modeling the mechanism and using an EM algorithm is computationally costly.
- Our proposal: **new estimation and imputation method to perform PPCA with MNAR data**,
- **without any need of modeling the missing mechanism,**
- with strong theoretical guarantees as identifiability and consistency and efficient algorithm.

Perspectives

- Estimating the rank in the PPCA setting with MNAR data.
- Extension to the exponential family to process count data.

▶ Estimation and imputation in probabilistic principal component analysis withmissing not at random data. [Sportisse et al., 2020]

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Missing-data mechanism

ϕ: the unknown parameters of the missingness.

	Y_1	Y_2
	1	2
	3	20
	22	4

MCAR mechanism

The missingness does not depend on the variables.

$$p(\Omega|Y;\phi) = p(\Omega;\phi), \quad \forall Y, \phi.$$

MAR

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ NA & 20 \\ 22 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

MAR mechanism

The missingness depends on the observed variables.

$$p(\Omega|Y;\phi) = p(\Omega|Y_{\mathrm{obs}};\phi), \quad \forall Y_{\mathrm{mis}}, \phi.$$

MNAR

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 20 \\ NA & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

MNAR mechanism

Other case, i.e.

$$p(\Omega|Y;\phi) = p(\Omega|Y_{\mathrm{obs}}, Y_{\mathrm{mis}};\phi), \quad \forall \phi.$$

self-masked when the missingness of a variable depends on the variable itself.

...but hard to handle

▶ Likelihood approach: maximizing the joint log-likelihood,

$$\ell(\Theta, \phi; Y, M) = p(Y; \Theta)p(M|Y; \phi),$$

with Θ: unknown data distribution parameter.

▶ Missing data: maximizing the observed joint log-likelihood,

$$\ell(\Theta, \phi; Y_{\mathrm{obs}}, M) = \int \ell(\Theta, \phi; Y, M)dY_{\mathrm{mis}}.$$

✓ In the MAR setting, one can ignore the mechanism since

$$p(M|Y; \phi) = p(M|Y_{\mathrm{obs}}; \phi).$$

$\Rightarrow \ell(\Theta, \phi; Y_{\mathrm{obs}}, M) \propto \ell(\Theta; Y_{\mathrm{obs}}) = \int \ell(\Theta; Y)dY_{\mathrm{mis}}.$

✗ In the MNAR setting, one should consider the mechanism.

Existing works for handling MNAR data (1)

▶ Modeling the MNAR mechanism via a **Logistic Model**:
$\forall i \in [1, n]$, $\phi_j = (\phi_{1j}, \phi_{2j})$ denoting a parameter vector:

$$p(M_{ij}|y_{ij}; \phi) = [(1+e^{-\phi_{1j}(y_{ij}-\phi_{2j})})^{-1}]^{(1-M_{ij})}[1-(1+e^{-\phi_{1j}(y_{ij}-\phi_{2j})})^{-1}]^{M_{ij}}$$

(self-masked MNAR mechanism)

▶ Maximizing the joint log-likelihood with the **EM algorithm**
in linear models [Ibrahim et al., 1999] or in low-rank models
[S., Boyer, Josse 2018].

✓ Handling MNAR data.
✗ Often restricted to a limited number of MNAR variables.
✗ Parametric assumption for the mechanism distribution.
✗ Computationally costly.

General setting

- d MNAR variables indexed by
  $\mathcal{M} := \{m_1, \ldots, m_d\} \subset \{1, \ldots, p\}$ (with $d < p$).
- Other variables are observed or M(C)AR.
- The distribution of the mechanism may depend on all variables (missing or observed) except r **pivot variables**, indexed by $\mathcal{J}$.

$$\forall m \in \mathcal{M}, \quad \mathbb{P}(\Omega_{\cdot m} = 1 | Y) = \mathbb{P}(\Omega_{\cdot m} = 1 | (Y_{\cdot k})_{k \in \bar{\mathcal{J}}}),$$

$\bar{\mathcal{J}} = \{1, \ldots, p\} \backslash \mathcal{J}.$

Main assumptions

A1. $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}, \ \forall j \in \mathcal{J}, \ \left(B_{\cdot m} \quad (B_{\cdot j'})_{j' \in \mathcal{J}_{-j}} \right)$ is invertible.

($\leadsto$ implies that any variable is generated by all the latent variables)

A2. $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}, \ \forall j \in \mathcal{J}, \ Y_{\cdot j} \perp\!\!\!\perp \Omega_{\cdot m} | (Y_{\cdot k})_{k \in \overline{\{j\}}}$

($\leadsto$ follows from the missing-data mechanism above)

Imputation of the missing values in Y

▶ Impute the missing values Y_{i1} for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $M_{i1} = 0$ **using the conditional expectation of (Y_{i1}) given Y_{i2} and Y_{i3}.**

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_{i1} | Y_{i2}, Y_{i3}] = \alpha_1 + \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{12} & \Gamma_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{22} & \Gamma_{23} \\ \Gamma_{32} & \Gamma_{33} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \left(\begin{pmatrix} Y_{i2} \\ Y_{i3} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

with $\Gamma = B^T B + \sigma^2 \mathrm{Id}_{3 \times 3}$.

$$\hat{Y}_{i1} = \hat{\alpha}_1 + \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_{12} & \hat{\Gamma}_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_{22} & \hat{\Gamma}_{23} \\ \hat{\Gamma}_{32} & \hat{\Gamma}_{33} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \left(\begin{pmatrix} Y_{i2} \\ Y_{i3} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha}_2 \\ \hat{\alpha}_3 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{.1} & Y_{.2} & Y_{.3} \\ 12 & 28 & 31 \\ \text{NA} & 23 & 89 \\ 32 & 6 & 24 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{NA} & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{.1} & Y_{.2} & Y_{.3} \\ 12 & 28 & 31 \\ 16 & 23 & 89 \\ 32 & 6 & 24 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 21 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

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The methodology is extended to the general case, for any data with p covariates, r latent variables and d missing variables.

★ $r = 2$, $p = 10$, $n = 1000$, $\sigma = 0.1$, 7 self-masked MNAR variables.
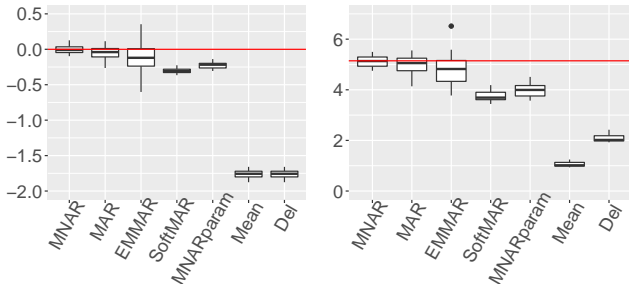

Figure: Mean and variance estimation for one MNAR variable.

Numerical experiments

Toy example setting (2)

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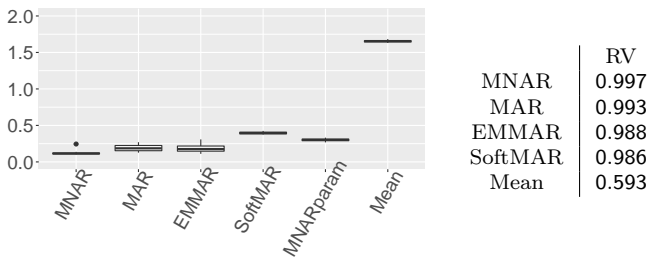

	RV
MNAR	0.997
MAR	0.993
EMMAR	0.988
SoftMAR	0.986
Mean	0.593

Figure: Prediction error (left) and median of the RV coefficients for the loading matrix (right).

Numerical experiments

Exogeneity does not hold but does it have an impact on the results when the noise increases?

⋆ $r = 2$, $p = 10$, $n = 1000$, 7 self-masked MNAR variables.

For different values of the noise level.
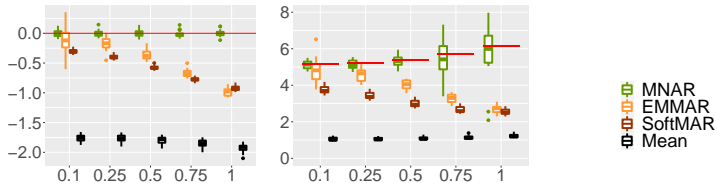
Figure: Mean and variance for one missing variable.

Numerical experiments
Robustness to the noise (2)

⋆ $r = 2$, $p = 10$, $n = 1000$, 7 self-masked MNAR variables.
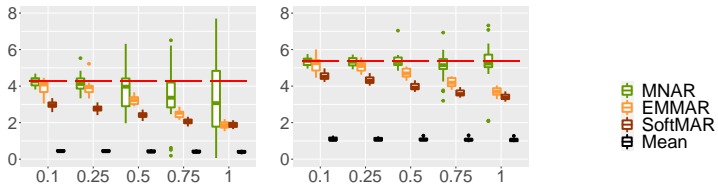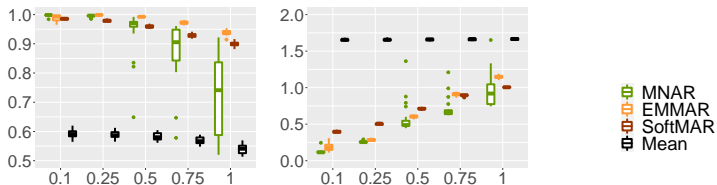For different values of the noise level.

Figure: Covariances between a MNAR variable and a pivot one (left) and between two MNAR variables (right).

$\star$ $r = 2$, $p = 10$, $n = 1000$, 7 self-masked MNAR variables.

For different values of the noise level.

MNAR
EMMAR
SoftMAR
Mean

Figure: RV coefficient (left) and prediction error (right).

Numerical experiments

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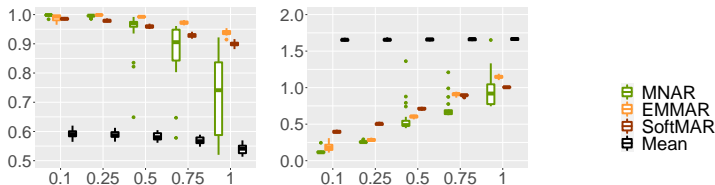
Figure: RV coefficient (left) and prediction error (right).

✗ Bias for the covariance MNAR/pivot variables.

✗ Loading matrix estimation deteriorates as the data gets noiser.

✓ Some estimations (mean, variance) are unbiased.

✓ In term of prediction error, it remains competitive.

Numerical experiments

$\star$ $r = 3$, $p = 20$, $n = 1000$, $\sigma = 0.8$, 10 self-masked MNAR variables.
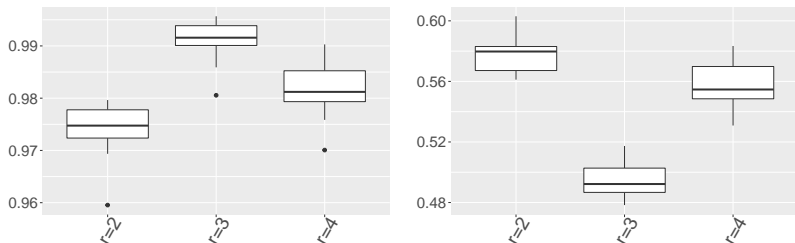

Figure: RV coefficients for the loading matrix (left graphic) and prediction error (right graphic) for different cases where the rank is either underestimated, well estimated or overestimated.

Numerical experiments

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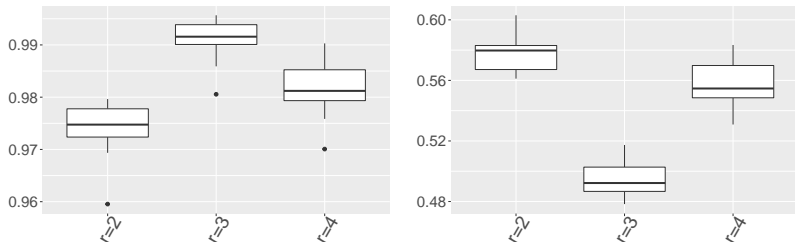

Figure: RV coefficients for the loading matrix (left graphic) and prediction error (right graphic) for different cases where the rank is either underestimated, well estimated or overestimated.

✓ Stability to rank misspecification.