

Complete case analysis

- Complete-case analysis → CCA
- Also called "list-wise deletion" of cases.



CCA definition

- CCA consists in **discarding** observations with missing data.
 - Remove observations with NA from dataset.

Complete Case = observation with data in all of the variables.

Suitable for categorical and numerical variables



CCA example

Gender	Price	Make	Engine
Female	100	Ford	2000
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Female	120	Nissan	3000
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Observations with missing values are removed



CCA Assumptions

Data is missing completely at random





CCA Advantages

- Simple
- No data manipulation required
- Preserves the distribution of the variables



CCA Limitations

- It can exclude a large fraction of the dataset.
- When?
 - A variable has a big proportion of NA.
 - Different variables show NA in different observations.



CCA Limitations

 Removed observations could be predictive (if data is not missing at random)

- CCA could lead to a biased dataset
 - The distribution of the remaining observations differ from the original distributions.



CCA Limitations

 When using our models in production, the model will not know how to handle missing data







When to use CCA Is the data MCAR? Yes No NA missing in Can the variable just a few take NA? observations? Yes No Yes No Use a different Better not to Use CCA Could use CCA remove the data method



Accompanying Jupyter Notebook



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