

# Statistical Analysis with Missing Data

## Module 7

Maximum Likelihood/Bayes

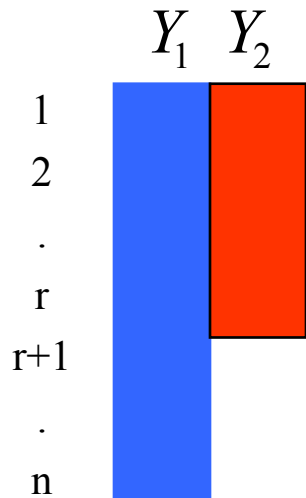
Factored likelihood methods



# Computational tools

- Tools for monotone patterns
  - Maximum likelihood based on factored likelihood
  - Draws from Bayesian posterior distribution based on factored posterior distributions
  - Multiple imputation for monotone patterns
  - Creating propensity weights for monotone patterns

# Bivariate Monotone Data



Under MAR, loglikelihood for monotone bivariate data is

$$\ell(\theta | y_{(0)}) = \sum_{i=1}^r \log f(y_{i1}, y_{i2} | \theta) + \sum_{i=r+1}^n \log f(y_{i1} | \theta)$$

E.g. for bivariate normal data:

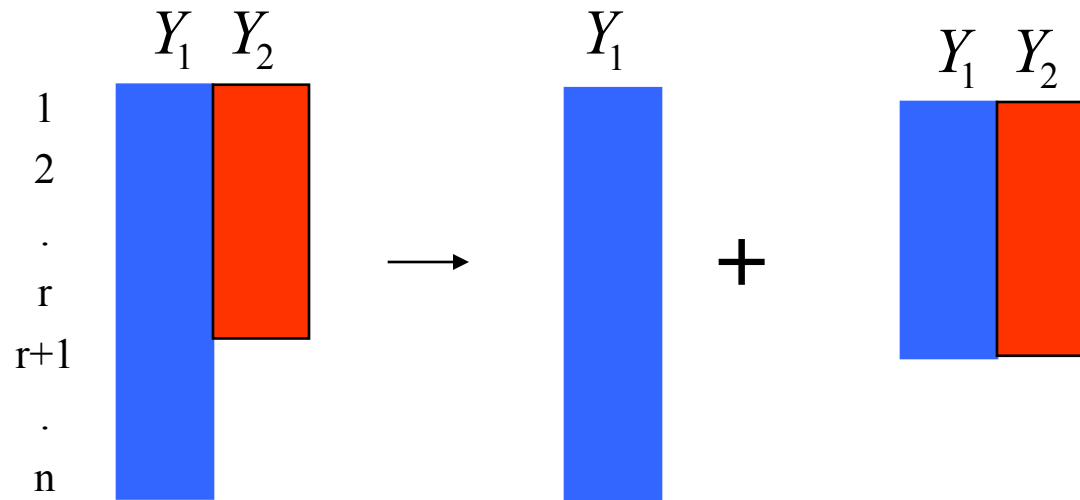
$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\mu, \Sigma | y_{(0)}) = & -0.5r \log |\Sigma| - (1/2) \sum_{i=1}^r (y_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_i - \mu) \\ & - 0.5(n-r) \log \sigma_{11} - (1/2) \sum_{i=r+1}^n (y_{i1} - \mu_1)^2 / \sigma_{11} \end{aligned}$$

ML seems to require iterative methods...

Anderson showed that explicit estimates are possible

# Bivariate Monotone Data

- Maximum Likelihood by factoring the likelihood  
(Anderson 1957: Little and Rubin 2019, chapter 7):



Joint of  $Y_1, Y_2$       Marginal of  $Y_1$  x Conditional of  $Y_2$  on  $Y_1$

$$f(y_1, y_2 | \theta) = f(y_1 | \phi_1(\theta)) \times f(y_2 | y_1, \phi_2(\theta))$$

$$\Rightarrow L(\theta | Y_{obs}) = L_1(\phi_1 | \{y_{i1} : i = 1, \dots, n\}) \times L_2(\phi_2 | \{(y_{i1}, y_{i2}), i = 1, \dots, r\})$$

- Method only works when parameters  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are distinct

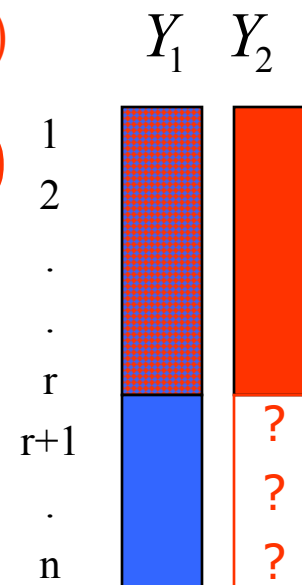
# Bivariate Normal Monotone Data

- For Bivariate Normal data:

$$\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2) \quad \phi_1 = (\mu_1, \sigma_{11}) \quad \phi_2 = (\beta_{20.1}, \beta_{21.1}, \sigma_{22.1})$$

$$f(y_1, y_2 | \theta) = f(y_1 | \mu_1, \sigma_{11}) \times f(y_2 | y_1, \beta_{20.1}, \beta_{21.1}, \sigma_{22.1})$$

$$\Rightarrow L(\theta | Y_{obs}) = L_1(\mu_1, \sigma_{11} | \{y_{i1} : i = 1, \dots, n\}) \times \\ L_2(\beta_{20.1}, \beta_{21.1}, \sigma_{22.1} | \{(y_{i1}, y_{i2}), i = 1, \dots, r\})$$



Yields two standard complete-data problems:

$L_1 \rightarrow$  univariate normal sample of size  $n$  on  $Y_1$

$L_2 \rightarrow$  regression of  $Y_2$  on  $Y_1$  with sample size  $r$

# Bivariate Normal Data ctd

- Hence ML estimates are:

$$\hat{\mu}_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_{i1}, \hat{\sigma}_{11} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_{i1} - \hat{\mu}_1)^2$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_{21 \cdot 1} &= s_{12} / s_{11} \\ \hat{\beta}_{20 \cdot 1} &= \bar{y}_2 - \hat{\beta}_{21 \cdot 1} \bar{y}_1 \\ \hat{\sigma}_{22 \cdot 1} &= s_{22 \cdot 1} = s_{22} - s_{12}^2 / s_{11} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Least squares on } r \\ \text{complete cases} \end{array}$$

# Estimates of other parameters

- ML for other parameters by expressing them as functions of  $\phi$  and applying transformation property of ML:

$$\mu_2 = \beta_{20.1} + \beta_{21.1} \mu_1$$
$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}_2 = \hat{\beta}_{20.1} + \hat{\beta}_{21.1} \hat{\mu}_1 = \bar{y}_2 + \hat{\beta}_{21.1} (\hat{\mu}_1 - \bar{y}_1)$$

which is known as the *regression estimate* of the mean

$$\hat{\sigma}_{22} = \hat{\sigma}_{22.1} + \hat{\beta}_{22.1}^2 \hat{\sigma}_{11} = s_{22} + \hat{\beta}_{21.1}^2 (\hat{\sigma}_{11} - s_{11})$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_{12} = \hat{\beta}_{21.1} \hat{\sigma}_{11} = s_{12} (\hat{\sigma}_{11} / s_{11})$$

# Standard errors

- Large sample standard errors for estimates of  $\phi$  follow from complete-data distribution theory

$$Var(\hat{\phi} - \phi) = \begin{bmatrix} Var(\hat{\phi}_1 - \phi_1) & 0 \\ 0 & Var(\hat{\phi}_2 - \phi_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Large sample standard errors for estimates of functions of  $\phi$  follow using standard ML transformation theory, that is:

$$Var\left(\theta(\hat{\phi}) - \theta(\phi)\right) = \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \phi}\right)^T Var(\hat{\phi} - \phi) \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \phi}\right)$$

Note that these are large-sample expressions, but take into account the missing data (unlike single imputation)



# Bayes Inference

- An attractive alternative to ML inference is to draw parameters from Bayes posterior distribution
  - Estimate = posterior mean
  - Standard error = posterior standard deviation
  - Standard errors are often easier than ML!

# Bivariate Monotone Data

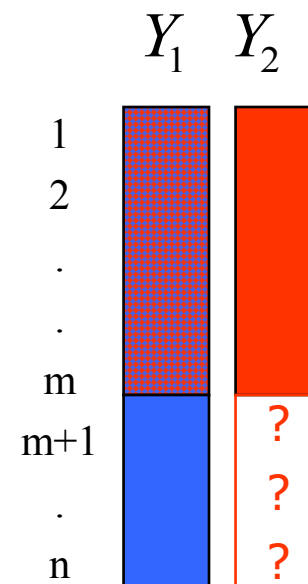
Bayes by *factoring likelihood*

$$f(y_1, y_2 | \theta) = f(y_1 | \phi_1(\theta)) \times f((y_2 | y_1, \phi_2(\theta)))$$

Prior:  $\pi(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \pi_1(\phi_1) \times \pi_2(\phi_2)$

$\Rightarrow$  Posterior:

$$p(\phi | Y_{obs}) \propto p(\phi_1 | y_{11}, \dots, y_{n1}) \times p(\phi_2 | (y_1, \dots, y_r))$$



$$p(\phi_1 | y_{11}, \dots, y_{n1}) \propto \pi_1(\phi_1) \times f(y_1 | \phi_1(\theta))$$

$$p(\phi_2 | (y_1, \dots, y_r)) \propto \pi_2(\phi_2) \times f((y_2 | y_1, \phi_2(\theta)))$$

# Complete-data Posteriors

- In normal example with reference priors:

$$\pi_1(\mu_1, \log \sigma_{11}) \pi_2(\beta_{20\cdot1}, \beta_{21\cdot1}, \log \sigma_{22\cdot1}) \propto \text{const}$$

standard complete-data calculations yield:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{11} | \text{data} &\sim n \hat{\sigma}_{11} / \chi_{n-1}^2 && \text{scaled inverse chi-squared dn} \\ \mu_1 | \sigma_{11}, \text{data} &\sim N(\hat{\mu}_1, \sigma_{11} / n) && \text{normal (unconditionally } \mu_1 \text{ is T)} \end{aligned}$$

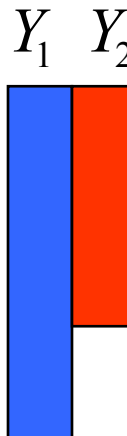
$$\sigma_{22\cdot1} | \text{data} \sim rs_{22\cdot1} / \chi_{r-2}^2$$

$$\beta_{21\cdot1} | \sigma_{22\cdot1}, \text{data} \sim N(\hat{\beta}_{21\cdot1}, \sigma_{22\cdot1} / (rs_{11}))$$

$$\beta_{20\cdot1} | \beta_{21\cdot1}, \sigma_{22\cdot1}, \text{data} \sim N(\bar{y}_2 - \beta_{21\cdot1} \bar{y}_1, \sigma_{22\cdot1} / r)$$

# Posteriors of other parameters

- Posteriors of other parameters can be simulated by expressing them as functions of  $\phi$  and substituting draws  $\phi^{(d)}$  from the posterior distribution of  $\phi$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_2 &= \beta_{20.1} + \beta_{21.1} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2^{(d)} &= \beta_{20.1}^{(d)} + \beta_{21.1}^{(d)} \mu_1^{(d)} \\ \sigma_{22}^{(d)} &= \sigma_{22.1}^{2(d)} + \beta_{21.1}^{2(d)} \sigma_{11}^{(d)} \\ \sigma_{12}^{(d)} &= \beta_{21.1}^{(d)} \sigma_{11}^{(d)}\end{aligned}$$


The diagram consists of two vertical bars. The left bar is blue and is labeled  $Y_1$  above it. The right bar is red and is labeled  $Y_2$  above it. The blue bar is taller than the red bar.

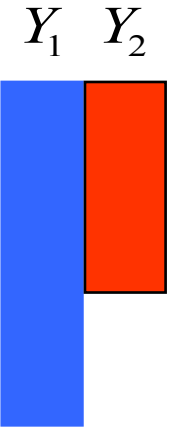
Idea is analogous to ML, with draws replacing ML estimates

S.e.'s are computationally easier, since they are estimated as sample s.d. of the drawn parameters, without the need to invert an information matrix

# Bayes for Monotone Normal Data

- Simply replace ML estimates, e.g.:

$$\hat{\mu}_2 = \hat{\beta}_{20.1} + \hat{\beta}_{21.1} \hat{\mu}_1$$

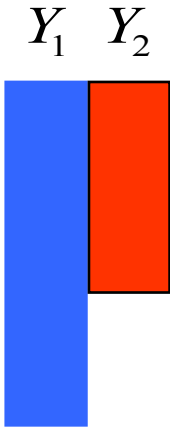


# Bayes for Monotone Normal Data

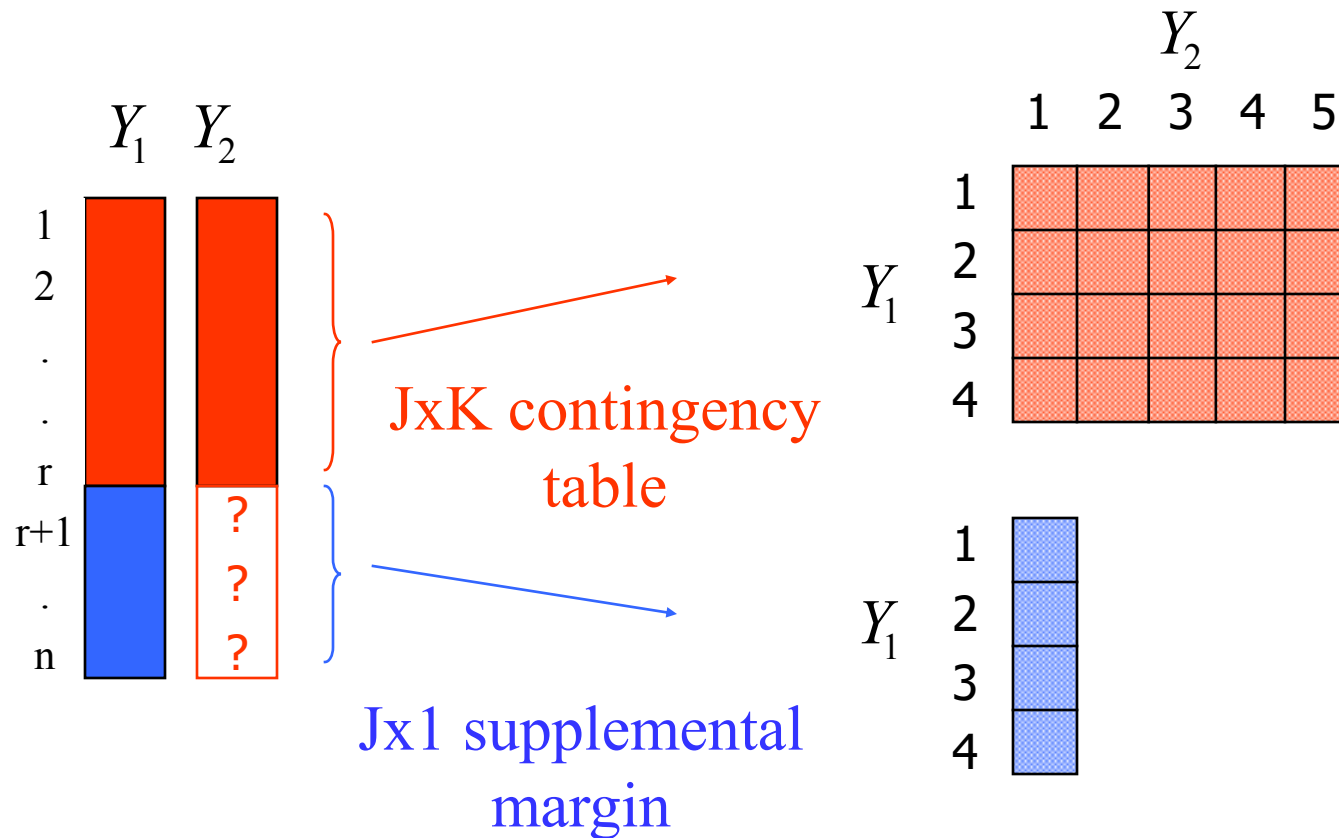
- ...by draws ( $d$ ) from posterior distribution,

$$\mu_2^{(d)} = \beta_{20.1}^{(d)} + \beta_{21.1}^{(d)} \mu_1^{(d)}$$

- With conjugate priors,  $\beta_{20.1}^{(d)}, \beta_{21.1}^{(d)}, \mu_1^{(d)}$  are simple functions of ML estimates and chi-squared and standard normal deviates
  - (Little and Rubin 2002)
- Directly simulates posterior distribution
- Immediate estimates of uncertainty, which incorporate “Student T” corrections for estimating the variances; hence better frequentist properties than maximum likelihood, which is asymptotic



# Categorical Data: Contingency Tables



# Multinomial Probabilities

$$\Pr(Y_1 = j, Y_2 = k) = \theta_{jk}, j = 1, \dots, J; k = 1, \dots, K$$

$$\phi_1 = (\theta_{1+}, \dots, \theta_{J+})$$

$$\phi_2 = \{ \phi_{jk} \equiv \theta_{jk} / \theta_{j+} \}, j = 1, \dots, J; k = 1, \dots, K$$

$$\theta_{jk} = \theta_{j+} \times \phi_{jk}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{jk} = \hat{\theta}_{j+} \times \hat{\phi}_{jk}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{j+} = n_{j+} / n = Y_1\text{-margin proportions, all } n \text{ cases}$$

$$\hat{\phi}_{jk} = r_{jk} / r_{j+} = \text{row proportions from } r \text{ complete cases}$$



# Example: 2x2 table

		$Y_2$							
		1	2						
$Y_1$	1	100	50	<table><tr><td><math>Y_1</math></td><td>1</td><td>30</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>60</td></tr></table>	$Y_1$	1	30	2	60
$Y_1$	1	30							
2	60								
	2	75	75						
complete cases				supplemental margin					

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} (100+50+30=180)/390 \\ (75+75+60=210)/390 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{\phi}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 100/150 & 50/150 \\ 75/150 & 75/150 \end{pmatrix}$$

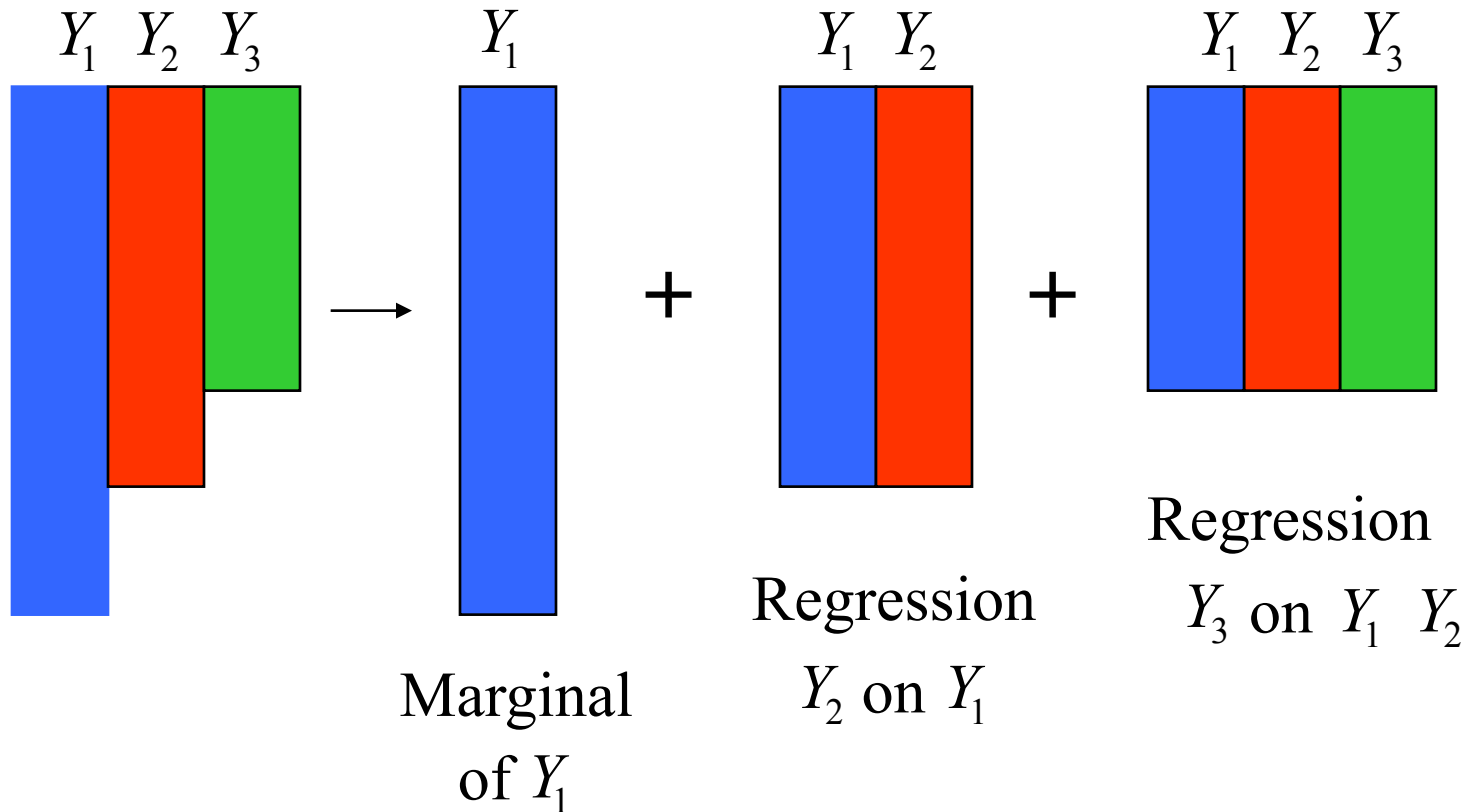
$$\hat{\theta} = \begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{180}{390} \times \frac{100}{150} \right) & \left( \frac{180}{390} \times \frac{50}{150} \right) \\ \left( \frac{210}{390} \times \frac{75}{150} \right) & \left( \frac{210}{390} \times \frac{75}{150} \right) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12/39 & 6/39 \\ 7/26 & 7/26 \end{pmatrix}$$

“Distribute supplemental margin into table using row probabilities from complete cases.”

# Monotone Multivariate Normal Data

Regress current on more observed variables using

available cases; e.g. 3 variables:

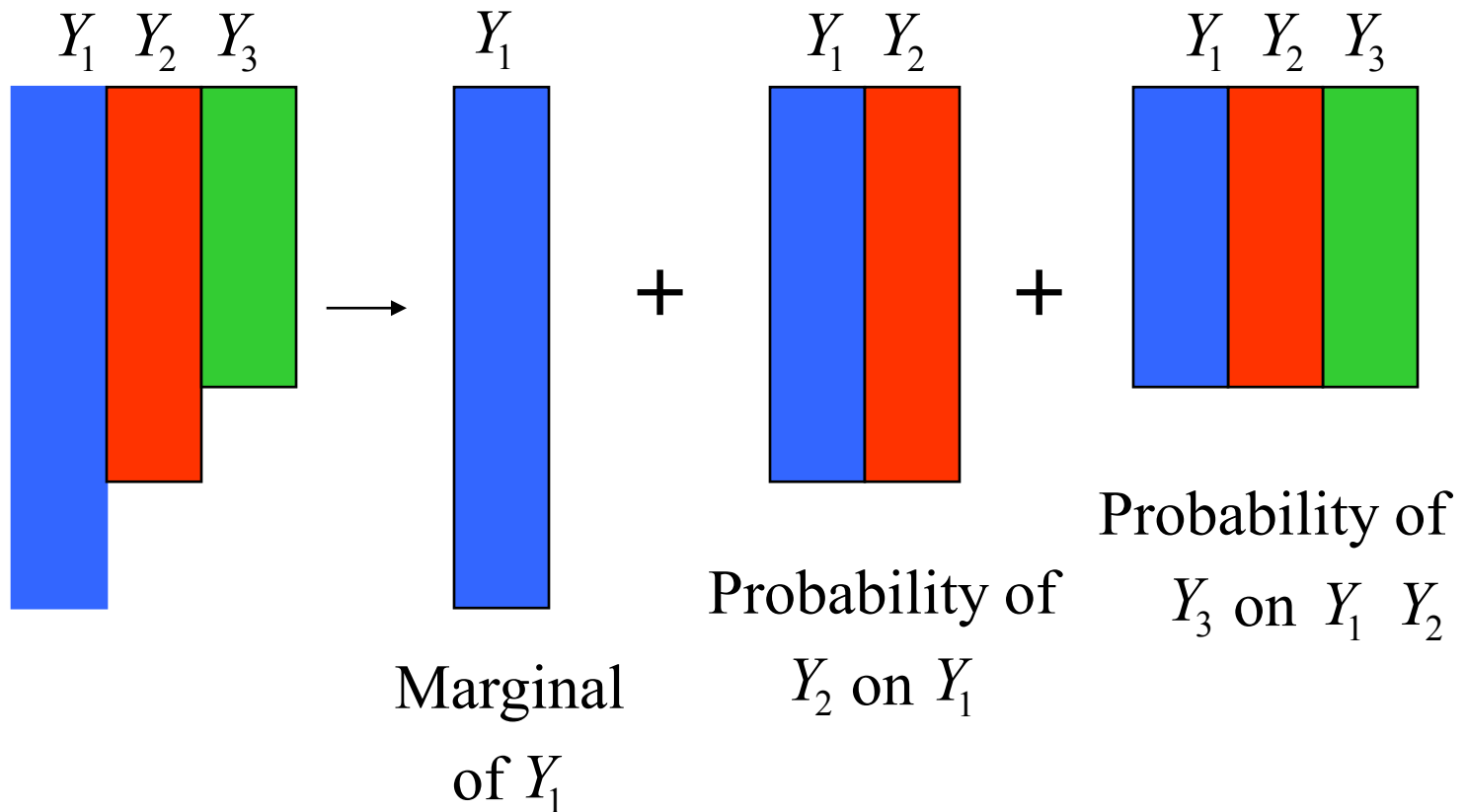


Sweep operator is elegant way to do computations

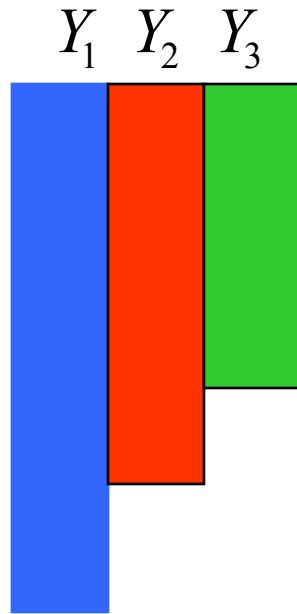
# Monotone Multinomial Data

Compute conditional probabilities using available cases;

e.g. 3 variables:



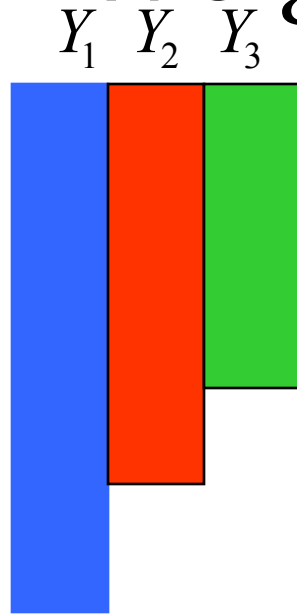
# Multiple imputation for monotone data



- Factoring joint distribution is also useful for multiple imputation. E.g. for the monotone pattern displayed:
  - (a) Draw missing values of  $Y_2$  from predictive distribution of  $Y_2$  given  $Y_1$
  - (b) Draw missing values of  $Y_3$  from predictive distribution of  $Y_3$  given  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  (observed or imputed from (a))
  - (c) Repeat steps (a) and (b) to create MI data sets

Extends in obvious way to more than three patterns.

# Weights for monotone data



Factoring joint distribution of  $M$  is also useful for creating propensity weights. E.g. for the monotone pattern displayed:

- (a) Propensity for  $M_2$  from logistic regression of  $M_2$  given  $Y_1$
- (b) Propensity for  $M_3$  given  $M_2=0$  from logistic regression of  $M_3$  given  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$
- (c)  $\Pr(M_3 = 0) = \Pr(M_3 = M_2 = 0)$   
 $= \Pr(M_3 = 0 \mid M_2 = 0) \times \Pr(M_2 = 0)$

Inverting estimated propensities, weight for (c) is product of weights from (a) and (b)

Extends in obvious way to more than three patterns.

# Summary

- Factoring distribution of  $Y$  or  $M$  into conditional distributions is useful for monotone missing data
- Modeling  $Y$  using factored likelihood requires distinctness of parameters of distribution. E.g. it does not work if  $Y$  is bivariate normal with covariance matrix

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \rho\sigma^2 \\ \rho\sigma^2 & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

since parameters  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are no longer distinct

- In such cases, and when the pattern is non-monotone, iterative algorithms such as EM are needed for ML estimation. Consider these approaches next.