Missing Data - Assignment 1

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1 Introduction

Alcohol consumption led to 2.8 million deaths in 2016 and accounts for almost 10% of global deaths in people aged 15-49 years. Higher levels of alcohol consumption leads to a higher risk of mortality and the only level of alcohol consumption that minimizes this risk is zero alcohol consumption (study). This means that drinking any alcohol at all increases the risk of mortality. All of this makes it vital to know and understand the factors behind alcohol consumption.

Moore et al. 2005 found that age, sex, ethnicity, marital status, education level and household income were all either negatively or positively associated with alcohol consumption. In Garnett et all. 2022 it was found that the level of depression was negatively associated with alcohol consumption. Considering that the only safe level of alcohol consumption is zero, it is important to understand what factors predict regular consumption of alcohol instead of only looking at the amount of alcohol consumption as in the two studies mentioned above.

The research question of this study is: To what extent the occurrence of regular alcohol consumption (12 or more in a year) can be predicted by the variables: depression level, age, sex, ethnicity, marital status and household income? It is expected that age and depression level will be negatively correlated with the occurrence of alcohol consumption while household income will be positively correlated (sources). It is also expected that being male (vs female) and white (vs other ethnicities) will be positively correlated with the regular occurrence of alcohol consumption (source). Regarding marital status it is expected that the married status will be positively associated with the regular occurrence of alcohol consumption compared to others but that is based on a study where the factor marital status consisted of just married and other (source), while in this study more categories are considered.

2 Methodology (Aga)

2.1 Dataset

The dataset used is a subset of the data collected in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). The survey is a part of annual program that investigates the health and nutrition of a representative sample of people in the United States. The data we used contains information about 525 individuals that has been collected for the NHANES 2007-2008. This is a subset of the 12,946 individuals in that years' survey sample, out of which 78.4% was interviewed and 75.4% was examined in mobile examination centers. The NHANES is further subdivided into themed sections, such as the Alcohol Use questionnaire, that have separate documentation that will be referred to later.

The used dataset contains a wide range of variables related, to the health of the individuals. We further subset the data by only including variables relevant to the study (demographics, alcohol use and answers to depression screener questions). The selected variables are further described in Variables Description section.

2.2 Variables Description

Table 1 lists the variables used in our subset selection, which will be utilised for the model in question. The predictor variables [dep1...dep9] are sourced from the same Depression Screener, where respondents of age 18 to 150 were ought to assign a number (1 to 3) regarding their mental and physical state within the last 2 weeks. Multiple signs of depression were measured this way, which can later be combined to indicate an overall level of depression.

The demographic variables - that being sex, age, ethnicity, education and income - were taken from the same screening component as well. The following should be noted, regarding these demographic variables:

• The variable age is topcoded at the value 80 for the respondents who were older than 80 years.

Table 1: Variable descriptions

Role	Variable	Name	Type	Characteristics	Target
Outcome	Drink regularly	drink_regularly	Categorical	Binary, yes and no	m/f, age 20-150
Predictor	Sex	sex	Categorical	Binary, male and female	m/f, age 0-150
Predictor	Age	age	Numeric	Discrete	m/f, age 0-150
Predictor	Ethnicity	ethnicity	Categorical	Nominal, 5 categories	m/f, age 0-150
Predictor	Education	marital	Categorical	Nominal, 5 categories	m/f, age 20-150
Predictor	Marital status	marital	Categorical	Nominal, 5 categories	m/f, age 20-150
Predictor	Household income	income	Categorical	Nominal, 12 categories	m/f, age 0-150
Predictor	No interest in activity	dep1	Categorical	Ordinal, 1-3 scale	m/f, age 18-150
Predictor	Feeling depressed	dep2	Categorical	Ordinal, 1-3 scale	m/f, age 18-150
Predictor	Sleeping issues	dep3	Categorical	Ordinal, 1-3 scale	$\rm m/f,~age~18\text{-}150$
Predictor	Feeling tired	dep4	Categorical	Ordinal, 1-3 scale	m/f, age 18-150
Predictor	Eating issues	dep5	Categorical	Ordinal, 1-3 scale	m/f, age 18-150
Predictor	Feeling bad about yourself	dep6	Categorical	Ordinal, 1-3 scale	m/f, age 18-150
Predictor	Concentrating issues	dep7	Categorical	Ordinal, 1-3 scale	m/f, age 18-150
Predictor	Moving and speaking issues	dep8	Categorical	Ordinal, 1-3 scale	m/f, age 18-150
Predictor	Suicidial thoughts	dep9	Categorical	Ordinal, 1-3 scale	m/f, age 18-150

- The variable education was targeted at respondents of age 20 to 150, thus excluding younger participants. This is due to the fact that this question includes responses such as AA degree and College Graduate.
- Similarly, the variable marital was also targeted at respondents of age 20 to 150.
- The variable income is ordinal, rather than continuous.

As for the remaining demographic variables, namely sex, age, ethnicity and income, these are retrieved from target age 0 to 150.

Finally, the drink_regularly variable was obtained from an Alcohol Use questionnaire targeted at ages 20 and up.

2.3 Data processing

After arriving at the subset dataset, as Exploratory Data Analysis was performed. The distributions of the variables were investigated and presence of missing data was found in the outcome variable and some of the depression questions. The important findings of this step are presented in 'EDA Results' section.

Following the EDA, the missing data problem was addressed. The extend, distribution and patterns of missingness were investigated. Testing was done to verify the missing data mechanism, including testing of the dependencies between missing values in one variable and observed values of other variables and performing the Little (1988) MCAR Test. Since the assumptions of MCAR was not meet, MAR was assumed.

Two solutions to the missing data problem were implemented: list-wise deletion and mean imputation. These where chosen based on the convenience of implementation. For list-wise deletion all cases with one or more missing values were excluded from the modeling. The mean imputation method was implemented in the following way: For the missing depression questions the mean of the observed values within the variable was computed and then the missing values were replaces by the mean value. This approach was taken, as in case of ordinal variables on Likert scale treating them as continuous is an appropriate (source). For 'drink_regularly, the outcome variable, instead of a mean, the mode was computed. This was motivated by the need for a binary outcome variable in the logistic regression that was planned to answer the research question. Since the EDA found there was significantly more 'yes' values than 'no' values in 'drink_regularly', the missing values were replaces by 'yes'. Thus, two complete datasets with different missing data treatments were created.

Lastly, following the missing data treatments, the values for the depression questions were summed up to create an overall depression score for each individual. A sum was used, as opposed to other methods of aggregation (such as mean), as it preserves a convenient interpretation of a unit increase in a depression score. This overall score was used for modeling as opposed to the individual questions.

2.4 Modelling methodology

Including all of the variables in the two complete data sets is motivated by theoretical findings since other researchers found a relationship between them and drinking habits. Therefore, verifying the significance of these predictors and their relative importance in the presence of other variables was important. Thus, a decision was made to create two logistical models including all of the variables, instead of a top down or bottom up approach to model building. As opposed to removing the non-significant predictors as in the other approaches, we decided to keep them and therefore have more complex models. The two logistics models were then compared and the impact of the two different missing data treatments was evaluated.

3 EDA Results (Nisse)

3.1 Descriptive statistics

Table 7 from the appendix shows summary statistics for each of the variables within the dataset; including mean values, standard deviations, IQR statistics and data range values. For categorical variables, a list of possible categories and their respective proportions is provided to replace the continuous summary statistics. Lastly, the column N shows the amount of cases with present data - that being non-NA values.

In general, it is worthy to note that all variables are interpreted as a factor, excluding age and the multiple depression levels of dep. Table 1 suggests that dep should in fact be categorical ordinal and should therefore be cast as a factor. That said - and as mentioned in Section ?? - keeping the levels of dep as a numerical continuous datatype is beneficial for our missing data problem.

Our dichotomous outcome variable drink_regularly has 307 cases of "yes" and 107 cases of "no", having a outcome balance of 69% and 31% respectively. This outcome ratio could be considered imbalanced, which could affect the accuracy of our logistic regression model. Additionally, the total amount of value entries (N) of 446 suggests that 79 cases contain values outside of the set of possible binary values - most likely being missing values. Table 2 further confirms this.

Table 2: Drink regularly value distributions

drink_regularly	n
yes	307
no	139
NA	79

Predictor sex is a dichotomous variable with a balanced frequency distribution across the values "male" and "female", that being 48% and 52% respectively. 525 entries contain one of these values, suggesting that the variable does not contain missing data.

The predictor age is the only continuous variable present within the sub-selected dataset. Although the survey was targeted at respondents of age 0-150 for most variables - the documentation even mentioning the topcoded entries for age 80+ - the dataset seems to only contain cases of people between the age of 20 and 69. Moreover, Figure 1 suggests a uniform distribution of the age variable. Like sex, age has 525 cases with non-NA values, hence the variable does not contain missing data values.

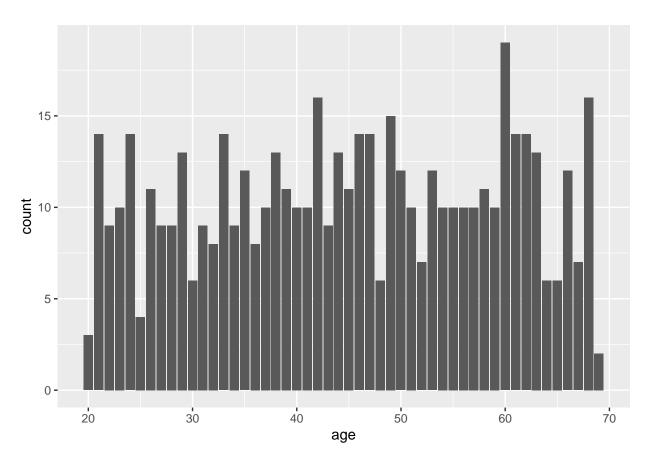


Figure 1: Distribution of age

Predictor ethnicity has 5 categories, with non-hispanic_white being the most prevalant category with 220 cases (42% of total), all the while other is the most infrequent category with 25 cases (5%). A total of 525 cases contain ethnicity data, once again suggesting no presence of missing data values within this variable.

Predictor education is similar to ethnicity, having 5 categories. That said, the frequencies of said categories seem to be less out of proportion, with some_college being the most frequent category with 155 (30%) cases. Whilst the data was retrieved from respondents of ages 20 and higher, we do not observe any missing data values within the variable. This can be further justified by the fact that the minimum age within our dataset is 20, therefore foregoing possible issues with younger participants being unable to provide data for this specific variable.

The predictor variable marital contains 6 categories. Prior to combining the marital categories, the category value married exceeded the the average frequency of other categories (that being 49.2) by a large margin - as can be seen in Figure 2. Specifically, 279 cases (53%) were married, with the other 5 categories made up the remaining 47% of the cases. never_married was the most frequent among those other 5 categories with 102 (19%) cases, whilst separated was the most infrequent category with only 14 (3%) cases.

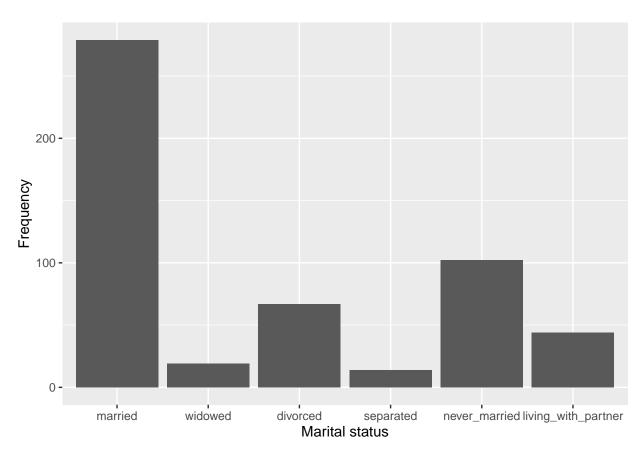


Figure 2: Distribution of marital status categories before pre-processing

3.2 Correlations

Warning in chisq.test(data\$marital, data\$drink_regularly): Chi-squared

approximation may be incorrect

Table 3: Contigency table of marital vs. drink regularly

	yes	no
married	175	81
widowed	8	11
divorced	48	14
separated	8	4
never_married	45	23
living_with_partner	23	6

```
##
##
  Pearson's Chi-squared test
## data: data$marital and data$drink_regularly
## X-squared = 10.218, df = 5, p-value = 0.06928
##
                       X^2 df P(> X^2)
## Likelihood Ratio 9.8952 5 0.078259
                   10.2183 5 0.069280
## Pearson
##
## Phi-Coefficient : NA
## Contingency Coeff.: 0.15
## Cramer's V
```

TODO (from pract):

- Variable with most NA's
- Summary of non-NA vars

Outliers 3.3

For our only continuous predictor age, a boxplot shows potential outliers if datapoints fall outside of the interquartile range (whiskers of the plot). Figure 3 shows the distribution of age in said boxplot, revealing no possible outliers. This is to be expected, since age was uniformly distributed as mentioned in Section 3.1.

4 Missing data problem (Aga)

4.1 Missing data and response Patterns

Firstly, we investigate the overall distribution of missing data in our dataset:

As can be seen on Figure 4, 8.2% of the data is missing. The missing values occur in the outcome variable 'drink_regularly' and in the responses to questions 'dep2', 'dep3', 'dep5', 'dep6', 'dep8' and 'dep9' that create the depression score variable. 15% of responses are missing for the predictor variable. 25% of the responses are missing for the individual depression questions 2, 3, 5 and 6, 10% are missing for question 8 and 14% for question 9.

We further investigate the missing data patterns by looking at the response patters:

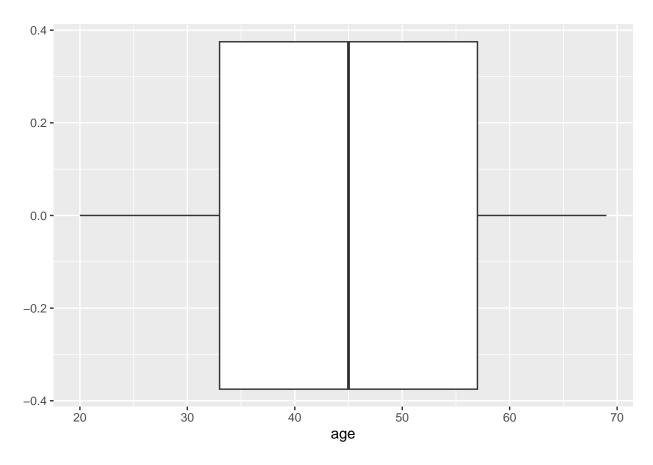


Figure 3: Boxplot of age

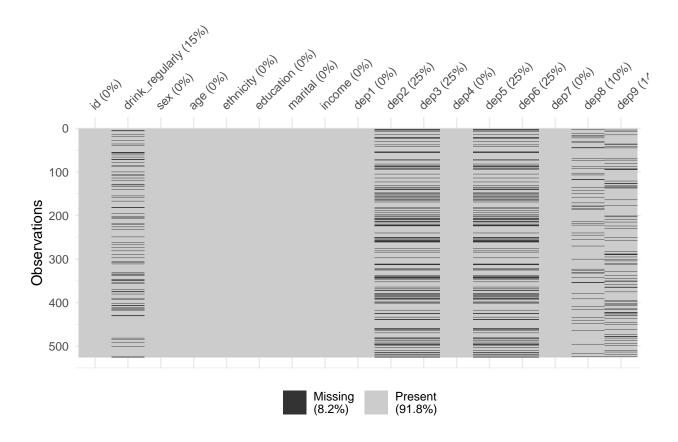


Figure 4: Distribution of missing data in each variable

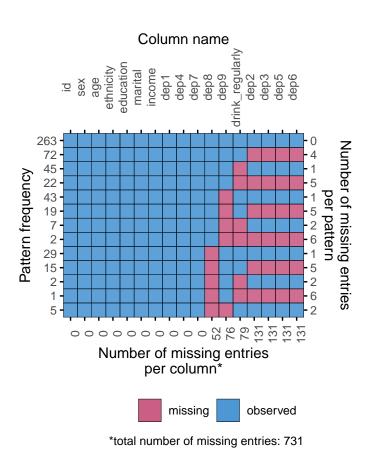


Figure 5: Response patterns and their frequency

Figure 5 reveals that there are 13 distinct response patterns in the dataset and the missingness pattern is not monotone. The most frequent pattern is no missing entries, with 263 cases. It is important to note that the depression questions 2, 3, 5 and 6 are always either all present or all missing. It is very probable that the reason for item non-response for the depression items is the same, since there are no cases of only some of them missing.

Based on the missingness pattern of the depression items, 41% of the overall depression score includes at least one missing value.

4.2 Missing data mechanism

Missing completly at random (MCAR) missingneses mechanism is often an important assumption for statistical analysis, including this one. To gain some inside whether the data is MCAR or not, we deploy a variety of tests. If missing values of a variable are MCAR then there should be no significant dependency of them with other variables.

Firstly, Little MCAR test was preformed to verify if the missing data is MCAR at a global level, thus for all of the instances of missigness. The test was significant ($\chi^2(164) = 465.18, p < 0.01$), therefore the data may be assumed as not MCAR.

Since the data being MCAR can be questioned following the Little's test, a t-test was performed for all missing values vectors and numerical variables to check which variables are the likely culprit. The test compared the observed means of a given numerical variable within the group of individuals that had an observed value and the group with a missing value for another variable. Effectively testing if there is a significant difference in the continuous variable in the group that answered another question and the group that did not. Since the null hypothesis is no difference in means across the groups, a single significant value for a missingness of a given variable suggests that the missing values in that variable depend on the observed values of another variable. Therefore, it is likely that the missing values are not MCAR. Due to the identical pattern of responses in 'dep2', 'dep3', 'dep5' and 'dep6' it was sufficient to only test once for the dependency of their missing values. By the design of the test it is impossible to test the dependency of missing values and observed values within the same variable, thus these values are missing from the table.

Assuming an alpha of 0.05, it can be observed that missing values of 'drink_regularly' are dependent on 'age', 'dep2' and 'dep9'. Similarly, 'dep2', 'dep3', 'dep5' and 'dep6' seem to be dependent on 'age' and the remaining depression questions. For missingness in 'dep8' and 'dep9' there are no significant differences across groups in any of the numerical variables. These tests suggest that at least 'drink_regularly', 'dep2', 'dep3', 'dep5' and 'dep6'are not MCAR, thus MAR will be assumed for them. In table 4 the exact t-statistic and the p-value are reported.

Table 4: Dependency t-test: mean comparison in numerical variables across missing values and observed values in the other variables

numerical variable	missing drink_regularly	missing $dep2/3/5/6$	missing dep8	missing dep9
age	t = 19.3, pVal = 3.1e-45	t = 1.38, pVal = 0.17	t = -1.16, $pVal = 0.249$	t = -0.884, pVal = 0.379
dep1	t = 1.39, pVal = 0.167	t = -6.72, $pVal = 2.88e-10$	t = 0.464, pVal = 0.644	t = -0.444, pVal = 0.658
dep2	t = 3.63, pVal = 0.000405	-	t = 0.332, pVal = 0.742	t = 1.22, pVal = 0.224
dep3	t = 0.797, $pVal = 0.428$	-	t = -0.137, $pVal = 0.892$	t = 0.0545, pVal = 0.957
dep4	t = -0.541, pVal = 0.59	t = -7.8, pVal = 6.11e-13	t = -0.68, pVal = 0.499	t = -1.28, pVal = 0.202
dep5	t = 2.01, pVal = 0.0466	_	t = -0.605, pVal = 0.549	t = -0.731, pVal = 0.467
dep6	t = 0.822, $pVal = 0.414$	-	t = 2.3, pVal = 0.0242	t = 0.00637, $pVal = 0.995$
dep7	t = -0.382, pVal = 0.703	t = -8.19, $pVal = 1.24e-13$	t = -0.239, pVal = 0.812	t = -0.0635, $pVal = 0.949$
dep8	t = -0.32, pVal = 0.75	t = -4.26, $pVal = 3.86e-05$	-	t = 0.595, pVal = 0.553
dep9	t = 2.48, pVal = 0.0135	t = -2.64, $pVal = 0.00947$	t = -0.295, pVal = 0.769	-

Since the t-test is not appropriate for categorical variables, we perform the Chi-squared test for them. The null hypothesis of the test is that there is no significant relationship between the categorical variables. The test compares observed frequencies to expected frequencies if there was no relationship between the variables.

Table 5: Independency Chi-squared test

categorical variable	missing drink_regularly	missing $dep2/3/5/6$	missing dep8	missing dep9
drink_regularly	-	$X^2 = 4.2$, $pVal = 0.0404$	$X^2 = 1.52$, $pVal = 0.218$	$X^2 = 0.464$, pVal = 0.496
sex	$X^2 = 1.09$, $pVal = 0.296$	$X^2 = 5.04$, $pVal = 0.0248$	$X^2 = 0.469$, $pVal = 0.494$	$X^2 = 0.317$, pVal = 0.573
ethnicity	$X^2 = 5.49$, $pVal = 0.241$	$X^2 = 1.64$, $pVal = 0.802$	$X^2 = 7.74$, $pVal = 0.102$	$X^2 = 5.8$, $pVal = 0.215$
education	$X^2 = 2.7$, pVal = 0.609	$X^2 = 5.72$, $pVal = 0.221$	$X^2 = 1.63$, $pVal = 0.803$	$X^2 = 5.13$, $pVal = 0.275$
marital	$X^2 = 55.7$, $pVal = 9.58e-11$	$X^2 = 22.2$, $pVal = 0.000477$	$X^2 = 5.08$, $pVal = 0.407$	$X^2 = 3.97$, $pVal = 0.553$
income	$X^2 = 2.94$, $pVal = 0.991$	$X^2 = 8.84$, $pVal = 0.636$	$X^2 = 9.4$, $pVal = 0.585$	$X^2 = 17.3$, $pVal = 0.0995$

The outcomes of the test are presented in table 5. However, only 'martial' with missingness of 'drink_regularly' and 'marital' with missingness of 'dep2', 'dep3', 'dep5' and 'dep6' are significant. Thus, it further supports the non-MCAR nature of missing data in these items.

However, the Chi-squared test has an requirement that the smallest expected frequencies have to be higher than 5. This requirement is not met for some combinations of missing values and categorical variables. Specifically: missing 'dep8/9' and 'ethnicity', 'marital', 'income'; missing 'dep2/3/5/6' and 'marital', 'income'; missing 'drink_regularly' and 'ethnicity', 'marital', 'income'. Since this assumption is not met for these combination, the pValues might not be correctly estimated. Therefore, the Fischer test, test with the same hypothesis but without the assumption, will be performed for these combinations.

Table 6: Fisher test

categorical variable	missing drink_regularly	missing $dep2/3/5/6$	missing dep8	missing dep9
ethnicity	pVal = 0.233	-	pVal = 0.0811	pVal = 0.213
marital	pVal = 1e-05	pVal = 0.00091	pVal = 0.403	pVal = 0.446
income	pVal = 0.988	pVal = 0.642	pVal = 0.562	pVal = 0.06

The outcomes of the FIsher test are presented in table 6. Like in the case of Chi-squared test, only 'martial' with missingness of 'dep2', 'dep3', 'dep5' and 'dep6' are significant. Therefore, we can conclude the dependence of missingness in these variables on multiple other observed variables and reject MCAR in their case.

In all of the tests above 'dep8' and 'dep9' seem not to be dependent on any of the observed variables. Thus, perhaps MCAR could be assumed. However, since the depression scores will be collapsed into a single depression score ('dep') and other depression questions are MAR, the overall score is also assumed to be MAR.

4.2.1 Result models with deletion and imputation (Nisse)

• formula

##

- table with coefficients and pval (make sure to exponential the coefficients for easier interpretation)
- Interpretation of model result

```
miceOut <- mice(data, defaultMethod = c("norm.predict", "logreg", "polyreg", "polr"), m = 1, maxit = 1)
##
##
iter imp variable</pre>
```

1 drink_regularly dep2 dep3 dep5 dep6 dep8 dep9

```
reg_imp_data <- complete(miceOut)
summary(reg_imp_data)</pre>
```

```
##
                     drink_regularly
                                          sex
          id
                                                         age
##
    Min.
           :41531
                     ves:369
                                      male :254
                                                           :20.00
                                                    Min.
                                      female:271
##
    1st Qu.:43912
                     no :156
                                                    1st Qu.:33.00
    Median :46357
                                                    Median :45.00
##
##
    Mean
           :46470
                                                    Mean
                                                            :44.99
    3rd Qu.:48934
                                                    3rd Qu.:57.00
##
    Max.
           :51610
                                                    Max.
                                                           :69.00
##
##
                  ethnicity
                                          education
                                                                       marital
##
    mexican_american : 95
                              no_high_school : 58
                                                       married
                                                                           :279
    other_hispanic
##
                       : 61
                              some_high_school:101
                                                       widowed
                                                                            : 19
##
    non-hispanic_white:220
                              high_school_grad:123
                                                       divorced
                                                                            : 67
##
    non-hispanic black:124
                               some college
                                                :155
                                                       separated
                                                                           : 14
                               college_grad
##
    other
                       : 25
                                                : 88
                                                       never_married
                                                                           :102
##
                                                       living_with_partner: 44
##
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            income
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    (Other)
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         dep8
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    Min.
           :-0.2524
                       Min.
                               :-0.33234
    1st Qu.: 0.0000
                       1st Qu.: 0.00000
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    Median : 0.0000
                       Median: 0.00000
##
           : 0.2055
                               : 0.06723
    Mean
                       Mean
    3rd Qu.: 0.0000
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    Max.
           : 3.0000
                               : 3.00000
                       Max.
##
```

4.3 Model creation (maybe combine with next section?)

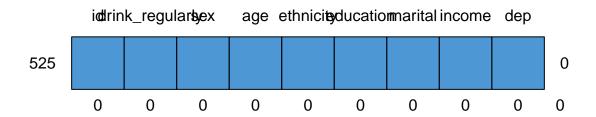
Mostly code for now, will add more later on.

TODO:

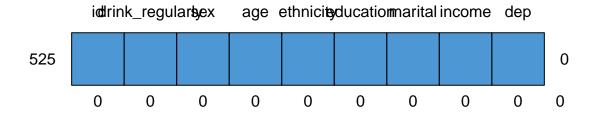
- Use mode imputation for depression and outcome.
- Mention n rows removal in case of listwise

Summary of code:

1. Create imputed data for each ad-hoc method. 2. combine deps levels for each dataset. 3. create models for analysis.



```
##
      id drink_regularly sex age ethnicity education marital income dep
## 525 1
                       1
                           1
                               1
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4.4 Comparison of the two diffrent models in terms of missing data treatment !!! (Ruben)

Depending on the chosen method used to treat the missing data, the answer on the research question changes. In the model fitted on the data where listwise-deletion was used as the missing data treatment only sex and marital status divorced were significant predictors (stats). Using mean imputation as the missing data treatment resulted in a fitted model where next to sex and marital status divorced, age and the intercept were also significant. The used method also changes the odds resulting from the model, in predictors that were significant in one but not the other (see intercept for example) but also in predictors that were significant in both (see age and divorced). As can be seen the estimated odds differ quite a lot. The standard errors in the listwise deletion model are also considerably smaller than those in the mean imputation model. All of the above shows that the used missing data treatment method can cause bias in the odds, standards errors and significant values.

The missing data treatment method also influences the look of the resulting model as a whole. The model fitted on the listwise deletion data looks better, the null deviance and residual deviance are both considerably lower compared to the model fitted on the data resulting from mean imputation (values). Looking at AIC also gives the impression that the liswise deletion method gives a betger model.

To summarize the chosen method to treat the missing data causes bias in the individual predictors and in the look of the fitted model as a whole. As a result the answer to the studied research question depends on which method is chosen.

- 4.5 Conclusion in terms of answering RQ (Nisse)
- 5 References
- A Appendix

Table 7: Summary statistics

Variable	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Pctl. 25	Pctl. 75	Max
id drink_regularly yes no sex	525 446 307 139 525	46470 69% 31%	2898	41531	43912	48934	51610
 male femaleageethnicity mexican_american	254 271 525 525 95	48% 52% 45	14	20	33	57	69
 other_hispanic non-hispanic_white non-hispanic_black othereducation	61 220 124 25 525	12% 42% 24% 5%					
 no_high_school some_high_school high_school_grad some_college college_grad	58 101 123 155 88	11% 19% 23% 30% 17%					
marital married widowed divorced separated	525 279 19 67 14	53% 4% 13% 3%					
never_married living_with_partner income 0:4999 5000:9999	102 44 525 13 24	19% 8% 2% 5%					
10000:14999 15000:19999 20000:24999 25000:34999 35000:44999	45 40 52 59 51	9% 8% 10% 11% 10%					
45000:54999 55000:64999 65000:74999 75000:99999 100000+	44 35 37 49 76	8% 7% 7% 9% 14%					
dep1 dep2 dep3 dep4 dep5	525 394 394 525 394	0.41 0.28 0.53 0.76 0.31	0.79 0.58 0.86 0.9 0.7	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	1 0 1 1 0	3 3 3 3
dep6 dep7 dep8 dep9	394 525 473 449	0.2 0.32 0.2 0.067	0.56 0.71 0.59 0.377	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	3 3 3 3