

Generating missing values with ampute

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Overview

- ▶ What is amputation?
- ▶ Characteristics of missing data problems
- ▶ Stepwise Univariate Amputation
- ▶ Multivariate Amputation

```
require(mice)  
?ampute
```

What is amputation?

Amputation is the generation of missing values in complete data

Evaluation of a missing data methodology:

- ▶ Simulate complete data set
- ▶ Generate missing values
- ▶ Deal with missing data with new method
- ▶ Compare statistical inferences between the original, complete data set and after dealing with the missing values

Characteristics of missing data problems

MCAR : Missingness is not related to X or Y at all

MAR : Missingness is related to X but not to Y

MNAR : Missingness is related to Y

MCAR : $Pr(Y = \textit{missing}) = 0.5$

MAR : $\textit{logit}(Pr(Y = \textit{missing})) = X$

MNAR : $\textit{logit}(Pr(Y = \textit{missing})) = Y$

Characteristics of missing data problems

- ▶ Mechanism
- ▶ Proportion
- ▶ Severity
- ▶ Which variables
- ▶ Influence of observed data
- ▶ Combinations

Stepwise Univariate Amputation

1. Y_1

	Y_1	Y_2	\cdots	Y_l	X_1	X_2	\cdots	X_m
1								
2	?							
\vdots								
n								

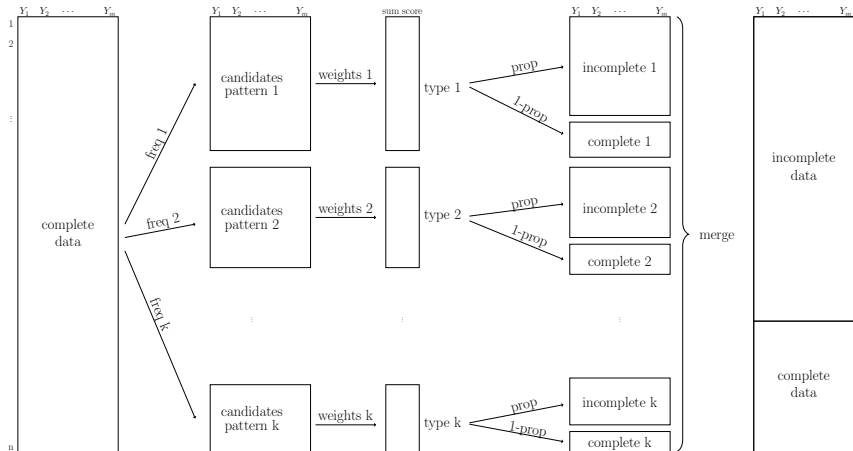
Stepwise Univariate Amputation

1. Y_1

2. Y_2

	Y_1	Y_2	\cdots	Y_l	X_1	X_2	\cdots	X_m
1								
2	?	?						
				?				
\vdots				?				
n								

Multivariate Amputation



Multivariate Amputation: Missing data patterns

A missing data pattern is a specific combination of variables with missing values and variables without missing values.

0: incomplete variable

1: complete variable

Multivariate Amputation: Missing data patterns

```
data <- mvrnorm(mu = c(5, 5, 10),  
               Sigma = matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.5,  
                                0.5, 1, 0.5,  
                                0.5, 0.5, 1), 3, 3),  
               n = 1000)  
data <- as.data.frame(data)  
names(data) <- c("y1", "y2", "x")  
head(data)
```

##		y1	y2	x
## 1		4.587067	5.364096	10.333693
## 2		3.070874	5.139578	9.588529
## 3		4.557591	5.771920	9.834172
## 4		4.709714	3.481258	9.890152
## 5		5.080492	6.236113	10.939586
## 6		4.255989	4.980705	9.431149

Multivariate Amputation: Missing data patterns

```
mypat <- matrix(c(0, 0, 1,  
                  0, 1, 1),  
                2, 3, byrow = TRUE)  
amp <- ampute(data, patterns = mypat)  
inc_data <- amp$amp
```

Multivariate Amputation: Missing data patterns

```
inc_data[1:12, ]
```

##		y1	y2	x
## 1		NA	NA	10.333693
## 2		NA	5.139578	9.588529
## 3		NA	NA	9.834172
## 4		NA	NA	9.890152
## 5		NA	6.236113	10.939586
## 6	4.255989	4.980705	9.431149	
## 7		NA	5.711130	9.607115
## 8		NA	NA	11.388759
## 9		NA	NA	10.708886
## 10	5.046014	5.876691	10.369283	
## 11	4.143609	4.770560	9.499410	
## 12	5.193741	4.729886	8.890983	

Multivariate Amputation: Proportion and Frequency

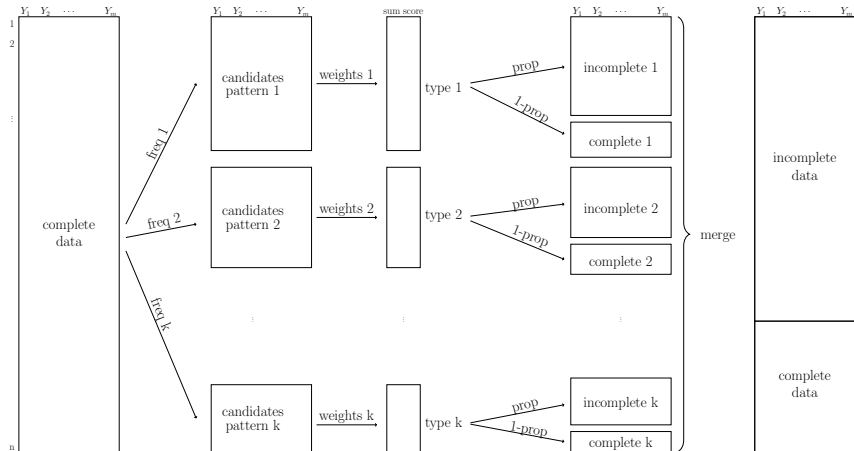
```
amp$prop
```

```
## [1] 0.5
```

```
amp$freq
```

```
## [1] 0.5 0.5
```

Multivariate Amputation: Proportion and Frequency



Multivariate Amputation: Proportion and Frequency

```
myprop <- 0.8  
myfreq <- c(0.8, 0.2)  
amp <- ampute(data, patterns = mypat,  
               prop = myprop, freq = myfreq)  
md.pattern(amp$amp)
```

```
##      x  y2  y1  
## 197 1   1   1   0  
## 156 1   1   0   1  
## 647 1   0   0   2  
##      0 647 803 1450
```

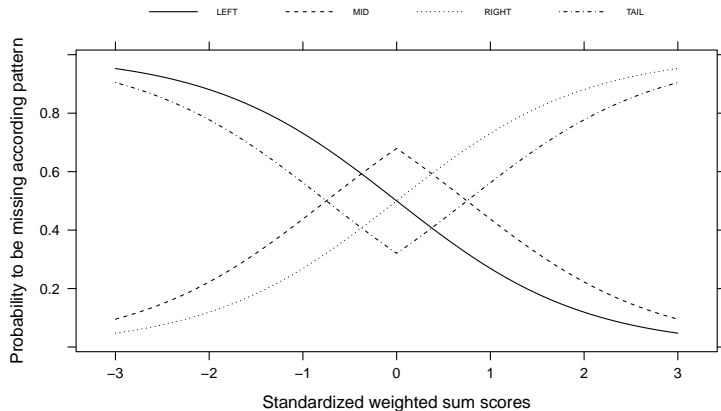

Multivariate Amputation

```
ampute(data, prop = 0.5, patterns = NULL, freq =  
NULL, mech = "MAR", weights = NULL, cont = TRUE, type  
= NULL, odds = NULL, bycases = TRUE, run = TRUE)
```

```
amp$patterns
```

```
##    y1 y2 x  
## 1   0  0 1  
## 2   0  1 1
```

Multivariate Amputation: Distribution functions



```
amp$type
```

```
## [1] "RIGHT" "RIGHT"
```

Multivariate Amputation: Weighted sum scores

- ▶ Missing values in multiple variables

$$\begin{array}{c} Y_1 \quad Y_2 \quad X \\ P_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ P_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

- ▶ Based on multiple variables

$$wss_i = w_{1,1} \cdot y_{1i} + w_{1,2} \cdot y_{2i} + w_{1,3} \cdot x_i \text{ if case } i \text{ is in pattern 1}$$

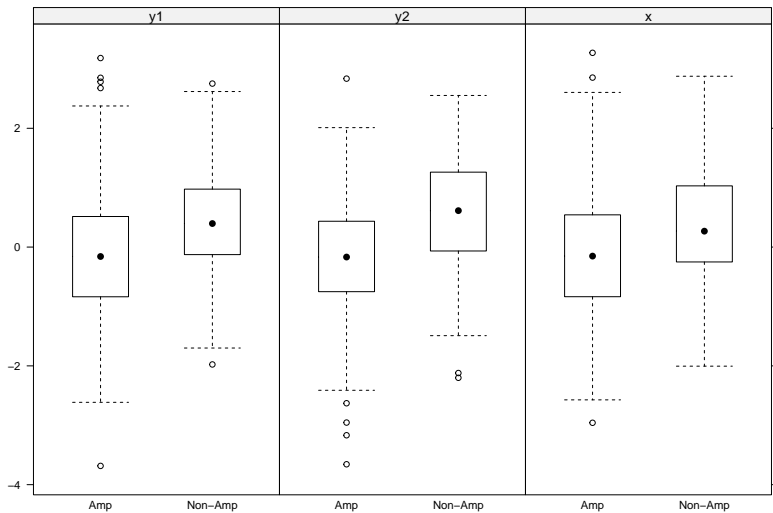
$$\begin{array}{c} Y_1 \quad Y_2 \quad X \\ W_1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ W_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Multivariate Amputation: Weighted sum scores

```
myweights <- matrix(c(1, 5, 0,  
                      0, 0, 1),  
                    2, 3, byrow = TRUE)  
  
amp <- ampute(data, patterns = mypat,  
              prop = myprop, freq = myfreq,  
              weights = myweights,  
              type = c("LEFT", "MID"))
```

Multivariate Amputation

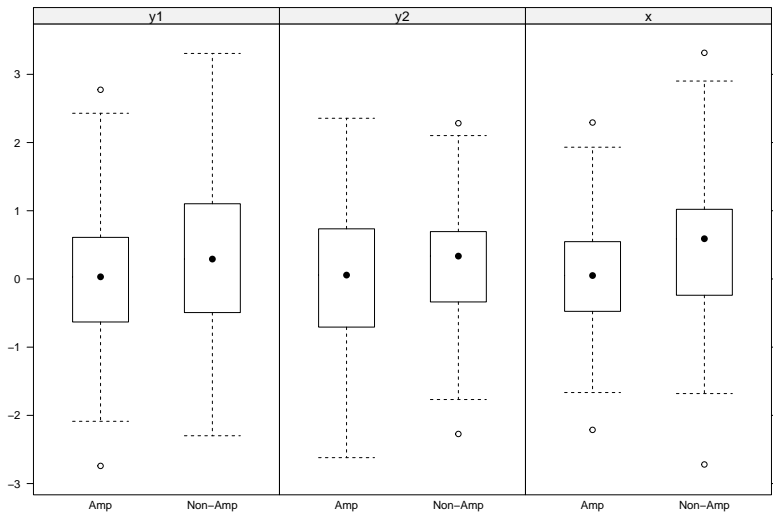
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## $`Boxplot pattern 1`
```



Data distributions in pattern 1

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\$`Boxplot pattern 2`



Data distributions in pattern 2

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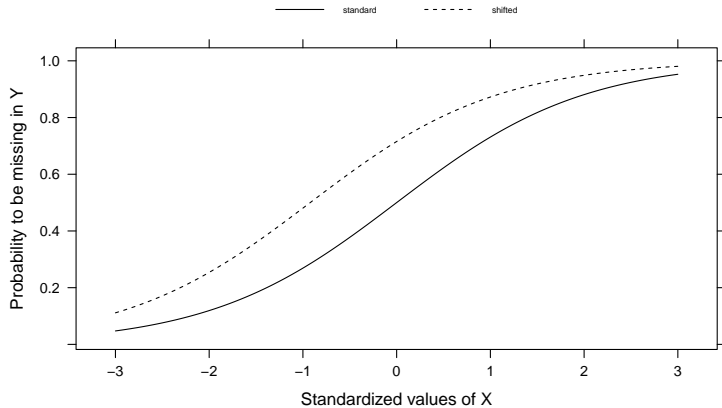
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Additional slides

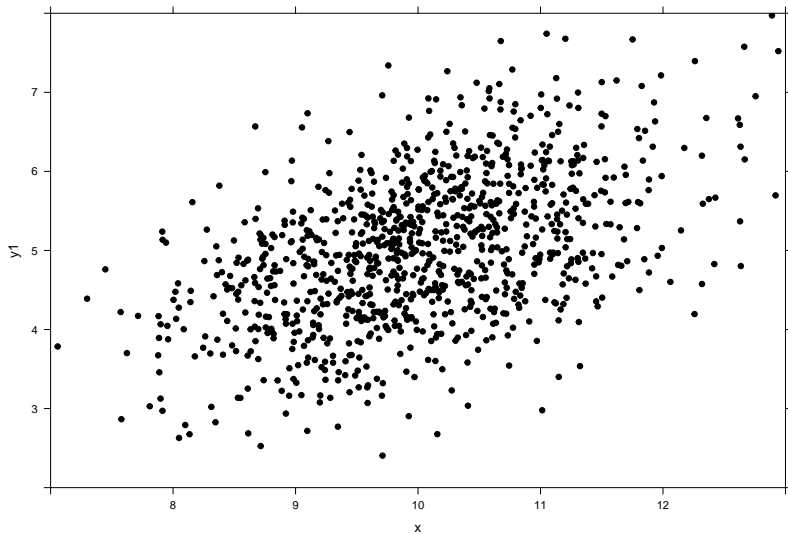


Additional slides

Table 1: Generation of MAR missingness on 2 variables with standard and shifted stepwise univariate amputation (SUA) and multivariate amputation (MA)

cor	condition	%mis		complete case analysis			multiple imputation		
		int	obt	bias	ciw	cov	bias	ciw	cov
0.5	standard SUA	50	29	-0.146	0.144	0.028	-0.002	0.156	0.940
	shifted SUA	50	50	-0.233	0.172	0.000	-0.007	0.204	0.917
	MA with <code>ampute</code>	50	50	-0.207	0.172	0.002	-0.005	0.193	0.936

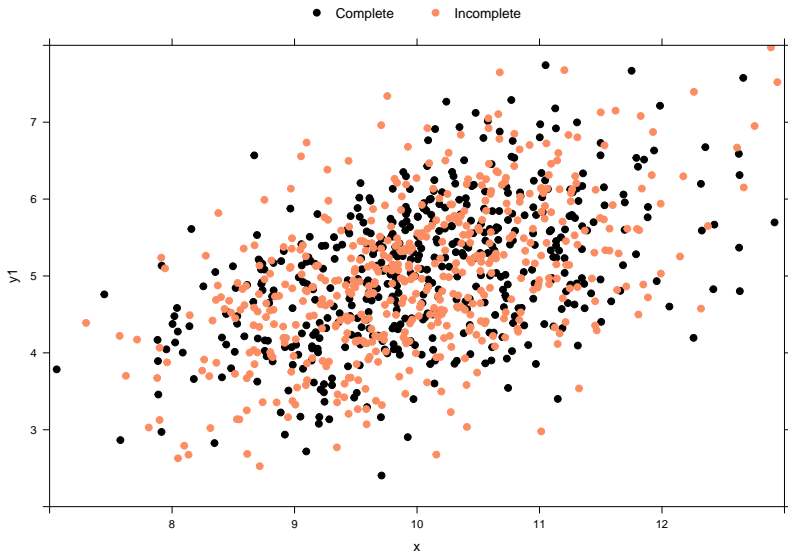
Characteristics of missing data problems



Characteristics of missing data problems: MCAR

```
mcar_data <- ampute(data, pat = c(0, 1, 1),  
                    mech = "MCAR")$amp
```

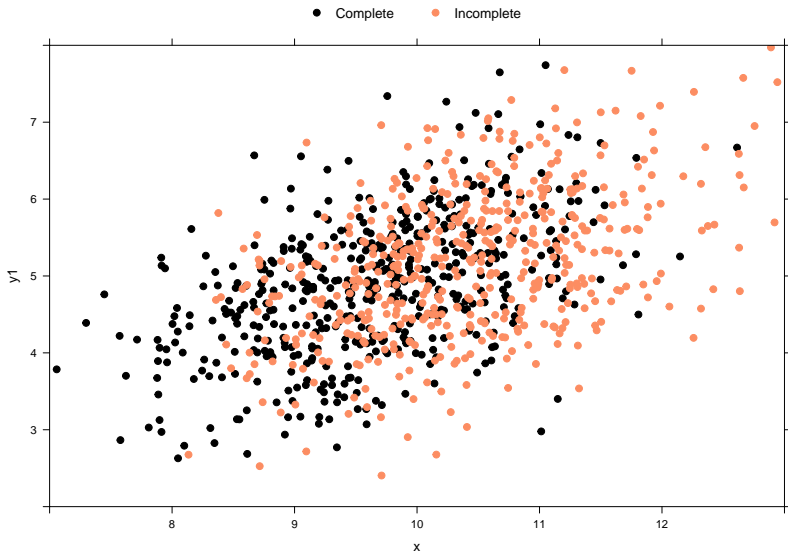
Characteristics of missing data problems: MCAR



Characteristics of missing data problems: MAR

```
mar_data <- ampute(data, pat = c(0, 1, 1),  
                    weights = c(0, 0, 1),  
                    mech = "MAR")$amp
```

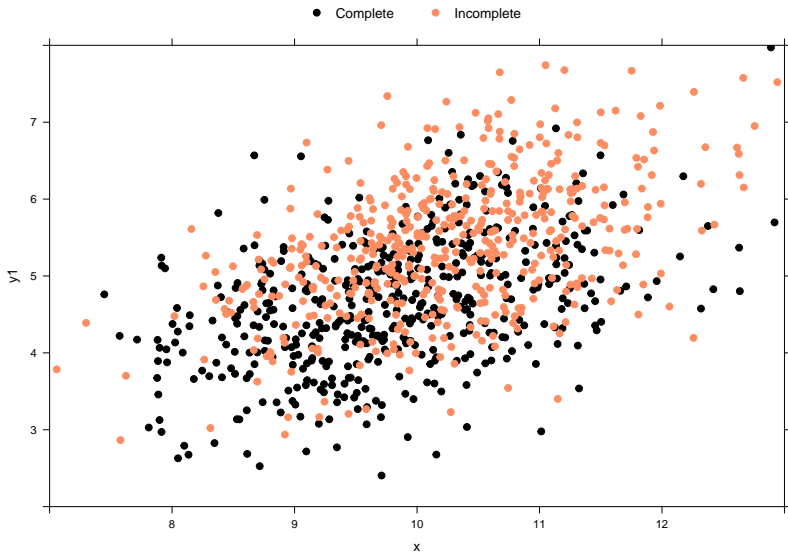
Characteristics of missing data problems: MAR



Characteristics of missing data problems: MNAR

```
mnar_data <- ampute(data, pat = c(0, 1, 1),  
                    weights = c(1, 0, 0),  
                    mech = "MNAR")$amp
```


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