

# Data Imputation Techniques

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## 1 Mean/Median Imputation

Mean or median imputation replaces missing values in a data set with the mean (average) or median (middle value) of the missing values for the corresponding value. This process is simple and easy to use, but it can affect the change of data, especially if missing values are not distributed.

### 1.1 Advantages

1. Ease of Implementation  
Requires minimum computation and no complex algorithms.
2. Fast Execution  
Suitable for large dataset

### 1.2 Disadvantages

Reduction in Variability

### 1.3 Case Study

Consider a dataset with missing values in the 'Blood Pressure' and 'Cholesterol' columns. We will demonstrate mean and median imputation using Python.

### 1.4 code

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
# Sample data creation
data =
'Age': [25, 30, 22, 28, 35, 40],
'Blood Pressure': [120, 130, np.nan, 140, np.nan, 135],
'Cholesterol': [200, np.nan, 180, 190, np.nan, 210]
```

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df = pd.DataFrame(data)
print("Original Data:")
print(df)

# Mean Imputation
dfmeaniimputed = df.copy()
dfmeaniimputed['BloodPressure'].fillna(df['BloodPressure'].mean(), inplace =
True)
dfmeaniimputed['Cholesterol'].fillna(df['Cholesterol'].mean(), inplace = True)

print("after MeanImputation : ")
print(dfmeaniimputed)

Median Imputation
dfmedianiimputed = df.copy()
dfmedianiimputed['BloodPressure'].fillna(df['BloodPressure'].median(), inplace =
True)
dfmedianiimputed['Cholesterol'].fillna(df['Cholesterol'].median(), inplace = True)

print("after MedianImputation : ")
print(dfmedianiimputed)

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## 2 Mode Imputation

Mode imputation involves replacing missing values in a dataset with the mode. This technique is generally used for categorical data but can also be used for numerical data when appropriate.

### 2.1 Advantages

1. Fast Execution  
Suitable for large dataset
2. Ease of Implementation

### 2.2 Disadvantages

1. Not Suitable for All Data Types
- Less affective for numerical data 2. Reduction in Variability

### 2.3 Case Study

Consider a dataset with missing values in the 'Gender' and 'Smoker' columns. We will demonstrate mode imputation using Python.

## 2.4 code

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
Sample data creatio
data =
'Age': [25, 30, 22, 28, 35, 40],
'Gender': ['Male', 'Female', np.nan, 'Female', 'Male', np.nan],
'Smoker': ['No', 'Yes', 'No', np.nan, 'Yes', np.nan]

df = pd.DataFrame(data)
print("Original Data:")
print(df)

# Mode Imputation
df_mode_imputed = df.copy()
#Function to impute mode
def impute_mode(series):
    mode = series.mode()[0]
    return series.fillna(mode)

# Apply mode imputation
df_mode_imputed['Gender'] = impute_mode(df['Gender'])
df_mode_imputed['Smoker'] = impute_mode(df['Smoker'])
print("after Mode Imputation : ")
print(df_mode_imputed)
```

## 3 K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) Imputation

K-nearest neighbor (KNN) imputation is a method of imputing missing values by looking at the "k" closest points (neighbours) to missing data already in the feature space. Missing values are then imputed to the nearest neighbor's values

### 3.1 Advantages

1. Flexible  
Can handle different types of data
2. Can capture non-linear relationships between features

### 3.2 Disadvantages

1. Scalability Issues  
Not suitable for large dataset

### 3.3 Case Study

A real estate company want to develop a model to predict house prices based on various features such as size, no. of bedrooms, no. of bathrooms,etc. The dataset contains missing values in some features, which we need to handle to build a model.

### 3.4 code

```
# Step 1: Import necessary libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.impute import KNNImputer
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

# Step 2: Load the dataset
data =
'Size': [2100, 1600, np.nan, 2400, 1800],
'Bedrooms': [3, np.nan, 4, 3, 2],
'Bathrooms': [2, 2, 3, 2, 1],
'Location': [1, 2, 3, np.nan, 2],
'Age': [10, 5, 8, 20, 15],
'Price': [500000, 350000, 450000, 600000, 400000]

df = pd.DataFrame(data)

# Step 3: Preprocess the data
# Convert categorical variables to numerical format if necessary
# In this example, 'Location' is already numerical

# Standardize the data (excluding the target variable 'Price')
scaler = StandardScaler()
scaled_features = scaler.fit_transform(df.drop('Price', axis = 1))

#Step4 : ApplyKNNImputation
imputer = KNNImputer(n_neighbors = 3)
imputed_data = imputer.fit_transform(scaled_features)

#Converttheimputeddatabacktotheoriginalscale
imputed_data = scaler.inverse_transform(imputed_data)

#CreateanewDataFramewiththeimputeddata
imputed_df = pd.DataFrame(imputed_data, columns = df.columns[:-1])
imputed_df['Price'] = df['Price']
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print("Original DataFrame with Missing Values : ")
print(df)
print("after KNN Imputation : ")
print(imputed_df)

# Step 5 : Evaluate the result
# For this case study, we simply print the before and after data.
# In a real - world scenario, further analysis and modeling would follow.

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## 4 Multiple Imputation by Chained Equations (MICE)

Multiple Imputation by Chained Equations (MICE) is a method for handling missing data by creating multiple complete datasets, each with a different imputed values. These datasets are then analyzed separately and the results are combined to create final estimate. This imputation process use chained equations which means each variable with missing values is imputed according to the model that includes other variables as predictors.

### 4.1 Advantages

1. Versatility  
It Can be applied to a wide range of data types and structures
2. Flexibility

### 4.2 Disadvantages

1. Complex

### 4.3 Case Study

Consider a healthcare dataset with missing values in the 'Age' and 'BMI' columns. We will demonstrate MICE imputation using Python.

### 4.4 code

```

# Step 1: Import necessary libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.experimental import enable_iterative_imputer # noqa
from sklearn.impute import IterativeImputer

```

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#Step2 : Load the dataset
data = 'Age' : [25, 45, np.nan, 35, 50], 'Gender' : [1, 0, 1, 0, 1], 'BMI' : [22.5, np.nan, 24.7, 26.8, np.nan], 'BloodP' : [120, 130, 140, 150, 160]

df = pd.DataFrame(data)

#Step3 : Apply MICE Imputation
imputer = IterativeImputer(max_iter = 10, random_state = 0)
imputed_data = imputer.fit_transform(df)

#Convert the imputed data back to a DataFrame
imputed_df = pd.DataFrame(imputed_data, columns = df.columns)

#Step4 : Evaluate the result
print("Original DataFrame with Missing Values : ")
print(df)
print("after MICE Imputation : ")
print(imputed_df)

```

## 5 Regression Imputation

Regression imputation is a method of identifying missing values by using a regression model to estimate missing values. In this method, the missing value of the variable is estimated based on the observed values of the other variables. This model uses the relationships between variables to produce imputed values that are consistent with the observed data.

### 5.1 Advantages

1. predictive Power
- It Can improve the quality of the dataset
2. Single Imputation
- Reduces complexity

### 5.2 Disadvantages

1. Model Dependency

### 5.3 Case Study

Consider a dataset with missing values in the 'BMI' column. We will demonstrate regression imputation using Python.

## 5.4 code

```
# Step 1: Import necessary libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

# Step 2 : Load the dataset (assuming 'data.csv' is your dataset file)
df = pd.read_csv('data.csv')

# Step 3 : Split the dataset into training and test sets
# Assume 'BMI' is the column with missing values
train = df.dropna(subset = ['BMI']) # Rows where 'BMI' is not NaN for training
test = df[df['BMI'].isnull()] # Rows with missing 'BMI' values for imputation

# Separate features and target
X_train = train.drop(['BMI'], axis = 1)
y_train = train['BMI']
X_test = test.drop(['BMI'], axis = 1)

# Step 4 : Train a regression model on non-missing data
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Step 5 : Predict missing 'BMI' values using the trained model
predicted_bmi = model.predict(X_test)

# Step 6 : Impute the missing values in the original dataset
df.loc[df['BMI'].isnull(), 'BMI'] = predicted_bmi

# Step 7 : Evaluate the imputed dataset (optional)
print("Original DataFrame with Missing Values : ")
print(df)
```