# **Homework 10: Missing Values**

### Question 14.1

## 1. Mean/Mode Imputation

Begin by looking at the dataframe.

This usually helps in a bunch of ways, like being able to see the general distribution of data, what kind of odd outliers might possibly exist, and so on. In this case, it is fairly simple and we are just looking for any potential missing values.

```
In [2]:
          1
             # Data summary
           2
             summary(df)
          3
             head(df)
                 V1
                                      V2
                                                         V3
                                                                            V4
                                       : 1.000
          Min.
                      61634
                               Min.
                                                  Min.
                                                          : 1.000
                                                                     Min.
                                                                             : 1.000
                               1st Qu.: 2.000
                                                                     1st Qu.: 1.000
          1st Ou.:
                     870688
                                                  1st Qu.: 1.000
          Median : 1171710
                               Median : 4.000
                                                  Median : 1.000
                                                                     Median : 1.000
          Mean
                  : 1071704
                               Mean
                                       : 4.418
                                                          : 3.134
                                                                     Mean
                                                                             : 3.207
                                                  Mean
          3rd Ou.: 1238298
                               3rd Qu.: 6.000
                                                  3rd Qu.: 5.000
                                                                      3rd Ou.: 5.000
          Max.
                  :13454352
                               Max.
                                       :10.000
                                                  Max.
                                                          :10.000
                                                                     Max.
                                                                             :10.000
                                    V6
                 V5
                                                      V7
                                                                            V8
          Min.
                  : 1.000
                                     : 1.000
                                                Length: 699
                                                                     Min.
                                                                             : 1.000
                             Min.
          1st Qu.: 1.000
                             1st Qu.: 2.000
                                                Class :character
                                                                     1st Qu.: 2.000
          Median : 1.000
                             Median : 2.000
                                                Mode :character
                                                                     Median : 3.000
                                                                             : 3.438
          Mean
                  : 2.807
                             Mean
                                     : 3.216
                                                                     Mean
          3rd Qu.: 4.000
                             3rd Qu.: 4.000
                                                                      3rd Qu.: 5.000
          Max.
                  :10.000
                             Max.
                                     :10.000
                                                                     Max.
                                                                             :10.000
                 V9
                                   V10
                                                      V11
                                                        :2.00
          Min.
                  : 1.000
                             Min.
                                     : 1.000
                                                Min.
          1st Qu.: 1.000
                             1st Qu.: 1.000
                                                1st Qu.:2.00
          Median : 1.000
                             Median : 1.000
                                                Median :2.00
          Mean
                  : 2.867
                             Mean
                                     : 1.589
                                                Mean
                                                        :2.69
          3rd Qu.: 4.000
                             3rd Qu.: 1.000
                                                3rd Qu.:4.00
          Max.
                  :10.000
                             Max.
                                     :10.000
                                                Max.
                                                        :4.00
                 V2 V3 V4 V5 V6 V7 V8 V9 V10 V11
          1000025
                  5
                      1
                          1
                             1
                                 2
                                     1
                                        3
                                            1
                                                1
                                                    2
          1002945
                          4
                             5
                                 7
                                    10
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                                            2
                                                1
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                  5
                      4
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          1015425
                          1
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          1016277
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                                     4
                                        3
                                            7
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                  6
                      8
                             1
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          1017023
                   4
                      1
                          1
                             3
                                 2
                                    1
                                        3
                                            1
                                                1
                                                    2
          1017122
                   8
                     10
                         10
                             8
                                 7
                                    10
                                        9
                                            7
                                                1
                                                     4
In [3]:
          1
             # Get missing index and row
           2
             missing.index <- which(df$V7 == '?')
          3
             missing.row <- df[missing.index,]</pre>
             df.nomissing <- data.frame(df[-missing.index,])</pre>
           4
          5
          6
             # Count number of missing values
           7
             length(which(df == '?'))
          8
              length(missing.index)
         16
```

As explained in the data notes and TA description, each feature is scaled from 1 to 10 other than V1 and V11. We can see how feature V7 is somewhat different than expected, and has non-numerical values in it (character).

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We can see that there are 16 missing values in the column for V7. This also matches with the number of missing values, denoted by the '?', in the entire dataframe. Since this is much less than the standard 5% of the number of total values, we can try to impute the values using mean or mode as the homework says to do.

## 2. Imputing with Regression

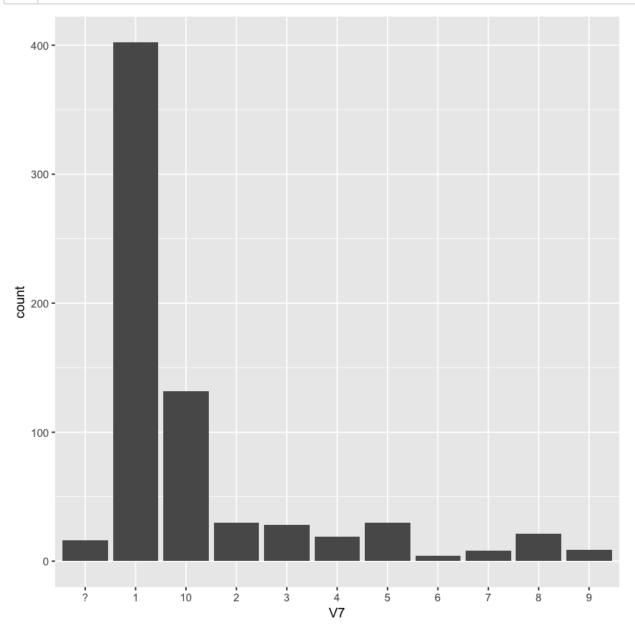
Here, we begin a typical regression modeling problem. As always, we want to validate and test our model before applying the predictions. Since we will actually be using the predictions this time, we want to be sure of how off they are from what they could possibly be.

Let us prepare

#### **DATA EXPLORATION**

There are so many things that can be done to optimize the linear regression model. One of the most basic things to do though, however, is to just look at the target feature. This makes sense since it is what we want to almost literally set our sights on.

Furthermore, since this is the feature we imputed on, there is actually a method for imputing values with non-Normal distributions. Essentially, you try out a bunch of imputation values fitting the distribution and then try out your models based on the different imputations as part of the validation process. For now, we are still on the imputing with regression part of this process.



### **SETUP**

Fairly short one this time.

First, we define a useful function that will be used later on to calculate root mean squared error. Second, we can split the training and testing sets to make it easier for us to handle during the model building process. This is also helpful since it allows us to organize in our minds what will be happening as we validate.

```
# Evaluate model on Root Mean Squared Error
In [7]:
           1
              # Inputs are log
           2
           3
              RMSE <- function(y, yhat) {</pre>
           4
                   y \leftarrow exp(y)
           5
                   yhat <- exp(yhat)</pre>
           6
           7
                   rmse <- sqrt(mean((y - yhat)^2))</pre>
                   return(rmse)
           8
           9
              }
```

Since the target feature is skewed to the right, we can try to just predict on the log of the variable. This will reduce the bias in the model, since the variance will be more centralized.

```
In [8]:
           1
              # Data set for model building vs imputing
             # Convert to numerical values
              data <- transform(df.nomissing, V7 = log(as.numeric(V7)))</pre>
              data.predict <- df[missing.index,]</pre>
In [9]:
             # Split train and test sets
           1
           2 N <- nrow(data)
           3
             n \leftarrow round(N*0.7)
              n.index <- sample(n)</pre>
           5
              train <- data[n.index,]</pre>
           7
              test <- data[-n.index,]</pre>
           8
              train.x <- train[,-7]</pre>
           9
          10
              train.y <- train[,7]</pre>
              val.x \leftarrow test[,-7]
          11
              val.y <- test[,7]</pre>
          12
```

#### **MODEL BUILDING**

```
In [10]:
          1
             # Start with a simple, Generalized Linear Model
             model1 <- glm(V7~., data=train)</pre>
          2
             summary(model1)
          3
                      -1./446-0/
                                 0./336-00
         VТ
                                            -1.774 0.040104
         V2
                      3.673e-03
                                 1.242e-02
                                              0.296 0.767540
                     -4.758e-03
                                            -0.225 0.822279
         V3
                                 2.117e-02
         V4
                      3.265e-02 2.074e-02
                                             1.574 0.116061
         V5
                      3.536e-02
                                 1.240e-02
                                             2.851 0.004546 **
                     -8.506e-03
         V6
                                 1.595e-02 -0.533 0.594135
                      5.698e-02
                                            3.522 0.000471 ***
         V8
                                 1.618e-02
         V9
                     -5.687e-03
                                 1.198e-02 -0.475 0.635268
                     -1.823e-02 1.513e-02 -1.205 0.228838
         V10
         V11
                      6.512e-01 5.183e-02 12.565 < 2e-16 ***
         Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
         (Dispersion parameter for gaussian family taken to be 0.2819602)
                                             degrees of freedom
             Null deviance: 482.33 on 477
         Residual deviance: 131.68 on 467
                                             degrees of freedom
         AIC: 764.23
         Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 2
In [11]:
             # Significant features
             features <- c('V1', 'V2', 'V5', 'v8', 'V11')
          2
          3
          4
             # Model using significant features
             model2 \leftarrow glm(V7 \sim V1 + V5 + V8 + V11, data=train)
             summary(model2)
         Call:
         glm(formula = V7 \sim V1 + V5 + V8 + V11, data = train)
         Deviance Residuals:
             Min
                       10
                            Median
                                          30
                                                  Max
         -2.1762 \quad -0.2021 \quad -0.1257
                                     0.2903
                                               2.0742
         Coefficients:
                       Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
         (Intercept) -1.181e+00 1.217e-01 -9.703 < 2e-16 ***
                     -1.715e-07
                                 8.644e-08 -1.984 0.04786 *
         V1
         V5
                      3.336e-02 1.178e-02
                                              2.832 0.00482 **
         V8
                      6.126e-02 1.527e-02
                                             4.011 7.03e-05 ***
         V11
                      6.835e-01 3.850e-02 17.755 < 2e-16 ***
         Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
         (Dispersion parameter for gaussian family taken to be 0.2816383)
             Null deviance: 482.33 on 477
                                             degrees of freedom
         Residual deviance: 133.21 on 473
                                             degrees of freedom
         AIC: 757.79
         Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 2
```

# Model using significant features

In [12]:

1

```
model3 <- glm(V7~V1+factor(V5)+factor(V8)+factor(V11), data=train)</pre>
 2
 3
    summary(model3)
Call:
glm(formula = V7 \sim V1 + factor(V5) + factor(V8) + factor(V11),
    data = train)
Deviance Residuals:
     Min
                      Median
                                     30
                                              Max
-1.96966
         -0.18561
                   -0.06791
                               0.23837
                                          2.10492
Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                         1.060e-01
                                      3.179
                                             0.00158 **
(Intercept)
              3.369e-01
V1
             -1.901e-07
                         8.519e-08 -2.232
                                             0.02612 *
factor(V5)2
              1.604e-01
                         8.770e-02
                                      1.828
                                             0.06815 .
                                             0.02929 *
factor(V5)3
              2.012e-01
                        9.203e-02
                                     2.186
                                      2.807
factor(V5)4
              3.207e-01
                        1.142e-01
                                             0.00521 **
factor(V5)5
              5.828e-01
                        1.477e-01
                                     3.947 9.17e-05 ***
              2.597e-01
                        1.413e-01
factor(V5)6
                                     1.838
                                             0.06675 .
factor(V5)7
              3.366e-01
                         1.846e-01
                                     1.824
                                             0.06884 .
                                             0.00658 **
factor(V5)8
              3.853e-01
                        1.412e-01
                                     2.730
factor(V5)9
              6.483e-01
                        3.064e-01
                                      2.116
                                             0.03488 *
factor(V5)10
             2.951e-01
                        1.144e-01
                                     2.580
                                             0.01018 *
factor(V8)2 -1.062e-01
                        7.844e-02 -1.353
                                             0.17659
                                             0.46128
factor(V8)3
              5.429e-02
                         7.363e-02
                                      0.737
factor(V8)4
              3.049e-01
                        1.256e-01
                                     2.428
                                             0.01557 *
                         1.279e-01
                                      3.061
                                             0.00234 **
factor(V8)5
              3.913e-01
                        2.508e-01
                                             0.05899 .
factor(V8)6
              4.748e-01
                                     1.893
                                      3.931 9.77e-05 ***
factor(V8)7
              4.495e-01
                        1.143e-01
factor(V8)8
              6.629e-02
                        1.491e-01
                                     0.445
                                             0.65677
factor(V8)9
              6.015e-01
                        2.091e-01
                                      2.876
                                             0.00421 **
factor(V8)10
              4.391e-01
                         2.051e-01
                                     2.140
                                             0.03286 *
factor(V11)4
              1.206e+00
                         8.413e-02 14.338
                                            < 2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for gaussian family taken to be 0.2650218)
    Null deviance: 482.33
                                   degrees of freedom
                           on 477
Residual deviance: 121.11
                           on 457
                                   degrees of freedom
AIC: 744.27
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 2
```

For the sake of readability, I omit the step where I tried using V2 as part of the model and it came up as statistically insignificant to our model. Now, we have two models - one with 4 features and one with 10 features. We can try to test these raw models using the test set.

#### **MODEL VALIDATION**

1.87049389061952

1.83671451675649

So,

It looks like our model2 is not only simpler, but it performed better in the validation. Out of a range 1 to 10, we can assume that our 'average' error is about 1.8 in either direction.

#### **IMPUTATION**

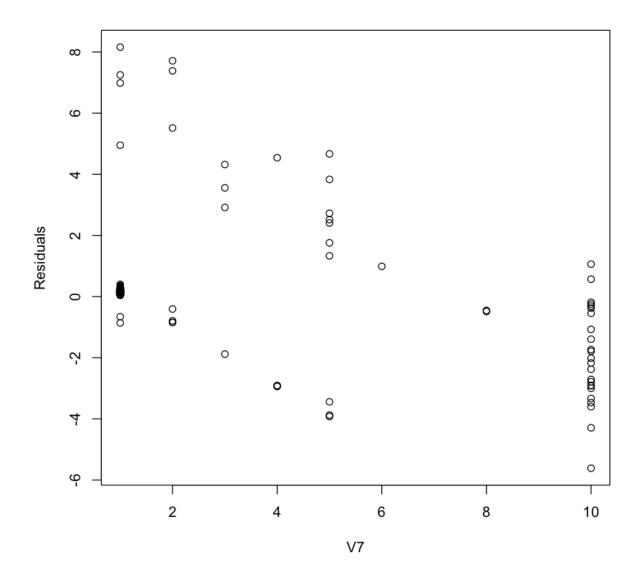
```
In [15]: 1 # Get values using model2
2 impute.values <- exp(predict(model2, data.predict))

In [16]: 1 df.impute <- df
2 df.impute[missing.index, 'V7'] <- impute.values</pre>
```

Now, we again make a nother dataframe to store the values with regression-based imputations. We can put the values in an now we have a complete data set!

### 3. Perburbation

Usually, the perturbations are done with random assignments of adding or subtracting the average error, as seen by the lecture. I wanted to explore another method, however, which wouldn't add to much complexity to all of this. This isn't exactly my area of expertise, but I thought it could be an interesting topic to explore.



```
In [18]:
            1
               # Randomly add or minus the rmse
            2
               impute.pert <- vector()</pre>
            3
               for (i in 1:length(impute.values)) {
            4
                    if (sample(0:1,1) == 1) {
            5
                        impute.pert[i] <- impute.values[i] + 1.8</pre>
            6
                   }
            7
                   else {
                        impute.pert[i] <- impute.values[i] - 1.8</pre>
            8
            9
                   }
           10
          0
```

However, we see that the model is imperfect and seems to have a trend in the errors - for example,

the predictions underestimate for larger values of V7. The average mark seems to be around 3.5 so how about we do the same as before, but instead of randomly perturbating, adjust according to the trend?

This probably isn't considered perturbation anymore, since we aren't really adding any noise. This also might be a gross overfit.

```
In [20]:
               # Randomly add or minus the rmse
            2
               impute.pert.adj <- vector()</pre>
            3
               for (i in 1:length(impute.values)) {
            4
                   if (impute.values[i] > 6.2) {
                        impute.pert.adj[i] <- impute.values[i] + 1.8</pre>
            5
            6
                   if (impute.values[i] < 2.7) {</pre>
            7
            8
                        impute.pert.adj[i] <- impute.values[i] - 1.8</pre>
                   }
            9
           10
               }
```

```
In [21]: 1 impute.pert.adj
```

8.05771078073803 0.268465545926667 -0.651094861868917 -0.651408863449601 -0.721294727373676 -0.581498784771118 -0.590600382436369 -0.346562325552087 -0.493311701409505 8.20551493788312 -0.531579072639334 -0.40743722193103 -0.134241095102785 -0.48061311521311 -0.66192238254072 -0.695725350253612

```
In [22]: 1 impute.pert
```

8.05771078073803 3.86846554592667 -0.651094861868917 -0.651408863449601 2.87870527262632 3.01850121522888 -0.590600382436369 -0.346562325552087 -0.493311701409505 4.60551493788312 -0.531579072639334 -0.40743722193103 -0.134241095102785 -0.48061311521311 2.93807761745928 -0.695725350253612

### **Summary**

We now have several dataframes with various imputation techniques - Mean, Mode, Linear Regression, Perturbated LR, and my so-called Perturbated Linear Regression Adj.

# Question 15.1

An optimization problem could be in cooking food - for example, an experiment on baking the best tasting cake with limitations on the cost and health.

Imagine (some) of the ingredients to baking this hypothetical cake. While I am no expert in baking cakes from scratch, I know that some of the basic recipes involve sugar, eggs, water, oil, and flour.

In our case, say that we want to bake the best tasting cake. We have data on multiple cakes that we have tried eating before, but also know the ingredients to. For the sake of our example, let us say that the data set is significant enough and that there is an appropriate measuring guideline for taste, such as rating the taste between 1-10.

### Possible constraints:

- 1. Sum of cost of ingredients < budget
- 2. Volume of ingredients < pan size
- 3. Mass of sugar < designated health restriction limit

The variables in this optimization model would be the amount of the ingredients themselves, with the cost being readily calculable.