

Missing Data — Imputation etc

Notes from 2015-10-03

- Netflix Challenge → becomes “fashion”
- aka “Matrix completion”

Literature

Books and Papers

- [Schafer & Graham](#) Missing Data: Our View of the State of the Art, American Psychological Association. (Schafer and Graham 2002)
- (Little and Rubin 2002) Roderick J.A. Little and Donald B. Rubin Statistical Analysis with Missing Data (Wiley; 2nd ed., 2002) Freely available (chapter wise) via [ETH Library](#)
- [Joseph L. Schafer](#) seminal monograph Schafer, J.L. (1997) Analysis of Incomplete Multivariate Data, Chapman & Hall, London. (Schafer 1997)

Came with 4 S-PLUS “packages” called NORM, CAT, MIX, PAN} → <http://sites.stat.psu.edu/~jls/misoftwa.html>

Versions of all four of these are available on CRAN:

```
sapply(c("norm", "cat", "mix", "pan"), packageDescription)
```

```
## $norm
## Package: norm
## Version: 1.0-9.5
## Date: 2013/02/27
## Title: Analysis of multivariate normal datasets with missing
##       values
## Author: Ported to R by Alvaro A. Novo <alvaro@novo-online.net>.
##       Original by Joseph L. Schafer <jls@stat.psu.edu>.
## Maintainer: John Fox <jfox@mcmaster.ca>
## Description: Analysis of multivariate normal datasets with missing
##             values
## License: file LICENSE
## URL: http://www.stat.psu.edu/~jls/misoftwa.html#aut
## Repository: CRAN
## Repository/R-Forge/Project: norm
## Repository/R-Forge/Revision: 8
## Repository/R-Forge/DateTimeStamp: 2013-02-27 16:01:38
## Date/Publication: 2013-02-28 07:11:32
## Packaged: 2013-02-27 19:16:19 UTC; rforge
## NeedsCompilation: yes
## License_restricts_use: no
## Built: R 3.2.2; x86_64-pc-linux-gnu; 2015-11-02 20:38:47 UTC; unix
##
## -- File: /home/david/R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/norm/Meta/package.rds
```

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##
## $cat
## Package: cat
## Version: 0.0-6.5
## Date: 2012-10-30
## Title: Analysis of categorical-variable datasets with missing
##       values
## Author: Ported to R by Ted Harding and Fernando Tusell. Original
##       by Joseph L. Schafer <jls@stat.psu.edu>.
## Maintainer: Fernando Tusell <fernando.tusell@ehu.es>
## Description: Analysis of categorical-variable with missing values
## License: file LICENSE
## URL: http://www.stat.psu.edu/~jls/misoftwa.html#aut
## Packaged: 2012-10-30 16:26:21 UTC; root
## Repository: CRAN
## Date/Publication: 2012-10-30 18:21:53
## NeedsCompilation: yes
## License_restricts_use: no
## Built: R 3.2.2; x86_64-pc-linux-gnu; 2015-11-02 20:38:48 UTC; unix
##
## -- File: /home/david/R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/cat/Meta/package.rds
##
## $mix
## Package: mix
## Version: 1.0-9
## Date: 2015-06-29
## Title: Estimation/Multiple Imputation for Mixed Categorical and
##       Continuous Data
## Author: Original by Joseph L. Schafer <jls@stat.psu.edu>.
## Maintainer: Brian Ripley <ripley@stats.ox.ac.uk>
## Depends: stats
## Description: Estimation/multiple imputation programs for mixed
##       categorical and continuous data.
## License: Unlimited
## LazyData: yes
## URL: http://www.stat.psu.edu/~jls/misoftwa.html
## NeedsCompilation: yes
## Packaged: 2015-06-29 10:15:45 UTC; ripley
## Repository: CRAN
## Date/Publication: 2015-06-29 12:42:26
## Built: R 3.2.2; x86_64-pc-linux-gnu; 2015-11-02 20:38:48 UTC; unix
##
## -- File: /home/david/R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/mix/Meta/package.rds
##
## $pan
## Package: pan
## Version: 1.3
## Date: 2015-02-10
## Title: Multiple Imputation for Multivariate Panel or Clustered
##       Data
## Author: Original by Joseph L. Schafer
## Maintainer: Jing hua Zhao <jinghua.zhao@mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk>
## Suggests: mitools, lme4
## LazyData: Yes

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## LazyLoad: Yes
## Description: Multiple imputation for multivariate panel or
##              clustered data.
## License: Unlimited
## URL: http://www.stat.psu.edu/~jls/misoftwa.html
## Packaged: 2015-02-10 22:15:01 UTC; jhz22
## NeedsCompilation: yes
## License_restricts_use: no
## Repository: CRAN
## Date/Publication: 2015-02-10 23:56:30
## Built: R 3.2.2; x86_64-pc-linux-gnu; 2015-11-02 20:38:49 UTC; unix
##
## -- File: /home/david/R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/pan/Meta/package.rds
```

R packages

Bioconductor:

impute : Hastie et al: `knn.impute()` Based on [missing.pdf](#) paper, Hastie et al. (1999).

CRAN

[CRAN task view ‘Multivariate’](#) has section **Missing data** (which seems *not* comprehensive to me):

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[mitools] provides tools for multiple imputation,
[mice] provides multivariate imputation by chained equations
[mvnmle] provides ML estimation for multivariate normal data with missing values,
[mix] provides multiple imputation for mixed categorical and continuous data.
[pan] provides multiple imputation for missing panel data.
[VIM] provides methods for the visualisation as well as imputation of missing data.
aregImpute() and transcan() from [Hmisc] provide further imputation methods.
[monomvn] deals with estimation models where the missing data pattern is monotone.
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Schafer’s (“norm”, “cat”, “mix”, “pan”) – see above

Lumley’s ‘mitools’

imputeR

softImpute:

```
Title: Matrix Completion via Iterative Soft-Thresholded SVD
Version: 1.4
Date: 2015-2-13
Author: Trevor Hastie and Rahul Mazumder
```

imputation : Archived in 2014 (policy violation: running on all cores)

- by Jeff Wong [on Github](#)
- also mentions the important paper by Cai, Candes, Shen et al ([preprint on ArXiv](#)), *Singular Value Thresholding Algorithm for Matrix Completion*

(We)blogs etc on R packages:

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Notes from 2015-10-15 meeting

- Focus on either continuous or mixed case
- Find data sets that are historically relevant:
 - See in the packages if there is a common package
 - Use the data sets in the appendix of (Schafer 1997), FLAS inside the [miP package](#).
 - Use the synthetic bivariate set of (Schafer and Graham 2002), (normal and cluster).
 - Data sets: titanic, iris, mtcars, yeast (Lichman 2013), (noisy) time series data?
- Concentrate on the modern methods for next meeting (Troyanskaya et al. 2001) and (Hastie et al. 1999).
- Keep up with reading.
- Notation should be consistent, if possible with either (Schafer 1997) or (Little and Rubin 2002).
- Next meeting 2015-11-02 at 3pm.

Note from 2015-11-02 meeting

- [vim package](#). See article. It allows to display the pattern of missingness.
- Start playing with mice, mix and pan packages.
- KNN: The weights in KNN are usually $w(d) = 1/d$, however nothing prevent us of having $w(d) = K(d)$ where K is any valid Kernel.
- Euclidian distance:
 - On which observations do we perform the comparison?
 - What type of standardization?
- MCAR, MAR and MNAR are an univariate properties: columns in a data matrix might have different assumptions on their missingness mechanism.
- 2014: Find paper on Weighted KNN ofr missing data.
- MICE used chained equations, AMELIA is clearly bayesian.
- Health and NHANES data sets are used widely.
- Use 20 imputation for the FLAS data sets to complete the missing variables and use it as the reference data set.
- Next meeting 2015-11-16 at 11am.

Note from 2015-11-02

- Using the FLAS data set, we should average the imputation with several packages.
- Use data frequency of the missing pattern to create artificial missingness.
- MCAR as well.
- Next meeting 2015-11-23 at 11am.

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