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Developing new imputation methodology has become a very active field. Unfortunately, there is no consensus on how to perform simulation studies to evaluate the properties of imputation methods. In this paper we propose a move towards a standardized evaluation of imputation methods. To demonstrate the need for standardization, we highlight a set of potential pitfalls that bring forth a chain of potential problems in the objective assessment of the performance of imputation routines. This may lead to suboptimal use of multiple imputation in practice. Additionally, we suggest a course of action for simulating and evaluating missing data problems.

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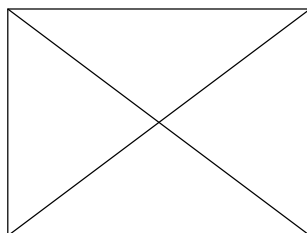
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