Ex. 2

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 # R CODE
 # small scale simulation study to investigate impact of measurement error
 # measurement error on (continuous) exposure and/or (continuous) confounding variable
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 # libraries:
 library(Hmisc)
Caricamento pacchetto: 'Hmisc'
I seguenti oggetti sono mascherati da 'package:base':
  format.pval, units
 library(mice)
Caricamento pacchetto: 'mice'
Il seguente oggetto è mascherato da 'package:stats':
  filter
I seguenti oggetti sono mascherati da 'package:base':
  cbind, rbind
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-- Attaching packages ----- tidyverse 1.3.2
v ggplot2 3.4.1 v purrr 1.0.2
v tibble 3.1.8 v dplyr 1.1.0
v tidyr 1.3.0 v stringr 1.5.0
v readr 2.1.4 v forcats 1.0.0
-- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
x dplyr::filter() masks mice::filter(), stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
x dplyr::src() masks Hmisc::src()
x dplyr::summarize() masks Hmisc::summarize()
  # set working directory:
  # setwd("")
  # -----
  # The data can be dowloaded in xpt form from https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/continuousnh
  # read data:
  d1 <- sasxport.get("../data/DEMO_I.XPT")</pre>
Processing SAS dataset DEMO_I
  d2 <- sasxport.get("../data/BPX_I.XPT")</pre>
Processing SAS dataset BPX_I ...
  d3 <- sasxport.get("../data/BMX_I.XPT")</pre>
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library(tidyverse)

Processing SAS dataset BMX_I ...

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d4 <- sasxport.get("../data/GHB_I.XPT")</pre>
Processing SAS dataset GHB_I
  d5 <- sasxport.get("../data/TCHOL I.XPT")</pre>
Processing SAS dataset TCHOL_I
  d1.t <- subset(d1,select=c("seqn","riagendr","ridageyr"))</pre>
  d2.t <- subset(d2,select=c("seqn","bpxsy1"))</pre>
  d3.t <- subset(d3,select=c("seqn","bmxbmi"))</pre>
  d4.t <- subset(d4,select=c("seqn","lbxgh"))</pre>
  d5.t <- subset(d5,select=c("seqn","lbdtcsi"))</pre>
  d <- merge(d1.t,d2.t)</pre>
  d <- merge(d,d3.t)</pre>
  d <- merge(d,d4.t)</pre>
  d <- merge(d,d5.t)</pre>
  # rename variables:
  # RIAGENDR - Gender
  # RIDAGEYR - Age in years at screening
  # BPXSY1 - Systolic: Blood pres (1st rdg) mm Hg
  # BMXBMI - Body Mass Index (kg/m**2)
  # LBDTCSI - Total Cholesterol (mmol/L)
  # LBXGH - Glycohemoglobin (%)
  d$age <- d$ridageyr
  d$sex <- d$riagendr
  d$bp <- d$bpxsy1
  d$bmi <- d$bmxbmi
  d$HbA1C <- d$lbxgh
  d$chol <- d$lbdtcsi
  d$age[d$age<18] <- NA
  # -----
  # select complete cases:
  dc <- cc(subset(d,select=c("age","sex","bmi","HbA1C","bp")))</pre>
  # analysis:
  summary(lm(bp ~ HbA1C + age + as.factor(sex), data=dc))
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Call:
lm(formula = bp ~ HbA1C + age + as.factor(sex), data = dc)
Residuals:
Systolic: Blood pres (1st rdg) mm Hg
           1Q Median
                           3Q
-49.887 -10.509 -1.378 8.491 107.583
Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
               98.75149
                           1.21418 81.332 < 2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
HbA1C
                           0.20291 5.551 2.98e-08 ***
                1.12638
                0.44486
                           0.01284 34.648 < 2e-16 ***
age
                        0.45164 -7.191 7.34e-13 ***
as.factor(sex)2 -3.24792
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 16.1 on 5088 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.2305, Adjusted R-squared:
F-statistic: 508 on 3 and 5088 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
  confint(lm(bp ~ HbA1C + age + as.factor(sex), data=dc))
                    2.5 %
                             97.5 %
               96.3711755 101.1317982
(Intercept)
HbA1C
                0.7285836
                           1.5241825
                0.4196932 0.4700355
age
as.factor(sex)2 -4.1333281 -2.3625106
  summary(lm(bp ~ HbA1C + bmi + age + as.factor(sex), data=dc))
Call:
lm(formula = bp ~ HbA1C + bmi + age + as.factor(sex), data = dc)
Residuals:
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Max

3Q

Systolic: Blood pres (1st rdg) mm Hg

Min 1Q Median

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-51.068 -10.251 -1.504 8.264 107.410
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
             92.65583 1.39320 66.506 < 2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
HbA1C
             bmi
             age
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 15.98 on 5087 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.2418, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2412
F-statistic: 405.7 on 4 and 5087 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
  confint(lm(bp ~ HbA1C + bmi + age + as.factor(sex), data=dc))
                 2.5 %
                        97.5 %
(Intercept)
            89.9245592 95.3871089
HbA1C
             0.3479966 1.1555348
bmi
              0.2219815 0.3506673
              0.4208695 0.4708464
age
as.factor(sex)2 -4.5143014 -2.7479929
  # -----
  # simulation of measurement error:
  ref <- lm(bp ~ HbA1C + bmi + age + as.factor(sex), data=dc)$coef[2]
  n.sim <- 1e3
  perc.me.exp <- seq(0,.5,.1)
  perc.me.conf<- seq(0,.5,.1)
  scenarios <- expand.grid(perc.me.exp,perc.me.conf)</pre>
  var.exp <- var(dc$HbA1C)</pre>
  var.conf <- var(dc$bmi)</pre>
  n \leftarrow dim(dc)[1]
  beta.hat <- matrix(ncol=dim(scenarios)[1], nrow=n.sim)</pre>
  for (k in 1:n.sim){
   print(k)
   set.seed(k)
   for (i in 1:dim(scenarios)[1]){
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var.me.exp <- var.exp*scenarios[i,1]/(1-scenarios[i,1])</pre>
       var.me.conf <- var.conf*scenarios[i,2]/(1-scenarios[i,2])</pre>
       \label{locality}  \mbox{dc$HbA1C.me} <- \mbox{dc$HbA1C} + \mbox{rnorm(dim(dc)[1], 0, sqrt(var.me.exp))} \\
       \label{localization} $\tt dc\$bmi.me <- dc\$bmi + rnorm(dim(dc)[1], 0, sqrt(var.me.conf))$
       beta.hat[k,i] <- lm(bp ~ HbA1C.me + age + bmi.me + as.factor(sex), data=dc)$coef[2]</pre>
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  FIGURE <- ggplot(tot.mat, aes(me.exp, me.conf)) +</pre>
    geom_tile(color="white",aes(fill = estimate)) +
    geom_text(aes(label = round(estimate, 2))) +
    scale_fill_gradient2(low="#D55E00",mid="white",high = "#56B4E9", midpoint=ref) +
    labs(x=paste("% of total variance of HbA1c due to measurement error"),
         y=paste("% of total variance of BMI due to measurement error")) +
    coord_equal()+
    scale_y_continuous(breaks=unique(tot.mat[,1]))+
    scale_x_continuous(breaks=unique(tot.mat[,1]))+
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