

Missing Data Basics

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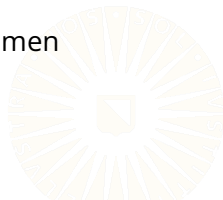
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Not every empty cell is a missing datum.

- Quality-of-life ratings for dead patients in a mortality study
- Firm profitability after the company goes out of business
- Self-reported severity of menstrual cramping for men
- Empty blocks of data following “gateway” items



A Little Notation

Y := An $N \times P$ Matrix of Arbitrary Data

Y_{mis} := The *missing* part of Y

Y_{obs} := The *observed* part of Y

R := An $N \times P$ response matrix

M := An $N \times P$ missingness matrix

The R and M matrices are complementary.

- $r_{np} = 1$ means y_{np} is observed; $m_{np} = 1$ means y_{np} is missing.
- $r_{np} = 0$ means y_{np} is missing; $m_{np} = 0$ means y_{np} is observed.
- M_p is the *missingness* of Y_p .

MISSING DATA DESCRIPTIVES



Missing Data Pattern

Missing data (or response) patterns represent unique combinations of observed and missing items.

- P items $\Rightarrow 2^P$ possible patterns.

	X	Y
1	x	y
2	x	.
3	.	y
4	.	.

Patterns for $P = 2$

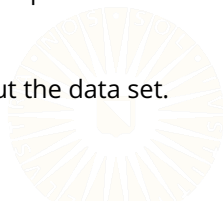
	X	Y	Z
1	x	y	z
2	x	y	.
3	x	.	z
4	.	y	z
5	x	.	.
6	.	.	z
7	.	y	.
8	.	.	.

Patterns for $P = 3$

Missing Data Pattern

The concept of a “missing data pattern” can also be used to classify the spatial arrangement of missing cells on a data set.

- Univariate
 - Missing data occur on only one variable
- Monotone
 - The proportion of complete elements, in both rows and columns, decreases when traversing the data set.
 - The observed cells can be arranged into a “staircase” pattern.
- Arbitrary
 - Missing values are “randomly” scattered throughout the data set.



Example Missing Data Patterns

	X	Y	Z
1	x	y	z
2	x	y	z
3	x	y	z
4	x	y	z
5	x	y	z
6	x	.	z
7	x	.	z
8	x	.	z
9	x	.	z
10	x	.	z

Univariate Pattern

	X	Y	Z
1	x	y	z
2	x	y	z
3	x	y	z
4	x	y	.
5	x	y	.
6	x	y	.
7	x	.	.
8	x	.	.
9	x	.	.
10	.	.	.

Monotone Pattern

	X	Y	Z
1	x	.	z
2	x	y	z
3	x	y	z
4	x	.	z
5	x	y	z
6	x	.	z
7	.	y	z
8	x	y	z
9	x	.	.
10	x	y	.

Arbitrary Pattern

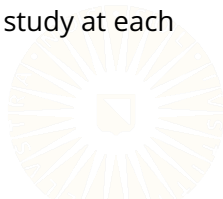
Nonresponse Rates

PROPORTION MISSING

- The proportion of cells containing missing data
- Good early screening measure
- Should be computed for each variable, not for the entire dataset

ATTRITION RATE

- The proportion of participants that drop-out of a study at each measurement occasion



Nonresponse Rates

PROPORTION OF COMPLETE CASES

- The proportion of observations with no missing data
- Often reported but nearly useless quantity

FRACTION OF MISSING INFORMATION

- Associated with an estimated parameter, not with an incomplete variable
- Like an R^2 for the missing data
- Most important diagnostic value for missing data problems
- Can only be computed after treating the missing data

Coverage Measures

COVARIANCE COVERAGE

$$CC_{jk} = N^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nj} r_{nk}$$

- The proportion of cases available to estimate a given pairwise relationship (e.g., a covariance between two variables)
- Very important to have adequate coverage of the parameters you want to estimate

Coverage Measures

INBOUND STATISTIC

$$I_{jk} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N (1 - r_{nj}) r_{nk}}{\sum_{n=1}^N (1 - r_{nj})}$$

- The proportion of missing cases in Y_j for which Y_k is observed

OUTBOUND STATISTIC

$$O_{jk} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nj} (1 - r_{nk})}{\sum_{n=1}^N r_{nj}}$$

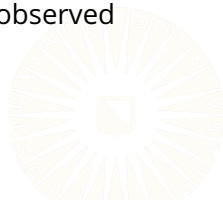
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Coverage Measures

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$$I_j = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^P \sum_{n=1}^N (1 - r_{nj}) r_{nk}}{\sum_{k=1}^P \sum_{n=1}^N r_{nk}}$$

- The proportion of observed cells in Y that exists in cases for which Y_j is missing
- How well the missing values in Y_j connect to the observed values in Y_{-j}



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MISSING DATA MECHANISMS



Missing Data Mechanisms

Missing Completely at Random (MCAR)

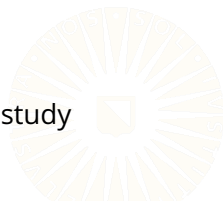
- $P(R|Y_{mis}, Y_{obs}) = P(R)$
- Missingness is unrelated to any study variables.

Missing at Random (MAR)

- $P(R|Y_{mis}, Y_{obs}) = P(R|Y_{obs})$
- Missingness is related to only the *observed* parts of study variables.

Missing not at Random (MNAR)

- $P(R|Y_{mis}, Y_{obs}) \neq P(R|Y_{obs})$
- Missingness is related to the *unobserved* parts of study variables.



Simulate Some Toy Data

```
library(mvtnorm)
library(dplyr)
library(magrittr)

nObs <- 5000 # Sample Size
pm   <- 0.3  # Proportion Missing

sigma <- matrix(c(1.0, 0.5, 0.3,
                  0.5, 1.0, 0.0,
                  0.3, 0.0, 1.0),
                ncol = 3)
dat0 <- rmvnorm(nObs, c(0, 0, 0), sigma) %>% data.frame()
colnames(dat0) <- c("x", "y", "z")

dat0 %$% cor(y, x)

[1] 0.5001822
```

MCAR Example

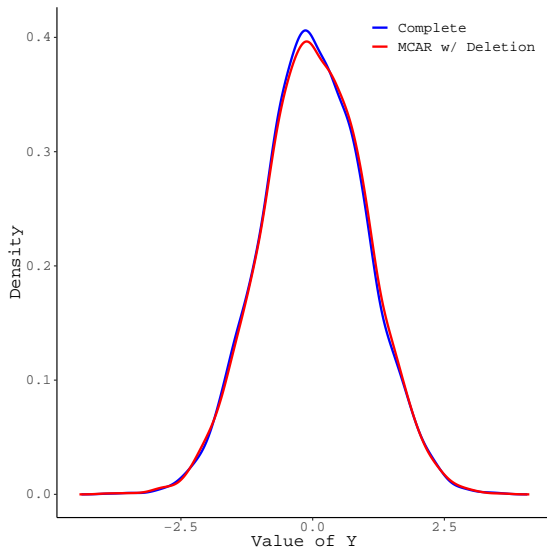
```
## Simulate MCAR Missingness:
m <- sample(1:nObs, size = pm * nObs)

## Impose MCAR missing on Y:
mcarData <- dat0
mcarData[m, "y"] <- NA

## Check the correlation between X & Y:
mcarData %$% cor(y, x, use = "pairwise")

[1] 0.5197437
```

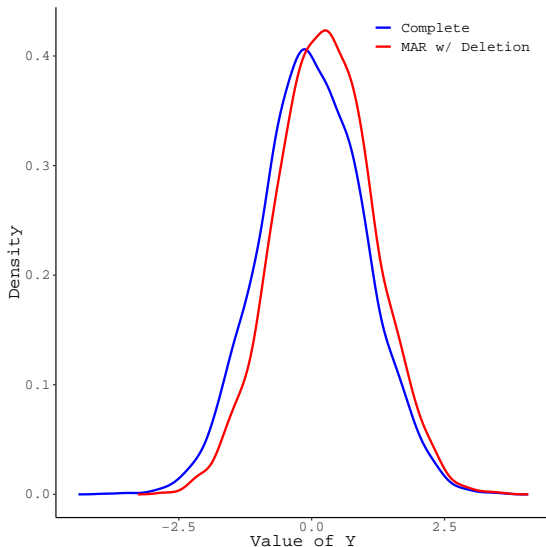
MCAR Example



MAR Example

```
## Simulate MAR Missingness:  
m <- with(dat0, x < quantile(x, probs = pm))  
  
## Impose MAR missing on Y:  
marData <- dat0  
marData[m, "y"] <- NA  
  
## Check the correlation between X & Y:  
marData %$% cor(y, x, use = "pairwise")  
  
[1] 0.3825876
```

MAR Example



MNAR Example

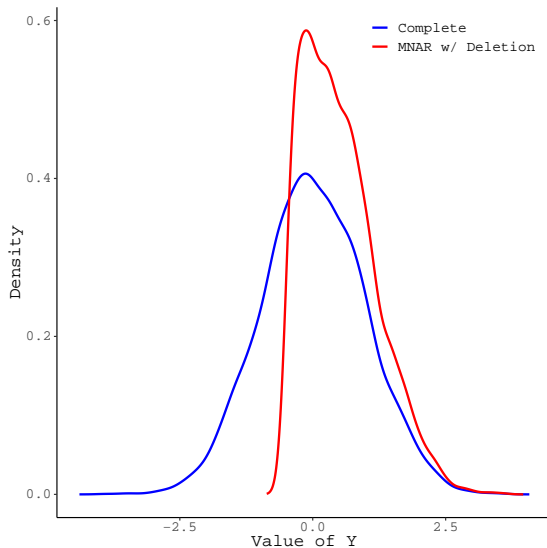
```
## Simulate MNAR Missingness:
m <- with(dat0, y < quantile(y, probs = pm))

## Impose MNAR missing on Y:
mnarData <- dat0
mnarData[m, "y"] <- NA

## Check the correlation between X & Y:
mnarData %$% cor(y, x, use = "pairwise")

[1] 0.3901487
```

MNAR Example



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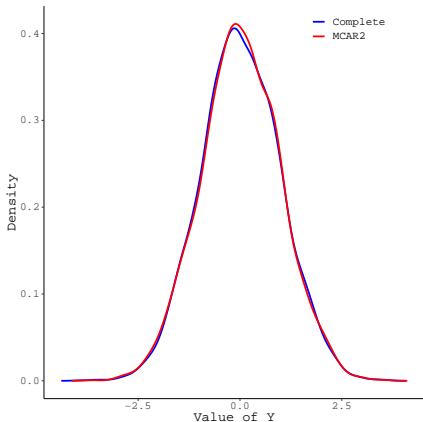
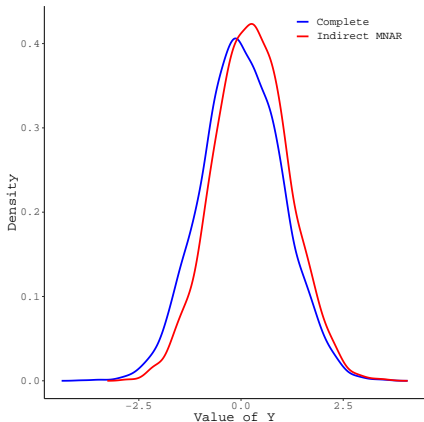
QUESTION: What happens if we ignore the predictor of missingness, but that predictor is independent of our study variables?

```
m <- with(dat0, z < quantile(z, probs = pm))  
  
mcarData2      <- dat0  
mcarData2[m, "y"] <- NA  
  
mcarData2 %$% cor(y, x, use = "pairwise")  
  
[1] 0.5119953
```

ANSWER: We get back to MCAR :)

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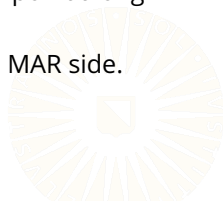
The missing data mechanisms are not simply characteristics of an incomplete dataset; we also need to account for the analysis.



Testing the Missing Data Mechanism

We cannot fully test the MAR or MNAR assumptions.

- To do so would require knowing the values of the missing data.
- We can find observed predictors of missingness.
 - Use classification algorithms to predict missingness from Y_{obs} .
 - We can never know that we have discovered all MAR predictors.
- In practice, MAR and MNAR live on the ends of a continuum.
 - Our missing data problem exists at some unknown point along this continuum.
 - We can do a lot to nudge our problem towards the MAR side.



Testing the Missing Data Mechanism

We can (partially) test the MCAR assumption.

- With MCAR, the missing data and the observed data should have the same distribution.
- We can test for MCAR by testing the distributions of *auxiliary variables*, \mathbf{Z} .
 - Use a t-test to compare the subset of \mathbf{Z}_p that corresponds to \mathbf{Y}_{mis} to the subset corresponding to \mathbf{Y}_{obs} .
 - The Little (1988) MCAR test is a multivariate version of this.

These procedures actually test if the data are *observed* completely at random.

MISSING DATA TREATMENTS



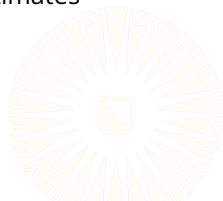
Bad Methods (These almost never work)

Listwise Deletion (Complete Case Analysis)

- Use only complete observations for the analysis
 - Very wasteful (can throw out lots of useful data)
 - Loss of statistical power

Pairwise Deletion (Available Case Analysis)

- Use only complete pairs of observations for analysis
 - Different samples sizes for different parameter estimates
 - Can cause computational issues



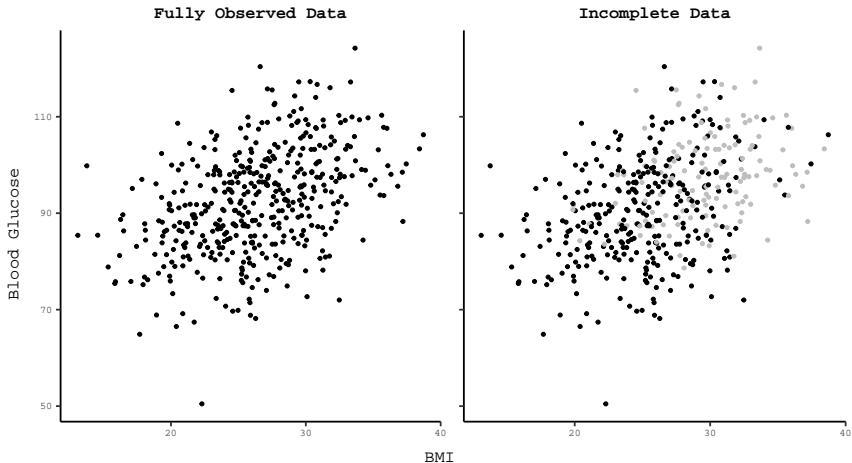
Example

```
## Read in some example data:
diabetes1 <- diabetes2 <-
  readRDS(paste0(dataDir, "diabetes_norm.rds"))

## Simulated missingness based on 'bmi':
m <- simLinearMissingness(data = diabetes2,
                          pm    = 0.30,
                          preds = c("bmi", "age"),
                          auc    = 0.85)$r

## Impose missing on 'glu' according to the missingness above:
diabetes2[m, c("glu", "bp")] <- NA
```

Example



Example

```
diabetes1 %>% select(bmi, glu, bp) %>% cor()
```

	bmi	glu	bp
bmi	1.0000000	0.4211879	0.3656630
glu	0.4211879	1.0000000	0.4028993
bp	0.3656630	0.4028993	1.0000000

```
diabetes2 %>% select(bmi, glu, bp) %>% cor(use = "complete")
```

	bmi	glu	bp
bmi	1.0000000	0.3262834	0.2776195
glu	0.3262834	1.0000000	0.3537169
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```

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[1] 89.9979
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```
var(diabetes1$glu)
```

```
[1] 117.29
```

```
var(diabetes2$glu, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 115.4501
```

Example

```
s1 <- lm(glu ~ bmi + bp, data = diabetes1) %>% summary()  
s2 <- lm(glu ~ bmi + bp, data = diabetes2) %>% summary()
```

```
s1$r.squared
```

```
[1] 0.2489047
```

```
s2$r.squared
```

```
[1] 0.1814826
```

Example

s1\$coef

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	50.6762960	3.55510857	14.254500	3.689251e-38
bmi	0.7369749	0.10360177	7.113535	4.628540e-12
bp	0.2333118	0.03608963	6.464788	2.704883e-10

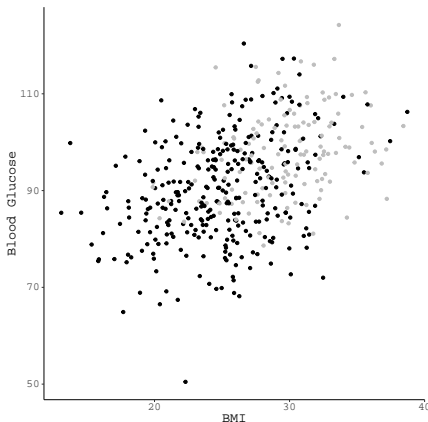
s2\$coef

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	52.4139024	4.61043871	11.368528	3.224459e-25
bmi	0.6267222	0.13652617	4.590491	6.464076e-06
bp	0.2368355	0.04472047	5.295907	2.266520e-07

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(Unconditional) Mean Substitution

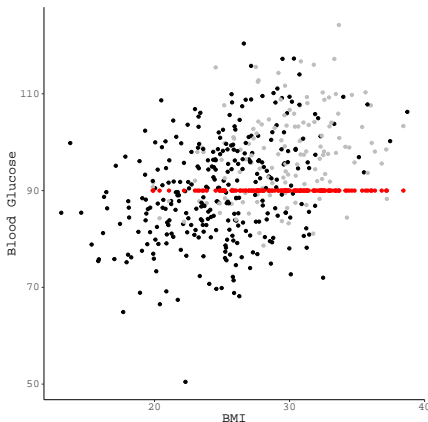
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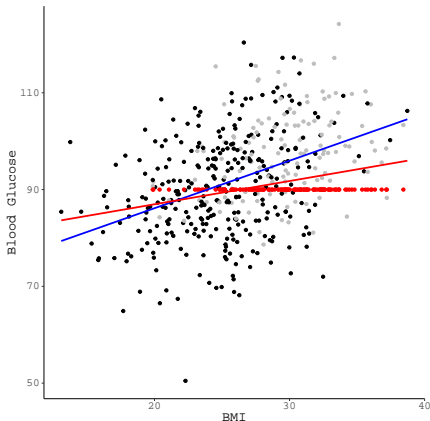
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Example

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imputed <- diabetes2
imputed[, "glu"] <- mean(imputed$glu, na.rm = TRUE)
imputed[, "bp"] <- mean(imputed$bp, na.rm = TRUE)
```

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```
imputed %>% select(bmi, glu, bp) %>% cor()
```

	bmi	glu	bp
bmi	1.0000000	0.2486881	0.2115973
glu	0.2486881	1.0000000	0.3537169
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var(imputed$glu, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 80.63184
```

Example

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s1$r.squared

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s2$r.squared

[1] 0.1567534
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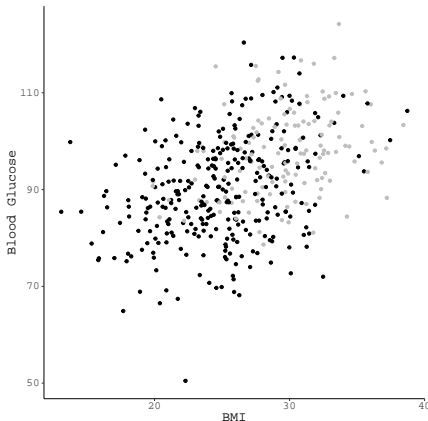
s2\$coef

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	56.434068	3.73857631	15.095069	9.056479e-42
bmi	0.351768	0.08667589	4.058429	5.848672e-05
bp	0.261839	0.03725021	7.029194	7.987962e-12

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Deterministic Regression Imputation (Conditional Mean Substitution)

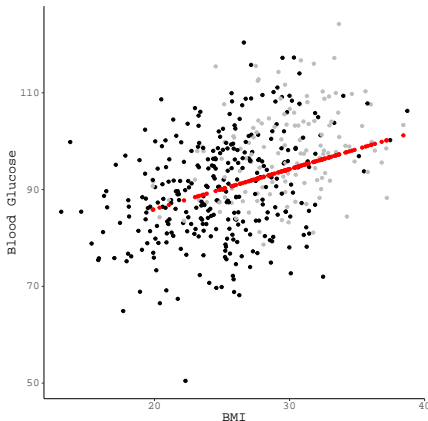
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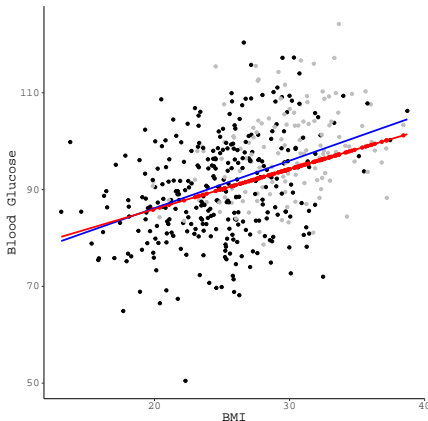
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Example

```
imputed <- mice(data      = diabetes2,  
                m        = 1,  
                maxit     = 20,  
                printFlag = FALSE,  
                method    = "norm.predict") %>%  
complete(1)
```



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imputed %>% select(bmi, glu, bp) %>% cor()
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	bmi	glu	bp
bmi	1.0000000	0.4520298	0.4189667
glu	0.4520298	1.0000000	0.4524985
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```

```
[1] 92.03593
```

```
var(diabetes1$glu)
```

```
[1] 117.29
```

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```

```
[1] 95.84904
```

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s2$r.squared

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s2\$coef

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(Intercept)	49.3228188	3.33953283	14.769377	2.311090e-40
bmi	0.6708372	0.09344954	7.178604	3.027927e-12
bp	0.2630784	0.03655493	7.196795	2.687794e-12

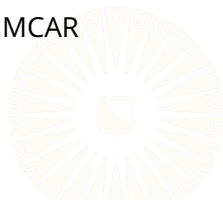
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General Issues with Deletion-Based Methods

- Biased parameter estimates unless data are MCAR
- Generalizability issues

General Issues with Simple Single Imputation Methods

- Biased parameter estimates even when data are MCAR
- Attenuates variability in any treated variables



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Averaging Available Items (Person-Mean Imputation)

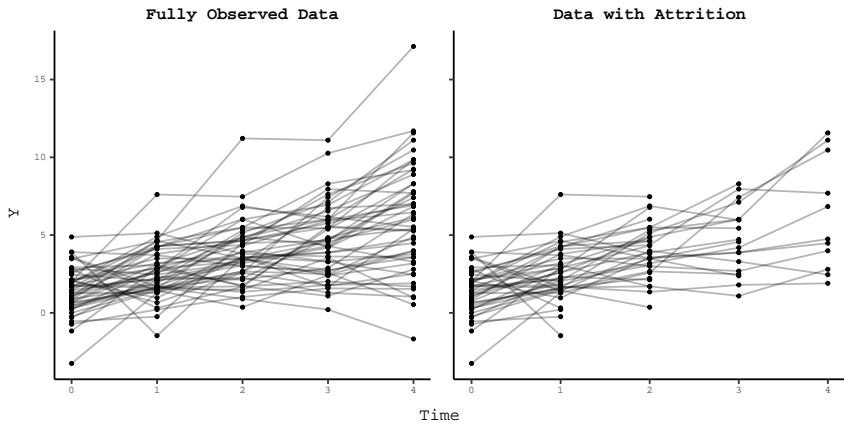
- Compute aggregate scores using only available values
 - Missing data must be MCAR
 - Each item must contribute equally to the aggregate score

Last Observation Carried Forward (LOCF)

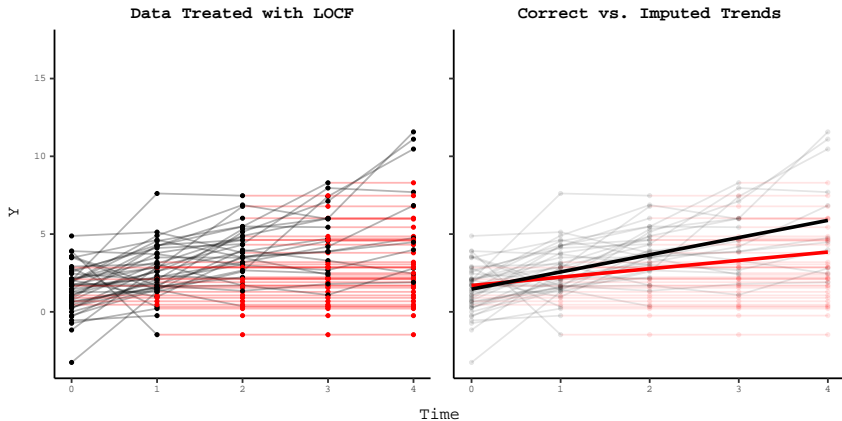
- Replace post-dropout values with the most recent observed value
 - Assume that dropouts would maintain their last known values
 - Attenuates estimates of growth/development



LOCF

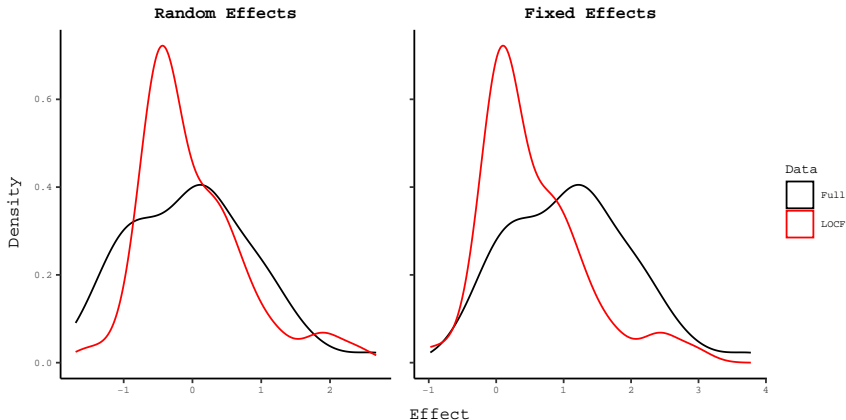


LOCF



Example

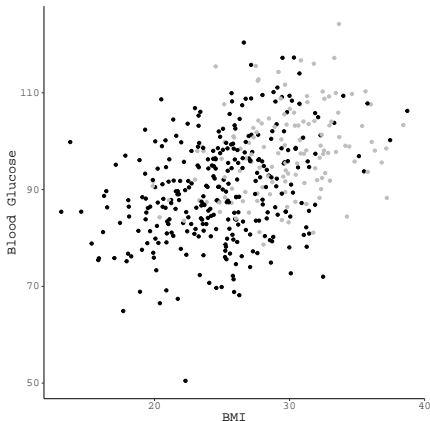
```
## Fit some multilevel regression models  
fit1 <- lmer(y ~ t + (t | id), data = dat1) # Full data  
fit2 <- lmer(y ~ t + (t | id), data = dat3) # LOCF data
```



OK Methods (These sometimes work)

Stochastic Regression Imputation

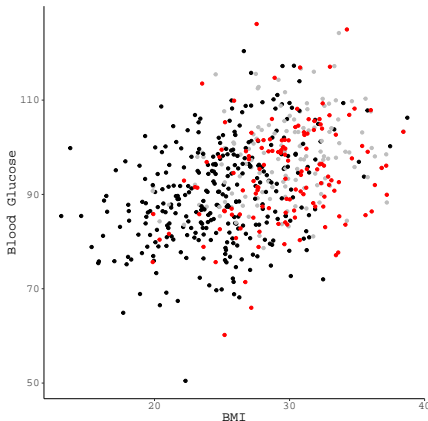
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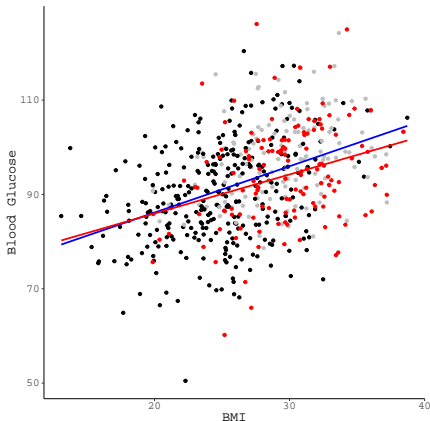
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Example

```
imputed <- mice(data      = diabetes2,  
                m        = 1,  
                maxit     = 20,  
                printFlag = FALSE,  
                method    = "norm.nob") %>%  
complete(1)
```



Example

```
diabetes1 %>% select(bmi, glu, bp) %>% cor()
```

	bmi	glu	bp
bmi	1.0000000	0.4211879	0.3656630
glu	0.4211879	1.0000000	0.4028993
bp	0.3656630	0.4028993	1.0000000

```
imputed %>% select(bmi, glu, bp) %>% cor()
```

	bmi	glu	bp
bmi	1.0000000	0.3676541	0.3459863
glu	0.3676541	1.0000000	0.3986198
bp	0.3459863	0.3986198	1.0000000

Example

```
mean(diabetes1$glu)
```

```
[1] 92.34938
```

```
mean(imputed$glu)
```

```
[1] 91.98755
```

```
var(diabetes1$glu)
```

```
[1] 117.29
```

```
var(imputed$glu)
```

```
[1] 123.7001
```

Example

```
s1 <- lm(glu ~ bmi + bp, data = diabetes1) %>% summary()
s2 <- lm(glu ~ bmi + bp, data = imputed) %>% summary()

s1$r.squared

[1] 0.2489047

s2$r.squared

[1] 0.2188541
```

Example

s1\$coef

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	50.6762960	3.55510857	14.254500	3.689251e-38
bmi	0.7369749	0.10360177	7.113535	4.628540e-12
bp	0.2333118	0.03608963	6.464788	2.704883e-10

s2\$coef

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	51.2876572	3.71778033	13.795236	3.223422e-36
bmi	0.6248014	0.10763621	5.804751	1.237000e-08
bp	0.2552101	0.03721424	6.857862	2.383498e-11

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Nonresponse Weighting

- Weight the observed cases to correct for nonresponse bias
 - Popular in survey research and official statistics
 - Only worth considering with *Unit Nonresponse*
 - Doesn't make any sense with *Item Nonresponse*



Good Methods (These almost always work)

Multiple Imputation (MI)

- Replace the missing values with M plausible estimates
 - Essentially, a repeated application of stochastic regression imputation (with a particular type of regression model)
 - Produces unbiased parameter estimates and predictions
 - Produces “correct” standard errors, CIs, and prediction intervals
 - Very, very flexible
 - Computationally expensive



Good Methods (These almost always work)

What happens when we apply MI to our previous MAR example?

```
## Estimate imputation model:
miceOut <- mice(data      = marData,
                m          = 25,
                maxit      = 1,
                method     = "norm",
                printFlag  = FALSE)

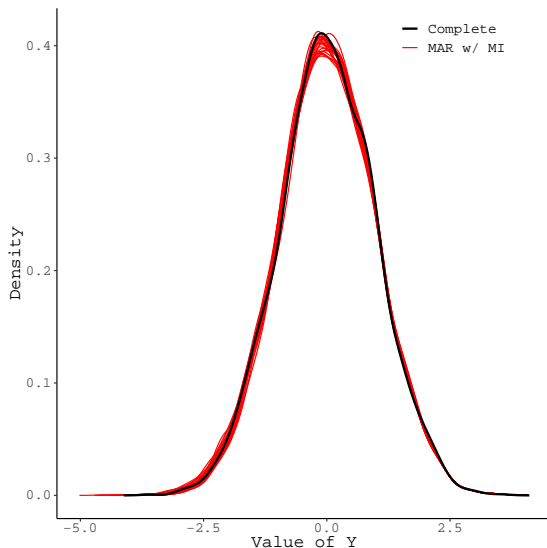
## Estimate and pool M correlations:
with(miceOut, cor(y, x))$analyses %>% unlist() %>% mean()

[1] 0.5040896
```

The MI-based parameter estimate looks good.

- MI produces unbiased estimates of the parameter when data are MAR.

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What about applying MI to our MNAR example?

```
## Estimate imputation model:
miceOut <- mice(data      = mnarData,
                m          = 25,
                maxit      = 1,
                method     = "norm",
                printFlag  = FALSE)

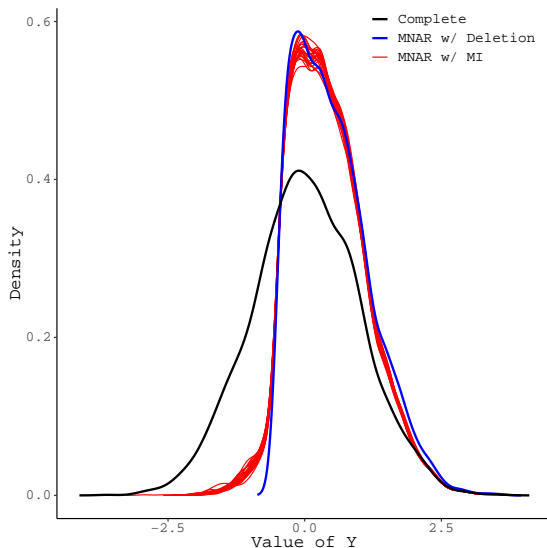
## Estimate and pool M correlations:
with(miceOut, cor(y, x))$analyses %>% unlist() %>% mean()

[1] 0.4166246
```

The MI-based parameter estimate is still biased.

- MI cannot correct bias in parameter estimates when data are MNAR.

Good Methods (These *almost* always work)



Example

```
miceOut <- mice(data      = diabetes2,  
                m         = 25,  
                maxit     = 20,  
                printFlag = FALSE,  
                method    = "norm")
```



Example

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diabetes1 %>% select(bmi, glu, bp) %>% cor()
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	bmi	glu	bp
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```
pooledCorMat(miceOut, c("bmi", "glu", "bp"))
```

	bmi	glu	bp
bmi	1.0000000	0.3962675	0.3696741
glu	0.3962675	1.0000000	0.3996248
bp	0.3696741	0.3996248	1.0000000

Example

```
mean(diabetes1$glu)
```

```
[1] 92.34938
```

```
with(miceOut, mean(glu))$analyses %>% unlist() %>% mean()
```

```
[1] 92.06123
```

```
var(diabetes1$glu)
```

```
[1] 117.29
```

```
with(miceOut, var(glu))$analyses %>% unlist() %>% mean()
```

```
[1] 125.3791
```

Example

```
fit1 <- lm(glu ~ bmi + bp, data = diabetes1)
fit2 <- with(miceOut, lm(glu ~ bmi + bp))
```

```
summary(fit1)$r.squared
```

```
[1] 0.2489047
```

```
pool.r.squared(fit2)
```

	est	lo 95	hi 95	fmi
R ²	0.2324348	0.1485566	0.322997	0.3927639

Example

```
summary(fit1)$coef
```

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bmi	0.7369749	0.10360177	7.113535	4.628540e-12
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```
pool(fit2) %>% summary() %>% select(-df)
```

	term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
1	(Intercept)	50.7094660	4.67447330	10.848167	0.000000e+00
2	bmi	0.6938806	0.12956378	5.355514	3.329401e-07
3	bp	0.2420252	0.04645062	5.210375	8.817078e-07

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Bayesian Modeling

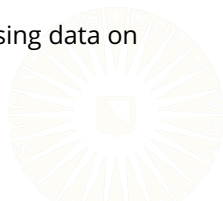
- Treat missing values as just another parameter to be estimated
 - Models can be directly estimated in the presence of missing data
 - Essentially, runs MI behind-the-scenes during model estimation
 - The predictors of nonresponse must be included in the model, somehow
 - Computationally expensive



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Full Information Maximum Likelihood (FIML)

- Adjust the objective function to only consider the observed parts of the data
 - Models are directly estimated in the presence of missing data
 - The predictors of nonresponse must be included in the model, somehow
 - Unless you write your own optimization program, FIML is only available for certain types of models
 - In linear regression models, FIML cannot treat missing data on predictors (if the predictors are taken as fixed)



Example

```
fit <- diabetes2 %>%  
  select(bmi, glu, bp) %>%  
  lavCor(missing = "fiml", output = "sampstat")  
  
mean(diabetes1$glu)  
  
[1] 92.34938  
  
fit$mean["glu"]  
  
      glu  
91.17804
```

Example

```
diabetes1 %>% select(bmi, glu, bp) %>% cov()
```

	bmi	glu	bp
bmi	21.58209	21.19108	22.65475
glu	21.19108	117.28999	58.19137
bp	22.65475	58.19137	177.85378

```
fit$cov
```

	bmi	glu	bp
bmi	21.533		
glu	17.818	117.569	
bp	18.250	51.554	169.383

Example

```
mod <- "glu ~ 1 + bmi + bp"
fit <- sem(mod, data = diabetes2, missing = "fiml")

summary(fit1)$r.squared

[1] 0.2489047

inspect(fit, "r2")

    glu
0.181
```

Example

```
summary(fit1)$coef %>% round(3)
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	50.676	3.555	14.255	0
bmi	0.737	0.104	7.114	0
bp	0.233	0.036	6.465	0

```
parameterEstimates(fit, ci = FALSE)[1:4, ]
```

	lhs	op	rhs	est	se	z	pvalue
1	glu	~1		52.414	4.588	11.424	0
2	glu	~	bmi	0.627	0.136	4.613	0
3	glu	~	bp	0.237	0.045	5.322	0
4	glu	~~	glu	94.192	7.578	12.430	0

References

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