

# Analysis of birth cohort studies in BayesDB



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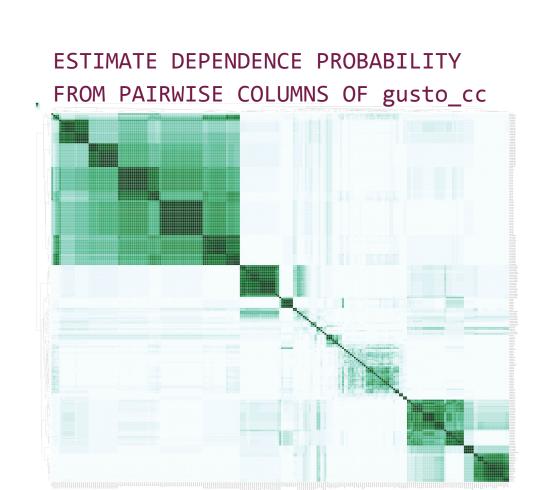
#### Abstract

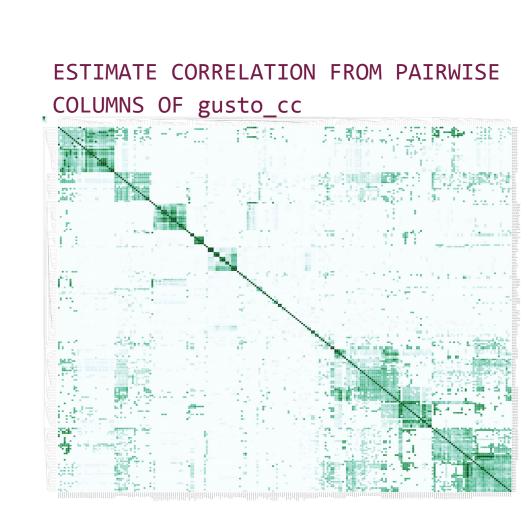
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has a multi-year project on knowledge integration for Healthy Birth, Growth, and Development (HBGDki). The core aim is to make it possible to perform empirically grounded policy design, advocacy, and field treatment around growth insults such as stunting due to malnutrition. Tactics include gathering data on >5M children; funding new large-scale studies that link prenatal maternal & child health with family conditions and cognitive outcomes; and performing new kinds of analysis of existing data sources. Probabilistic programming plays an important role, addressing two key challenges: (i) there is far more routine data cleaning, exploration, imputation, and predictive modeling work than can be practically performed by the >20 person quantitative staff and (ii) new data sources such as GUSTO and INTERGROWTH present methodological challenges (around high dimensions, heterogeneous sources, etc) that currently lack solutions

This poster presents preliminary data sketches obtained by short MML and BQL programs that BMGF viewed as core validation that BayesDB and probabilistic programming can automate routine baseline modeling and data exploration, and produces results that are in accord with common-sense knowledge. It also shows preliminary evidence for predictive signals --- between micronutrients in the mother's blood at week 26 of pregnancy; anthropometry at birth; and cognitive outcomes at month 24, as assessed by Bayley scores --- that may warrant further in-depth exploration.

### Dependence Probability

A key task in exploratory data analysis is to identify the variables in the database that are predictive of each other. In BayesDB, the evidence for predictive relationship is quantified as the dependence probability, i.e., the probability that the mutual information between two variables is nonzero (**figure**: left). An alternative measure is the significant (p < 0.05) correlation between pairwise variables (**figure**: right). Since the results from correlation are noisier, the right heatmap is considerably sparser.





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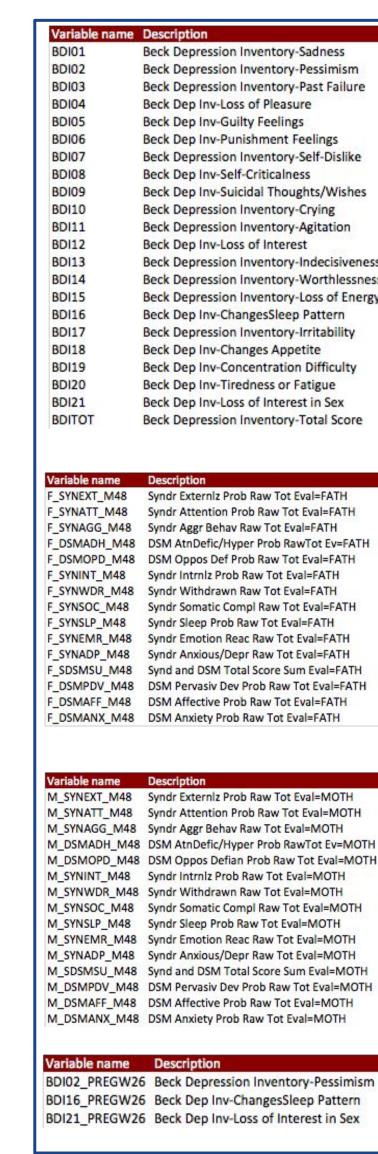
### GUSTO - Growing Up in Singapore Towards healthy Outcomes

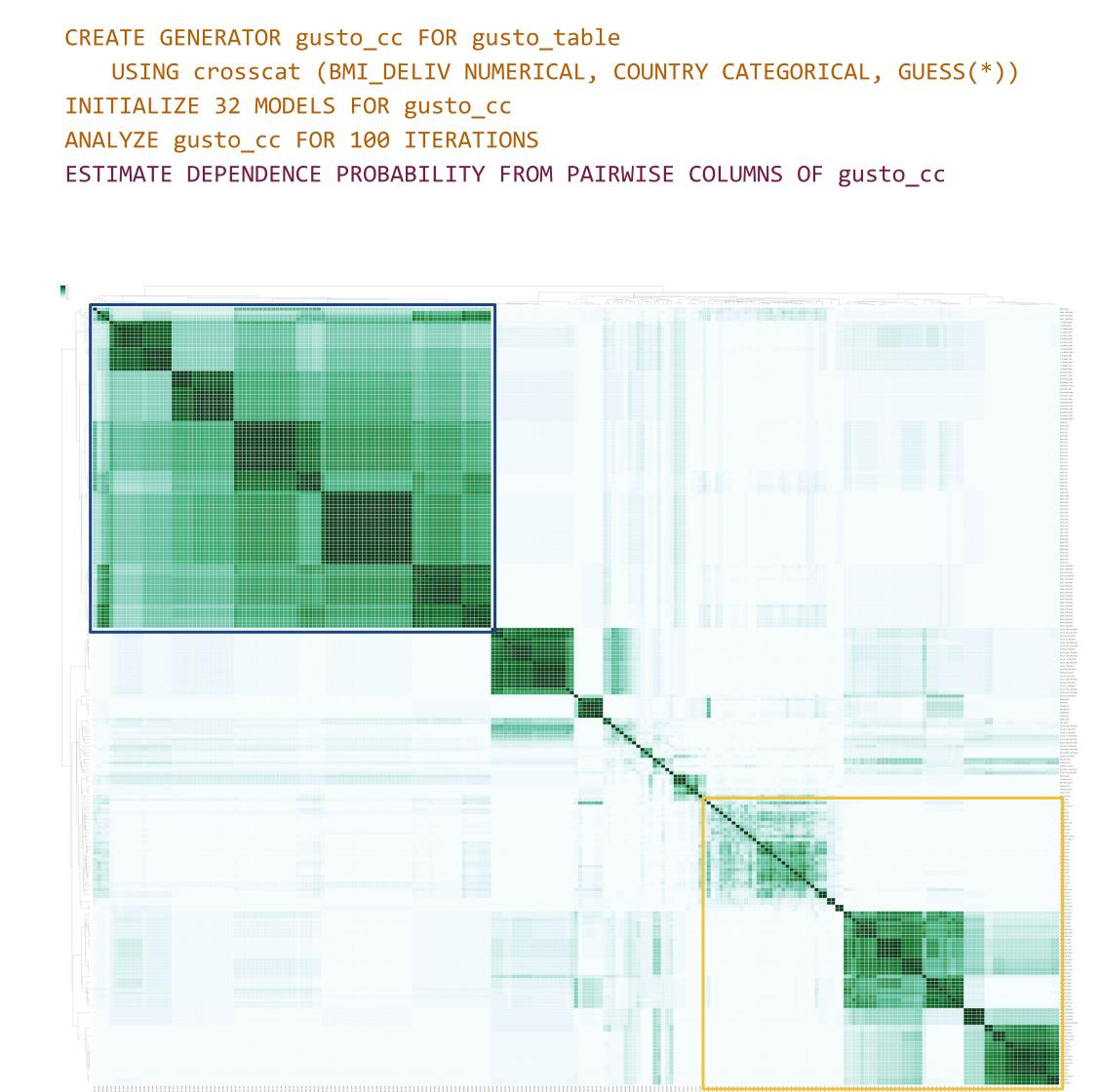
Growing Up in Singapore Towards healthy Outcomes (GUSTO) is the largest birth cohort study in Singapore yet, aimed at studying how a mother's diet and lifestyle during pregnancy impact the growth of her children.

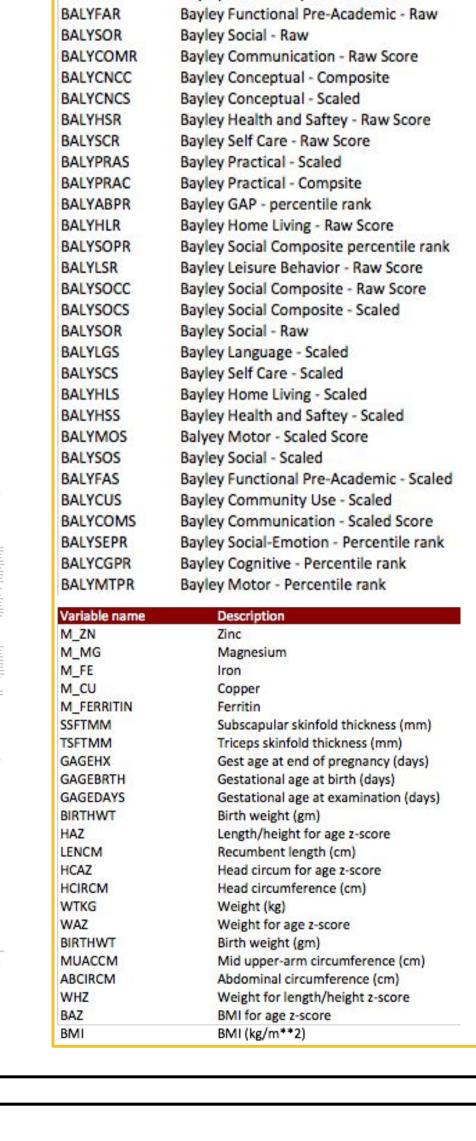
We trained 32 models for 100 iterations on a subset of the GUSTO datatable using Crosscat.

Hierarchical clustering of the dependence probability grouped together variables that:

- Had same measurement time (e.g., at Pregnancy Week 26)
- Belonged to Father or Mother
- Regarded anthropometric measurements of the toddlers
- Regarded psychological scores (Bayley or Beck) of the toddlers







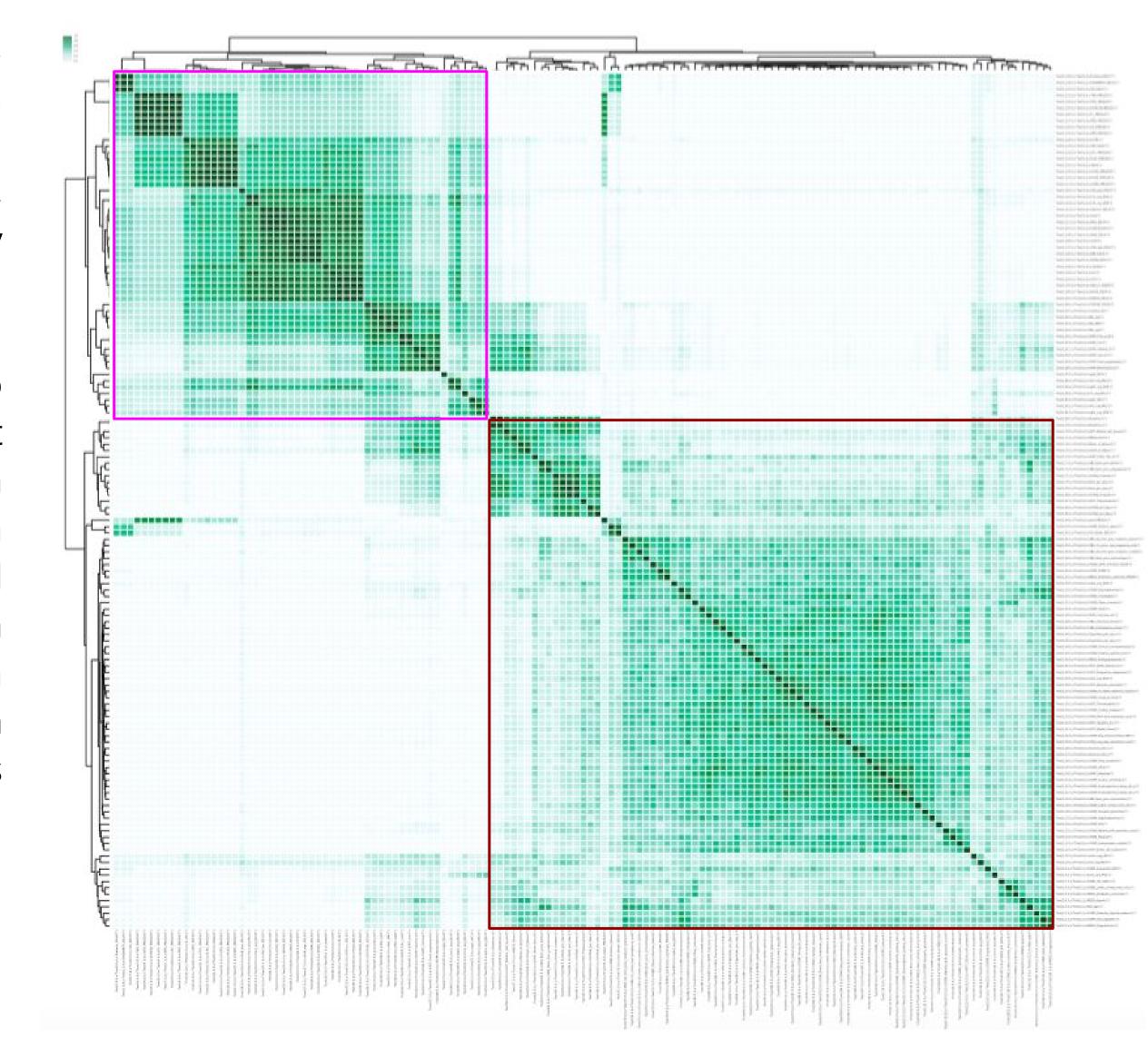
## Intergrowth - Interbio

INTERGROWTH-21st is a population-based multiethnic cohort aimed at developing International standards for fetal and postnatal Growth based on a prescriptive approach.

The study is taking place in eight nations, namely Brazil, China, India, Italy, Kenya, Oman, UK and USA, and it focus on collecting information regarding growth, health and nutrition from early pregnancy to infancy in healthy growth environments.

The INTERBIO-21st Study is an extension to the INTERGROWTH-21st project, aimed at improving characterization from preterm birth syndromes and intrauterine growth restriction. The data gathered encompasses standardised information on nutrition, pregnancy outcomes, newborn anthropometric measurements, and on growth and development up to 48 months of age.

CREATE GENERATOR intergrowth\_cc FOR intergrowth\_table
 USING crosscat (SEX CATEGORICAL, Alpha Numerical, GUESS(\*))
INITIALIZE 32 MODELS FOR intergrowth\_cc
ANALYZE intergrowth\_cc FOR 100 ITERATIONS
ESTIMATE DEPENDENCE PROBABILITY FROM PAIRWISE COLUMNS OF intergrowth cc



Variable name	Description
PRETERM	Preterm Birth
GAGEBRTH	Gestational age at birth (days)
TAD	Teesside anemia in diabetes
OFD	Oral facial digital syndrome
BPD	Borderline personality disorder
APD	Auditory processing disorders
SEX	Sex
Z.AC	Pepcid AC disease at z score
Alpha	Growth coeff
A.OFD	Oral facial digital syndrome at z score
Z.BPD	Borderline personality disorder at z scor
Z.LN	Lupus nephritis
LENCM	Recumbent length (cm)
WAZ	Weight for age z-score
BMI	BMI (kg/m**2)
WTKG	Weight (kg)
Linf	Growth coeff
SGA	Substantial gainful activity
Country	Country of Study
Mat_hgt	Maternal height
Mat_BMI	Maternal bmi
Mat_wgt	Maternal weight
SUPP_Vitamin_D	Supplement of Vitamin D
Multivitamins	Multivitamins

Variable name	Description
Betelnut	Use of Beteinut
Mode_of_delivery	Mode of delivery
Onset_of_labour	Beginning of the labor
Num_prev_births	Number of previous births
Num_prev_pregnancies	Number of previous pregnancies
Nuts_per_day	Nuts eaten per day
Sniffed_per_day	Sniffed per day
Variable name	Description
Yrs_since_last_pregnancy	Years since last pregnancy
MEDS_Antibiotics_antivirals	Antibiotics taken
OBS_Choriocarcinoma	Choriocarcinoma observed
Cig_per_day	Cigarettes smokes per day
Positiv_syphilis	Positive to Syphilis
Extrauterine_ectopic	Gestatio is extrauterine in nature
Alcohol_units.x	Unit of alcohols consumed by male
Supp_Selenium	Selenium supplements
MEDS_Aspirin	Aspirin consumed
COND HIV AIDS.x	HIV positivity within males