

# Strategies for handling missing data caused by item nonresponse in environmental monitoring programs

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## Abstract

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## 1. Introduction

- Item nonresponse
- Three types of missingness

## 2. Background

There are two types of item nonresponse we consider: structural and non-structural. Item nonresponse is structural when the reason that the data are missing is directly related to physical features at a site. When structural nonresponse occurs, the data are “not missing at random”, but we have information about the mechanism that causes the missingness. Item nonresponse is non-structural when the reason the data are missing is not directly related to physical features at a site. The approaches for handling structural vs non-structural item nonresponse vary drastically, so it is important the correctly identify the type of nonresponse and apply appropriate analysis techniques.

Structural item nonresponse

## 3. Applications to National Aquatic Resource Survey Data

## 4. Discussion

## 5. Quarto Examples

Here are two sample references: [Feynman and Vernon Jr. \(1963\)](#) [Dirac \(1953\)](#).

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### 5.1. Equations

Here is an equation:

$$f_X(x) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right) \left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^\alpha}; \alpha, \beta, x > 0. \quad (1)$$

It is Equation 1.

Inline equations work as well:  $\sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \{\alpha_i^\beta\}$

### 5.2. Figures and tables

Figure 1 is generated using an R chunk.

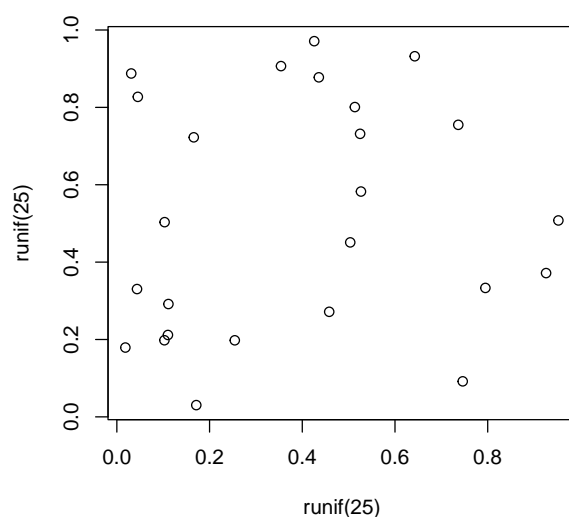


Figure 1: A meaningless scatterplot

### 5.3. Tables coming from R

Tables can also be generated using R chunks, as shown in Table 1 example.

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knitr::kable(head(mtcars)[,1:4])
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Table 1: Caption centered above table

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp
Valiant	18.1	6	225	105

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