

# Handling missing data with MICE

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# Missing data

Missing data are observations that should be part of your data but aren't

| ID | Y  | X1 | X2 | X3 |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 32 | 0  | 6  | 5  |
| 2  | 25 | 1  | 5  | 3  |
| 3  | 40 | 1  | 7  | 6  |
| 4  | ?  | ?  | ?  | ?  |
| 5  | 5  | 1  | 4  | 2  |
| 6  | 27 | 0  | ?  | 7  |

# Methods for handling missing data

- There are several!
- R uses listwise deletion by default
  - Can lose power and/or bias results
- Multiple Imputation by Chained Equations (MICE)
  - Imputation = substituting missing data with estimated values

# MICE Lab Demo

- 1) Run a simple linear regression using pairwise deletion, the default in R
- 2) Impute dataset's missing vales using the mice package
- 3) Run a simple linear regression in the imputed data
- 4) Compare model estimates across missing data techniques

# Load Libraries

```
1 ---
2 title: "PSY 653 Module 1: Missing Data"
3 subtitle: "Jan 29, 2020"
4 output:
5   html_document:
6     df_print: paged
7 ---
8 |
9 # Part 1: In class Demo
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11 ## Load Libraries
12 ```{r,message=FALSE}
13 library(tidyverse)
14 library(mice)
15 library(olsrr)
16 ```
```

# Read in data

```
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```

```
`{r,message=FALSE}
```

```
mice_data1 <- read_csv("mice_data1.csv")
```

This dataset has 2 simulated variables: X1 and X2

X1 has some missing values

| X1 | X2 |
|----|----|
| 1  | 3  |
| 2  | 0  |
| 3  | 3  |
| 1  | 0  |
| 2  | 0  |
| 3  | 4  |
| NA | 0  |
| 1  | 0  |
| 2  | 1  |
| 3  | 0  |
| 1  | 2  |
| 2  | 0  |

Use a Simple Linear Regression to regress X1 on X2

```
## Simple Linear regression model X1 ~ X2
```

Using pairwise deletion for missing data by default

```
```{r}
```

```
mod1 <- lm(X1 ~ X2, data = mice_data1)
```

```
ols_regress(mod1)
```

```
```
```

# Simple linear regression output with pairwise deletion

Model Summary

|                |        |           |        |
|----------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| R              | 0.026  | RMSE      | 0.714  |
| R-Squared      | 0.001  | Coef. Var | 39.353 |
| Adj. R-Squared | -0.002 | MSE       | 0.510  |
| Pred R-Squared | -0.009 | MAE       | 0.592  |

RMSE: Root Mean Square Error

MSE: Mean Square Error

MAE: Mean Absolute Error

ANOVA

|            | Sum of Squares | DF  | Mean Square | F    | Sig.   |
|------------|----------------|-----|-------------|------|--------|
| Regression | 0.137          | 1   | 0.137       | 0.27 | 0.6039 |
| Residual   | 204.939        | 402 | 0.510       |      |        |
| Total      | 205.077        | 403 |             |      |        |

Parameter Estimates

| model       | Beta   | Std. Error | Std. Beta | t      | Sig   | lower  | upper |
|-------------|--------|------------|-----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| (Intercept) | 1.828  | 0.044      |           | 41.152 | 0.000 | 1.741  | 1.916 |
| X2          | -0.011 | 0.022      | -0.026    | -0.519 | 0.604 | -0.055 | 0.032 |

We interpret this output as usual

In write-up, would specify “missing data were handled using pairwise deletion”



# Impute the data with mice

```
## Impute the dataset 5 times (using mice)
```{r}
imputed_data <- mice(mice_data1, m=5, maxit = 50, method = 'pmm', seed = 500)
```
```

- **mice\_data1** = name of the dataset you are imputing
- **m** = # of imputations (# of imputed *versions* of the dataset you will create)
- **maxit** = number of iterations for each imputation (default is 5, generally do more)
- **method = pmm** = “Predictive Mean Matching”
- **seed** = specifying a # will allow you to get the same results each time

# What the imputation process look like

MICE uses all of the other variables to predict each missing value

| iter | imp | variable |
|------|-----|----------|
| 1    | 1   | X1       |
| 1    | 2   | X1       |
| 1    | 3   | X1       |
| 1    | 4   | X1       |
| 1    | 5   | X1       |
| 2    | 1   | X1       |
| 2    | 2   | X1       |
| 2    | 3   | X1       |
| 2    | 4   | X1       |
| 2    | 5   | X1       |
| 3    | 1   | X1       |
| 3    | 2   | X1       |

# Run the same simple linear regression of X1 on X2, but this time use the imputed dataset

```
## Regress X1 on X2 on imputed dataset using the "with" function
```{r, results= hide}
mod.imp <- with(imputed_data, exp= lm(X1 ~ X2))
summary(mod.imp)
```
```

- **mod.imp** = model name
- **with()** = tells R to run the analysis in all imputations of the data
- **exp** = an expression with a formula object
- **lm(X1 ~ X2)** = the model you want to run. In this case, a simple linear regression
- **summary()** = use to view model output

# Simple linear regression output with MICE for *all imputations*

```
mod.imp <- with(imputed_data, exp= lm(X1 ~ X2))
summary(mod.imp)
...
```

| term<br><chr> | estimate<br><dbl> | std.error<br><dbl> | statistic<br><dbl> | p.value<br><dbl> |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| (Intercept)   | 1.843998789       | 0.04306806         | 42.81592551        | 1.230265e-158    |
| X2            | -0.019184199      | 0.02092467         | -0.91682191        | 3.597405e-01     |
| (Intercept)   | 1.829037385       | 0.04236086         | 43.17752920        | 6.251121e-160    |
| X2            | -0.001437869      | 0.02058108         | -0.06986363        | 9.443341e-01     |
| (Intercept)   | 1.835000757       | 0.04178940         | 43.91067814        | 1.559009e-162    |
| X2            | -0.019259876      | 0.02030343         | -0.94860191        | 3.433462e-01     |
| (Intercept)   | 1.832034206       | 0.04266410         | 42.94088903        | 4.385727e-159    |
| X2            | -0.020546390      | 0.02072841         | -0.99121896        | 3.221259e-01     |
| (Intercept)   | 1.791168458       | 0.04269351         | 41.95411954        | 1.589717e-155    |
| X2            | 0.012751627       | 0.02074270         | 0.61475263         | 5.390373e-01     |

1-10 of 10 rows

Imputation 1

Imputation 2

Imputation 3

Imputation 4

Imputation 5

# Pool model estimates from all the imputations

```
## Pool model estimates across imputed versions of the dataset
```{r}
combined_imp <- pool(mod.imp)
summary(combined_imp)
```
```

|             | estimate     | std.error  | statistic  | df       | p.value |
|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|---------|
| (Intercept) | 1.822457999  | 0.04641326 | 39.2658866 | 100.5742 | 0.00000 |
| X2          | -0.006076888 | 0.02123498 | -0.2861734 | 289.4252 | 0.77495 |

- **mod.imp** = model name for SLR
- **pool()** = tells R to combine model estimates across each imputation
- **summary()** = use to view model output

# Compare model results between the missing data techniques

Pairwise Deletion:

```
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  1.82821    0.04443   41.152  <2e-16 ***
X2           -0.01142    0.02200   -0.519    0.604
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Pooled across MICE datasets:

```
              estimate  std.error  statistic      df p.value
(Intercept)  1.822457999 0.04641326 39.2658866 100.5742 0.00000
X2           -0.006076888 0.02123498 -0.2861734 289.4252 0.77495
```

# A few notes on the mice package

- The `with()` and `pool()` functions allow you to pool model estimates for many common analyses
- In general, you should examine missing data patterns before using mice
- Can take a lot of computational power and time to run in larger datasets
- Not currently compatible with machine learning and some multivariate analyses
  - Mplus has its own code for multiple imputation
- To read more on the mice package, view the vignette here:
  - <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/mice/mice.pdf>