Dealing with Missing Values in R

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Why Should you Worry?

- 1. Bias inferences
- 2.

Causes of Missing Values

Missing Value Concepts

Assumptions

$$f(y^o, y^m | x) = f(y^o)$$

Rubin's taxonomy of missingness;

- Missing Completely at random (MCAR)
- Missing at Random (MAR)
- Missing not at Random (MNAR)

MCAR

- missingness can't be tied to any cause. It happened completely at random.
- $f(y^o, y^m | x) = f(y^0 | x) f(y^m)$
- Solution? Just delete the missing records.

MAR

MNAR

Demonstrations

Dataset

Wrong Analysis

Acceptable Analysis

Sensitivity Analysis

Take Home

Conclusion