

Applied Statistical Analysis with Missing Data

Exercise 5 (Continuation of Exercise 2 and 3)

Consider the dataset `ess2e03_scand.dta`, cf. Exercise 2 and 3.

First imputation model revisited:

- Q1:** Assume that data satisfies the MAR assumption and use `-mi impute-` to mimic the imputation you did in Exercise 3, Q6-Q9 with respect to non-compliance, education and income. You should explicitly define and record the relevant prediction equations.
- Q2:** Investigate the distribution of imputed log-income values (Hint: look at the imputed values as well as the residuals from the model, where log-income is the dependent variable).
- Q3:** Use a “black box” imputation approach and compare with your results above. Again you should look at the distribution of imputed log-income values.
- Q4:** Some researchers suggest that age is related to income, education level and non-compliance, as is gender. Incorporate this into your analysis.

Non-compliance as passive variable

Overall non-compliance is actually defined as being either *primary* or *secondary* non-compliant. To view this structure you could cross-tabulate the two variables `primary_noncompl` and `secondary_noncompl` with the missing option:

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. tab primary_noncompl secondary_noncompl, missing
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Primary non-compliance (Did not collect medication)	Secondary non-compliance (Collected, but did not use as prescribed)		. Total
	No	Yes	
No	5,761	1,041	0 6,802
Yes	0	0	371 371
.	0	0	623 623
Total	5,761	1,041	994 7,796

- Q5:** Construct the generate statement that will define overall non-compliance from the two variables `primary_noncompl` and `secondary_noncompl`. Your resulting variable should be identical to the variable `total_noncompl`.

- Q6:** Use this statement and the following “trick” to modify your imputation such that primary and secondary non-compliance are imputed, and based on them the overall non-compliance is subsequently derived. The trick is that you may safely set secondary non-compliance to “Yes”, when primary non-compliance is “Yes”.
- Q7:** Analyze overall non-compliance as above based on this new imputed dataset, and compare with your previous findings.

Imputation stratified by country (optional)

- Q8:** Use country as a covariate in your analysis of non-compliance. Discuss whether this is reasonable when it was not included in the imputation model.
- Q9:** Stratify the imputation on country and update the analysis of Q8.