

Are missing data lost data?

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Abstract

Data analysis is sometimes compromised by missing data. In recent years the development of statistical methods to address missing data has been an active area of research. In this context, multiple imputations is a general-purpose method for analyzing datasets with missing data that is broadly applicable to a variety of missing data. In this paper firstly, issues on missing data will be presented with a brief theoretical introduction to the multiple imputations as an analytic strategy under this field. Besides, a discussion on multiple imputation techniques with a data example for illustration and clarity will be presented. In the end, some conclusions on a particular analysis will be discussed.

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