MixtComp software: Model-based clustering/imputation with mixed data, missing data and uncertain data

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Take-home message

- **Imputation:** should take into account the final analysis purpose
- **Example 2** Clustering: no imputation is needed in the model-based context
- **Mixture models:** flexible enough for accurate multiple imputation

MixtComp software

Clustering/imputation for mixed data

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Today's data (1/2)

Today, it is easy to collect many features, so it favors

- data variety and/or mixed
- data missing
- data uncertainty (or interval data)

Today's data (2/2)

And also

- Ranking data
- Directional data
- Ordinal data
- Functional data
- Graphical data
- . . .

Supervised classification (1/3)

\n- \n**Data:** learning dataset
$$
\mathcal{D} = (\mathbf{x}^O, \mathbf{z})
$$
\n
\n- \n**n** individuals: $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n) = (\mathbf{x}^O, \mathbf{x}^M)$ belonging to a space \mathcal{X} \n
\n- \n**Observe** individuals \mathbf{x}^O \n
\n- \n**Missing individuals** \mathbf{x}^M \n
\n- \n**Partition in** K groups G_1, \ldots, G_K : $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{z}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{z}_n)$, $\mathbf{z}_i = (z_{i1}, \ldots, z_{iK})^T$ \n
\n- \n**x**_i $\in G_k$ \n
\n- \n**z**_i $\in \mathcal{G}_k$ \n
\n

Aim: estimation of an allocation rule r from D

$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\nr: & \mathcal{X} & \longrightarrow & \{1, \ldots, K\} \\
\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\mathcal{Q}} & \longmapsto & r(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}^{\mathcal{Q}}).\n\end{array}
$$

Supervised classification (2/3)

Supervised classification (3/3)

Semi-supervised classification (1/3)

Data: learning dataset $\mathcal{D} = (\mathbf{x}^O, \mathbf{z}^O)$ *n* individuals: $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) = (\mathbf{x}^O, \mathbf{x}^M)$ belonging to a space $\mathcal X$ Observed individuals x^0 **Missing individuals** x^M Partition: $z = (z_1, \ldots, z_n) = (z^0, z^M)$ Observed partition z^0 **Missing partition** z^M \blacksquare Aim: estimation of an allocation rule r from $\mathcal D$

> $r: \quad \mathcal{X} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \{1,\ldots, \mathcal{K}\}$ $x_{n+1}^O \quad \longmapsto \quad r(x_{n+1}^O).$

Idea: **x** is cheaper than **z** so $\#z^M \gg \#z^O$

Semi-supervised classification (2/3)

Semi-supervised classification (3/3)

Unsupervised classification (1/3)

- Data: learning dataset $\mathcal{D} = \mathbf{x}^O$, so $\mathbf{z}^O = \emptyset$
- Aim: estimation of the partition z and the number of groups K
- Also known as: clustering

Unsupervised classification (2/3)

Unsupervised classification (3/3)

Traditional solutions (1/3)

Two main frameworks

Generative models

- \blacksquare Model $p(x, z)$
- Thus direct model for $p(x) = \sum_{z} p(x, z)$
- Easy to take into account some missing z and x

Predictive models

- **Model** $p(z|x)$ **or sometimes** $1_{\{p(z|x) > 1/2\}}$ **or also ranking on** $p(z|x)$
- Avoid asumptions on $p(x)$, thus avoids associated error model
- \blacksquare difficult to take into account some missing z and x

Traditional solutions (2/3)

No mixed, missing or uncertain data:

- Supervised classification¹
	- Generative models: linear/quadratic discriminant analysis
	- Predictive models: logistic regression, support vector machines (SVM), k nearest neighbourhood, classification trees. . .
- Semi-supervised classification²
	- Generative models: mixture models
	- Predictive models: low density separation (transductive SVM), graph-based methods...
- Unsupervised classification³
	- Generative models: k-means like criteria, hierarchical clustering, mixture models
	- Predictive models: -

 1 Govaert et al., Data Analysis, Chap.6, 2009

 2 Chapelle et al., Semi-supervised learning, 2006

 3 Govaert *et al.*, Data Analysis, Chap.7-9, 2009

Traditional solutions (3/3)

But more complex with mixed, missing or uncertain data...

- **Missing/uncertain data: multiple imputation is possible but it should ideally take** into account the classification purpose at hand
- **Mixed data: some heuristic methods with recoding**

How to marry the classification aim with mixed, missing or uncertain data?

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Density estimation (1/2)

- Data: learning dataset $\mathcal{D} = \mathbf{x}^O$, so $\mathbf{z}^O = \emptyset$
- Aim: estimation of the distribution $p(x)$
- Extension easy to: $\mathcal{D} = (\mathbf{x}^O, \mathbf{z}^O)$ with $\mathbf{z}^O \neq \emptyset$
- Useful for: data imputation and multi-purpose classification!

Density estimation (2/2)

The mixture model answer in $\{\emptyset$, semi, un algorithm classification

Rigorous definition of a group:

$$
\mathbf{x}_1 \in G_k \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x}_1 \text{ is a realization of } \mathbf{X}_1 \sim \mathbf{p}_k(\mathbf{x}_1)
$$

Mixture formulation:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}\n\mathbf{X}_{1|Z_{1k}=1} & \sim & p_k(\mathbf{x}_1) \\
\mathbf{Z}_1 & \sim & \text{Mult}_K(1, \underbrace{\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_K}_{\pi})\n\end{array}
$$

Joint and marginal (or mixture) distributions:

$$
(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) \sim \prod_{k=1}^K [\pi_k \mathsf{p}_k(\mathbf{x}_1)]^{z_{1k}}
$$

$$
\mathbf{X}_1 \sim \mathsf{p}(\mathbf{x}_1) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathsf{p}_k(\mathbf{x}_1)
$$

Maximum a posteriori (MAP): with $t_k(\mathbf{x}_1^O) = p(Z_{1k} = 1 | \mathbf{x}_1^O) = \frac{\pi_k p_k(\mathbf{x}_1^O)}{p(\mathbf{x}_1^O)}$

$$
r(\mathbf{x}_1^O) = \arg\max_{k=\{1,\ldots,K\}} t_k(\mathbf{x}_1^O)
$$

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The mixture model answer for imputation

Straightforward also, for instance by the mode

$$
\hat{\mathbf{x}}^M = \arg\max_{\mathbf{x}^M} \text{p}(\mathbf{x}^M | \mathbf{x}^O)
$$

Other possibilities, depending on the data type: mean, etc.

Distribution $p(x^M|x^O)$

It allows also to perform a specific multiple imputation!

The mixture model answer in density estimation

Mixture models: extremely flexible family of distributions

Mixture of mixture models: flexibility for groups also

Parametric mixture model

Parametric assumption:

$$
\mathsf{p}_k(\mathsf{x}_1) = \mathsf{p}(\mathsf{x}_1; \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k)
$$

thus

$$
p(\mathbf{x}_1) = p(\mathbf{x}_1; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k p(\mathbf{x}_1; \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k)
$$

Mixture parameter:

$$
\pmb{\theta} = (\pmb{\pi}, \pmb{\alpha}) \text{ with } \pmb{\alpha} = (\pmb{\alpha}_1, \dots, \pmb{\alpha}_K)
$$

Model: it includes both the family $p(\cdot; \alpha_k)$ and the number of groups K

$$
\mathbf{m} = \{p(\mathbf{x}_1; \boldsymbol{\theta}) : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta\}
$$

The number of free continuous parameters is given by

$$
\nu=\text{dim}(\Theta)
$$

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Mixed data: conditional independence everywhere

The aim is to combine continuous, categorical and integer data

$$
\textbf{x}_1=(\textbf{x}_1^\textit{cont},\textbf{x}_1^\textit{cat},\textbf{x}_1^\textit{int})
$$

The proposed solution is to mixed all types by inter conditional independence

$$
\texttt{p}(\textbf{x}_1; \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k) = \texttt{p}(\textbf{x}_1^{cont}; \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k^{cont}) \times \texttt{p}(\textbf{x}_1^{cat}; \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k^{cat}) \times \texttt{p}(\textbf{x}_1^{int}; \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k^{int})
$$

In addition, for symmetry between types, intra conditional independence for each type

Continuous: Gaussian mixture model

$$
p(\cdot; \alpha_k^{cont}) = N_d(\mu_k, \underbrace{\Sigma_k}_{\text{diagonal}})
$$

Categorical: latent class model

categorical variables: d variables with m_j modalities each, $\mathbf{x}_i^j \in \{0,1\}^{m_j}$ and

 $\mathbf{x}_i^{jh} = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad$ variable j of \mathbf{x}_i takes modality h

Intra conditional independence:

$$
p(\mathbf{x}_i^{cat}; \alpha_k^{cat}) = \prod_{j=1}^d \prod_{h=1}^{m_j} (\alpha_k^{jh})^{x_i^{jh}}
$$

and

$$
\alpha_k^{jh}=\mathsf{p}(X_i^{jh}=1|Z_{ik}=1)
$$

with $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k = (\alpha_k^{jh}; j = 1, \dots, d; h = 1, \dots, m_j)$

Integer: Poisson mixture model

- integer variables: d variables $\mathsf{x}_i^j \in \mathbb{N}$
- Intra conditional independence:

$$
p(\mathbf{x}_i^{int}; \alpha_k^{int}) = \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{(\alpha_k^j)^{\alpha_i^j}}{\alpha_k^j!} e^{-\alpha_k^j}
$$

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Sampling assumptions

True distribution:

 $\mathcal{D} \sim p(\mathcal{D})$

Model distribution:

$$
(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_i) \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} p(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{z}_1; \boldsymbol{\theta})
$$

Gap between both, but flexibiliy:

$$
\theta^* = \arg\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathsf{KL}(\mathsf{p}, \mathsf{p}_{\theta})
$$

where

$$
\mathsf{KL}(p, p_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \mathsf{E}_{\mathcal{D}'}[\ln p(\mathcal{D}') - \ln p(\mathcal{D}'; \boldsymbol{\theta})]
$$

Observed-data log-likelihood estimation of θ

Principle: MLE

$$
\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{D})
$$

with observed log-likelihood

$$
\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{D}) = \ln p(\mathcal{D}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \ln \int_{x^M} \sum_{\mathbf{z}^M} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) d\mathbf{x}^M
$$

Consistency: we have

$$
\hat{\theta} \xrightarrow{a.s.} \theta^*
$$

Algorithm: SEM

SEM algorithm

- Initialisation: $\theta^{(0)}$
- Iteration nb q :
	- E-step: compute conditional probabilities $p(x^M, z^M | \mathcal{D}; \theta^{(q)})$
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	- S-step: draw $(x^{M(q)}, z^{M(q)})$ from $p(x^M, z^M | \mathcal{D}; \theta^{(q)})$
M-step: maximize $\theta^{(q+1)} = \arg \max_{\theta} \ln p(x^O, z^O, x^{M(q)}, z^{M(q)}; \theta)$
- Stopping rule: iteration number

Properties

- simplicity because of conditional independence
- classical M steps
- avoids local maxima
- the mean of the sequence $(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(q)})$ approximates $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$
- the variance of the sequence $(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(q)})$ gives confidence intervals

SE algorithm

A SE algorithm estimates then (x^M, z^M)

- Iteration nb q :
	- E-step: compute conditional probabilities $p(x^M, z^M | \mathcal{D}; \hat{\theta})$
S-step: draw $(x^{M(q)}, z^{M(q)})$ from $p(x^M, z^M | \mathcal{D}; \hat{\theta})$
- Stopping rule: iteration number

Properties

- simplicity because of conditional independence
- the mean/mode of the sequence $(\pmb{x}^{\textit{M(q)}},\pmb{z}^{\textit{M(q)}})$ estimates $(\pmb{x}^{\textit{M}},\pmb{z}^{\textit{M}})$
- confidence intervals are also derived

Estimating K

Density estimation purpose:

$$
\mathsf{BIC} = \ln \mathsf{p}(\mathbf{x}^{\,0}, \mathbf{z}^{\,0}; \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - \frac{\mathsf{nb} \ \mathsf{param.}}{2} \ln(n)
$$

Clustering purpose:

$$
ICL = \ln p(\mathbf{x}^O, \mathbf{z}^O, \hat{\mathbf{z}}^M; \hat{\theta}) - \frac{\text{nb param.}}{2} \ln(n)
$$

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What about the process that causes missing data?

Biometrika (1976), 63, 3, pp. 581-92 Printed in Great Britain

Inference and missing data

BY DONALD B. RUBIN

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SUMMARY

When making sampling distribution inferences about the parameter of the data, θ , it is appropriate to ignore the process that causes missing data if the missing data are 'missing at random' and the observed data are 'observed at random', but these inferences are generally conditional on the observed pattern of missing data. When making directlikelihood or Bayesian inferences about θ , it is appropriate to ignore the process that causes missing data if the missing data are missing at random and the parameter of the missing data process is 'distinct' from θ . These conditions are the weakest general conditions under which ignoring the process that causes missing data always leads to correct inferences.

Some key words: Bayesian inference; Incomplete data; Likelihood inference; Missing at random; Missing data; Missing values; Observed at random; Sampling distribution inference.

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Prostate cancer data⁴ $(1/2)$

- Individuals: 506 patients with prostatic cancer grouped on clinical criteria into two Stages 3 and 4 of the disease
- \blacksquare Variables: $d = 12$ pre-trial variates were measured on each patient, composed by eight continuous variables (age, weight, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, serum haemoglobin, size of primary tumour, index of tumour stage and histolic grade, serum prostatic acid phosphatase) and four categorical variables with various numbers of levels (performance rating, cardiovascular disease history, electrocardiogram code, bone metastases)
- Some missing data: 62 missing values ($\approx 1\%$)

 4 Byar DP, Green SB (1980): Bulletin Cancer, Paris 67:477-488

Prostate cancer data (2/2)

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Aim

We forget the classes (Stages of the desease) for performing clustering

Visually not so easy. . .

Create an account in MixtComp

https://modal-research.lille.inria.fr/BigStat/

See documentation at https://modal.lille.inria.fr/wikimodal/doku.php?id=mixtcomp

Variable descriptor file: descriptor.csv

Syntax/allowed missing data

allowed missing value types for each model

Data file: data.csv

Number of clusters file: param.ini

Input file: *.zip

descriptor.csv $+$ data.csv $+$ param.ini = NameYouWant.zip

Learn!

Output zip file

Output R format

```
res
   strategy
       nbTrialInInit
       nbBurnInIter
       nbIter
       nbGibbsBurnInIter
       nhGibbeTter
   mixture
       nbCluster
       nbFreeParameters
       lnObservedLikelihood
       lnSemiCompletedLikelihood
       InCompletedLikelihood
       BIC
       ICL
       runTime
       nbSample
       warnLog
   variable
       data
           z class
               completed !!! <- imputed classes
               stat !!! <- a posteriori distribution of class for each individual (= p(z i / x i))
           categorical1
               completed
               stat
           categorical2, etc ...
       param
           z_class
               stat !!! <- model proportions and quantiles
               logcategorical1
               stat
               log
           categorical2, etc ...
```
Note that the z class variable contains all the information pertaining to the latent classes:

Fig. $res5$ variable\$data\$sample\$completed contains the imputation for the class. \hat{z}_i

Fig. 1. res\$variable\$data\$sample\$stat contains the estimated a posteriori probabilities, \hat{t}_{ik}

- res\$variable\$param\$z class\$stat contains the proportions, $\hat{\pi}_k$

Two strategies in competition

- **Strategy** "mice⁵ + MixtComp": MixtComp on the dataset completed by mice
- > data.imp=mice(data)
- > data.comp.mice=complete(data.imp)
	- Strategy "full MixtComp": MixtComp on the observed (no completed) dataset

5 http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/mice/mice.pdf

Choosing K with the ICL criterion

. . . may lose some cluster information when imputation before clustering

Partition quality with $K = 2$

To be compared also to missing data removal:

- 475 patients with non-missing data
- **MixtComp for clustering**
- possibility to consider continuous, categorical or mixed data

- \blacksquare risk of information lost when removing missing data lines/columns
- avoid to complete missing data (imputation depends on the purpose)

And for supervised classification?

Use now the predict functionality of MixtComp

Then same output format as the learn functionality of MixtComp

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Cancer dataset with more missing data

Add artificially $\approx 30\%$ missing data with a MCAR design Then compare two strategies of imputation:

Strategy "mice": dataset completed by mice

```
> data.imp=mice(data)
```
> data.comp.mice=complete(data.imp)

■ Strategy "full MixtComp": MixtComp on the observed (no completed) dataset

Output multiple imputation by MixtComp

Imputation accuracy

Continuous variables: mean of absolute difference between x and \hat{x}

Gategorical variable: mean of the proportion of difference between x and \hat{x}

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Conclusion

- **Clustering:** work directly on observed (not imputed) data
- **Imputation:** possible since flexibility of mixture models for density estimation
- **MixtComp:** clustering and/or imputation for mixed data
	- Now: continuous, categorical, integer
	- Next: ordinal, ranks, functional, directional