

Supplementary materials for multiple imputation in quantile regression

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We present the supplementary simulation results in the following settings:

Setting 1: Observation (Y, X, Z) follows Models (4) and (5) in the section of Simulation respectively. The (X, Z) correlation is 0.5. A heavier missing rate is introduced, i.e., 35% X s are missing. The estimated coefficients and their standard errors from the “complete-data-estimator”, multiple imputation estimator and shrinkage estimator are presented in Table 1.

Setting 2: Observation (Y, X, Z) follows Models (4) and (5), with 25% x missing. A weaker (X, Z) correlation is used, i.e., (X, Z) correlation is 0.3. The estimated coefficients and their standard errors from complete-data-estimator, multiple imputation estimator and shrinkage estimator are presented in Table 2.

Setting 3: Observation (Y, X, Z) follows Models (4) and (5), with 25% x missing. A stronger (X, Z) correlation is used, i.e., (X, Z) correlation is 0.7. The estimated coefficients and their standard errors from complete-data-estimator, multiple imputation estimator and shrinkage estimator are presented in Table 3.

			$\tau = 0.1$			$\tau = 0.5$			$\tau = 0.9$		
			True	Mean	S.E.	True	Mean	S.E.	True	Mean	S.E.
M	intercept	$\hat{\beta}$	-0.28	-0.33	0.88	1.00	0.98	0.71	2.28	2.22	0.96
		$\tilde{\beta}$	-0.28	-0.13	0.71	1.00	1.13	0.55	2.28	2.48	0.81
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	-0.28	-0.33	0.75	1.00	1.03	0.62	2.28	2.36	0.83
D	x	$\hat{\beta}$	1.00	0.99	0.16	1.00	1.00	0.12	1.00	1.00	0.16
		$\tilde{\beta}$	1.00	1.00	0.17	1.00	1.00	0.14	1.00	1.01	0.16
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	1.00	0.91	0.18	1.00	0.93	0.15	1.00	0.90	0.19
(4)	z	$\hat{\beta}$	1.00	1.01	0.20	1.00	1.00	0.15	1.00	1.00	0.21
		$\tilde{\beta}$	1.00	1.05	0.17	1.00	1.04	0.12	1.00	1.03	0.17
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	1.00	1.03	0.18	1.00	1.02	0.13	1.00	1.02	0.19
M	intercept	$\hat{\beta}$	1.00	0.79	3.88	1.00	0.99	2.69	1.00	0.72	4.07
		$\tilde{\beta}$	1.00	1.10	2.20	1.00	1.11	1.79	1.00	1.74	2.25
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	1.00	0.85	3.16	1.00	1.03	2.24	1.00	1.34	3.25
D	x	$\hat{\beta}$	0.36	0.37	0.82	1.00	1.01	0.55	1.64	1.68	0.69
		$\tilde{\beta}$	0.36	0.34	0.64	1.00	0.85	0.49	1.64	1.34	0.60
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	0.36	0.37	0.76	1.00	0.98	0.53	1.64	1.58	0.67
(5)	z	$\hat{\beta}$	0.36	0.41	0.87	1.00	1.00	0.59	1.64	1.67	1.03
		$\tilde{\beta}$	0.36	0.37	0.54	1.00	1.11	0.38	1.64	1.70	0.60
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	0.36	0.41	0.70	1.00	1.02	0.49	1.64	1.67	0.85

Table 1. Means and standard errors of the estimated coefficients at quantile levels 0.1, 0.5 and 0.9 from 500 simulations in Models (4) and (5), with X missing 35% of the time. Here $\hat{\beta}$ stands for the estimated coefficients using the completely observed data only, $\tilde{\beta}$ is multiple imputation estimator with 10 imputations; and $\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$ is the shrinkage estimator. The true coefficients are listed under the "True" columns.

			$\tau = 0.1$			$\tau = 0.5$			$\tau = 0.9$		
			True	Mean	S.E.	True	Mean	S.E.	True	Mean	S.E.
M	intercept	$\hat{\beta}$	-0.28	-0.31	0.89	1.00	1.01	0.62	2.28	2.17	0.84
		$\tilde{\beta}$	-0.28	-0.14	0.71	1.00	1.04	0.54	2.28	2.70	0.73
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	-0.28	-0.28	0.25	1.00	1.02	0.56	2.28	2.32	0.82
D	x	$\hat{\beta}$	1.00	0.99	0.16	1.00	0.99	0.11	1.00	1.00	0.14
		$\tilde{\beta}$	1.00	0.93	0.14	1.00	0.96	0.11	1.00	0.96	0.16
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	1.00	0.98	0.15	1.00	0.99	0.11	1.00	0.99	0.15
(4)	z	$\hat{\beta}$	1.00	1.01	0.17	1.00	1.00	0.12	1.00	1.02	0.18
		$\tilde{\beta}$	1.00	1.02	0.14	1.00	1.01	0.10	1.00	0.98	0.16
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	1.00	1.02	0.15	1.00	1.01	0.10	1.00	1.00	0.17
M	intercept	$\hat{\beta}$	1.00	0.96	3.73	1.00	1.12	2.33	1.00	0.87	4.02
		$\tilde{\beta}$	1.00	1.06	2.41	1.00	1.01	1.69	1.00	1.55	2.53
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	1.00	0.84	3.20	1.00	1.08	1.99	1.00	1.21	3.44
D	x	$\hat{\beta}$	0.36	0.43	0.62	1.00	1.01	0.51	1.64	1.68	0.62
		$\tilde{\beta}$	0.36	0.39	0.52	1.00	0.92	0.46	1.64	1.45	0.53
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	0.36	0.42	0.58	1.00	0.98	0.49	1.64	1.62	0.60
(5)	z	$\hat{\beta}$	0.36	0.37	0.64	1.00	1.04	0.44	1.64	1.61	0.58
		$\tilde{\beta}$	0.36	0.33	0.52	1.00	0.95	0.41	1.64	1.45	0.55
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	0.36	0.36	0.61	1.00	1.01	0.42	1.64	1.57	0.56

Table 2. Means and standard errors of the estimated coefficients at quantile levels 0.1, 0.5 and 0.9 from 500 simulations in Models (4) and (5) with (x, z) correlation 0.3. Here $\hat{\beta}$ stands for the estimated coefficient using the completely observed data only, $\tilde{\beta}$ is multiple imputation estimator with 10 imputations; and $\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$ is the shrinkage estimator. The true coefficients are listed under the "True" columns.

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			True	Mean	S.E.	True	Mean	S.E.	True	Mean	S.E.
M	intercept	$\hat{\beta}$	-0.28	-0.27	0.78	1.00	1.02	0.61	2.28	2.32	0.88
		$\tilde{\beta}$	-0.28	-0.25	0.61	1.00	1.10	0.46	2.28	2.55	0.69
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	-0.28	-0.27	0.68	1.00	1.04	0.53	2.28	2.40	0.73
D	x	$\hat{\beta}$	1.00	0.99	0.20	1.00	0.98	0.15	1.00	0.98	0.19
		$\tilde{\beta}$	1.00	0.94	0.18	1.00	0.94	0.14	1.00	0.90	0.20
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	1.00	0.98	0.19	1.00	0.98	0.14	1.00	0.97	0.19
(4)	z	$\hat{\beta}$	1.00	1.01	0.23	1.00	1.01	0.17	1.00	1.00	0.23
		$\tilde{\beta}$	1.00	1.06	0.20	1.00	1.04	0.14	1.00	1.03	0.19
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	1.00	1.03	0.21	1.00	1.02	0.15	1.00	1.01	0.20
M	intercept	$\hat{\beta}$	1.00	0.86	3.49	1.00	1.09	2.27	1.00	0.91	3.66
		$\tilde{\beta}$	1.00	0.99	1.92	1.00	1.00	1.34	1.00	1.06	2.09
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	1.00	0.80	2.92	1.00	1.08	1.79	1.00	1.11	3.03
D	x	$\hat{\beta}$	0.36	0.40	0.84	1.00	1.06	0.63	1.64	1.68	0.78
		$\tilde{\beta}$	0.36	0.33	0.67	1.00	0.93	0.57	1.64	1.47	0.68
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	0.36	0.39	0.80	1.00	1.03	0.60	1.64	1.62	0.75
(5)	z	$\hat{\beta}$	0.36	0.36	0.89	0.36	0.93	0.66	0.36	1.60	1.04
		$\tilde{\beta}$	0.36	0.41	0.62	0.36	1.06	0.48	0.36	1.78	0.71
		$\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$	0.36	0.40	0.77	0.36	0.96	0.58	0.36	1.63	0.92

Table 3. Means and standard errors of the estimated coefficients at quantile levels 0.1, 0.5 and 0.9 from 500 simulations in Models (4) and (5) with (x, z) correlation 0.7. Here $\hat{\beta}$ stands for the estimated coefficient using the completely observed data only, $\tilde{\beta}$ is multiple imputation estimator with 10 imputations; and $\hat{\beta}^{(s)}$ is the shrinkage estimator. The true coefficients are listed under the "True" columns.

SUPPLEMENTARY PLOT FOR SECTION 5: APPLICATION TO THE EATING AT AMERICAN'S TABLES STUDY

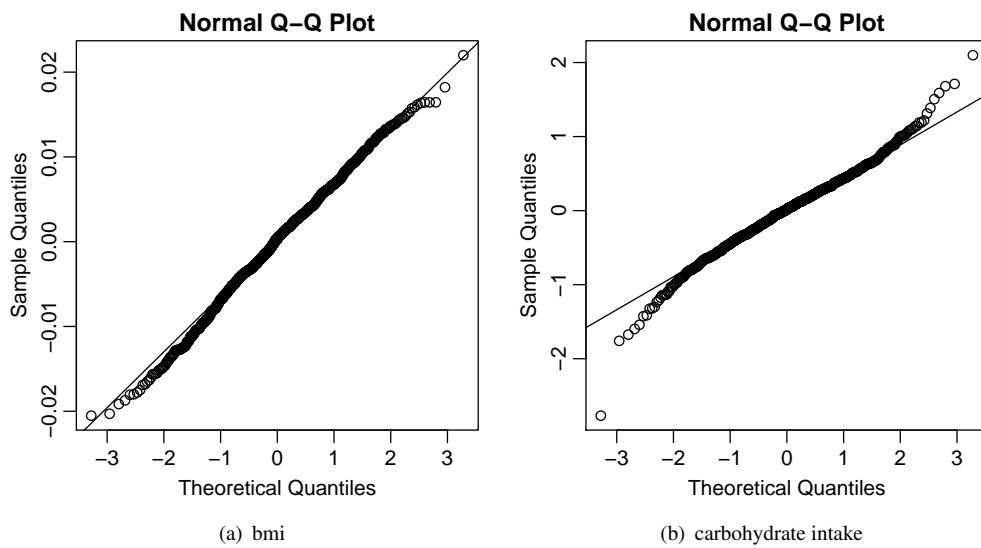


Fig. 1. Quantile-quantile plots. The left figure is quantile-quantile plot of the residuals from the model of carbohydrate intake, while the right one is that of body mass index.