

# Learning from missing data with the LBM

## Advanced unsupervised learning

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## High-dimensionality $\Rightarrow$ **Co-Clustering**

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# Binary data context

In [1], they focus exclusively on a binary matrix with missing values.

$$X^{\text{obs}} = \begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & 2 & \dots & n_2 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & \text{NA} & \dots & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ n_1 & \text{NA} & 1 & \dots & \text{NA} \end{array}$$

**Objective:** Find the  $K$  row and  $L$  column clusters.

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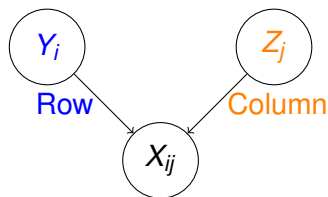
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- For  $\pi = (\pi_{kl}; k \in [K], l \in [L])$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(X_{ij} = 1 \mid Y_{ik} Z_{jl} = 1; \pi) = \pi_{kl},$$

$$\forall i_1, i_2 \in [n_1], j_1, j_2 \in [n_2], \quad X_{i_1 j_1} \mid Y_{i_1}, Z_{j_1} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{i_2 j_2} \mid Y_{i_2}, Z_{j_2}$$

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Figure 1: Summary of the latent block model (LBM).

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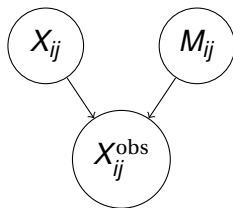
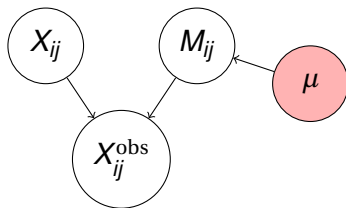


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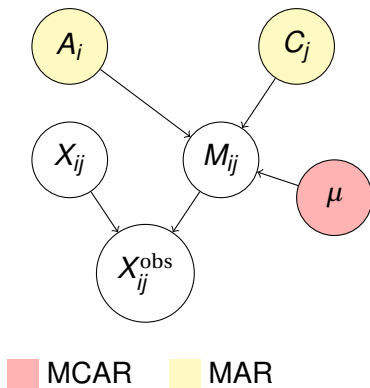
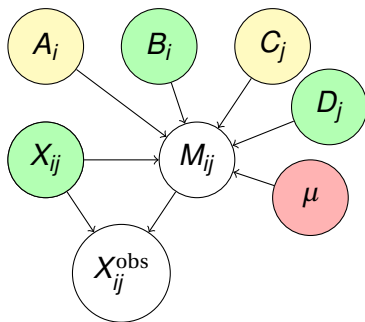


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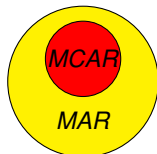
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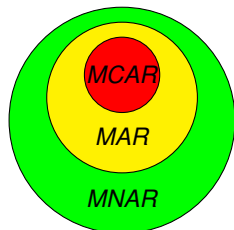
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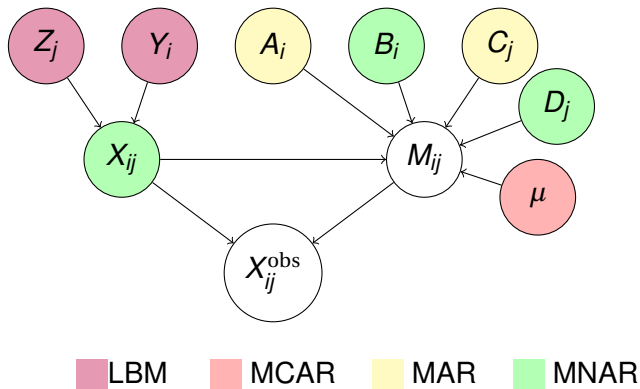


Figure 3: LBM adapted to the MNAR mechanism.

The latent variables are  $\theta = (\alpha, \beta, \pi, \mu, \sigma_A^2, \sigma_B^2, \sigma_C^2, \sigma_D^2)$ .

# The final model

Rewriting we have

$$X_{ij}^{\text{obs}} | Y_{ik} = 1, Z_{jl} = 1, A_i, B_i, C_j, D_j \sim \text{cat} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \text{NA} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \rho_0 \\ \rho_1 \\ 1 - \rho_0 - \rho_1 \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad (1)$$

where

$$\rho_0 = (1 - \pi_{kl}) \text{expit}(\mu + A_i - B_i + C_j - D_j) \quad (2)$$

and

$$\rho_1 = \pi_{kl} \text{expit}(\mu + A_i + B_i + C_j + D_j). \quad (3)$$



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Mean field approximation.

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$$\begin{aligned}q_{\gamma} &= \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} \mathcal{M}\left(1; \tau_i^{(Y)}\right) \times \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} \mathcal{M}\left(1; \tau_j^{(Z)}\right) \\ &\times \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} \mathcal{N}\left(v_i^{(A)}, \rho_i^{(A)}\right) \times \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} \mathcal{N}\left(v_i^{(B)}, \rho_i^{(B)}\right) \\ &\times \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} \mathcal{N}\left(v_j^{(C)}, \rho_j^{(C)}\right) \times \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} \mathcal{N}\left(v_j^{(D)}, \rho_j^{(D)}\right).\end{aligned}$$

Variational parameters:

$$\gamma := \left(\tau^{(Y)}, \tau^{(Z)}, v^{(A)}, \rho^{(A)}, v^{(B)}, \rho^{(B)}, v^{(C)}, \rho^{(C)}, v^{(D)}, \rho^{(D)}\right).$$

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**Algorithm 1:** VEM for LBM with MNAR

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**Data:** The incomplete data  $X^{\text{obs}}$  and the number of rows and columns clusters  $K$  and  $L$ .

**Result:** The model  $\theta$  and variational  $\gamma$  parameters.

1 Initialize the parameters.

2 **while** *not stopping criterion satisfied* **do**

3     **VE-step:** we update the variational parameters:

$$\gamma^{t+1} \in \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathcal{J}(q_{\gamma}, \theta^t).$$

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Practical approximation:

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No formal and explicit solutions: **L-BFGS optimization algorithm**

- Compute the gradients: computationally intense
- Autograd submodule from PyTorch: GPU capabilities

# Results: Synthetic data

**Objective:** ensures certainty in the methodology employed to adapt to the underlying model

**Data generation:** various **sizes** and **difficulty levels** from a LBM with a MNAR missingness model

- Parameters incorporating 35% rate of global missingness
- Process repeated 20 times: variability parameter initialization

# Synthetic data: Class prediction

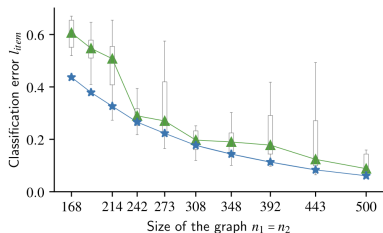


Figure 4: Comparison of classification errors concerning the size of the data matrix

- ★ The conditional Bayes risk,
- ▲ Results from the paper

- $I_{item}$ : measures discrepancy among row and column clusters
- Task difficulty decrease: increasing size of  $n_1 = n_2$
- Better class prediction for larger datasets (lower  $I_{item}$ )

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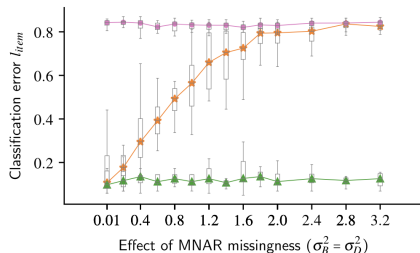


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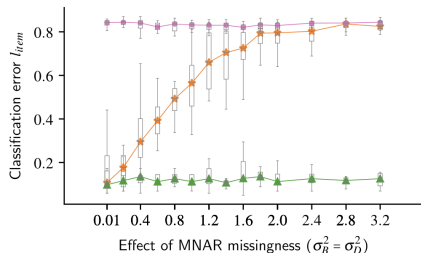


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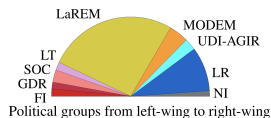
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  - Names, political group etc.
  - Majority: Centrist MPs ('LaREM', 'MODEM')



FI (17): France Insoumise  
GDR (16): Groupe de la Gauche démocrate et républicaine  
SOC (29): Socialistes  
LT (19): Libertés et territoires  
LaREM (304): La République En Marche  
MODEM (46): Mouvement démocrate  
UDI-AGIR (28): Les Constructifs  
LR (104): Les Républicains  
NI (13): Non inscrits (mixed left and right wings)

Hemicycle of the French National Assembly political groups

# Real data: vote repartition

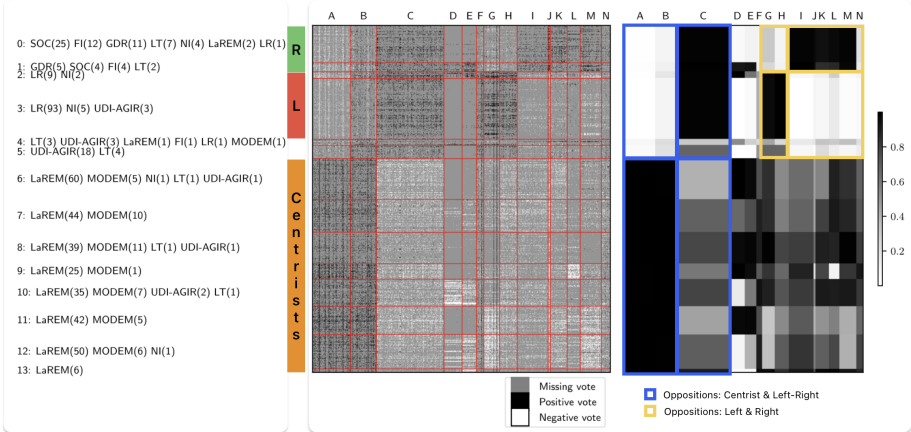
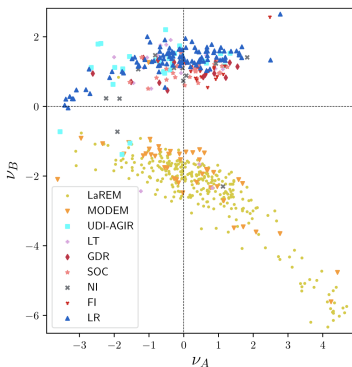


Figure 7: Reordered opinions according to row and column clusters

# Real data: propensity to vote



Maximum a posteriori of the MPs propensities ( $\nu_i^{(A)}, \nu_i^{(B)}$ ) for  $K=L=14$

- A: propensity to vote (MAR effect)
- B: additional effect of casting a vote when supporting the resolution (MNAR)
- $\nu_B$ : Discrimination of two clusters (centrists, left-right)

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# Conclusion

- Scarcity of co-clustering methods for informative missingness
- Flexible missingness model for binary LBM
- Model estimation through a VEM approach
- Model selection criterion based on ICL
- Challenges: local minima convergence in VEM
- Future work:
  - Adapt the algorithm to ordinary data types
  - Formal identifiability proof

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## 7 Appendix

## Model estimation:

The observed log-likelihood can be rewritten as:

$$\log p(X^{\text{obs}}; \theta) = \mathcal{F}(q, \theta) + \text{KL}(q(\cdot) \parallel p(\cdot | X^{\text{obs}}; \theta)),$$

where *free energy*  $\mathcal{F}$  given by

$$\mathcal{F}(q, \theta) = \mathcal{H}(q) + \log p(X^{\text{obs}}, Y, Z, A, B, C, D).$$

# Classification error

Measure of discrepancy:

$$l_{item}(Y, Z, \hat{Y}, \hat{Z}) = 1 - \max_{t \in \Omega_1, s \in \Omega_2} \frac{1}{n_1 n_2} \sum_{ijkl} Y_{ik} \hat{Y}_{it(k)} Z_{jl} \hat{Z}_{js(l)},$$

where  $\Omega_1$  (resp.  $\Omega_2$ ) represents the set over all permutations of [K] (resp. [L]).

# Conditioned Bayes risk

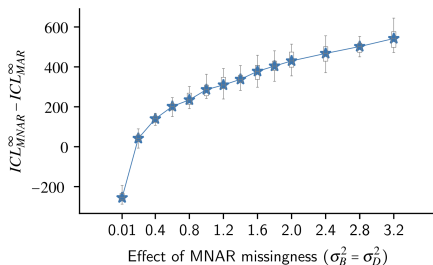
Conditioned Bayes risk on observed data matrices [[2]]:

$$r_{item}(\hat{Y}, \hat{Z}) = \mathbb{E}[l_{item}(Y, Z, \hat{Y}, \hat{Z}) | X^{\text{obs}}]$$
$$(\hat{Y}, \hat{Z}) = \underset{Y, Z}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{ij} p(Y_i, Z_j | X^{\text{obs}}).$$

- Control difficulty of clustering on simulated data matrices
- Tackle variability across risk on simulated data matrices

As the term  $p(Y, Z | X^{\text{obs}})$  is intractable, they compute the expectation as the average of a Gibbs sampler of  $(Y, Z | X^{\text{obs}})$ .

## Difference in ICL Figure



**Figure 9:** Difference in ICL between MAR and MNAR with respect to an increase in the MNAR effect

Where  $\star$  is the median and MNAR model is selected when the ICL difference is positive.

# Number of row and column clusters figure

		$r_{item}(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}) = 5\%$				$r_{item}(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}) = 12\%$				$r_{item}(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}) = 20\%$			
		L				L				L			
		2	3	4	5	2	3	4	5	2	3	4	5
$n_1 = n_2 = 30$	K	2	4	3	1	7	5			10	3		
		3	3	9		5	1	1		5	1		
		4				1					1		
		5											
$n_1 = n_2 = 40$	K	2	3	4		10	4	1		12	2	1	
		3		12			5			4	1		
		4			1								
		5											
$n_1 = n_2 = 50$	K	2		1		6	2			15	1	2	
		3	2	16			11			1	0		
		4			1	1				1			
		5											
$n_1 = n_2 = 75$	K	2	3			10	1			16			
		3		16			8				4		
		4				1							
		5	1										
$n_1 = n_2 = 100$	K	2				6				17			
		3		20			14				2	1	
		4											
		5											
$n_1 = n_2 = 150$	K	2		1		4	1			15		1	
		3		18			15				4		
		4											
		5			1								

Figure 10: Number of (K, L) models selected by the asymptotic ICL among 20 trials on data matrices of different sizes and difficulties.

All matrices are generated with the same number of row and column classes:  $K = L = 3$ .

# Our implementations

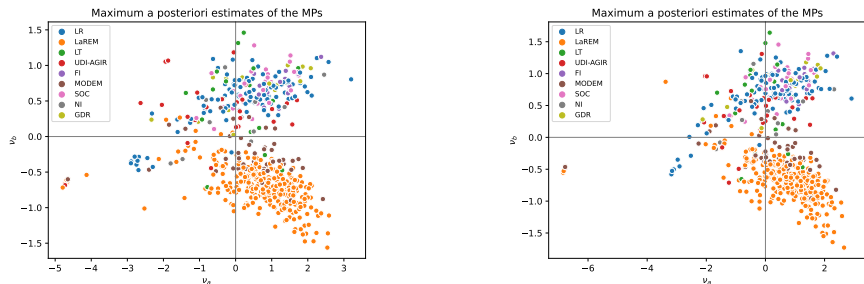


Figure 11: Maximum a posteriori estimates of the MPs propensities from our implementation for  $K = 3$  and  $L = 5$



# Our implementations



**Figure 12:** Reordered opinions according to row and column clusters from our implementation  $K = 3$  and  $L = 5$