

# Model selection & some other Miscellaneous

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# What do you think?



Racial discrimination in mortgage lending has declined sharply in America



Endogeneity tweet

## Expected Competencies

- Understand the difference between predictive and etiological epidemiology principles.
- Knows statistical assumptions for different regression models.
- Knows basic model fit or "goodness-of-fit" statistics.

## Objectives

- To revise the principles and differences between predictive and etiological research.
- To revise the use of main "goodness-of-fit" statistics.
- To revise the overall framework for model parameterization and specification for prediction models.
- To revise variable parameterization and selection.

# What is model selection?

- There are two important considerations when building a regression model:
  - The kind of outcome data you want to model (continuous, count, binary, etc.)
  - **The variables and interactions you include in your model**
- **Model selection** is a process that attempts to find the best model for a given purpose.
- The two main purposes of regression models are:
  - **Causal Inference:** To estimate the effect of one or more variables while adjusting for the possible confounding effects of other variables
  - **Prediction:** To predict outcomes for a set of similar individuals

# Causal Inference and Prediction: Different Goals!

- **Causal Inference**: estimating the effect of a variable on an outcome
  - Usually adjusted for confounding
  - Want a model with good confounder selection, determined via a DAG and substantive knowledge
- **Prediction**: predicting a future outcome using a set of covariates
  - We want predictions that are close to the actual value, but avoid overfitting
  - May prioritize measurable predictors over strong predictors
- **The two goals do NOT require the same model selection approach!**

# Prediction??

- **Prediction** aims to anticipate some future outcome using a set of covariates
- Prediction models are typically built using data from an existing group of individuals, with the goal of being able to predict the outcome for future individuals.
- Here, we are concerned with getting the best model that gives "optimal" predictions for future subjects.
- A good predictive model doesn't necessarily tell you anything useful about how to intervene to change the outcome!
  - Age, sex, and prior hospitalization may be good predictors of heart failure, but we wouldn't stop admitting people to the hospital to prevent heart failure

# Prediction: Examples

Not only **weather**...

- Credit scores
- Netflix recommendations
- Cardiovascular risk scores \*
- Kidney function estimates \*
- Predicting mortality

\* Some, including the misstep "race correction", different from "race-adjustment".

# Prediction Examples

Framingham cardiovascular disease (10-year risk) **calculator**

## FRS Calculator

Age

42

years

Sex

Female

▼

HDL-C

1.52

mmol/L

Total-C

4.33

mmol/L

Systolic BP

110

mmHg

No

▼

BP Treated

No

▼

Smoker

No

▼

Diabetes

Yes

▼

Fam Hx. of premature CVD

Calculate

10-Year CVD Risk **3.0 % (Low-Risk)**

Heart Age **31**

Or **AHA's CV Risk Calculator**

Baseline Risk

Updated Risk

Gender

Male

Female

Age (years)

42

Race

African American

Total Cholesterol

167

LDL Cholesterol

86

HDL Cholesterol

58

Treatment With Statin

☐

Systolic Blood Pressure

110

Treatment For Hypertension

☐

History Of Diabetes

☐

Current Smoker

☐

Aspirin Therapy

☐

Calculate Baseline Risk

0.3%

Baseline 10 years ASCVD Risk

Low Risk (<5%)

Emphasize lifestyle to reduce risk factors (Class I).



# Causal Inference vs. Prediction

**Important:** We can't interpret coefficients from prediction models as causal parameters

- Not appropriately controlled for confounding (because we aren't worried about this)
- This is often a pitfall that people fall into!



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## Commentary

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### The Table 2 Fallacy: Presenting and Interpreting Confounder and Modifier Coefficients

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**OK, but how do I build a model?**

# What is required to build a "Good" model?

## Criteria:

- Is our [research question](#) causal or predictive?
  - This will determine the "philosophy" we use to build our model
- Sample size (Power and [Precision](#))
- Choice of statistical model/[distribution/link](#) (Poisson, logistic, linear, etc.)
- Consideration of different [sources of bias](#) (for causal inference).
- What data do we have available to us?

## Overall framework for model building / specification:

- 1) Variable specification (including assessment of number and parameterization)
- 2) Interaction assessment (including assessment of heterogeneity)\*
- 3) Confounding assessment (including consideration of precision)\*

\*Steps 1 and 2 can occur iteratively and depending on the research question investigated differently.

# When do we say our model is "good"? - Variable specification

Especially when we have many predictor variables (with many possible interactions), it can be difficult to find a good model.

- Which main effects do we include?
- Which interactions do we include?
- With 6 variables, there are 64 potential models with just main effects!

# When do we say our model is "good"? - Variable specification

- An active research problem in statistics
- Model selection procedures try to simplify this task.

## Evaluating Model Fit

To implement a model selection procedure, we first need a criterion to compare models.

The goal is to select the model with the optimal value of the criterion.

To that end, we assess the: **Goodness-of-Fit Statistics and use some statistical model metrics**

# Evaluating Model Fit: Recall

## R-squared $R^2$

- $R^2$  represents the proportion of variance in the outcome explained by all the predictors in the model.
- **Criterion:** Choose the model with the largest  $R^2$
- **Problem:**  $R^2$  always increases with model size
- If only use  $R^2$  means simply choosing the largest model: **not very useful**.
- Helpful when comparing models with the same number of parameters.

## Adj. R-squared $R^2$

- Adjusted  $R^2$  represents the proportion of variance in the outcome explained by all the predictors in the model, **penalized for the number of variables included in the model**.
- **Criterion:** Choose the model with the largest adjusted  $R^2$ .
- Here, the largest model is not necessarily the best model.

## AIC = Akaike Information Criterion

$$AIC = -2\ln(\text{Likelihood}) + 2p$$

- **The best model is the one with the smallest AIC.**
- The AIC is formed by two terms:
  - The likelihood: measure of fit
  - The penalty term:  $2p$ , accounts for adding more terms to the model.

The first term **always** decreases as more terms are added to the model, so  $2p$  is needed for "balance".

- AIC can be used whenever we have a likelihood, so this generalizes to many statistical models.

## BIC = Bayesian Information Criterion

$$BIC = -2\ln(\text{Likelihood}) + p\ln(n)$$

- **The best model is the one with the smallest BIC.**
- AIC and BIC are very similar - only the last term changes
- BIC will always choose a model as small or smaller than the AIC (if using the same search strategy).



# Selection Strategies - Prediction

- Now that we know how to evaluate model fit, we need to figure out how to find the model with the **best** fit.
- **Best subset:** Search all possible models and take the one with the highest  $R^2$ , or lowest MSE/AIC/BIC, etc.
  - Such searches are typically only feasible when you have less than 30 potential predictor variables.
- **Stepwise (forward, backward, or both) searches:** Useful when the number of potential predictor variables is large.

# Illustration with the COVID-19 in Kenya data

```
library(epib.704.data)
data("covidkenya")
glimpse(covidkenya)
```

```
## Rows: 355
## Columns: 15
## $ adm_sex      <chr> "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Fe...
## $ sex          <int> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, ...
## $ adm_agemons  <int> 20, 58, 5, 44, 39, 56, 15, 105, 6, 44, 77, 44, 7, 3...
## $ age_cat_new  <chr> "12-23 months", "2-5 years", "<6 months", "2-5 year...
## $ covid_status <int> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ...
## $ height       <dbl> 72.60, 108.70, 67.40, 107.20, 112.15, NA, 78.50, 12...
## $ weight       <dbl> 7.16, 17.40, 8.20, 15.30, 16.07, 14.40, 9.30, 24.30...
## $ hfaz         <dbl> -4.35, -0.06, 0.54, 1.43, 3.56, NA, 0.01, -0.62, -3...
## $ stunting_cat <chr> "Severe stunting", "No stunting", "No stunting", "N...
## $ muac_average <dbl> 11.15, 15.50, 14.90, 14.30, 13.95, 14.55, 15.40, 16...
## $ nutritional_status <chr> "SAM", "No Malnutrition", "No Malnutrition", "No Ma...
## $ muac_cat     <int> 1, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, NA, 2, 3, NA, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, N...
## $ hh_covid_pos <chr> "No", "No", "No", "No", "No", "No", "No", "No", "No", "No...
## $ birth_order  <chr> "First", "Second", "Third and above", "Second", "Se...
## $ breast_feeding1 <chr> "nobreastfeed", "nobreastfeed", "nobreastfeed", "no..."
```

## Regression subset selection: Illustration with the COVID-19 in Kenya data

```
library(leaps) #Regression subset selection package
```

```
regfit_full <- regsubsets(covid_status ~ .,  
                          data = covidkenya,  
                          method = "exhaustive")
```

```
## Reordering variables and trying again:
```

```
reg_summary <- summary(regfit_full)  
summary(regfit_full)
```

```
## Subset selection object  
## Call: regsubsets.formula(covid_status ~ ., data = covidkenya, method = "exhaustive")  
## 19 Variables (and intercept)
```

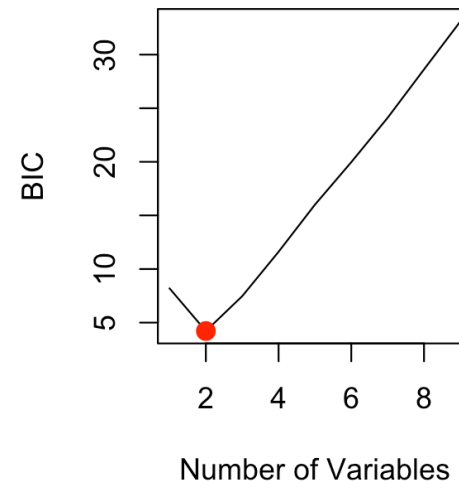
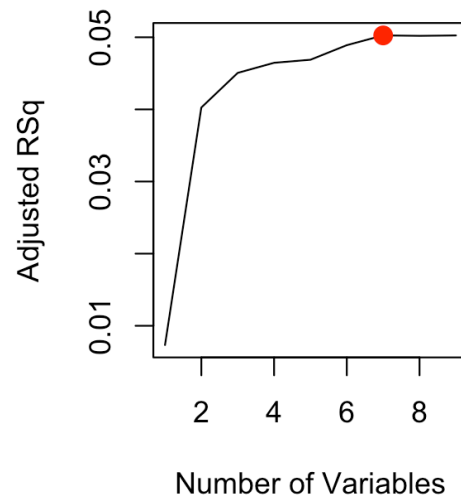
##	Forced in	Forced out
## adm_sexMale	FALSE	FALSE
## adm_agemons	FALSE	FALSE
## age_cat_new12-23 months	FALSE	FALSE
## age_cat_new2-5 years	FALSE	FALSE
## age_cat_new6-11 months	FALSE	FALSE
## height	FALSE	FALSE
## weight	FALSE	FALSE
## hfaz	FALSE	FALSE
## stunting_catNo stunting	FALSE	FALSE
## stunting_catSevere stunting	FALSE	FALSE
## muac_average	FALSE	FALSE
## nutritional_statusNo Malnutrition	FALSE	FALSE
## nutritional_statusSAM	FALSE	FALSE
## muac_cat	FALSE	FALSE

# Illustration with the COVID-19 in Kenya data

```
par(mfrow = c(1,2))

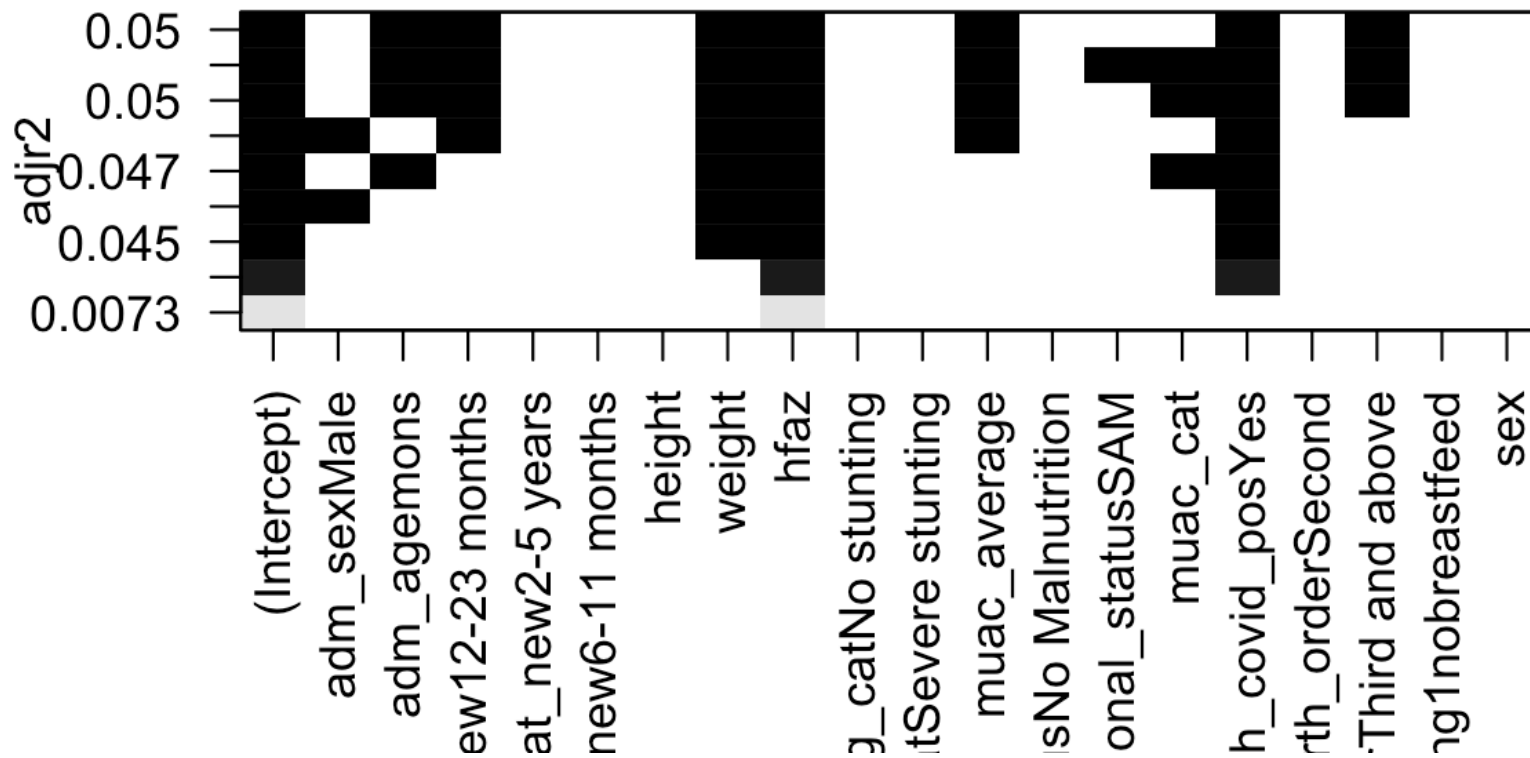
plot(reg_summary$adjr2, xlab = "Number of Variables", ylab = "Adjusted RSq", type = "l")
adj_r2_max = which.max(reg_summary$adjr2)
points(adj_r2_max, reg_summary$adjr2[adj_r2_max], col = "red", cex = 2, pch = 20)

plot(reg_summary$bic, xlab = "Number of Variables", ylab = "BIC", type = "l")
bic_min = which.min(reg_summary$bic)
points(bic_min, reg_summary$bic[bic_min], col = "red", cex = 2, pch = 20)
```



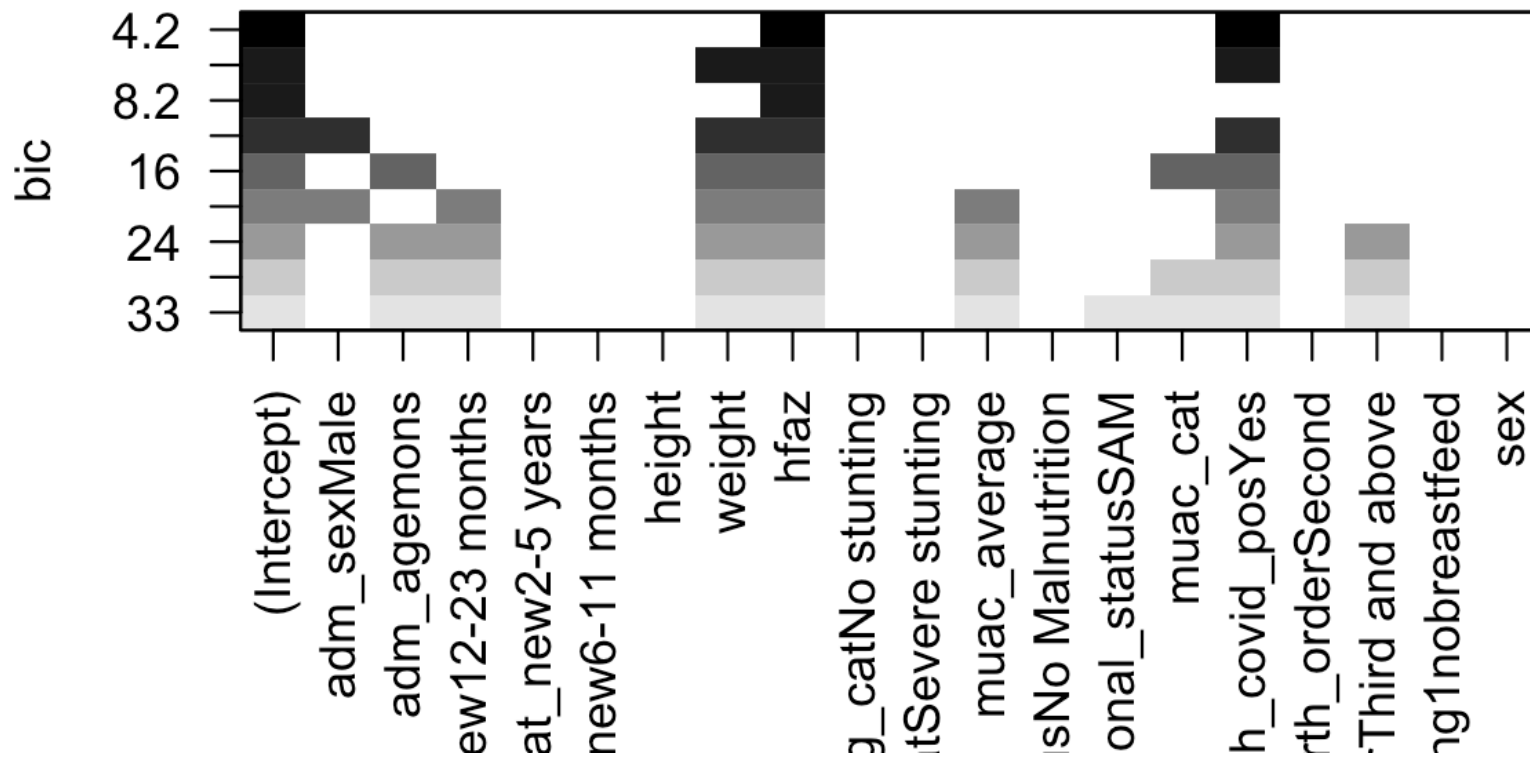
```
plot(regfit_full, scale = "adjr2",
     main= "'adjr2' for COVID-19 in Kenya data")
```

## 'adjr2' for COVID-19 in Kenya data



```
plot(regfit_full, scale = "bic",
     main= "'BIC' for COVID-19 in Kenya data")
```

## 'BIC' for COVID-19 in Kenya data



# Illustration of selection with the COVID-19 in Kenya data

Subset selection object → automatically selects the "best" sets:

```
regsubsets.formula(covid_status ~ ., data = covidkenya, method = "exhaustive")
```

- 19 Variables/ parameter (and intercept) with 1 subsets of each size up to 9 variables
- Based on this, we would probably choose to include a model with 2-8 variables:
  - Likely age, weight, hfaz (height for age), MUAC (continuous), hh\_covid, depending on the choice of metrics...

## Do you trust this approach? Any concerns??

Even the "*smartest*" software, program or technology will need, **until now**, a bit of guidance...

Selecting a pool of variables to choose from, may help

```
dat<- covidkenya %>% select(adm_sex, age_cat_new, stunting_cat,  
                           nutritional_status, hh_covid_pos,  
                           birth_order, breast_feeding1,  
                           covid_status, hfaz, muac_average)
```

Then re-formulating the selection

```
regfit_full1 <- regsubsets(covid_status ~ .,  
                           data = dat,  
                           method = "exhaustive")
```

```
reg_summary1 <- summary(regfit_full1)
```



# Illustration of selection with the COVID-19 in Kenya data

From the selected covariates, there are 9 variables and 15 parameters to be estimated.

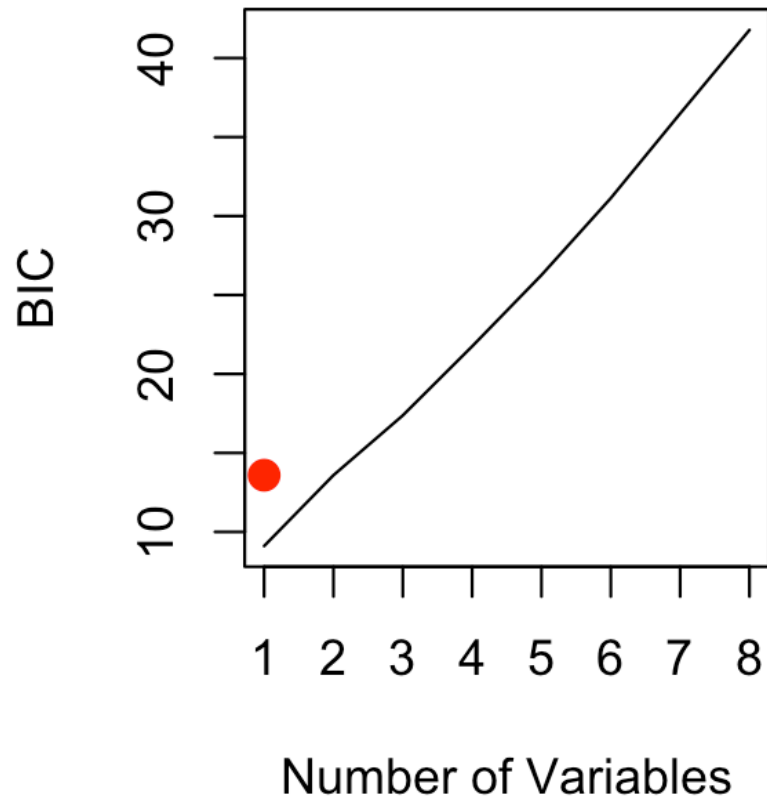
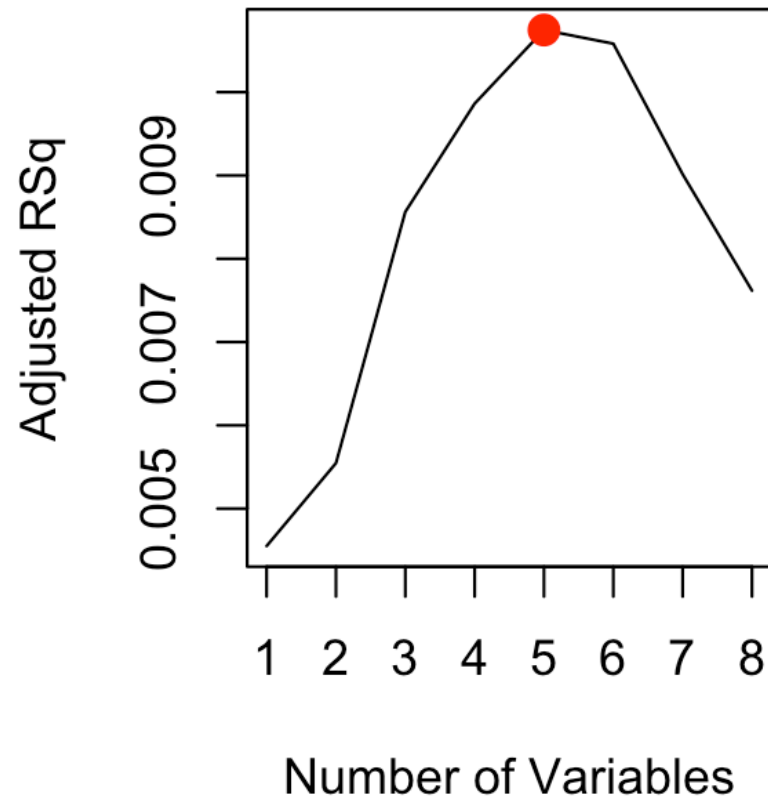
- The package proposes 8 models with 8 combinations of the parameters/covariates.

```
## Subset selection object
## Call: regsubsets.formula(covid_status ~ ., data = dat, method = "exhaustive")
## 15 Variables (and intercept)
##
```

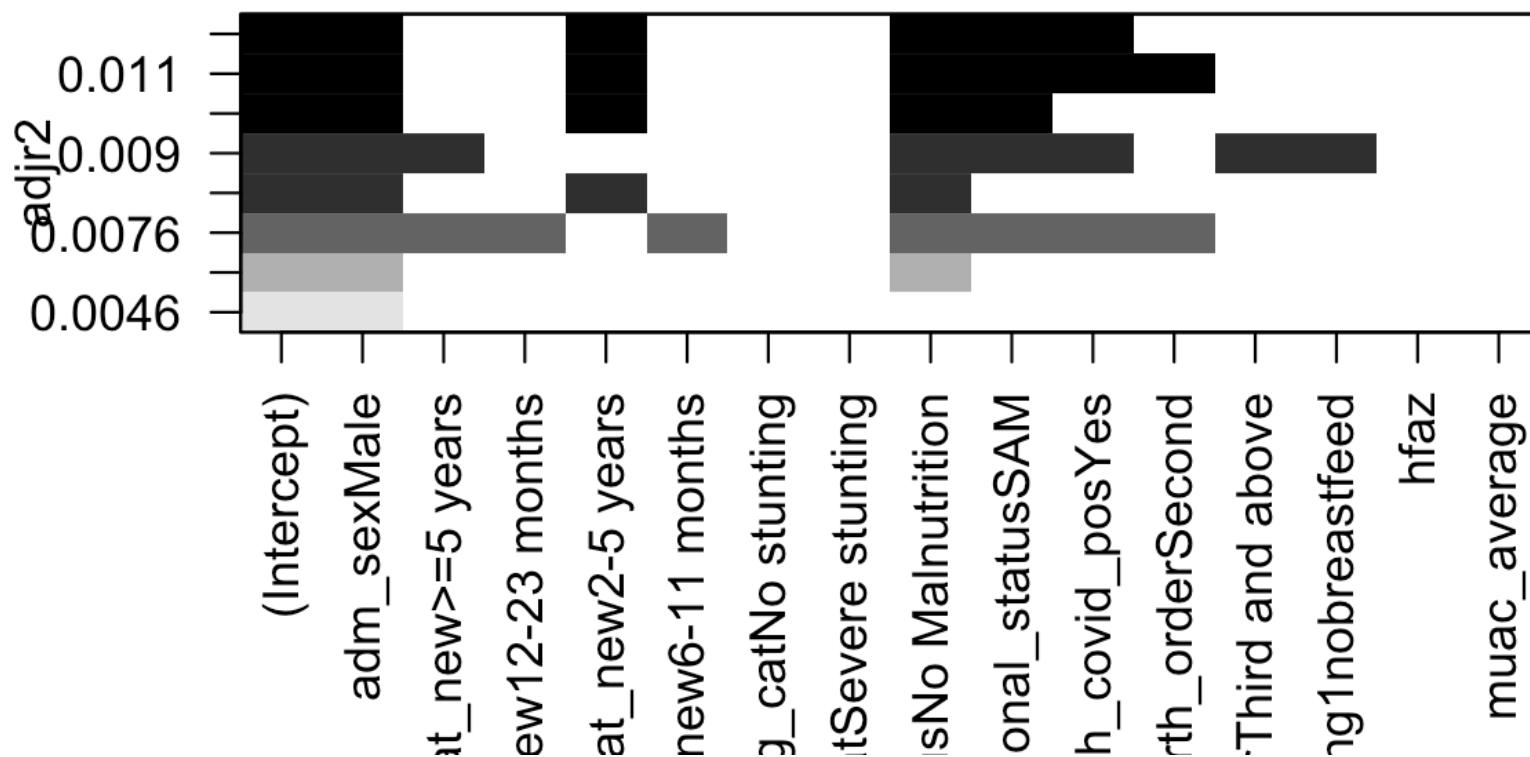
	Forced in	Forced out
## adm_sexMale	FALSE	FALSE
## age_cat_new>=5 years	FALSE	FALSE
## age_cat_new12-23 months	FALSE	FALSE
## age_cat_new2-5 years	FALSE	FALSE
## age_cat_new6-11 months	FALSE	FALSE
## stunting_catNo stunting	FALSE	FALSE
## stunting_catSevere stunting	FALSE	FALSE
## nutritional_statusNo Malnutrition	FALSE	FALSE
## nutritional_statusSAM	FALSE	FALSE
## hh_covid_posYes	FALSE	FALSE
## birth_orderSecond	FALSE	FALSE
## birth_orderThird and above	FALSE	FALSE
## breast_feedingInobreastfeed	FALSE	FALSE
## hfaz	FALSE	FALSE
## muac_average	FALSE	FALSE

```
## 1 subsets of each size up to 8
## Selection Algorithm: exhaustive
## adm_sexMale age_cat_new>=5 years age_cat_new12-23 months
## 1 ( 1 ) "+" " " " "
```

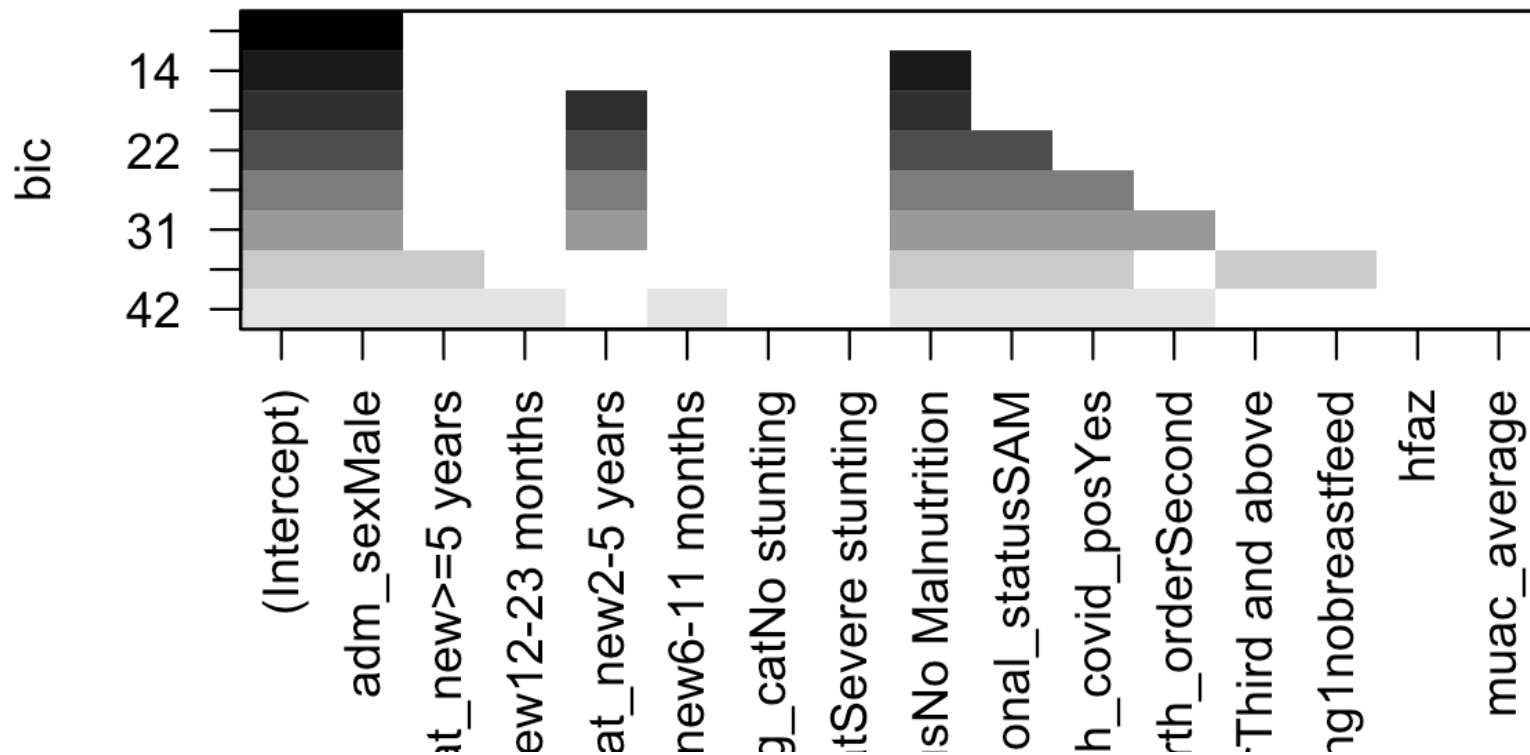
## Illustration of selection with the COVID-19 in Kenya data



## 'AdjR2' for the COVID-19 in Kenya data (revised)



## BIC for the COVID-19 in Kenya data (revised)



## Other Subset Selection

```
#Backwards selection  
regsubsets(outcome ~ .,  
           data = covidkenya,  
           method = "backward")
```

```
#Forwards selection  
regsubsets(outcome ~ .,  
           data = covidkenya,  
           method = "forward")
```

```
#Stepwise selection  
regsubsets(outcome ~ .,  
           data = covidkenya,  
           method = "stepAIC")
```

**Still any decision should be made with caution!**

# Selection Strategies: Caution!

- Different model fit metrics (e.g.,  $R^2$ , AIC, Mallow's Cp) can show different models as the "best".
- Can be a recipe for a type I error (chance significant findings) recall Ioannidis paper?
  - Particularly when the number of candidate predictors is large relative to the sample size.
- Automated selection procedures make it easy for researchers to ignore good practices for causal inference, like choosing variables based on a DAG.
- High risk of overfitting to your data set
  - Selected variables may strongly discriminate among individuals in your data set, but may have less ability to do so on other data

# Overall framework for model specification:

## 1) Variable specification:

- What is the universe of variables I would consider?
  - There is a limited number available, some of the ones we would need, will not be.
  - We need to think this through and choose.
  - Leaving variables out is a strong assumption about that not having an effect (  $\beta = 0$  )

## 2) Interaction assessment (including assessment of heterogeneity)

## 3) Confounding assessment (including consideration of precision)

# Selection and Specification

*"The approach is guided by several principles, including the adherence to a hierarchically defined initial (full) model, and a backward elimination strategy."*

## Corollaries

- Collinearity, correlation (other hierarchical structures)
- Moderate or correct for your own Degrees of Freedom
- Multiple testing and Bonferroni corrections



# Summary

- **Prediction and inference are different types of problems.**
- If the goal is causal inference, we must think about confounding (and other biases!) and model interpretation is important.
- If the goal is prediction, model interpretation can be less important, and the choice of predictor variables is driven more by the data we have available and model evaluation metrics.
- Model selection strategies can be used for both, but much more care must be taken if you choose to use them for an inference question

**“All models are wrong, but some are useful”**

— George Box (1919-2013)

**QUESTIONS?**

**COMMENTS?**

**RECOMMENDATIONS?**

# Resources:

- Greenland et al. 2016. "Outcome modelling strategies in epidemiology: traditional methods and basic alternatives." Int. J. Epidemiol.
- Steyerberg, Ewout W. 2019. Clinical Prediction Models: A Practical Approach to Development, Validation, and Updating. Springer, Cham.
- Harrell, Frank E., Jr. 2015. Regression Modeling Strategies: With Applications to Linear Models, Logistic and Ordinal Regression, and Survival Analysis. Springer Series in Statistics. Cham: Springer International Publishing.

# Miscellaneous

# Goodness-of-Fit Statistics and model metrics

- **R-squared  $R^2$**  : % of variation in  $Y$  explained by "predictors" variables. The higher  $R^2$ , the better the model.
- **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)**: the average error performed by the model in predicting the outcome for an observation.  $RMSE = \sqrt{MSE}$ ; The  $\uparrow$  the RMSE, the better the model.
- **Residual Standard Error (RSE)**: the model sigma, a variant of RMSE adjusted # predictors in the model. The  $\downarrow$  RSE, the better the model.
- **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)**, measures the prediction error.  $MAE = \text{mean}(\text{abs}(\text{observed} - \text{predicted}))$ . Less sensitive to outliers compared to RMSE.

# Goodness-of-Fit Statistics and model metrics

- **AIC:** (Akaike's Information Criteria) penalizes the inclusion of additional variables to a model.
- **AICc:** is a version of AIC corrected for small sample sizes.
- **BIC:** (or Bayesian information criteria) is a variant of AIC with a stronger penalty.
- **Mallows Cp:** A variant of AIC developed by Colin Mallows.
- **WAIC:** Widely (Watanabe) Application Criterion (Bayesian)
- **PSIS:** Pareto-Smoothed Importance Sampling (Bayesian)
- **DIC:** Deviance Information Criterion (Bayesian)

# Evaluating Prediction Models

- The model fit in the **training data** (i.e., the data used to develop a predictive model) is not our primary interest
- What we are primarily interested in is the accuracy of our model predictions **when our model is applied to new data** that was not used as part of the model development process (i.e., **test data**)
- **A good model fit in the training data doesn't necessarily ensure a good ability to predict using other data.**



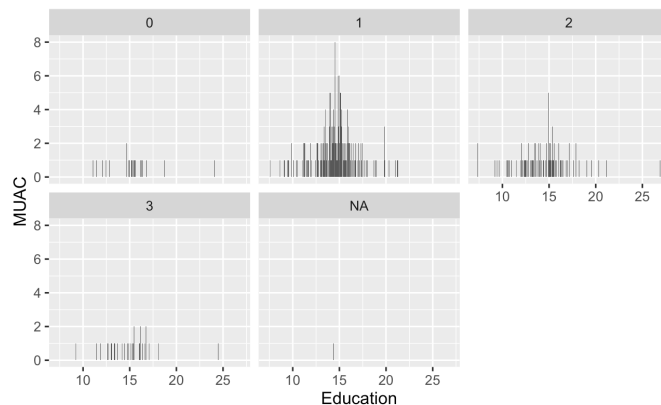
# Paramaterization, Trends, Dose-Response?

Recall this?

Table 1. Summary of Study Characteristics	
Characteristic	<sup>1</sup> >N = 355 <sup>1</sup>
covid_status	55 (16%)
adm_agemons	
Median (Q1, Q3)	30 (15, 63)
muac_average	
Median (Q1, Q3)	14.70 (13.40, 15.70)
caregiver_educ1	
None	21 (5.9%)
Primary	216 (61%)
Secondary	87 (25%)
Above secondary	30 (8.5%)
nutrition	
malnutrition	123 (35%)
nutrition	230 (65%)

# Paramaterization, Trends, Dose-Response?

Let's consider Education of the caregiver and nutritional status measured by Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) in cm, as the continuous outcome.



```
## # A tibble: 5 × 2
##   caregiver_educ_n m.muac
##   <dbl> <dbl>
## 1         0      15.2
## 2         1      14.6
## 3         2      14.7
## 4         3      15.2
## 5        NA      14.4
```

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# Paramaterization, Trends, Dose-Response?

How can we assess their relationship? **Using a continuous variable assumptions?**

```
muac1<- glm(muac_average ~ caregiver_educ_n, data = L25data)
round(j_summ(muac1, confint = T)$coeftable, 2)
```

```
##               Est.  2.5% 97.5% t val.    p
## (Intercept)    14.67 14.11 15.22  52.15 0.00
## caregiver_educ_n -0.03 -0.39  0.33  -0.18 0.86
```

**Using a categorical version of the variable assumptions?**

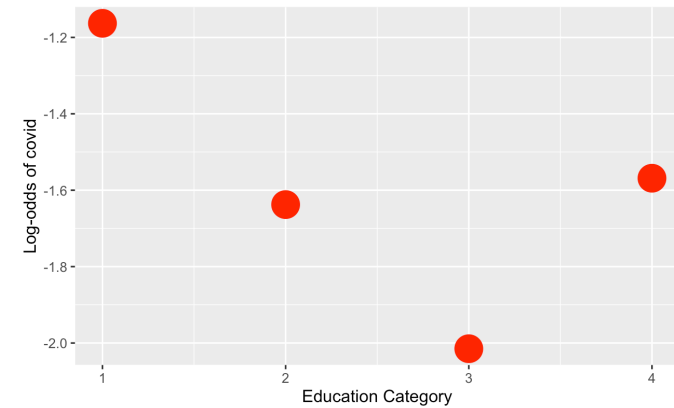
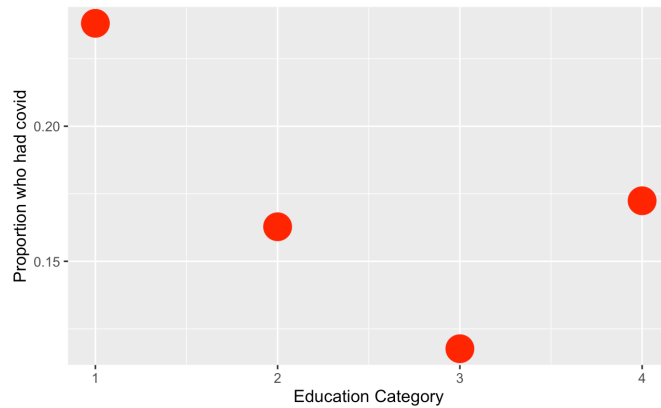
```
muac2<- glm(muac_average ~ factor(caregiver_educ_n), data = L25data)
round(j_summ(muac2, confint = T)$coeftable, 2)
```

```
##               Est.  2.5% 97.5% t val.    p
## (Intercept)    15.23 14.18 16.29  28.23 0.00
## factor(caregiver_educ_n)1 -0.65 -1.76  0.46  -1.15 0.25
## factor(caregiver_educ_n)2 -0.79 -1.97  0.39  -1.31 0.19
## factor(caregiver_educ_n)3 -0.24 -1.62  1.14  -0.35 0.73
```

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# Paramaterization, Trends, Dose-Response?

Let's consider COVID-19 status (disease yes/no) and Education, can we assess their relationship?



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# Paramaterization, Trends, Dose-Response?

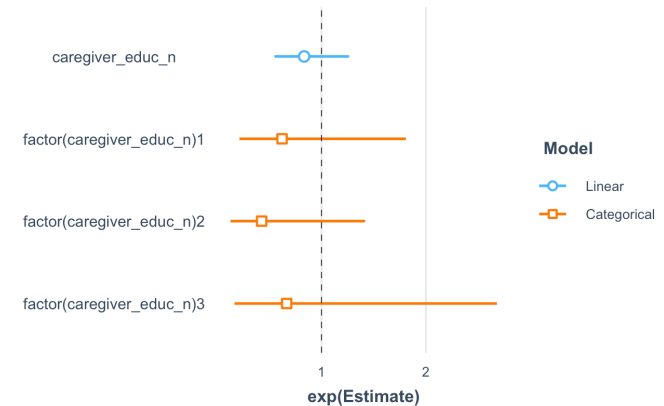
## Dichotomous Outcome

```
muac3<- glm(covid_status ~ caregiver_educ_n  
            data = L25data, family= binomia  
            round(j_summ(muac3, confint = T)$coeftable,
```

##		Est.	2.5%	97.5%	z val.	p
##	(Intercept)	-1.44	-2.05	-0.83	-4.64	0.00
##	caregiver_educ_n	-0.18	-0.60	0.24	-0.85	0.39

```
muac4<- glm(covid_status ~ factor(caregiver  
            data = L25data, family= binomia  
            round(j_summ(muac4, confint = T)$coeftable,
```

##		Est.	2.5%	97.5%	z val.	p
##	(Intercept)	-1.16	-2.17	-0.16	-2.27	0.02
##	factor(caregiver_educ_n)1	-0.47	-1.54	0.59	-0.87	0.38
##	factor(caregiver_educ_n)2	-0.85	-2.05	0.35	-1.39	0.16
##	factor(caregiver_educ_n)3	-0.41	-1.80	0.99	-0.57	0.57



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# Paramaterization, Trends, Dose-Response?

What happens when the referent group has a very small sample size?

- OR estimates are all imprecise (since the imprecision for the referent group is propogated)
  - One way are this is to use incremental coding of the dummy variables

```
L25data$edu1<- L25data$edu2<-L25data$edu3<-0  
  
L25data$edu1[L25data$caregiver_educ_n>=1]<- 1  
L25data$edu2[L25data$caregiver_educ_n>=2]<- 1  
L25data$edu3[L25data$caregiver_educ_n>=3]<- 1  
  
L25data$edu1[is.na(L25data$caregiver_educ_n)==T]<- NA  
L25data$edu2[is.na(L25data$caregiver_educ_n)==T]<- NA  
L25data$edu3[is.na(L25data$caregiver_educ_n)==T]<- NA
```

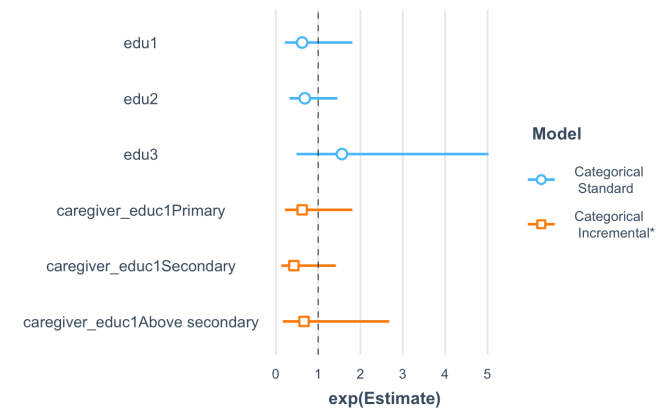
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# Paramaterization, Trends, Dose-Response?

## Incremental categories\*

```
muac5<- glm(covid_status ~ edu1+edu2+edu3,  
            data = L25data,  
            family= binomial(link = "logit"  
round(j_summ(muac5, confint = T)$coeftable,
```

##		Est.	2.5%	97.5%	z val.	p
##	(Intercept)	-1.16	-2.17	-0.16	-2.27	0.02
##	edu1	-0.47	-1.54	0.59	-0.87	0.38
##	edu2	-0.38	-1.13	0.38	-0.98	0.33
##	edu3	0.45	-0.72	1.61	0.75	0.45



## OR what we usually do...

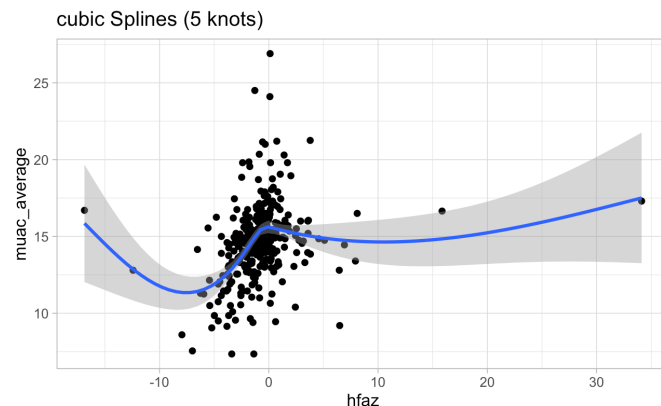
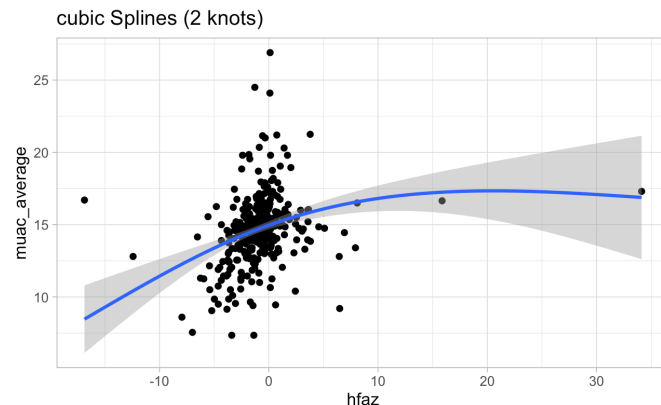
```
muac6<- glm(covid_status ~ caregiver_educ1,  
            data = L25data, family= binomia  
round(j_summ(muac6, confint = T)$coeftable,
```

##		Est.	2.5%	97.5%	z val.	p
##	(Intercept)	-1.16	-2.17	-0.16	-2.27	0.02
##	caregiver_educ1Primary	-0.47	-1.54	0.59	-0.87	0.38
##	caregiver_educ1Secondary	-0.85	-2.05	0.35	-1.39	0.16
##	caregiver_educ1Above secondary	-0.41	-1.80	0.99	-0.57	0.57

\*Incremental means, that the reference is the immediately previous category/group

## Splines examples!

- **Y**= muac\_average (MUAC in cms);
- **X**= hfaz (Height for age, Z-score)



```
require(splines)
lmmod6.11a<- glm(muac_average~ breast_feedi
                 ns(hfaz, df=2), data = c
#round(j_summ(lmmod6.11a, confint = T)$coef
lmmod6.11b<- glm(muac_average~ breast_feedi
                 ns(hfaz, df=5), data = c
round(j_summ(lmmod6.11b, confint = T)$coef
```

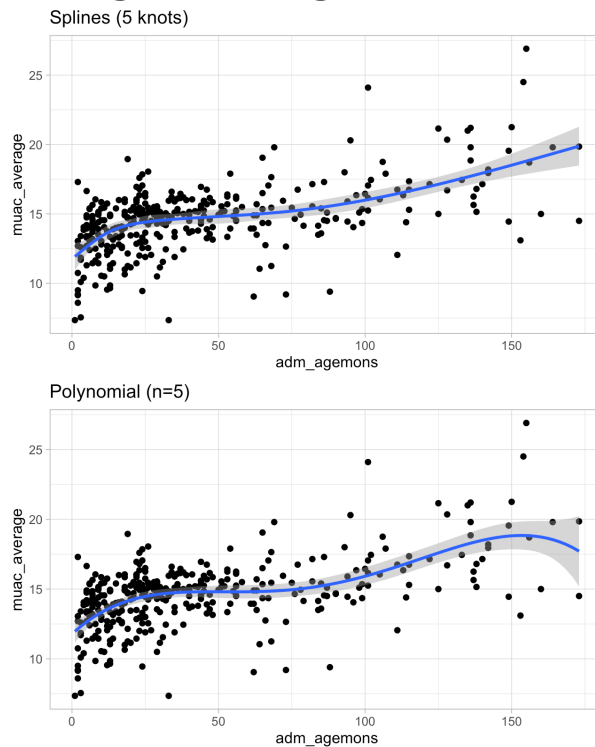
##	Est.	2.5%	97.5%	t
## (Intercept)	12.95	9.55	16.35	
## breast_feeding1nobreastfeed	-0.08	-0.74	0.59	
## adm_sexMale	0.08	-0.34	0.49	
## age_cat_new>=5 years	3.99	3.01	4.96	
## age_cat_new12-23 months	1.58	0.66	2.50	
## age_cat_new2-5 years	2.53	1.59	3.46	
## age_cat_new6-11 months	1.24	0.26	2.22	
## ns(hfaz, df = 5)1	-0.64	-3.91	2.63	
## ns(hfaz, df = 5)2	0.03	-3.32	3.39	
## ns(hfaz, df = 5)3	3.32	0.24	6.40	
## ns(hfaz, df = 5)4	-2.67	-9.94	4.60	
## ns(hfaz, df = 5)5	7.34	3.22	11.46	

```
#attr(terms(lmmod6.11b), "predvars")
```



## Last Splines examples!

- **Y**= muac\_average (MUAC in cms);
- **X**= adm\_agemons (Age in months)



```
lmmod6.12a<- glm(muac_average~ breast_feedi
                  ns(adm_agemons, df=5), d
#round(j_summ(lmmod6.12a, confint = T)$coef
lmmod6.12b<- glm(muac_average~ breast_feedi
                  poly(adm_agemons, 5, raw
round(j_summ(lmmod6.12b, confint = T)$coef
```

	Est.	2.5%	97.5%
## (Intercept)	11.70	10.75	12.66
## breast_feeding1nobreastfeed	-0.29	-0.97	0.38
## adm_sexMale	0.13	-0.30	0.56
## poly(adm_agemons, 5, raw = T)1	0.21	0.09	0.34
## poly(adm_agemons, 5, raw = T)2	0.00	-0.01	0.00
## poly(adm_agemons, 5, raw = T)3	0.00	0.00	0.00
## poly(adm_agemons, 5, raw = T)4	0.00	0.00	0.00
## poly(adm_agemons, 5, raw = T)5	0.00	0.00	0.00

```
#attr(terms(lmmod6.12b), "predvars")
```