

Assignment 03 – Regressions (CKD)

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Dataset & link. This report analyzes the **UCI Chronic Kidney Disease** dataset (400 patients, 24 variables) containing demographics, labs, and conditions relevant to CKD. Source: <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/336/chronic+kidney+disease>

Executive Summary

1. The purpose of my analysis is to explore factors that predict chronic kidney disease (CKD) and related health outcomes. I ran two logistic regression and one linear regression and used one continuous variable outcome (hemoglobin levels) and one binary outcome (CKD status: “notckd” vs. “ckd”). Predictor variables included both continuous (age, blood pressure, serum creatinine) and categorical (hypertension, diabetes, coronary artery disease, anemia, CKD class) variables.
2. The dataset was cleaned by imputing missing values using median imputation for continuous variables and mode imputation for categorical variables. Variables were then converted into appropriate numeric or factor types for regression modeling.
3. Three regression models were run: two logistic regression models predicting CKD status, and one linear regression model predicting hemoglobin levels.
4. The tables and visualizations below showcase the regression outputs. These include coefficient tables, residual plots, ROC curves for logistic models, and coefficient plots with confidence intervals for easier interpretation.
5. Results show that **serum creatinine (Beta = 4.15, p < 0.001)** and **hemoglobin (Beta = -1.55, p < 0.001)** are the strongest predictors of CKD in Logistic Model 1, with higher creatinine increasing the odds of CKD and lower hemoglobin strongly associated with CKD. Blood pressure also showed a moderate positive effect (**Beta = 0.06, p < 0.01**). Logistic Model 1 achieved a pseudo-R² of 0.77 and ROC-AUC of 0.98, indicating excellent predictive power.

In Logistic Model 2, none of the comorbidity variables (hypertension, diabetes, CAD, anemia) had statistically significant betas, consistent with weaker overall predictive performance (pseudo-R² = 0.52, ROC-AUC = 0.88).

Finally, in the linear regression model predicting hemoglobin, **CKD status (Beta = -3.23, p < 0.001)** and **hypertension (Beta = -1.43, p < 0.001)** were significant negative predictors, while age and blood pressure had smaller, non-significant effects. The adjusted R² of 0.56 suggests a moderately strong model fit.

```
library(dplyr)
```

Attaching package: 'dplyr'

The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

filter, lag

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

```
library(ggplot2)
library(forcats)
```

```
ckd_raw <- read.csv("chronic_kidney_disease.csv",
                     na.strings = c("?", "", "NA"))

glimpse(ckd_raw)
```

Rows: 401
Columns: 26

\$ id	<chr>	"1"	"2"	"3"	"4"	"5"	"6"	"7"	"8"	"9"	"10"	"11"	"12"	"~"									
\$ X.age.	<int>	48	7	62	48	51	60	68	24	52	53	50	63	68	68	40~							
\$ X.bp.	<int>	80	50	80	70	80	90	70	NA	100	90	60	70	70	80	~							
\$ X.sg.	<dbl>	1.020	1.020	1.010	1.005	1.010	1.015	1.010	1.010	1.015	1.015	1.015	1.015	1.015	1.015	~							
\$ X.al.	<int>	1	4	2	4	2	3	0	2	3	2	2	3	3	NA	3	3	2	NA	0	1	~	
\$ X.su.	<int>	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	NA	2	0	0	NA	3	0	~		
\$ X.rbc.	<chr>	NA	NA	"normal"	"normal"	"normal"	NA	NA	"normal"	"norm~													
\$ X.pc.	<chr>	"normal"	"normal"	"normal"	"abnormal"	"normal"	"normal"	NA	"norm~														

```

$ X.pcc.    <chr> "notpresent", "notpresent", "notpresent", "present", "notpres-
$ X.ba.      <chr> "notpresent", "notpresent", "notpresent", "notpresent", "notp-
$ X.bgr.     <int> 121, NA, 423, 117, 106, 74, 100, 410, 138, 70, 490, 380, 208, ~
$ X.bu.      <dbl> 36, 18, 53, 56, 26, 25, 54, 31, 60, 107, 55, 60, 72, 86, 90, ~
$ X.sc.      <dbl> 1.2, 0.8, 1.8, 3.8, 1.4, 1.1, 24.0, 1.1, 1.9, 7.2, 4.0, 2.7, ~
$ X.sod.     <dbl> NA, NA, NA, 111.0, NA, 142.0, 104.0, NA, NA, 114.0, NA, 131.0~
$ X.pot.     <dbl> NA, NA, NA, 2.5, NA, 3.2, 4.0, NA, NA, 3.7, NA, 4.2, 5.8, 3.4~
$ X.hemo.    <dbl> 15.4, 11.3, 9.6, 11.2, 11.6, 12.2, 12.4, 12.4, 10.8, 9.5, 9.4~
$ X.pcv.     <int> 44, 38, 31, 32, 35, 39, 36, 44, 33, 29, 28, 32, 28, NA, 16, 2~
$ X.wbcc.    <int> 7800, 6000, 7500, 6700, 7300, 7800, NA, 6900, 9600, 12100, NA~
$ X.rbcc.   <dbl> 5.2, NA, NA, 3.9, 4.6, 4.4, NA, 5.0, 4.0, 3.7, NA, 3.8, 3.4, ~
$ X.htn.     <chr> "yes", "no", "no", "yes", "no", "yes", "no", "yes", "ye~
$ X.dm.      <chr> "yes", "no", "yes", "no", "no", "yes", "no", "yes", "ye~
$ X.cad.    <chr> "no", "~-~
$ X.appet.  <chr> "good", "good", "poor", "poor", "good", "good", "good", "good~
$ X.pe.      <chr> "no", "no", "no", "yes", "no", "yes", "no", "yes", "no", "no"~
$ X.ane.     <chr> "no", "no", "yes", "yes", "no", "no", "no", "no", "yes", "yes~
$ X.class.  <chr> "ckd", "ckd", "ckd", "ckd", "ckd", "ckd", "ckd", "ckd", "ckd"~

```

```
summary(ckd_raw)
```

	X.id	X.age.	X.bp.	X.sg.
Length:401	Min. : 2.00	Min. : 50.00	Min. : 1.005	
Class :character	1st Qu.:42.00	1st Qu.: 70.00	1st Qu.:1.010	
Mode :character	Median :55.00	Median : 80.00	Median :1.020	
	Mean :51.48	Mean : 76.47	Mean : 1.017	
	3rd Qu.:64.50	3rd Qu.: 80.00	3rd Qu.:1.020	
	Max. :90.00	Max. :180.00	Max. : 1.025	
	NA's :10	NA's :13	NA's :48	
	X.al.	X.su.	X.rbc.	X.pc.
Min. : 0.000	Min. :0.0000	Length:401	Length:401	
1st Qu.:0.000	1st Qu.:0.0000	Class :character	Class :character	
Median :0.000	Median :0.0000	Mode :character	Mode :character	
Mean : 1.017	Mean :0.4501			
3rd Qu.:2.000	3rd Qu.:0.0000			
Max. :5.000	Max. :5.0000			
NA's :47	NA's :50			
	X.pcc.	X.ba.	X.bgr.	X.bu.
Length:401	Length:401	Min. : 22	Min. : 1.50	
Class :character	Class :character	1st Qu.: 99	1st Qu.: 27.00	
Mode :character	Mode :character	Median :121	Median : 42.00	
		Mean :148	Mean : 57.43	

		3rd Qu.:163	3rd Qu.: 66.00
		Max. :490	Max. :391.00
		NA's :45	NA's :20
X.sc.	X.sod.	X.pot.	X.hemo.
Min. : 0.400	Min. : 4.5	Min. : 2.500	Min. : 3.10
1st Qu.: 0.900	1st Qu.:135.0	1st Qu.: 3.800	1st Qu.:10.30
Median : 1.300	Median :138.0	Median : 4.400	Median :12.65
Mean : 3.072	Mean :137.5	Mean : 4.627	Mean :12.53
3rd Qu.: 2.800	3rd Qu.:142.0	3rd Qu.: 4.900	3rd Qu.:15.00
Max. :76.000	Max. :163.0	Max. :47.000	Max. :17.80
NA's :18	NA's :88	NA's :89	NA's :53
X.pcv.	X.wbcc.	X.rbcc.	X.htn.
Min. : 9.00	Min. : 2200	Min. :2.100	Length:401
1st Qu.:32.00	1st Qu.: 6500	1st Qu.:3.900	Class :character
Median :40.00	Median : 8000	Median :4.800	Mode :character
Mean :38.88	Mean : 8406	Mean :4.707	
3rd Qu.:45.00	3rd Qu.: 9800	3rd Qu.:5.400	
Max. :54.00	Max. :26400	Max. :8.000	
NA's :72	NA's :107	NA's :132	
X.dm.	X.cad.	X.appet.	X.pe.
Length:401	Length:401	Length:401	Length:401
Class :character	Class :character	Class :character	Class :character
Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character

X.ane.	X.class.
Length:401	Length:401
Class :character	Class :character
Mode :character	Mode :character

```
# define column names (26 expected + 1 "extra")
col_names <- c("id", "age", "bp", "sg", "al", "su", "rbc", "pc", "pcc", "ba", "bgr", "bu",
             "sc", "sod", "pot", "hemo", "pcv", "wbcc", "rbcc", "htn", "dm", "cad",
             "appet", "pe", "ane", "class", "extra")

ckd_raw <- read.csv("chronic_kidney_disease.csv",
```

```
header = TRUE, na.strings = c("?", "", "NA"),  
col.names = col.names, fill = TRUE)
```

Warning in read.table(file = file, header = header, sep = sep, quote = quote, :
header and 'col.names' are of different lengths

```
# drop the "extra" column  
ckd_raw <- ckd_raw %>% select(-extra)  
  
glimpse(ckd_raw)
```

```

# numeric variables
num_cols <- c("age", "bp", "sg", "al", "su", "bgr", "bu", "sc",
             "sod", "pot", "hemo", "pcv", "wbcc", "rbcc")

ckd1 <- ckd_raw %>%
  mutate(across(all_of(num_cols), ~as.numeric(.))) %>%
  mutate(
    rbc = factor(rbc, levels = c("normal", "abnormal")),
    pc = factor(pc, levels = c("normal", "abnormal")),
    pcc = factor(pcc, levels = c("notpresent", "present")),
    ba = factor(ba, levels = c("notpresent", "present")),
    htn = factor(htn, levels = c("no", "yes")),
    dm = factor(dm, levels = c("no", "yes")),
    cad = factor(cad, levels = c("no", "yes")),
    appet = factor(appet, levels = c("poor", "good")),
    pe = factor(pe, levels = c("no", "yes")),
    ane = factor(ane, levels = c("no", "yes")),
    class = factor(class, levels = c("notckd", "ckd")))
)

```

```
colSums(is.na(ckd1))
```

	id	age	bp	sg	al	su	rbc	pc	pcc	ba	bgr	bu	sc
0		9	12	47	46	49	152	65	4	4	44	19	17
sod		pot	hemo	pcv	wbcc	rbcc	htn	dm	cad	appet	pe	ane	class
87		88	52	71	106	131	2	3	2	2	2	1	1

- I converted numeric-like columns to numeric and standardized categorical columns to consistent factor levels (yes/no, present/notpresent, normal/abnormal, class = notckd/ckd).
- And then I counted remaining NAs with `colSums(is.na(ckd1))`.

```

# Helper function for categorical mode
Mode <- function(x) {
  x <- x[!is.na(x)]
  if (length(x) == 0) return(NA)
  ux <- unique(x)
  ux[which.max(tabulate(match(x, ux)))]
}

```

```

# Define numeric and categorical columns
num_cols <- c("age", "bp", "sg", "al", "su", "bgr", "bu", "sc",
             "sod", "pot", "hemo", "pcv", "wbcc", "rbcc")

cat_cols <- c("rbc", "pc", "pcc", "ba", "htn", "dm", "cad",
             "appet", "pe", "ane", "class")

```

```

# Impute missing values
ckd_clean <- ckd1 %>%
  # Numeric → median imputation
  mutate(across(all_of(num_cols),
               ~ ifelse(is.na(.), median(., na.rm = TRUE), .))) %>%
  # Categorical → mode imputation
  mutate(across(all_of(cat_cols),
               ~ ifelse(is.na(.), Mode(., .)))) %>%
  # Make sure categorical vars are factors again
  mutate(across(all_of(cat_cols), ~ factor(.)))

```

```
colSums(is.na(ckd_clean))
```

	id	age	bp	sg	al	su	rbc	pc	pcc	ba	bgr	bu	sc
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
sod	pot	hemo	pcv	wbcc	rbcc	htn	dm	cad	appet	pe	ane	class	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

After applying these imputations, I confirmed that the dataset is complete by running `colSums(is.na(ckd_clean))`, which showed **zero missing values** across all 26 variables.

```

# Model 1: Age, Blood Pressure, Serum Creatinine, Hemoglobin
logit1 <- glm(class ~ age + bp + sc + hemo,
                data = ckd_clean, family = "binomial")

```

Warning: `glm.fit`: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred

```
summary(logit1)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = class ~ age + bp + sc + hemo, family = "binomial",
```

```
data = ckd_clean)

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 11.985037   2.936341   4.082 4.47e-05 ***
age         -0.005301   0.013903  -0.381  0.70302
bp          0.063956   0.024732   2.586  0.00971 **
sc          4.154919   0.910989   4.561 5.09e-06 ***
hemo        -1.546507   0.218424  -7.080 1.44e-12 ***
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

```
Null deviance: 528.22 on 399 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 122.86 on 395 degrees of freedom
AIC: 132.86
```

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 10

```
# Odds ratios
exp(coef(logit1))
```

```
(Intercept)           age           bp           sc           hemo
1.603376e+05 9.947135e-01 1.066046e+00 6.374679e+01 2.129907e-01
```

```
# McFadden's pseudo-R2
pseudoR2 <- function(model) {
  1 - (model$deviance / model>null.deviance)
}

pseudoR2(logit1) # for Model 1
```

[1] 0.7674027

```
library(pROC)
```

Type 'citation("pROC")' for a citation.

Attaching package: 'pROC'

```
The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
```

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cov, smooth, var
```

```
# Model 1: Predicted probabilities
prob1 <- predict(logit1, type = "response")
roc1 <- roc(ckd_clean$class, prob1) # ROC curve
```

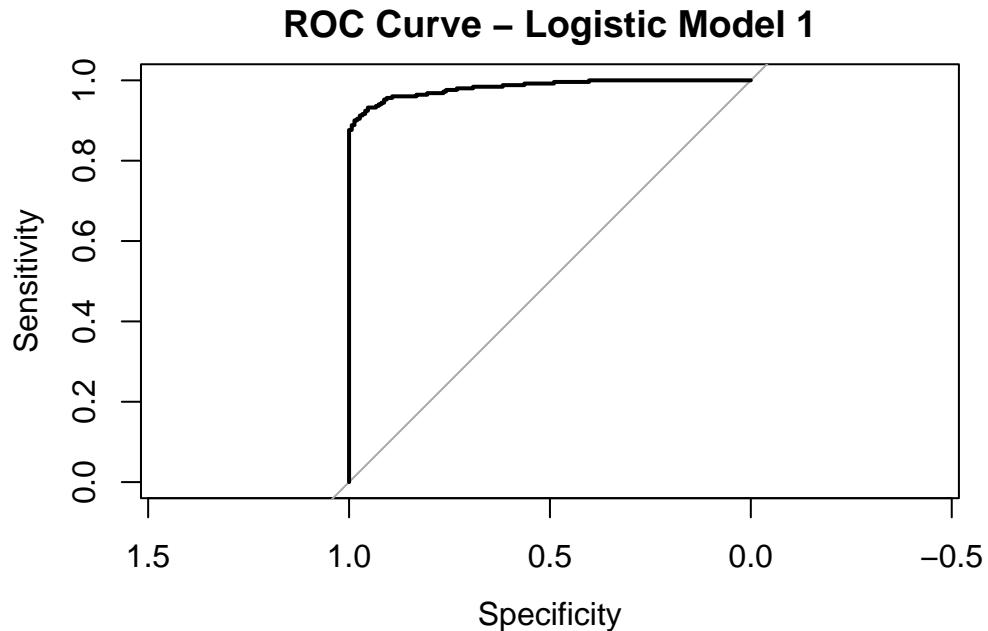
```
Setting levels: control = 1, case = 2
```

```
Setting direction: controls < cases
```

```
auc(roc1) # AUC value
```

```
Area under the curve: 0.9829
```

```
plot(roc1, main = "ROC Curve - Logistic Model 1")
```



Logistic Model 1

Model fit

- **Residual deviance = 122.86** (vs Null deviance = 528.22) → huge drop, model fits well.
- **AIC = 132.86** → lower AIC indicates strong fit.
- **McFadden's pseudo-R² = 0.767** → excellent explanatory power (above 0.4 is usually very strong).
- **ROC-AUC = 0.983** → outstanding classification accuracy (close to 1 = near-perfect).

This model used age, blood pressure, serum creatinine, and hemoglobin to predict CKD status. The results show that **serum creatinine** is the strongest predictor, with higher levels dramatically increasing the likelihood of CKD. **Hemoglobin** is also highly significant, where lower values are strongly associated with CKD. **Blood pressure** has a moderate but significant effect, with each unit increase raising the odds of CKD by about 6%. **Age** was not a significant factor in this dataset. Overall, the model fits extremely well, with a **pseudo-R² of 0.77** and an **ROC-AUC of 0.98**, indicating excellent classification accuracy.

```
# Model 2: Hypertension, Diabetes, Coronary Artery Disease, Anemia
logit2 <- glm(class ~ htn + dm + cad + ane,
               data = ckd_clean, family = "binomial")
```

Warning: glm.fit: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred

```
summary(logit2)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = class ~ htn + dm + cad + ane, family = "binomial",
     data = ckd_clean)
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
(Intercept)	-0.8931	0.1520	-5.875	4.22e-09 ***
htn2	19.9052	1822.9083	0.011	0.991
dm2	20.3027	1950.3495	0.010	0.992
cad2	18.1744	3431.2659	0.005	0.996
ane2	20.0340	2749.4440	0.007	0.994

```
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
```

```
Null deviance: 528.22 on 399 degrees of freedom  
Residual deviance: 253.08 on 395 degrees of freedom  
AIC: 263.08
```

```
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 20
```

```
# Odds ratios  
exp(coef(logit2))
```

```
(Intercept) htn2 dm2 cad2 ane2  
4.093960e-01 4.412762e+08 6.566730e+08 7.817351e+07 5.019271e+08
```

```
# McFadden's pseudo-R2  
pseudoR2 <- function(model) {  
  1 - (model$deviance / model>null.deviance)  
}  
  
pseudoR2(logit2) # for Model 2
```

```
[1] 0.520875
```

```
# Model 2: Predicted probabilities  
prob2 <- predict(logit2, type = "response")  
roc2 <- roc(ckd_clean$class, prob2)
```

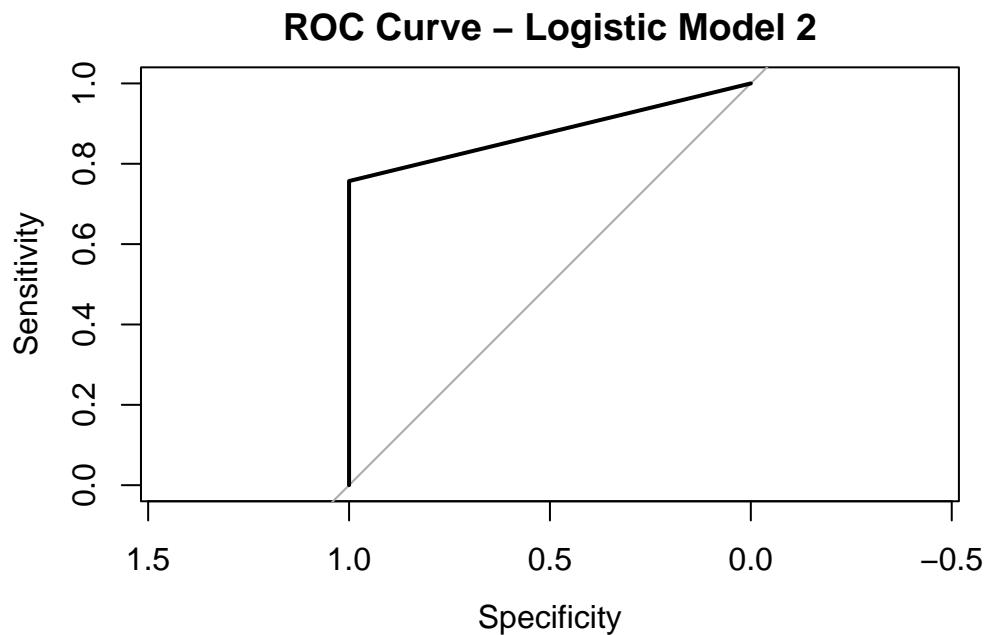
```
Setting levels: control = 1, case = 2
```

```
Setting direction: controls < cases
```

```
auc(roc2)
```

```
Area under the curve: 0.8785
```

```
plot(roc2, main = "ROC Curve - Logistic Model 2")
```



Logistic Model 2

Model fit

- **Residual deviance = 253.08** (still lower than null deviance = 528.22, so the model explains some variance).
- **AIC = 263.08** → higher than Model 1 (worse fit).
- **McFadden's pseudo-R² = 0.52** → decent explanatory power, but weaker than Model 1 (0.77).
- **ROC-AUC = 0.879** → good predictive accuracy (but much lower than Model 1's AUC of 0.983).

This model used hypertension, diabetes, coronary artery disease, and anemia to predict CKD status. The results show that **none of these comorbidity variables were statistically significant predictors** of CKD in this dataset, with very large standard errors and unstable odds ratios. While these conditions are clinically linked to kidney disease, they did not provide strong predictive power on their own here.

Despite this, the model performed reasonably well overall, with a **pseudo-R²** of **0.52** and an **ROC-AUC** of **0.88**, suggesting moderate explanatory strength and good classification accuracy. This indicates that while comorbidities alone are not strong drivers of CKD prediction, they may still contribute useful background information when combined with clinical measures.

```
# Linear regression: Hemoglobin as target
lm_hemo <- lm(hemo ~ age + bp + htn + class, data = ckd_clean)
summary(lm_hemo)
```

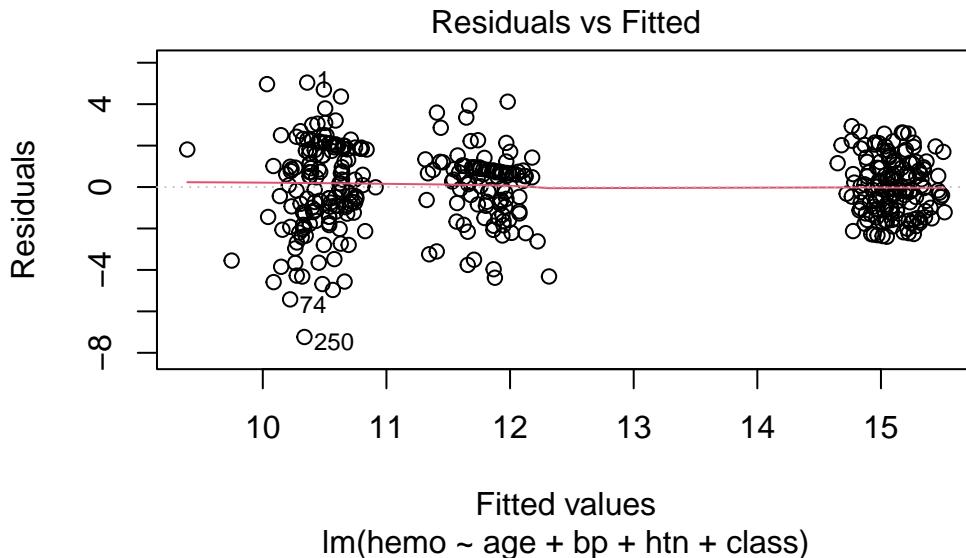
```
Call:
lm(formula = hemo ~ age + bp + htn + class, data = ckd_clean)

Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max 
-7.2369 -1.1283  0.1118  1.1473  5.0409 

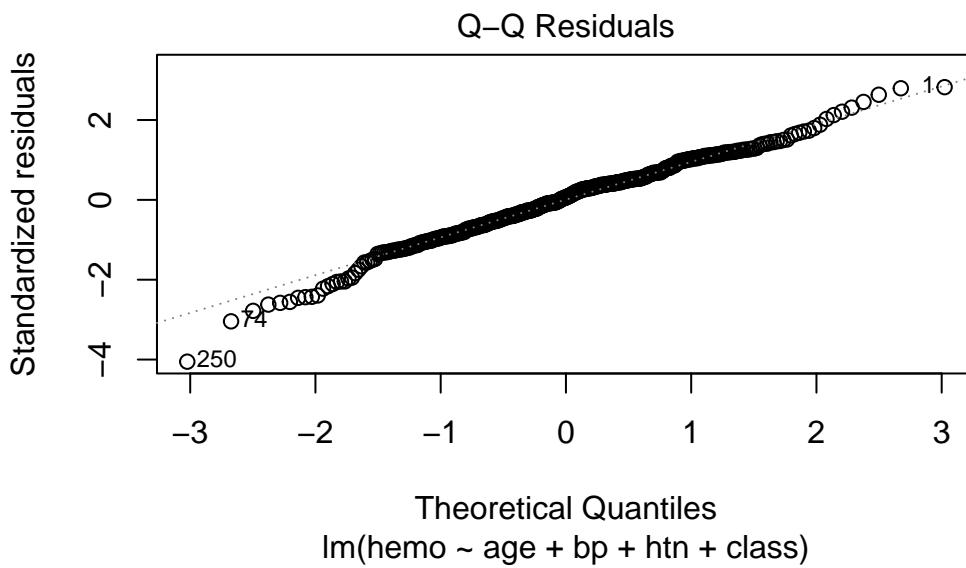
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept) 15.367453   0.578764  26.552 < 2e-16 ***
age          0.010388   0.005757   1.804   0.0719 .  
bp           -0.010530   0.007014  -1.501   0.1341  
htn2         -1.433744   0.244443  -5.865 9.48e-09 ***
class2       -3.230863   0.232606 -13.890 < 2e-16 *** 
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.793 on 395 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.5687,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.5643 
F-statistic: 130.2 on 4 and 395 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
plot(lm_hemo, which = 1)
```



```
plot(lm_hemo, which = 2)
```



```

library(broom)

tidy(lm_hemo, conf.int = TRUE)

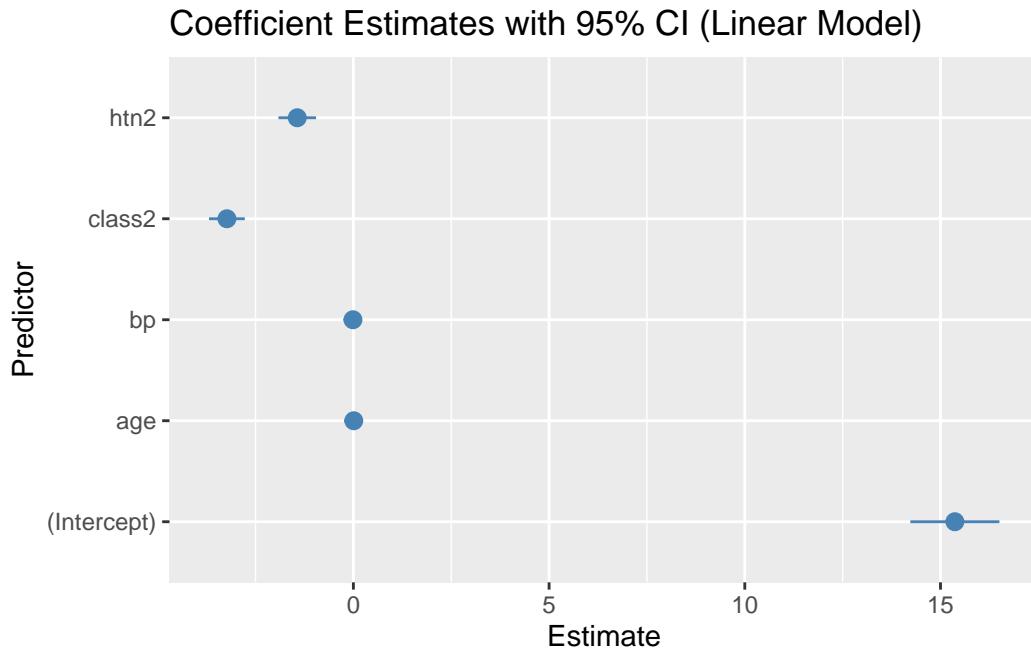
# A tibble: 5 x 7
  term      estimate std.error statistic p.value conf.low conf.high
  <chr>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
1 (Intercept) 15.4      0.579     26.6 7.09e-90 14.2      16.5
2 age         0.0104    0.00576    1.80 7.19e- 2 -0.000930 0.0217
3 bp          -0.0105   0.00701    -1.50 1.34e- 1 -0.0243  0.00326
4 htn2        -1.43     0.244     -5.87 9.48e- 9 -1.91     -0.953
5 class2      -3.23     0.233    -13.9 5.36e-36 -3.69     -2.77

```

```

tidy(lm_hemo, conf.int = TRUE) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = term, y = estimate, ymin = conf.low, ymax = conf.high)) +
  geom_pointrange(color = "steelblue") +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(title = "Coefficient Estimates with 95% CI (Linear Model)",
       x = "Predictor", y = "Estimate")

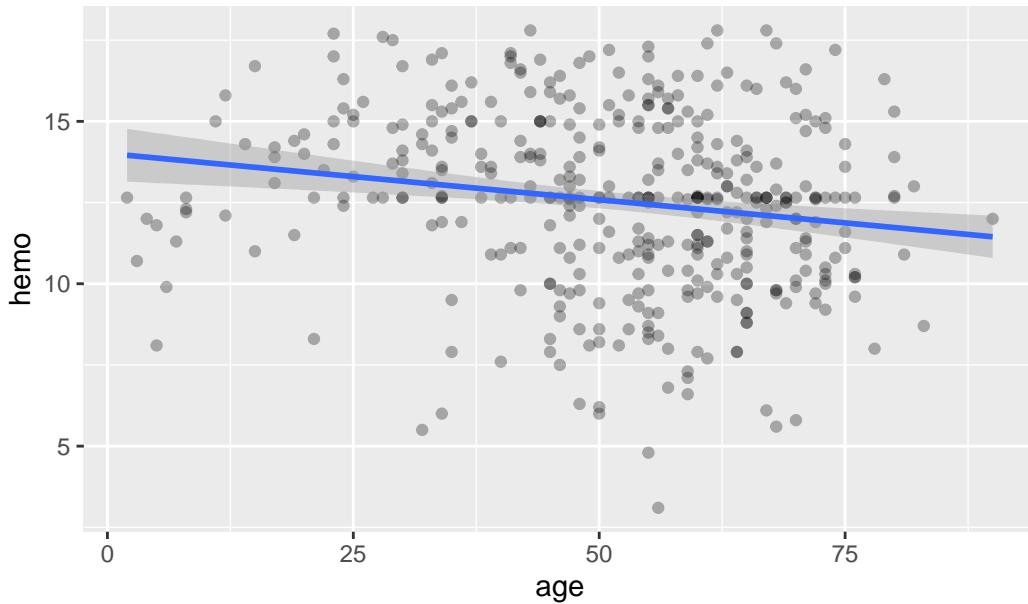
```



```
ggplot(ckd_clean, aes(x = age, y = hemo)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3) +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = TRUE) +
  labs(title = "Hemoglobin vs Age with Regression Line")
```

```
`geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'
```

Hemoglobin vs Age with Regression Line



Linear Regression Model (Hemoglobin Prediction)

- **Residuals vs Fitted:** points are scattered fairly randomly around zero, but clusters exist , indicating decent fit with some heteroscedasticity.
- **Q-Q plot:** residuals follow the diagonal line fairly well, meaning errors are approximately normally distributed.
- **Coefficient plot:** confirms that CKD class and hypertension are the dominant predictors.
- **Hemoglobin vs Age:** scatterplot with regression line shows only a very weak negative slope, confirming age is not strong predictor.

This model predicted hemoglobin levels using age, blood pressure, hypertension, and CKD class. The results show that **CKD status is the strongest predictor**, with patients diagnosed with CKD having on average **3.2 units lower hemoglobin** than non-CKD individuals. **Hypertension** also has a significant negative effect, reducing hemoglobin by about **1.4 units**. In contrast, **age** and **blood pressure** were not statistically significant predictors in this dataset.

Overall, the model demonstrates a **moderate fit** (Adjusted $R^2 = 0.56$), suggesting that over half of the variability in hemoglobin can be explained by these clinical factors. Diagnostic plots confirm that model assumptions are reasonably met. These findings emphasize the clinical relevance of CKD status and hypertension in predicting hemoglobin, both of which are consistent with medical expectations of anemia in CKD patients.