## PHP 2550 HW 6

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In this assignment, we build upon the model for predicting glomerular filtration rate (GFR) that we constructed in homework 5. The goal of this assignment is to choose the best form of the variables. Using the variables selected by step regression, we will consider non linear transformations (polynomials, splines, step functions, and generalized additive models) for the continuous predictors.

Our strategy is to first fit polynomial, natural spline, and step transformations for each independent variable individually against the outcome. We tune each transformation using 10 fold cross validation. After determining the best form of each transformation, we compare their overall fits to the data to determine the best transformation choice. Finally, we use step generalized additive model (GAM) regression to check the significance of adding non parametric terms to our model.

To recap, these are the variables from our best 10 fold cross-validated model:

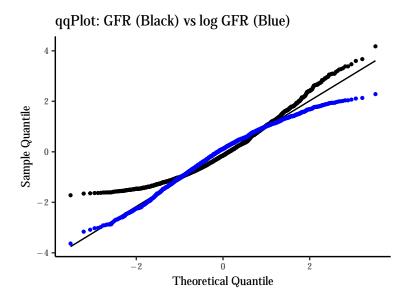
Table 1: Variable Descriptions

Variable	Description	Type	
GFR	Glomerular Filtration Rate	Continuous	
SUN	Serum Urea Nitrogen	Continuous	
SCR	Serum Creatinine	Continuous	
AGE	Age	Continuous	
FEMALE	Female = 1	Binary	
$\operatorname{cys}$	Serum Cystatin	Continuous	
Diabetes	Diabetes = 1	Binary	
BMI	Body Mass Index	Continuous	
BLACK	Black = 1	Binary	

The model from the last homework takes the form:

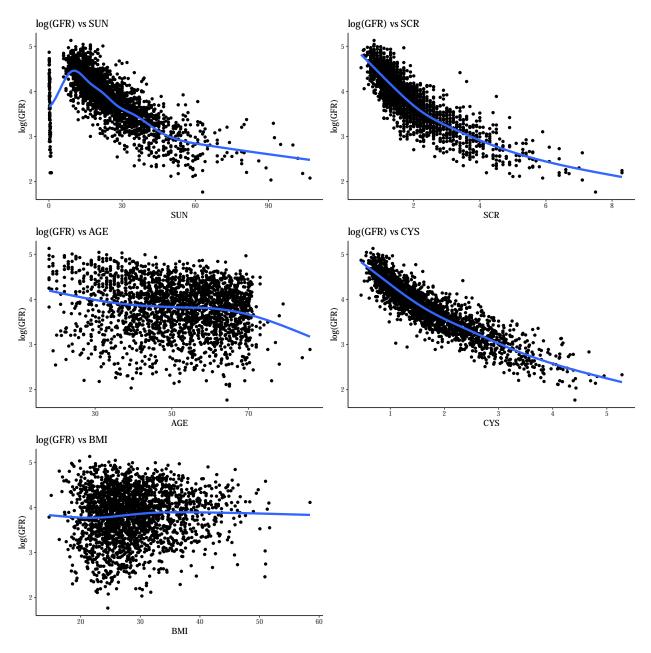
$$E[GFR] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 SUN + \beta_2 SCR + \beta_3 AGE + \beta_4 cys + \beta_5 BMI + \beta_6 Female + \beta_7 Black + \beta_8 Diabetes$$

To start, we considered whether or not to transform our outcome variable, GFR, to the log scale. We would like the outcome variable to be as normally distributed as possible. We can compare normality using qqplots:



In the qqPlot, we are looking for the transformation that puts the points closest to the 45 degree line. We see that the log transformation (in blue) seems to be better, though it is not perfect. We use log GFR as the outcome variable for the rest of the analysis.

We then create scatter plots between each of the continuous variables and log GFR. We also overlay a smoothing spline on each of the scatter plots, which may clue us in on appropriate transformation choices:

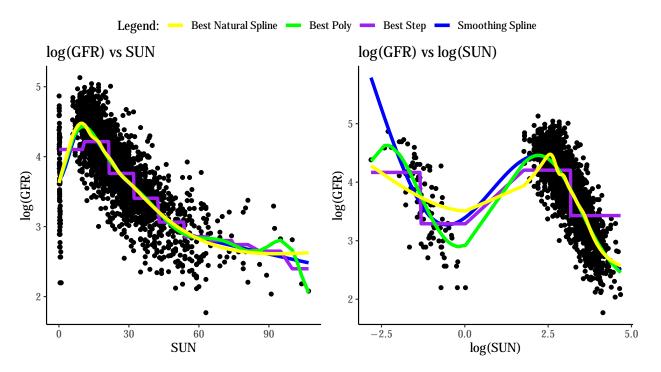


We see that the scatter plots for SUN, SCR, and CYS exhibit substantial nonlinearity (seen from the curvature in the smoothing spline). The the nonlinearity of AGE and BMI are not as visually obvious. We test for nonlinearity in the following sections.

We used 10 fold cross validation to individually choose our transformations. For polynomials, we cross validated to determine the best degree. For step-functions, we cross validated to determine the best number of steps. For natural splines, we cross validated to determine the best number of degrees of freedom. The criterion for choosing the "best" transformation is the lowest average mean squared error on the test set. We also cross validated each transformation using the log transformed independent variable.

Ideally, we would like our model to be parametric. Our strategy is to compare the parametric transformations to the non parameteric smoothing spline. We will compare the fits of our best parametric transformations to the smoothing spline using ANOVA. If the parametric transformation explains variation in GFR as well as the smoothing spline, we will give preference to the parametric function.

We employ this strategy for each of the continuous variables. We start with SUN:



We see that the scatter plot for SUN has many values at SUN = 0. These values should be investigated further to see if there is measurement error or some systematic difference. However, for this analysis we will assume they are correct and choose the model with the best adjusted  $R^2$ . Here are the adjusted  $R^2$  values for each of the above parametric fits:

Table 2: SUN Adjusted R2

Transformation
Polynomial
$\operatorname{Step}$
Natural Spline
log Polynomial
$\log$ Step
log Natural Spline

We see that our best fit (highest  $R^2$ ) uses a polynomial transformation on log SUN. We repeat this process for the remaining 4 continuous variables:

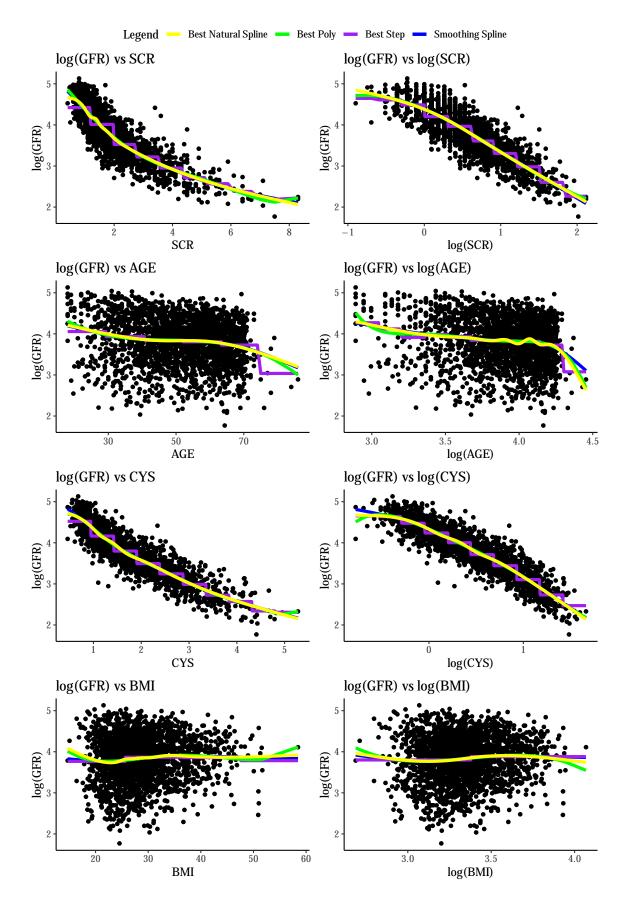


Table 3: Adjusted R2 for Each Variable and Transformation

SUN	SCR	AGE	CYS	BMI	Transformation
0.640	0.738	0.029	0.830	0.006	Polynomial
0.556	0.686	0.027	0.800	0.006	Step
0.640	0.739	0.028	0.831	0.005	Natural Spline
0.673	0.738	0.031	0.830	0.006	log Polynomial
0.474	0.713	0.029	0.808	0.004	log Step
0.639	0.738	0.030	0.830	0.006	log Natural Spline

The transformations with the highest  $R^2$  for each variable are:

- SUN: log polynomial
- SCR: natural spline
- AGE: log polynomial
- CYS: natural spline
- BMI: polynomial (tie, choose polynomial for simplicity)

Using these transformations our model has the form:

$$E[GFR] = \beta_0 + \beta poly(logSUN, 7) + ns(SCR, 9) + \beta poly(logAGE, 5) + \beta ns(cys, 7) + \beta poly(BMI, 4) + \beta Female + \beta Black + \beta Diabetes$$

Next, we run step wise selection in a GAM using our best transformations as the starting point. Here are the steps:

Table 4: GAM Steps

From	То	Resid. Dev	AIC
	<start></start>	76.631	-1,213.335
poly(logAGE, log.age.best.poly)	s(logAGE, 4)	76.607	-1,216.051
poly(BMI, bmi.best.poly)	s(BMI, 4)	76.524	-1,218.542
poly(logSUN, log.sun.best.poly)	s(logSUN, 4)	76.656	-1,220.581
ns(cys, cys.best.spline)	s(cys, 4)	76.820	-1,221.682
Diabetes		76.847	-1,222.890

We see from the above table that the step.Gam function chooses smoothing splines for logSUN, logAGE, cys, and BMI. The only continuous variable that was not switched to a smoothing spline was SCR. We also see that the Diabetes variable was dropped from the model.

Table 5: AIC for Each Model

Model	AIC	R2
No Transformations	19,125.960	0.682
Parametric	-1,213.335	0.895
Non Parametric	-1,222.890	0.895

```
set.seed(100)
### Load Libraries
library(knitr)
library(readr)
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)
library(stargazer)
library(splines)
library(gam)
library(extrafont)
library(grid)
library(gridExtra)
library(caret)
library(ggpubr)
### Load and Clean Data procedure from hw5
### Load data
iod = read_csv("iodatadev.csv")
### Filter out columns with more that 10% missing data
iod.clean = Filter(function(x) mean(is.na(x)) < 0.1, iod)</pre>
### Get complete cases
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  filter(complete.cases(.))
### Remove ids, collinear terms, and unknown variables
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  select(-X1, -ID, -"..2", -"..2_1", -CSG, -drds, - rass1)
### Select the variables from homework 5
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  select(GFR, SUN, SCR, AGE, FEMALE, cys, Diabetes, BMI, BLACK)
### Create variable description table
varnames = names(iod.clean)
vardesc = c("Glomerular Filtration Rate",
            "Serum Urea Nitrogen",
            "Serum Creatinine",
            "Age",
            "Female = 1",
            "Serum Cystatin",
            "Diabetes = 1",
            "Body Mass Index",
            "Black = 1")
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vartype = c("Continuous",
            "Continuous",
            "Continuous",
            "Continuous",
            "Binary",
            "Continuous",
            "Binary",
            "Continuous",
            "Binary")
table1.data = data.frame(Variable = varnames, Description = vardesc, Type = vartype)
stargazer(table1.data,
          header = FALSE,
          title = "Variable Descriptions",
          table.placement = 'H',
          summary = FALSE,
          rownames = FALSE)
### First consider log transforms of continuous variables
### Use log GFR?
gfr.qq = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(sample = scale(GFR))) +
  stat_qq(size = .8) + stat_qq_line() +
  stat_qq(aes(sample = scale(log(GFR))), color = "blue", size = .8) +
  ylab("Sample Quantile") +
  xlab("Theoretical Quantile") +
  ggtitle("qqPlot: GFR (Black) vs log GFR (Blue)") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=9, family="CM Sans"))
gfr.qq
###Add log(GFR)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(logGFR = log(GFR))
###Add log of all cont. variables
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(logSUN = log(SUN),
         logSCR = log(SCR),
         logAGE = log(AGE),
         log cys = log (cys),
         logBMI = log(BMI))
```

```
sun.smooth = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = SUN)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom smooth(method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FALSE, size = 1.5) +
 ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("SUN") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs SUN") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans"))
scr.smooth = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = SCR)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FALSE, size = 1.5) +
  ylab("log(GFR)") +
 xlab("SCR") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs SCR") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans"))
age.smooth = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = AGE)) +
  geom point() +
  geom\_smooth(method = "gam", formula = y \sim s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FALSE, size = 1.5) +
  ylab("log(GFR)") +
 xlab("AGE") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs AGE") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans"))
cys.smooth = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = cys)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FALSE, size = 1.5) +
 ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("CYS") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs CYS") +
  theme classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans"))
bmi.smooth = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = BMI)) +
  geom point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FALSE, size = 1.5) +
 ylab("log(GFR)") +
 xlab("BMI") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs BMI") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans"))
grid.arrange(sun.smooth, scr.smooth,
             age.smooth, cys.smooth,
             bmi.smooth,
```

```
nrow = 3)
### Function for best polynomial
bestpoly = function(x, y, folds, maxpoly){
  leaveout = createFolds(x, k = folds)
  error.matrix = matrix(NA, nrow = folds, ncol = maxpoly)
  for (i in 1:folds) {
    trainx = x[-leaveout[[i]]]
    trainy = y[-leaveout[[i]]]
    testx = x[leaveout[[i]]]
    testy = y[leaveout[[i]]]
    train.mat = as.data.frame(cbind(y=trainy, x = trainx))
    test.mat = as.data.frame(cbind(y = testy, x = testx))
    for (j in 1:maxpoly) {
     mod = lm(y ~ poly(x, degree = j, raw = TRUE), data = train.mat)
     preds = predict(mod, newdata = test.mat)
      error = mean((testy - preds)^2)
      error.matrix[i,j] = error
    }
  }
  ave.mse = apply(error.matrix, 2, mean)
  return(ave.mse)
}
### Function for best step (equal breaks)
beststep = function(x, y, folds, maxbreaks){
  leaveout = createFolds(x, k = folds)
  error.matrix = matrix(NA, nrow = folds, ncol = maxbreaks-1)
  for (j in 2:maxbreaks) {
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a = cut(as.numeric(x), breaks = j)
    for (i in 1:folds) {
      trainx = a[-leaveout[[i]]]
      trainy = y[-leaveout[[i]]]
      testx = a[leaveout[[i]]]
      testy = y[leaveout[[i]]]
      train.mat = as.data.frame(cbind(y=trainy, b = trainx))
      test.mat = as.data.frame(cbind(y = testy, b = testx))
      mod = lm(y ~ as.factor(b), data = train.mat)
      preds = predict(mod, newdata = test.mat)
      error = mean((testy - preds)^2)
      error.matrix[i, j-1] = error
    }
  }
  ave.mse = apply(error.matrix, 2, mean)
  names(ave.mse) = 2:maxbreaks
  return(ave.mse)
}
### Function for best natural spline
bestspline = function(x, y, folds, dfs) {
  leaveout = createFolds(x, k = folds)
  error.matrix = matrix(NA, nrow = folds, ncol = dfs)
  for (i in 1:folds) {
    trainx = x[-leaveout[[i]]]
    trainy = y[-leaveout[[i]]]
    testx = x[leaveout[[i]]]
    testy = y[leaveout[[i]]]
    train.mat = as.data.frame(cbind(y=trainy, x = trainx))
    test.mat = as.data.frame(cbind(y = testy, x = testx))
    for (j in 1:dfs) {
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fit.nspline=lm(y~ns(x,df=j),data=train.mat) #Fit natural spline
      preds=predict(fit.nspline,newdata=test.mat,se=T)$fit
     error = mean((testy - preds)^2)
     error.matrix[i,j] = error
  }
 ave.mse = apply(error.matrix, 2, mean)
 return(ave.mse)
### Colors for legend
cols <- c("Smoothing Spline"="blue", "Best Step"="purple", "Best Poly"="green", "Best Natural Spline" = "
### SUN best transforms
### Poly
sun.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$SUN, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                        folds = 10, maxpoly = 10)
sun.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(SUN, sun.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(sun.poly.preds = predict(sun.poly.mod))
### Step
sun.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$SUN, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 10))
sun.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(SUN, breaks = sun.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(sun.step.preds = predict(sun.step.mod))
### Spline
sun.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$SUN, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10))
sun.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(SUN, df = sun.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
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```
mutate(sun.spline.preds = predict(sun.spline.mod))
sun.transforms = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = SUN)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = "Smoothing Spline"), method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FAL
  ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("SUN") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs SUN") +
  theme classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = sun.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = sun.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = sun.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
### log SUN best transforms
### Poly
log.sun.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$logSUN, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                         folds = 10, maxpoly = 10))
log.sun.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(logSUN, log.sun.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.sun.poly.preds = predict(log.sun.poly.mod))
### Step
log.sun.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$logSUN, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 5))
log.sun.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(logSUN, breaks = log.sun.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.sun.step.preds = predict(log.sun.step.mod))
### Spline
log.sun.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$logSUN, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10))
log.sun.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(logSUN, df = log.sun.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.sun.spline.preds = predict(log.sun.spline.mod))
```

```
log.sun.transforms = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = logSUN)) +
  geom point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = "Smoothing Spline"), method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FAL
  ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("log(SUN)") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs log(SUN)") +
  theme classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.sun.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.sun.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.sun.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
ggarrange(sun.transforms, log.sun.transforms, common.legend = TRUE, legend = "top")
### Function to get r2
rsquared = function(x){
  summaryx = summary(x)
 return(summaryx$adj.r.squared)
}
### Rsquared table for sun
sun.rs = c(rsquared(sun.poly.mod),
           rsquared(sun.step.mod),
           rsquared(sun.spline.mod),
           rsquared(log.sun.poly.mod),
           rsquared(log.sun.step.mod),
           rsquared(log.sun.spline.mod))
rs.name = c("Polynomial",
            "Step",
            "Natural Spline",
            "log Polynomial",
            "log Step",
            "log Natural Spline")
sun.r2.data = data.frame(adjRsquared = sun.rs, Transformation = rs.name)
stargazer(sun.r2.data,
          title = "SUN Adjusted R2",
          header = FALSE,
```

```
summary = FALSE,
          table.placement = 'H',
          rownames = FALSE
### SCR best transforms
### Poly
scr.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$SCR, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                         folds = 10, maxpoly = 10)
scr.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(SCR, scr.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(scr.poly.preds = predict(scr.poly.mod))
### Step
scr.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$SCR, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 10))
scr.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(SCR, breaks = scr.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(scr.step.preds = predict(scr.step.mod))
### Spline
scr.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$SCR, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10)
scr.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(SCR, df = scr.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(scr.spline.preds = predict(scr.spline.mod))
scr.transforms = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = SCR)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = "Smoothing Spline"), method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FAL
 ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("SCR") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs SCR") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = scr.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = scr.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
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geom_line(aes(y = scr.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
### AGE best transforms
### Poly
age.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$AGE, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                         folds = 10, maxpoly = 10)
age.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(AGE, age.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(age.poly.preds = predict(age.poly.mod))
### Step
age.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$AGE, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 10))
age.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(AGE, breaks = age.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(age.step.preds = predict(age.step.mod))
### Spline
age.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$AGE, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10)
age.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(AGE, df = age.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(age.spline.preds = predict(age.spline.mod))
age.transforms = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = AGE)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = "Smoothing Spline"), method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FAL
 ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("AGE") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs AGE") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = age.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = age.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = age.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
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```
scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
### cys best transforms
### Poly
cys.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$cys, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                         folds = 10, maxpoly = 10)
cys.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(cys, cys.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(cys.poly.preds = predict(cys.poly.mod))
### Step
cys.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$cys, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 10))
cys.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(cys, breaks = cys.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(cys.step.preds = predict(cys.step.mod))
### Spline
cys.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$cys, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10)
cys.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(cys, df = cys.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(cys.spline.preds = predict(cys.spline.mod))
cys.transforms = iod.clean %>%
 ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = cys)) +
  geom point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(color = "Smoothing Spline"), method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FALS
 ylab("log(GFR)") +
 xlab("CYS") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs CYS") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = cys.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = cys.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = cys.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
```

```
### BMI best transforms
### Poly
bmi.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$BMI, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                         folds = 10, maxpoly = 10)
bmi.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(BMI, bmi.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(bmi.poly.preds = predict(bmi.poly.mod))
### Step
bmi.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$BMI, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 5))
bmi.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(BMI, breaks = bmi.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(bmi.step.preds = predict(bmi.step.mod))
### Spline
bmi.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$BMI, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10)
bmi.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(BMI, df = scr.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(bmi.spline.preds = predict(bmi.spline.mod))
bmi.transforms = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = BMI)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = "Smoothing Spline"), method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FAL
 ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("BMI") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs BMI") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = bmi.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = bmi.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = bmi.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
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### log SCR best transforms
### Poly
log.scr.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$logSCR, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                         folds = 10, maxpoly = 10)
log.scr.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(logSCR, log.scr.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(log.scr.poly.preds = predict(log.scr.poly.mod))
### Step
log.scr.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$logSCR, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 10))
log.scr.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(logSCR, breaks = log.scr.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(log.scr.step.preds = predict(log.scr.step.mod))
### Spline
log.scr.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$logSCR, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10)
log.scr.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(logSCR, df = log.scr.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.scr.spline.preds = predict(log.scr.spline.mod))
log.scr.transforms = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = logSCR)) +
  geom point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = "Smoothing Spline"), method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FAL
  ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("log(SCR)") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs log(SCR)") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.scr.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.scr.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.scr.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
### log AGE best transforms
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### Poly
log.age.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$logAGE, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                         folds = 10, maxpoly = 6))
log.age.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(logAGE, log.age.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.age.poly.preds = predict(log.age.poly.mod))
### Step
log.age.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$logAGE, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 10))
log.age.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(logAGE, breaks = log.age.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.age.step.preds = predict(log.age.step.mod))
### Spline
log.age.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$logAGE, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10))
log.age.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(logAGE, df = log.age.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.age.spline.preds = predict(log.age.spline.mod))
log.age.transforms = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = logAGE)) +
  geom point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = "Smoothing Spline"), method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FAL
  ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("log(AGE)") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs log(AGE)") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.age.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.age.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.age.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
### log cys best transforms
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### Poly
log.cys.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$logcys, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                         folds = 10, maxpoly = 10)
log.cys.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(logcys, log.cys.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.cys.poly.preds = predict(log.cys.poly.mod))
### Step
log.cys.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$logcys, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 10))
log.cys.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(logcys, breaks = log.cys.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.cys.step.preds = predict(log.cys.step.mod))
### Spline
log.cys.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$logcys, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10)
log.cys.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(logcys, df = log.cys.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.cys.spline.preds = predict(log.cys.spline.mod))
log.cys.transforms = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = logcys)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = "Smoothing Spline") ,method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FAL
  ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("log(CYS)") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs log(CYS)") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.cys.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.cys.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.cys.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
### log BMI best transforms
### Poly
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log.bmi.best.poly = which.min(bestpoly(x = iod.clean$logBMI, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                         folds = 10, maxpoly = 6)
log.bmi.poly.mod = lm(logGFR ~ poly(logBMI, log.bmi.best.poly), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
 mutate(log.bmi.poly.preds = predict(log.bmi.poly.mod))
### Step
log.bmi.best.step = which.min(beststep(x = iod.clean$logBMI, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, maxbreaks = 5))
log.bmi.step.mod = lm(logGFR ~ cut(logBMI, breaks = log.bmi.best.step + 1), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.bmi.step.preds = predict(log.bmi.step.mod))
### Spline
log.bmi.best.spline = which.min(bestspline(x = iod.clean$logBMI, y = iod.clean$logGFR,
                                   folds = 10, dfs = 10)
log.bmi.spline.mod = lm(logGFR ~ ns(logBMI, df = log.scr.best.spline), data = iod.clean)
iod.clean = iod.clean %>%
  mutate(log.bmi.spline.preds = predict(log.bmi.spline.mod))
log.bmi.transforms = iod.clean %>%
  ggplot(aes(y = logGFR, x = logBMI)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = "Smoothing Spline"), method = "gam", formula = y ~ s(x, bs = "cs"), se = FAL
 ylab("log(GFR)") +
  xlab("log(BMI)") +
  ggtitle("log(GFR) vs log(BMI)") +
  theme_classic() +
  theme(text=element_text(size=12, family="CM Sans")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.bmi.step.preds, colour = "Best Step"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.bmi.poly.preds, colour = "Best Poly"), size = 1.5) +
  geom_line(aes(y = log.bmi.spline.preds, colour = "Best Natural Spline"), size = 1.5) +
  scale_colour_manual(name = "Legend:", values = cols)
other4 = ggarrange(scr.transforms, log.scr.transforms,
          age.transforms, log.age.transforms,
          cys.transforms, log.cys.transforms,
          bmi.transforms, log.bmi.transforms,
          ncol = 2, nrow = 4,
          common.legend = TRUE, legend = "top")
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other4
### Rsquared table for other vars
scr.rs = c(rsquared(scr.poly.mod),
           rsquared(scr.step.mod),
           rsquared(scr.spline.mod),
           rsquared(log.scr.poly.mod),
           rsquared(log.scr.step.mod),
           rsquared(log.scr.spline.mod))
age.rs = c(rsquared(age.poly.mod),
           rsquared(age.step.mod),
           rsquared(age.spline.mod),
           rsquared(log.age.poly.mod),
           rsquared(log.age.step.mod),
           rsquared(log.age.spline.mod))
cys.rs = c(rsquared(cys.poly.mod),
           rsquared(cys.step.mod),
           rsquared(cys.spline.mod),
           rsquared(log.cys.poly.mod),
           rsquared(log.cys.step.mod),
           rsquared(log.cys.spline.mod))
bmi.rs = c(rsquared(bmi.poly.mod),
           rsquared(bmi.step.mod),
           rsquared(bmi.spline.mod),
           rsquared(log.bmi.poly.mod),
           rsquared(log.bmi.step.mod),
           rsquared(log.bmi.spline.mod))
rs.name = c("Polynomial",
            "Step",
            "Natural Spline",
            "log Polynomial",
            "log Step",
            "log Natural Spline")
r2.data.4 = data.frame(SUN = sun.rs, SCR = scr.rs, AGE = age.rs,
                       CYS = cys.rs, BMI = bmi.rs,
                       Transformation = rs.name)
stargazer(r2.data.4,
          title = "Adjusted R2 for Each Variable and Transformation",
          header = FALSE,
          summary = FALSE,
          table.placement = 'H',
          rownames = FALSE
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### Step GAM
gam.start = gam(log(GFR)~ poly(logSUN, log.sun.best.poly) +
                  ns(SCR, scr.best.spline) +
                  poly(logAGE, log.age.best.poly) +
                  ns(cys, cys.best.spline) +
                  poly(BMI, bmi.best.poly) +
                  FEMALE +
                  BLACK +
                  Diabetes, data=iod.clean)
gam.scope=list("logSUN" =~ 1 + logSUN + poly(logSUN, log.sun.best.poly) + s(logSUN,4),
               "SCR" =~ 1 + SCR + ns(SCR, scr.best.spline) + s(SCR,4),
               "logAGE" =~ 1 + logAGE + poly(logAGE, log.age.best.poly) + s(logAGE,4),
               "cys" =~ 1 + cys + ns(cys, cys.best.spline) + s(cys,4),
               "BMI" =~ 1 + BMI + poly(BMI, bmi.best.poly) + s(BMI,4),
               "Diabetes" =~ 1 + Diabetes,
               "FEMALE"=~1+FEMALE,
               "BLACK"=~1+BLACK)
mod = step.Gam(gam.start,gam.scope,direction="both",trace=F)
gam.drops = mod$anova %>%
  select(From, To, "Resid. Dev", AIC)
stargazer(gam.drops,
          header = FALSE,
          summary = FALSE,
          table.placement = 'H',
          title = "GAM Steps", rownames = FALSE)
model1 = lm(GFR ~ SUN + SCR + AGE + FEMALE +
                   cys + Diabetes, data = iod.clean)
model2 = mgcv::gam(log(GFR)~ poly(logSUN, log.sun.best.poly) +
                  ns(SCR, scr.best.spline) +
                  poly(logAGE, log.age.best.poly) +
                  ns(cys, cys.best.spline) +
                  poly(BMI, bmi.best.poly) +
                  FEMALE +
                  BLACK +
                  Diabetes, data=iod.clean)
model3 = mgcv::gam(log(GFR)~ s(logSUN) +
                  ns(SCR, scr.best.spline) +
                  s(logAGE) +
                  s(cys) +
                  s(BMI) +
                  FEMALE +
                  BLACK,
                  data=iod.clean)
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