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VIF stands for Variance Inflation Factor, and it's a measure used to detect multicollinearity in regression analysis. Multicollinearity occurs when independent variables in a regression model are highly correlated with each other, which can cause issues with the interpretation of the coefficients and the overall reliability of the model.

To calculate the VIF for each independent variable:

- 1. Fit a regression model with the variable of interest as the dependent variable and all other independent variables as predictors.
- 2. Calculate the VIF for each independent variable using the formula:

$$VIF = \frac{1}{1-R^2}$$

Where R^2 is the coefficient of determination from the regression model.

- 1. Check the VIF values:
 - VIF = 1: No multicollinearity.
 - VIF between 1 and 5: Moderate multicollinearity. Usually not a concern.
 - VIF above 5: High multicollinearity. Variables with high VIFs may need further investigation or should be removed from the model.

High VIF values indicate that the variance of the coefficient estimates is inflated due to multicollinearity, making the interpretation less reliable. Removing one or more of the highly correlated variables can help alleviate multicollinearity issues.

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