Factors that contribute to hypertension

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Motivation

The link between hypertension and some physical measurements has been well-established in previous studies. In this case study, moving beyond the traditional aspects, we will explore other risk factors and their potential influence on hypertension.

This case study also introduces logistic regression and survey-weighted logistic regression, focusing on the comparison between them. The result plot indicates that standard error of coefficients calculated by logistic regression is not accurate. So when we use survey data, survey-weight logistic regression is a good choice of model in this setting.

What is the Data

NYC HANES 2013-14 Blood Pressure Data: NYC HANES Analytics Datasets is downloaded here. Other useful resources can be found through it, such as 'Data Documents', 'Variable List', 'Analytics Guideline', 'Questionnaires'. All of them enable data users to understand the meaning and encoding of the variables better, and then complete the analysis more efficiently.

Other Resource

- 1. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES): A program of studies designed to assess the health and nutritional status of adults and children in the United States. NYC HANES is a local version of NHANES, which implies it mainly focus on New York area. Modeling on NHANES, NYC HANES collected data from a physical examination and laboratory tests, as well as interviews.
- 2. R package nhanesA: This package was developed to enable fully customizable retrieval of data from NHANES, such as load data, list variables in NHANES table.

Data Preprocessing

Load packages

Since this is the first R code chunk, we will load the necessary libraries.

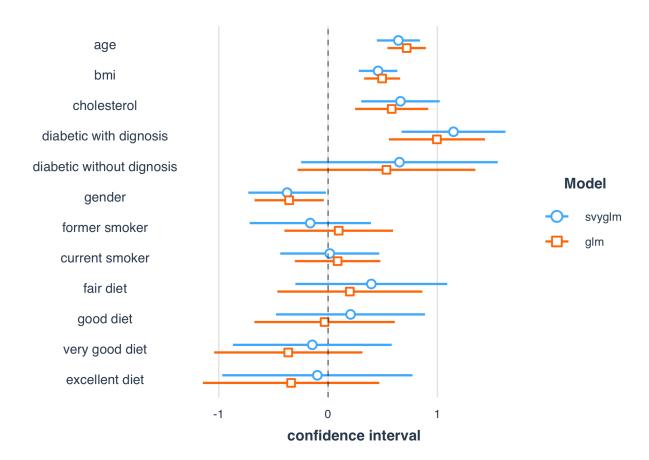


Figure 1:

```
library(knitr)
library(ggplot2)
library(ggrepel)
library(tableone)
library(kableExtra)
library(survey)
library(broom)
library(tidyverse)
library(tidyverse)
library(jtools)
library(plotrix)
```

Load Data

It is a SAS formatted file so we would like to use the function read_sas from the haven library to read it into a data frame in R. haven library is useful to import and export 'SAS', 'STATA', and 'SPSS' file.

```
dat <- read_sas('./data/dat.sas7bdat')</pre>
```

This data frame contains 1527 observations of 704 different variables. In our analysis, only a subset of the variables will be selected.

Select the variables that we are interested in

As we mentioned above, this is a survey data set based on interview or questionnaires with 704 variables. Some variables are meaningless to our research interest, such as 'LAQ1: What language is being used to conduct this interview'.

Previous people showed hypertension has relationship with drink, smoking, cholesterol values, triglyceride. Except for them, we still want to choose other covariates which might not be highly-related, such as income, and try to see whether they have a potential association with hypertension. Therefore, based on our interest, finally selected 13 covariates are kept.

Here, we use the select function to choose and rename the columns that we want.

```
hypertension_DF <- dat %>%
    select(
id = KEY,
age = SPAGE,
race = DMQ_14_1,
gender = GENDER,
diet = DBQ_1,
income = INC2OK,
diabetes = DX_DBTS,
bmi = BMI,
cholesterol = BPQ_16,
drink = ALQ_1_UNIT,
smoking = SMOKER3CAT,
hypertension = BPQ_2,
surveyweight = CAPI_WT
)
```

Here are explanations for these variables:

- -Non Categorical
 - id: Sample case ID
 - age: Sample age, range 22-115
 - bmi: BMI = kg/m2 where kg is a person's weight in kilograms and m2 is their height in meters squared
 - surveyweight: surveyweight
- -Categorical
 - race:
 - -100 = White
 - -110 = Black/African American
 - -120 = Indian
 - 140 = Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
 - -180 = Asian
 - -250 = Other race
 - gender:
 - -1 = Male
 - -2 = Female
 - born:
 - -1 = Us born
 - -2 = Other country
 - diet:
 - -1 = Excellent
 - -2 = Very good
 - -3 = Good
 - -4 = Fair
 - -5 = Poor
 - diabetes: Previously diagnosed with diabetes
 - -1 = Diabetic with dignosis
 - -2 = Diabetic without dignosis
 - -3 = Not diabetic
 - cholesterol: An oil-based substance. If concentrations get too high, it puts people at risk of heart diseases
 - -1 = High cholesterol value
 - -2 = Low cholesterol value
 - drink: In the past 12 months, how often did sample drink any type of alcoholic beverage
 - -1 = Weekly
 - -2 = Monthly
 - -3 = Yearly
 - smoke:
 - -1 =Never smoker
 - -2 = Current smoker
 - -3 = Former smoker
 - income:
 - -1 = Less than \$20,000
 - -2 = \$20,000 \$39,999
 - -3 = \$40,000 \$59,999
 - -4 = \$60,000 \$79,999
 - -5 = \$80,000 \$99,999
 - -6 = \$100,000 or more
 - hypertension: Previously diagnosed as hypertension
 - -1 = Yes
 - -2 = No

Data Wrangling

The first step of any data analysis should be to explore the data through calculating various summary statistics. There are several ways that you can have a glance at your data. Plotting the data or using the summary or head functions are excellent ways to help you have a quick judgement on the data set.

The summary function tabulates categorical variables and provides summary statistics for continuous ones, while also including a count of missing values, which can be very important in deciding what variables to consider in downstream analysis.

summary(hypertension_DF)

```
##
         id
                                                                 gender
                               age
                                                race
##
                                 :20.00
                                                  :100.0
                                                                    :1.00
    Length: 1527
                         Min.
                                           Min.
                                                            Min.
##
    Class : character
                         1st Qu.:30.00
                                           1st Qu.:100.0
                                                            1st Qu.:1.00
                         Median :42.00
                                           Median :110.0
                                                            Median:2.00
##
    Mode :character
##
                         Mean
                                 :44.55
                                           Mean
                                                   :136.8
                                                            Mean
                                                                    :1.58
##
                                           3rd Qu.:180.0
                         3rd Qu.:57.00
                                                            3rd Qu.:2.00
##
                         Max.
                                 :97.00
                                           Max.
                                                   :250.0
                                                            Max.
                                                                    :2.00
##
                                           NA's
                                                  :59
##
                                          diabetes
         diet
                         income
                                                             bmi
##
            :1.00
                            :1.000
                                              :1.000
                                                                :12.31
    Min.
                    Min.
                                      Min.
                                                        Min.
##
    1st Qu.:2.00
                     1st Qu.:1.000
                                      1st Qu.:3.000
                                                        1st Qu.:23.33
##
    Median:3.00
                    Median :2.000
                                      Median :3.000
                                                        Median :26.52
##
    Mean
            :2.92
                    Mean
                            :2.985
                                      Mean
                                              :2.719
                                                        Mean
                                                                :27.73
##
    3rd Qu.:4.00
                     3rd Qu.:5.000
                                                        3rd Qu.:30.71
                                      3rd Qu.:3.000
##
    Max.
            :5.00
                     Max.
                             :6.000
                                      Max.
                                              :3.000
                                                        Max.
                                                                :69.17
##
    NA's
                                      NA's
                                              :281
                                                                :38
            :3
                     NA's
                             :161
                                                        NA's
##
     cholesterol
                          drink
                                           smoking
                                                          hypertension
##
    Min.
            :1.000
                      Min.
                              :1.000
                                               :1.000
                                                         Min.
                                                                 :1.000
##
    1st Qu.:1.000
                      1st Qu.:1.000
                                       1st Qu.:1.000
                                                         1st Qu.:1.000
##
    Median :2.000
                      Median :1.000
                                       Median :1.000
                                                         Median :2.000
##
            :1.719
                              :1.726
                                               :1.598
                                                                 :1.726
    Mean
                      Mean
                                       Mean
                                                         Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:2.000
                      3rd Qu.:2.000
                                       3rd Qu.:2.000
                                                         3rd Qu.:2.000
##
    Max.
            :2.000
                      Max.
                              :3.000
                                       Max.
                                               :3.000
                                                         Max.
                                                                 :2.000
##
    NA's
            :15
                      NA's
                              :412
                                       NA's
                                               :3
                                                         NA's
                                                                 :3
##
     surveyweight
            : 1030
##
    Min.
##
    1st Qu.: 2875
##
    Median: 3648
##
    Mean
            : 4116
##
    3rd Qu.: 4989
##
    Max.
            :15422
##
```

We find NA's occupy big parts of the dataset, even 412 for 'drink' and 281 for 'diabetes'. Directly removing rows containing missing data is not appropriate considering its large amount. So we try to check the variable list again and find another variable 'AlQ_1': how often did SP drink any type of alcoholic beverage? 0 means they never drink.

Let's see its distribution with function table().

```
table(dat$ALQ_1)
##
##
                    3
                              5
                                   6
                                       7
                                                10
                                                     12
                                                                                  24
                                                                                       25
                         4
                                            8
                                                          14
                                                               15
                                                                    16
                                                                        17
                                                                             20
          1
## 406 267 276 183 100
                             80
                                 40
                                      68
                                            7
                                                25
                                                      9
                                                                6
                                                                                   6
                                                                                        2
                                                                     1
```

```
40
                50
                     60 100 144 180 189 200 365
##
        30
##
         8
     1
              1
                  1
                           1
                                1
                                    1
                                        1
                                             1
                       1
```

The result answers why there are so many missing value for 'drink'. Among these 412 missing values, 406 samples never drink and there are just 6 real missing values. Therefore, merging these two variables as one is a better choice to avoid losing too many observations.

```
hypertension_DF$drink[which(dat$ALQ_1==0)] <- 4
summary(hypertension_DF$drink)
```

```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's
## 1.000 1.000 2.000 2.333 4.000 4.000 6
```

With the help of function which(), 6 missing value for 'drink' is left now.

In next step, we aim to remove rows containing missing data with a nice function drop_na() in library tidyr and store in a new dataframe:

```
DF <- hypertension_DF %>%
  drop_na()
```

Finally we remain 1065 observations of 13 different variables.

Adjust Data Type

From the data summaries above, we can see that there are several categorical variables like race, gender, born, diet, income, diabetes, BMI, drink, and smoke, which are currently being treated as numerical values.

For these variables, it is important for us to adjust the coding, prior to doing any analysis in R. Since different value represent nothing but different categories. Sometimes people forget to change the type of data, and usually, it will give you a totally wrong result.

For example, in lm() and glm(), the function will treat numerically-coded categorical variables as continuous variables, which will give the wrong result. Instead, we want to convert these categorical variables to factors. Before doing this, we want to get a better understanding of exactly what values are stored in the different variables.

The first step for these categorical variables is to change them to factors. We refer to the codebook to get the correct mapping of the numerical values to the category labels.

We can use the factor function to convert each variable and assign the correct levels. Any values that are not included in the 'levels' argument will get set to 'NA' values.

```
DF$race <- factor(DF$race, levels=c(100, 110, 120, 140, 180, 250),
labels=c('White', 'Black/African American',
'Indian /Alaska Native',
'Pacific Islander', 'Asian', 'Other Race'))

DF$gender <- factor(DF$gender, levels=c(1,2),
labels=c('Male', 'Female'))

DF$diet <- factor(DF$diet, levels=c(5:1),
labels=c('Poor', 'Fair', 'Good', 'Very good', 'Excellent'))

DF$income <- factor(DF$income, levels=c(1:6),
labels=c('Less than $20,000', '$20,000 - $39,999',
'$40,000 - $59,999', '$60,000 - $79,999',
'$80,000 - $99,999', '$100,000 or more'))</pre>
```

```
DF$diabetes <- factor(DF$diabetes, levels=c(3,1,2),</pre>
labels=c('Not diabetic','Diabetic dx','Diabetic but no dx'))
DF$cholesterol <- factor(DF$cholesterol, levels=c(2,1),</pre>
labels=c('Low value','High value'))
DF$drink <- factor(DF$drink, levels=c(4,1,2,3),
labels=c('Never','Weekly', 'Monthly', 'Yearly'))
DF$smoking <- factor(DF$smoking, levels=c(3:1),
labels=c('Never smoker','Former smoker','Current smoker'))
DF$hypertension <- factor(DF$hypertension, levels=c(2,1),</pre>
labels=c('No','Yes'))
summary(DF)
##
         id
                                                              race
                             age
##
    Length: 1065
                               :20.00
                                         White
                                                                :491
                       Min.
##
    Class :character
                        1st Qu.:30.00
                                         Black/African American:258
                                         Indian /Alaska Native: 7
##
    Mode :character
                        Median :42.00
##
                        Mean
                               :44.54
                                         Pacific Islander
##
                        3rd Qu.:57.00
                                        Asian
                                                                :143
                               :94.00
##
                        Max.
                                        Other Race
                                                                :161
##
                         diet
       gender
                                                 income
##
    Male :460
                 Poor
                           : 72
                                  Less than $20,000:309
##
    Female:605
                 Fair
                           :235
                                  $20,000 - $39,999:246
                           :391
                                  $40,000 - $59,999:124
##
                 Good
                                  $60,000 - $79,999:110
##
                 Very good:264
                 Excellent:103
                                  $80,000 - $99,999: 75
##
##
                                  $100,000 or more :201
##
                  diabetes
                                   bmi
                                                   cholesterol
                                                                     drink
##
    Not diabetic
                       :911
                                      :15.02
                                               Low value :758
                                                                 Never:255
                              Min.
    Diabetic dx
                       :126
                              1st Qu.:23.40
                                               High value:307
                                                                 Weekly:424
    Diabetic but no dx: 28
                              Median :26.47
                                                                 Monthly:201
##
##
                              Mean
                                      :27.76
                                                                 Yearly:185
##
                              3rd Qu.:30.47
##
                              Max.
                                      :69.17
##
              smoking
                          hypertension surveyweight
##
    Never smoker :230
                          No :775
                                       Min.
                                               : 1030
##
    Former smoker :204
                          Yes:290
                                       1st Qu.: 2864
##
    Current smoker:631
                                       Median: 3559
##
                                       Mean
                                               : 4028
##
                                       3rd Qu.: 4786
##
                                       Max.
                                               :15422
```

EXplore Data Analysis

Simple data visualization will help you to make a first step judgement and provide much information. Plots indicate the trend, or pattern of the distribution of variables you interested in, and inspire you how to do the next step in data analysis. We will mainly use package ggplot2, a powerful tool for data visualization, and here is the link for its cheat sheet: https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/ggplot2-cheatsheet.pdf.

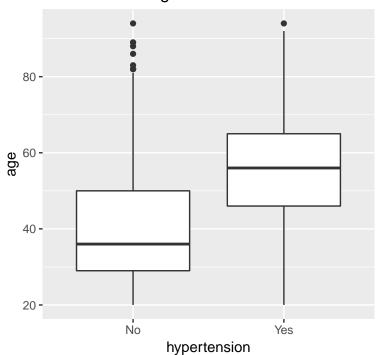
Plotting numerical data is something you may be familiar with. This time we are going to incorporate some

of the categorical variables into the plots. Although going from raw numerical data to categorical data bins does give you less precision, it can make drawing conclusions from plots much easier.

First, we try to plot one categorical variable 'hypertension', with one numerical variable 'age'.

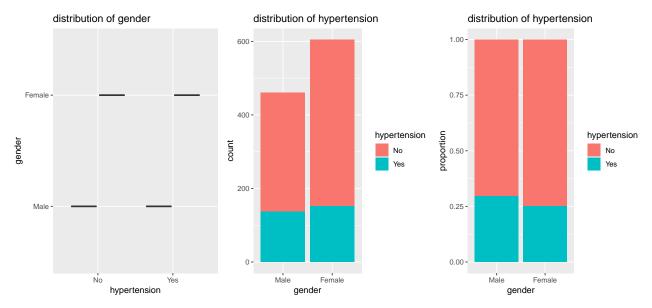
```
p1 <- ggplot(DF, aes(x = hypertension, y=age))+
  geom_boxplot()+ggtitle('distribution of age')
p1</pre>
```

distribution of age



What about hypertension with gender? Now let's try three different ways to plot categorical variable 'gender'.

```
p2 <- ggplot(DF, aes(x = hypertension, y=gender))+
   geom_boxplot()+ggtitle('distribution of gender')
p3 <- ggplot(DF, aes(x = gender, fill = hypertension)) +
   geom_bar()+ggtitle('distribution of hypertension')
p4 <- ggplot(DF, aes(x = gender, fill = hypertension)) +
   geom_bar(position = "fill")+ggtitle('distribution of hypertension') + ylab('proportion')
ggarrange(p2,p3,p4,ncol=3,nrow=1)</pre>
```



The left plot uses the same way as 'age', but it fails to show the relationship! It seems not what we want so we need a correct way instead of just applying traditional plotting methods.

Then, we think about other ways, as shown in the other two plots. This time it works! We switch the x-axis and y-axis. The middle plot shows the count of 'hypertension' for male and female and you can compare the skewness of distribution. But to more clearly see the proportion of male and female for each level, we use position='fill'. y-axis in the right plot is proportion rather than count. It is obvious that male are more likely to get hypertension. You can try to use this method on other categorical variables.

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Survey Weighted Data

So what model can we use in our case?

• binary outcomes

You might think of logistic regression. Yes, you're pretty close already. However, think of the nature of our dataset. It's a data obtained from survey, and there is an important point to consider for analysis of survey data.

What is Survey Weighted Data

It possible and indeed often happens to a perfectly designed sampling plan ends up with too many samples in a category. For example, too many women and not enough men, or too many white and not enough other races or both. Data weighting make sense for this kind of data. If we want the data to reflect the whole population, instead of counting the weight of each data point as one, we weight the data so that the sample we have can better reflect the entire community.

What is the Weight of Data

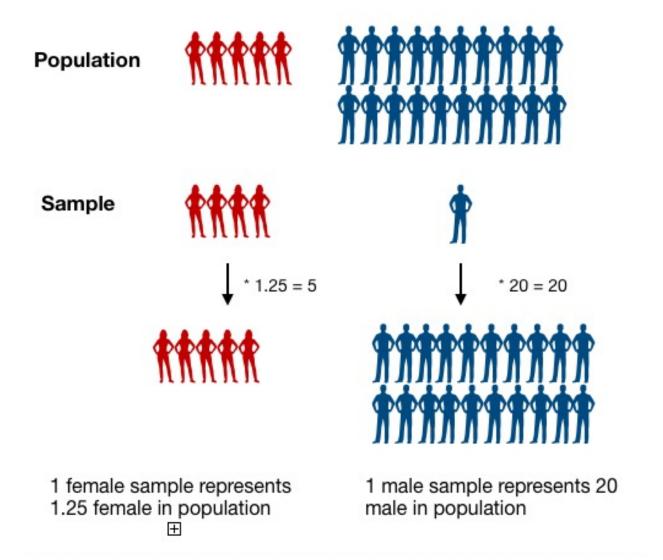
Assuming that you have 25 students (20 male and 5 female) in your class, and you want to talk with 5 of them to know their understanding of the biostatistics class. By sampling 5 students from the total 25

students, you might get 5 all female students or 4 female and 1 male in your sample. Do you expect this sample to represent the population? Definitely not since there is a higher proportion of female in sample than population. The way of calculating the weight is:

$$Weight = \frac{Proportion\ in\ population}{Proportion\ in\ sample}$$

$$Male\ Weight = \frac{20/25}{1/25} = 20$$

$$Female\ Weight = \frac{5/25}{4/25} = 1.25$$



By weighting the observation, we can make the sample better represent the population.

When we have multiple strata on the data, it might be troublesome to calculate the weight. However, for most of the survey data, the weight is calculated and included in the dataset. In our case study, the weight is calculated and we can simply apply the weight in the survey-weighted logistic regression.

The weight we use

NYC HANES 2013-2014 data are weighted in order to compensate for unequal probability of selection and 5 sets of survey weights have been constructed: CAPI weight, Physical weight, Blood Lab result weight, Urine Lab results weight and Salica Lab results weight. The determination of the most appropriate weight to use for a specific analysis depends upon the variables selected by the data analyst. When an analysis involves variables from different components of the survey, the analyst should decide whether the outcome is inclusive or exclusive, and then choose certain weights. The website (http://nychanes.org/data/) provides a guideline about how to use weight with different purposes, and you can find them through 'Analytic Guideline' and 'Other Training Materials'.

As the weight is given in the origin dataset, we use it as variable 'surveyweight' directly in our study. Here we choose CAPI weight, which should be used to analyze participants responses to all interview questions. All 1527 survey participants have a CAPI_WT. We define hypertension as the prior diagnosis of high blood pressure, so we should use the most inclusive one, CAPI weight, to get an inclusive outcome.

What is Finite Population Correction Factor

$$FPC = (\frac{N-n}{N-1})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- N = population size
- n = sample size

The finite population correction (fpc) is used to reduce the variance when a substantial fraction of the total population of interest has been sampled.

```
N \leftarrow 6825749

n \leftarrow 1065

((N-n)/(N-1))^0.5
```

```
## [1] 0.9999221
```

fpc of our data set is almost close to 1 and in general, you can ingore it. But if you want to get a without replacement sample, it is more appropriate to use it.

Create the Survey Weight Data

There is a function svydesign() in R package survey. The function combines a data frame and all design information needed to specify a survey design. Here is the list of options provided in this function:

- ids: Specify it for cluster sampling, ~0 or ~1 is a formula for no clusters. Cluster sampling is a multi-stage sampling, the total population are divided into several clusters and a simple random sample of clusters are selected. Each element in these clusters are then sampled.
- data: Data frame to look up variables in the formula arguments, or database table name
- weights: Formula or vector specifying sampling weights as an alternative to prob
- fpc: Finite population correction, ~rep(N,n) generates a vector of length n where each entry is N (the population size). Default value is 1. The use of fpc derives a without replacement sample, otherwise with replacement sample.
- strata: Specify it for stratified sampling, which divides members of the population into homogeneous subgroups and then sample independently in these subpopulations. It is advantageous when subpopulations within an overall population vary.

Now we use some options to create a design relative to our dataset:

```
hypertension_design <- svydesign(
  id = ~1,
  #fpc = ~rep(N,n),
  weights = ~DF$surveyweight,
  data = DF[,-c(1,13)]
)</pre>
```

The arguments are interpreted as the following:

- ids = ~1 means there is no clustering.
- data = DF[,-c(1,13)] tells svydesign where to find the actual data.
- weights= ~DF\$surveyweight tells it where to find the weight.

summary() shows the results:

```
summary(hypertension_design)
```

```
## Independent Sampling design (with replacement)
## svydesign(id = ~1, weights = ~DF$surveyweight, data = DF[, -c(1,
##
       13)])
## Probabilities:
##
        Min.
               1st Qu.
                           Median
                                        Mean
                                               3rd Qu.
                                                             Max.
## 6.484e-05 2.089e-04 2.810e-04 2.921e-04 3.492e-04 9.705e-04
## Data variables:
   [1] "age"
                        "race"
                                        "gender"
                                                        "diet"
##
    [5] "income"
                        "diabetes"
                                        "bmi"
                                                        "cholesterol"
    [9] "drink"
                        "smoking"
                                        "hypertension"
```

"Independent sampling design" means our sampling design is a simple random sample. When the population size is specified (via the fpc argument) it is assumed that the SRS is without replacement. By setting other parameters you can also design differenct kinds of design, such as stratified sampling etc.

Survey Weight Data Analysis

Once we created a survey.design object, we can do further analysis. It is very convenient to use svy* functions which account for survey design features.

To calculate the mean and its standard error, use function svymean(). Compare the result of traditional way with the help of mean() and std.error():

```
svymean(~bmi, hypertension_design)

## mean SE

## bmi 27.897 0.2188

mean(DF$bmi)

## [1] 27.7636

std.error(DF$bmi)

## [1] 0.2010068
```

It seems that there is not a significant differene between them. To calculate the confidence interval, use function confint() directly:

```
confint(svymean(~bmi, hypertension_design))
```

```
##
          2.5 %
                  97.5 %
## bmi 27.46845 28.32625
Subgroup statistics is also easy to calculate with function svyby():
svyby(~bmi, by=~diet, design=hypertension_design, FUN = svymean)
                   diet
                             bmi
## Poor
                   Poor 29.50139 1.0511178
## Fair
                  Fair 30.30994 0.6104274
## Good
                  Good 27.51282 0.3045348
## Very good Very good 26.51232 0.3048522
## Excellent Excellent 26.04319 0.6233014
If you are particularly interested in one group, you can use function subset():
svymean(~bmi, subset(hypertension_design,gender=="Female"))
##
         mean
## bmi 28.075 0.3284
svymean(~bmi, subset(hypertension_design,gender=="Male"))
##
                   SF.
         mean
## bmi 27.703 0.2843
```

It seems that female's mean bmi and sde are a little higher.

Fit Generalized Linear Regression

Use svyglm in R

Logistic regression is widely used to deal with binary response variable. As we mentioned above, our dataset is survey weight dataset, therefore we need to fit the model with the survey weighted data. Just use svyglm() function from the survey package.

It's similar to fit a normal logistic regression, the only difference is that, instead of using the original data set in the data argument, you should input the object from the svydesign() to the design argument in the function.

```
hypertension_design$variables$hypertension <-
   ifelse(hypertension_design$variables$hypertension == 'No', yes = 0, no =1)

g1 <- svyglm(hypertension ~
    age+race+gender+diet+income+diabetes+bmi+cholesterol+drink+smoking,
    family = quasibinomial(), design = hypertension_design)
summ(g1)</pre>
```

Observations	1065
Dependent variable	hypertension
Type	Survey-weighted generalized linear model
Family	quasibinomial
Link	logit

Pseudo-R ² (Cragg-Uhler)	0.08
Pseudo-R ² (McFadden)	0.24
AIC	NA

	Est.	S.E.	t val.	р
(Intercept)	-4.67	0.71	-6.56	0.00
age	0.04	0.01	5.65	0.00
raceBlack/African American	0.72	0.24	3.03	0.00
raceIndian /Alaska Native	-1.49	1.07	-1.40	0.16
racePacific Islander	2.46	1.38	1.78	0.08
raceAsian	0.27	0.28	0.96	0.34
raceOther Race	0.17	0.31	0.56	0.58
genderFemale	-0.46	0.20	-2.27	0.02
dietFair	0.22	0.35	0.63	0.53
dietGood	0.22	0.34	0.63	0.53
dietVery good	-0.07	0.37	-0.19	0.85
dietExcellent	-0.04	0.45	-0.10	0.92
income\$20,000 - \$39,999	-0.56	0.24	-2.36	0.02
income\$40,000 - \$59,999	-0.84	0.35	-2.42	0.02
income $$60,000 - $79,999$	-0.31	0.30	-1.03	0.30
income\$80,000 - \$99,999	-0.78	0.53	-1.47	0.14
income\$100,000 or more	-0.71	0.29	-2.40	0.02
diabetesDiabetic dx	0.94	0.26	3.59	0.00
diabetes Diabetic but no dx	0.43	0.43	1.00	0.32
bmi	0.07	0.01	4.86	0.00
cholesterolHigh value	0.86	0.19	4.52	0.00
drinkWeekly	-0.02	0.26	-0.07	0.95
drinkMonthly	-0.28	0.29	-0.97	0.33
drinkYearly	0.08	0.28	0.29	0.77
smokingFormer smoker	-0.35	0.29	-1.22	0.22
$smokingCurrent\ smoker$	-0.10	0.24	-0.40	0.69

Standard errors: Robust

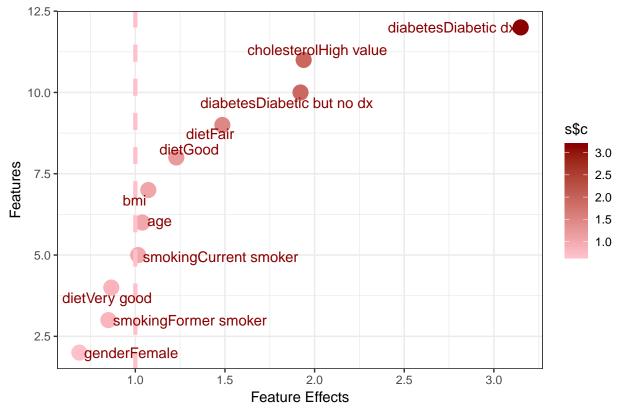
Model Selection

Not all variables in g1 are significant so we would like to remove some of them to get a reduced model. We find 'race', 'income', 'diet', 'drink' and 'smoke' are not that sigifineant. Contrary to our common sense, 'diet', 'drink' and 'smoke' have minimum influence on hypertension. We believe this is because that their influence may be explained by other covariates, such as 'bmi'. Therefore, here we just remove 'race' and 'income'.

We would further study which covariate has larger influence on hypertension, thus we compare their influence and the result is shown in a plot below.

```
s <- s[order(s$c),]
l=seq(from=2, to=12, by=1)

plt<- ggplot(s,aes(x = 1, y=c,col=s$c)) +
    geom_point(size=5)+
    scale_colour_gradient(low ='pink', high = 'darkred')+
    geom_hline(yintercept = 1,col='pink',size=1.5,linetype=2)+
    theme_bw() + theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 2,vjust=-2))+
    geom_text_repel(aes(y = c,label=n),col='darkred')+
    ggtitle("Effect on Hypertension") +
    ylab("Feature Effects") +
    xlab("Features")+
    coord_flip()</pre>
```



Here we plot the exponential form of coefficients. If the value is larger than 1, this corvariate is positive on the probability of getting hypertension, and vice versa. Besides, larger absolute value indicates larger influence on response variable.

We can conclude that people with diabetes, high value of cholesterol and fair diet have higher risk of getting hypertension. Also, among them, diabetes and cholesterol have the strongest relationship with hypertension, which is an accurate reflection of real-world situation. In all, with the help of this satisfactory regression model, research organization is able to make an initial judgement about whether the sample has high risk of hypertension once they collect information.

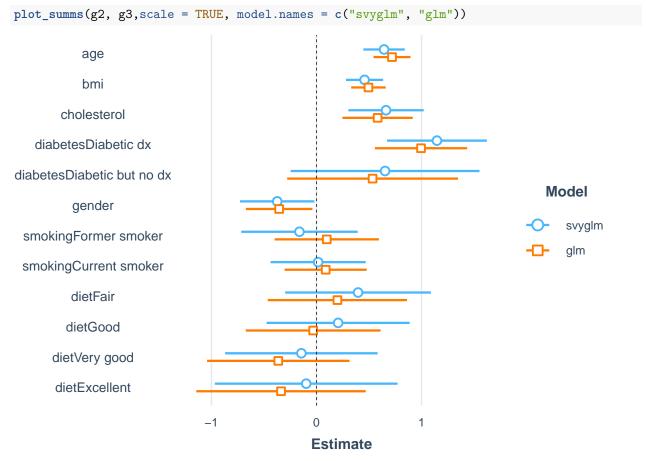
Compare glm and svyglm

Now, thinking about what would happen if we use general logistic regression?

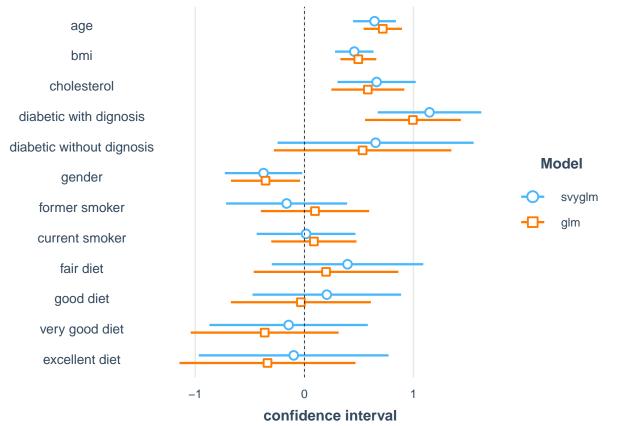
Function plot_summs

Function plot_summs is provided by library jtools, which plots regression coefficients and their uncertainty in a visually appealing way. The most wonderful thing is that you can do the same procedure for multiple models simultaneously, and compare directly in one plot. We would like to introduce some basic options here:

- \bullet . . . : regression model(s)
- coef: If you'd like to include only certain coefficients, provide them as a vector. If it is a named vector, then the names will be used in place of the variable names. Default: NULL
- model.names: If plotting multiple models simultaneously, you can provide a vector of names here. Default: NULL
- $\bullet\,$ ci_level: The desired width of confidence intervals for the coefficients. Default: 0.95
- scale: If we set it as TRUE, it will make all variable in the same scale, making it pretty easy to make a quick assessment



The label names are default setting, but to make it more readable, we prefer to specify the label name via coefs=.



```
ggsave("data/Finalplot.png", plot = last_plot(), device = "png")
```

We can see that 'cholesterol', 'diabetes', 'smoke' and 'drink' have larger difference in confidence interval plot while 'age', 'bmi' and 'gender' have slight difference.

It is strange that the confidence interval computed by svyglm is larger than that computed by glm. One possible reason behind this is survey computes the standard errors with consideration of the loss of precision introduced by sampling weights. Weights in glm simply adjust the weight given to the errors in the least square estimation, so the standard errors aren't correct.