

## Different Ways to handle Multicollinearity

### 1. Removing high correlated variables

- a. This technique we can identify the correlation between the variables and identify the highly correlated variables and remove them
- b. The disadvantage is, we can lose the information as we remove the variables from the dataset

### 2. Variance Inflation Factor(VIF):

- a. VIF quantifies how much the variability of a regression coefficient is increased (inflated) due to multicollinearity among the independent variables.
- b. Calculate VIF value of each variable and then remove variable that has high VIF values

### 3. Feature Selection

- a. Selecting right features using methods like stepwise regression or recursive feature elimination can help automatically and select a subset of independent variables that are less correlated and more relevant to the dependent variable.
  - i. **Forward Selection:** Start with an empty model and add variables one at a time, choosing the variable that improves the model's fit the most until no more significant variables can be added.
  - ii. **Backward Elimination:** Start with a model that includes all predictors and iteratively remove the least significant variable (e.g., based on p-values) until no more variables can be removed without significantly reducing the model's fit.
  - iii. **Stepwise:** A combination of forward selection and backward elimination, where variables are added or removed at each step based on their significance

### 4. Dimensionality reduction techniques:

- a. Principle Component Analysis
  - i. PCA transforms the original variables into a new set of uncorrelated variables, called principal components. By selecting a subset of these components, you can reduce multicollinearity
- b. Partial Least Squares (PLS) Regression:

- i. PLS is a dimensionality reduction technique that seeks to extract a set of orthogonal factors from the independent variables that are linear combinations of the original variables. PLS can help reduce multicollinearity by transforming the original variables into a smaller set of uncorrelated components

#### 5. Regularize Techniques:

- a. Ridge Regression: Ridge regression adds a penalty to the size of regression coefficients, shrinking them towards zero. This penalty helps to reduce the impact of multicollinearity
  - b. Lasso Regression: Similar to ridge regression, Lasso adds a penalty to the absolute size of the coefficients. Lasso tends to force some coefficients to exactly zero, effectively performing
6. **Collect More Data:** Sometimes multicollinearity arises due to insufficient data. Collecting more data can help spread out the variation and reduce correlations between predictors

Above are the ways to handle multicollinearity.