

# Package: gtregression (via r-universe)

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check_assumptions	<i>Check model assumptions (beginner-friendly)</i>
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## Description

Fits a model under the hood (like `'uni_reg()'`/`'multi_reg()'`) and runs assumption checks appropriate to the approach. Returns a layered object with a tidy summary table and plots for quick visual diagnosis.

## Usage

```
check_assumptions(
  data,
  outcome,
  exposures = NULL,
  approach = c("auto", "linear", "logit", "log-binomial", "poisson", "robpoisson",
    "negbin"),
  multivariate = TRUE,
  confounders = NULL,
  weights = NULL,
  cluster = NULL,
  groups = 10,
  top_n = 5,
  explain = TRUE,
  output = c("both", "summary", "plots"),
  quiet = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame.
<code>outcome</code>	Character. Outcome variable name.
<code>exposures</code>	Character vector of predictors. If <code>'NULL'</code> , uses all columns except <code>'outcome'</code> .
<code>approach</code>	One of <code>"auto"</code> , <code>"linear"</code> , <code>"logit"</code> , <code>"log-binomial"</code> , <code>"poisson"</code> , <code>"robpoisson"</code> , <code>"negbin"</code> . Default <code>"auto"</code> .
<code>multivariate</code>	Logical. If <code>'TRUE'</code> , fits one adjusted model with all <code>'exposures'</code> (and <code>'confounders'</code> if supplied). If <code>'FALSE'</code> , screens each exposure with <code>'outcome ~ exposure'</code> and stacks the diagnostics.
<code>confounders</code>	Optional character vector (used when <code>'multivariate = TRUE'</code> ).
<code>weights</code>	Optional weights vector name (character).
<code>cluster</code>	Optional cluster id variable name for robust notes (placeholder).
<code>groups</code>	Integer. Number of bins for calibration curve (binary models).
<code>top_n</code>	Integer. How many influential points to list/mark.

explain	Logical. If 'TRUE', adds plain-English suggestions to notes.
output	One of "'both',"summary',"plots"'.
quiet	Logical. Suppress messages.
...	Reserved for future options.

### Value

An object of class 'gt\_assumption\_check' with: - '\$summary': tibble of assumption results - '\$plots': named list of ggplot objects (may be empty) - '\$details': raw test objects to aid reproducibility (always includes '\$fit') - '\$meta': list with 'approach', 'formula', 'multivariate', 'n', 'weights\_used'

### Examples

```
# Logistic example
df <- mtcars; df$am <- as.integer(df$am)
ac <- check_assumptions(
  data = df, outcome = "am", exposures = c("wt", "hp"),
  approach = "auto", multivariate = TRUE, explain = TRUE
)
ac$summary
if (interactive()) plot(ac)

# Poisson example
ac2 <- check_assumptions(
  data = warpbreaks, outcome = "breaks",
  exposures = c("wool", "tension"), approach = "auto", multivariate = TRUE
)
ac2$summary
```

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check\_collinearity      *Check Collinearity Using VIF for Fitted Models*

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### Description

Computes Variance Inflation Factors (VIF) for fitted models returned by uni\_reg(), multi\_reg(), uni\_reg\_nbin(), or multi\_reg\_nbin(). Returns one VIF table per model. For multivariate models only

### Usage

```
check_collinearity(model)
```

### Arguments

model      A fitted model object with class "uni\_reg", "multi\_reg", "uni\_reg\_nbin", or "multi\_reg\_nbin".

**Value**

A tibble containing VIF values and interpretation. For multivariable models, returns one tibble. For univariate models, an error is raised indicating VIF is not applicable.

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("gtregression", quietly = TRUE) &&
    requireNamespace("mlbench", quietly = TRUE) &&
    getRversion() >= "4.1.0") {
  data(PimaIndiansDiabetes2, package = "mlbench")
  pima <- PimaIndiansDiabetes2 |> dplyr::filter(!is.na(diabetes))
  pima$diabetes <- ifelse(pima$diabetes == "pos", 1, 0)
  fit <- multi_reg(pima,
    outcome = "diabetes",
    exposures = c("age", "mass", "glucose"),
    approach = "logit"
  )
  check_collinearity(fit)
}
```

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check\_convergence      *Check Convergence for a Regression Model*

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**Description**

Assesses model convergence and provides diagnostics for each exposure (in univariate mode) or for the full model (in multivariable mode), depending on the regression approach used.

**Usage**

```
check_convergence(
  data,
  exposures,
  outcome,
  approach = "logit",
  multivariate = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame containing the dataset.
exposures	A character vector of predictor variable names. If multivariate = FALSE, each exposure is assessed separately. If multivariate = TRUE, exposures are included together.
outcome	A character string specifying the outcome variable.
approach	A character string specifying the regression approach. One of: "logit", "log-binomial", "poisson", "robpoisson", or "negbin".
multivariate	Logical. If TRUE, checks convergence for a multivariable model; otherwise, performs checks for each univariate model.

## Details

For robbpisson, predicted probabilities (fitted values) may exceed 1, which is acceptable when estimating risk ratios but should not be interpreted as actual probabilities.

This function is useful for identifying convergence issues, especially for "log-binomial" models, which often fail to converge .

## Value

A data frame summarizing convergence diagnostics, including:

Exposure Name of the exposure variable.

Model The regression approach used.

Converged TRUE if the model converged successfully; FALSE otherwise.

Max.prob Maximum predicted probability or fitted value in the dataset.

## See Also

[identify\_confounder()], [interaction\_models()]

## Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("gtregression", quietly = TRUE)) {
  data(data_PimaIndiansDiabetes, package = "gtregression")

  check_convergence(
    data = data_PimaIndiansDiabetes,
    exposures = c("age", "bmi"),
    outcome = "diabetes",
    approach = "logit"
  )

  check_convergence(
    data = data_PimaIndiansDiabetes,
    exposures = c("age", "bmi"),
    outcome = "diabetes",
    approach = "logit",
    multivariate = TRUE
  )
}
```

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data\_birthwt

*Birth Weight Data*

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## Description

A dataset from the **MASS** package containing risk factors associated with low birth weight (LBW) in newborns. Originally collected at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Massachusetts, USA.

**Usage**

data\_birthwt

**Format**

A data frame with 189 observations and 10 variables:

**low** Indicator for birth weight < 2500g (binary): 0 = normal, 1 = low birth weight

**age** Mother's age in years (numeric)

**lwt** Mother's weight in pounds at last menstrual period (numeric)

**race** Mother's race (factor): 1 = White, 2 = Black, 3 = Other

**smoke** Smoking status during pregnancy (binary): 0 = No, 1 = Yes

**ptl** Number of previous premature labors (integer)

**ht** History of hypertension (binary): 0 = No, 1 = Yes

**ui** Presence of uterine irritability (binary): 0 = No, 1 = Yes

**ftv** no of physician visits during the 1st trimester (integer, 0–6)

**bwt** Birth weight in grams (numeric)

**Details**

The outcome variable is binary ('low'): birth weight < 2500g (yes = 1) or not (no = 0).

**Source**

Hosmer, D.W., Lemeshow, S. (1989). \*Applied Logistic Regression.\* New York: Wiley. Also available in **MASS** and described in detail in its documentation.

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data\_epilepsy

*Epilepsy Treatment and Seizure Counts*

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**Description**

RCT on the effect of a drug on the seizures in patients with epilepsy. Contains repeated measures data with treatment groups, baseline seizure counts, and follow-up counts.

**Usage**

data\_epilepsy

**Format**

A data frame with 236 observations and 9 variables:

**y** Number of seizures in a 2-week period (count)  
**trt** Treatment group (factor): placebo or progabide  
**base** Seizure count during baseline period (numeric)  
**age** Age of patient (numeric)  
**V4** Indicator for 4th visit (binary)  
**subject** Patient ID (factor)  
**period** Follow-up period number (integer)  
**lbase** Log of baseline seizures (numeric)  
**lage** Log of age (numeric)

**Source**

MASS package. Original data from Thall and Vail (1990)

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data\_gt\_quin

*Student Absenteeism in Rural Schools*

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**Description**

This dataset contains observations on the number of days absent from school for children in rural Australia, along with student characteristics. It's commonly used to demonstrate count models such as Poisson and Negative Binomial regression.

**Usage**

data\_gt\_quin

**Format**

A data frame with 146 observations and 5 variables:

**Eth** Ethnicity ("A" = Aboriginal, "N" = Non-Aboriginal)  
**Sex** Sex ("F" or "M")  
**Age** Age group ("F0", "F1", "F2", "F3")  
**Lrn** Learner status ("AL" = average learner, "SL" = slow learner)  
**Days** Number of days absent from school (count outcome)

**Source**

MASS package. See also Venables and Ripley (2002), *\*Modern Applied Statistics with S\**.

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data_infertility	<i>Infertility Matched Case-Control Study</i>
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**Description**

investigating the relationship between infertility and abortions.

**Usage**

```
data_infertility
```

**Format**

A data frame with 248 observations and 8 variables:

**education** Education level (0 = 0–5 years, 1 = 6–11 years, 2 = 12+ years)

**age** Age in years

**parity** Number of prior pregnancies

**induced** Number of induced abortions

**case** Infertility case status (1 = case, 0 = control)

**spontaneous** Number of spontaneous abortions

**stratum** Matched set ID

**pooled.stratum** Pooled stratum ID used for conditional regression

**Source**

<https://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-devel/library/datasets/html/infert.html>

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data_lungcancer	<i>Lung Cancer Trial Data</i>
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**Description**

Survival data from a clinical trial of lung cancer patients conducted by the Veteran's Administration.

**Usage**

```
data_lungcancer
```

**Format**

A data frame with 137 observations and 8 variables:

**trt** Treatment group (1 = standard, 2 = test)  
**celltype** Cell type (squamous, smallcell, adeno, large)  
**time** Survival time (in days)  
**status** Censoring status (1 = died, 0 = censored)  
**karno** Karnofsky performance score (higher = better)  
**diagtime** Months from diagnosis to randomization  
**age** Age in years  
**prior** Prior therapy (0 = no, 10 = yes)

**Source**

<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=survival>

**References**

Kalbfleisch JD and Prentice RL (1980). The Statistical Analysis of Failure Time Data.

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data\_PimaIndiansDiabetes

*PimaIndians2 Diabetes Dataset*

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**Description**

A cleaned version of the original Pima Indians Diabetes dataset from the ‘mlbench’ package. Useful for demonstrating regression approaches for binary outcomes.

**Usage**

data\_PimaIndiansDiabetes

**Format**

A data frame with 768 observations and 9 variables:

**pregnant** Number of times pregnant  
**glucose** Plasma glucose concentration (glucose tolerance test)  
**pressure** Diastolic blood pressure (mm Hg)  
**triceps** Triceps skin fold thickness (mm)  
**insulin** 2-Hour serum insulin (mu U/ml)  
**mass** Body mass index (BMI)  
**pedigree** Diabetes pedigree function  
**age** Age in years  
**diabetes** Factor indicating diabetes status (pos/neg)

**Source**

<https://www.openml.org/d/37>

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descriptive\_table      *Descriptive Summary Table (no gtsummary) using gt/flextable*

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**Usage**

```
descriptive_table(
  data,
  exposures,
  by = NULL,
  percent = c("column", "row"),
  digits = 1,
  show_missing = c("ifany", "no"),
  show_dichotomous = c("all_levels", "single_row"),
  show_overall = c("no", "first", "last"),
  statistic = NULL,
  value = NULL,
  format = c("gt", "flextable"),
  theme = c("minimal")
)
```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame
exposures	character; variables to summarise
by	optional single grouping variable
percent	"column" (default) or "row"; aliases like "col"/"rows" accepted
digits	integer; decimals for
	\itemshow_missing"ifany" (default) or "no"
	\itemshow_dichotomous"all_levels" (default) or "single_row"
	\itemshow_overall"no" (default), "first", or "last"
	\itemstatisticoptional named vector per continuous var: values in "mean", "median", "mode", "count" (default is "median" = Median (IQR))
	\itemvalueoptional named list for single-row binaries (e.g., list(sex="Female"))
	\itemformat"gt" (default) or "flextable"
	\itemthemepreset or primitives

list with class c("gtregression", "descriptive\_table", <engine>):

- \$table: gt\_tbl or flextable
- \$table\_display: display-ready data
- \$table\_body: long audit data (var/level/type)

- metadata fields

Publication-ready summary of categorical and continuous variables (optionally stratified). Mimics the OG gtsummary style: \* column headers include N, e.g. "Overall, N=200" \* categorical rows shown as n ( \* continuous rows default to Median (IQR) (footnote reflects summary)

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dissect

*Dissect a Dataset Before Regression*

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### Description

Returns a tidy summary of each variable's structure, missingness, uniqueness, and suitability for use in regression models.

### Usage

```
dissect(data)
```

### Arguments

data            A data frame.

### Value

A tibble with columns: Variable, Type, Missing ( and Regression Hint.

### Examples

```
dissect(data_birthwt)
```

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forest\_reg

*Draw a Forest Plot (Publication-Ready)*

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### Description

Wrapper around 'forestploter::forest()' that works directly with 'forest\_df()' output or with raw regression objects.

**Usage**

```
forest_reg(
  df = NULL,
  uni = NULL,
  multi = NULL,
  desc = NULL,
  theme = NULL,
  ci_col_width = 0.25,
  side = c("right", "left"),
  quiet = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

df	Output of 'forest_df()'. If 'NULL', will be built from (uni, multi, desc).
uni, multi, desc	Optional gtmregression objects to pass through to 'forest_df()'.
theme	Optional 'forestploter::forest_theme()'. If 'NULL', a sensible default is used. You may pass colors and styling either here (e.g., 'ci_col', 'refline_gp') or via '...'
ci_col_width	Numeric or length-2 numeric. Relative width of the CI column(s). A vector like 'c(0.22, 0.26)' lets you tune uni vs adjusted columns separately.
side	Character. For each effect, position of the plot relative to the effect-size text: "left" = plot first then text; "right" = text first then plot. <b>Note:</b> The 'Characteristic' column (and any descriptive/summary columns) always remains on the left.
quiet	Logical. Suppress forestploter warnings. Default = 'TRUE'.
...	Passed to 'forestploter::forest()'. Common options include: 'ci_col', 'point_col', 'point_shape', 'rowheight', 'ticks_at', 'title', 'footnote'.
bold_headers	Logical. Bold the exposure headers (non-indented rows) in the first column. Default 'TRUE'.

**Value**

A 'gtmregression\_forest' object with elements: - 'plot': the forest plot - 'data': the input data frame (post-processed order, no 'se\_\*' columns) - 'meta': model metadata

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identify\_confounder      *Identify Confounders Using the Change-in-Estimate Method*

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**Description**

Identifies whether one or more variables are confounders by comparing the crude and adjusted effect estimates of a primary exposure on an outcome. A variable is flagged as a confounder if its inclusion changes the estimate by more than a specified threshold (default = 10

**Usage**

```
identify_confounder(
  data,
  outcome,
  exposure,
  potential_confounder,
  approach = "logit",
  threshold = 10
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A data frame containing the variables.
<code>outcome</code>	The name of the outcome variable (character string).
<code>exposure</code>	The primary exposure variable (character string).
<code>potential_confounder</code>	One or more variables to test as potential confounders.
<code>approach</code>	The regression modeling approach. One of: "logit", "log-binomial", "poisson", "negbin", "robpoisson", or "linear".
<code>threshold</code>	Numeric. Percent change threshold to define confounding (default = 10). If the absolute percent change exceeds this, the variable is flagged as a confounder.

**Details**

Supports logistic, log-binomial, Poisson, robust Poisson, negative binomial, and linear regression approaches.

This method does not evaluate effect modification. Use causal diagrams (e.g., DAGs) and subject-matter knowledge to supplement decisions.

**Value**

If one confounder is provided, prints crude and adjusted estimates with a confounding flag. If multiple are given, returns a tibble with:

**covariate** Name of potential confounder.

**crude\_est** Crude effect estimate.

**adjusted\_est** Adjusted estimate including the confounder.

**pct\_change** Percent change from crude to adjusted.

**is\_confounder** Logical: whether confounding threshold is exceeded.

**See Also**

[`check_convergence()`], [`interaction_models()`]

**Examples**

```

data <- data_PimaIndiansDiabetes
identify_confounder(
  data = data,
  outcome = "glucose",
  exposure = "insulin",
  potential_confounder = "age_cat",
  approach = "linear"
)

```

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interaction\_models      *Compare Models With and Without Interaction Term*

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**Description**

This function fits two models—one with and one without an interaction term between an exposure and a potential effect modifier— and compares them using either a likelihood ratio test (LRT) or Wald test. It is useful for assessing whether there is statistical evidence of interaction (effect modification).

**Usage**

```

interaction_models(
  data,
  outcome,
  exposure,
  covariates = NULL,
  effect_modifier,
  approach = "logit",
  test = c("LRT", "Wald"),
  verbose = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame containing all required variables.
outcome	The name of the outcome variable
exposure	The name of the main exposure variable.
covariates	character vector of additional covariates to adjust for
effect_modifier	The name of the variable to test for interaction
approach	The regression modeling approach to use. One of: "logit", "log-binomial", "poisson", "robpoisson", "negbin", or "linear".
test	Type of statistical test for model comparison. Either: "LRT" (likelihood ratio test, default) or "Wald".
verbose	Logical; if TRUE, prints a basic interpretation of whether interaction is likely present (default = FALSE).

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

- `model_no_interaction`: The model without the interaction term.
- `model_with_interaction`: The model with the interaction term.
- `p_value`: The p-value for interaction (based on selected test).
- `interpretation`: A brief text interpretation if `verbose = TRUE`.

**Examples**

```
data <- data_PimaIndiansDiabetes
```

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<code>merge_tables</code>	<i>Merge tables (descriptive / uni / multi) and preserve look &amp; notes</i>
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**Description**

Merge tables (descriptive / uni / multi) and preserve look & notes

**Usage**

```
merge_tables(..., spanners = NULL, theme = "minimal")
```

**Arguments**

<code>...</code>	package tables with <code>\$table_display</code> (same engine)
<code>spanners</code>	labels over each panel
<code>theme</code>	merge theme (preset or primitives)

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<code>modify_table</code>	<i>Modify Regression/Descriptive Tables (labels, headers, caption, notes)</i>
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**Usage**

```
modify_table(
  gt_table,
  variable_labels = NULL,
  level_labels = NULL,
  header_labels = NULL,
  caption = NULL,
  bold_labels = FALSE,
  bold_levels = FALSE,
  remove_N = FALSE,
  remove_N_obs = FALSE,
  remove_abbreviations = FALSE,
  caveat = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

gt_table	Table object produced by this package (must contain ‘\$table_display’).
variable_labels	Named character vector: ‘c(old_var = "New label", ...)’.
level_labels	Named list for factor levels: ‘list(var1 = c(old = "New", ...), var2 = c(...))’.
header_labels	Named vector to rename visible headers, e.g. ‘c("OR (95 \itemcaptionOptional caption/title. \itembold_labelsLogical; bold variable (header) rows in the body. \itembold_levelsLogical; bold factor level rows in the body. \itemremove_NLogical; if ‘TRUE’, drops the ‘N’ column for univariate package tables. \itemremove_N_obsLogical; if ‘TRUE’, suppresses multivariable complete-case footnote. \itemremove_abbreviationsLogical; if ‘TRUE’, removes the Abbreviations footnote line. \itemcaveatOptional extra footnote.

The modified table object (same class as input).

Works with objects created by this package (class “gtregression”: ‘uni\_reg()’, ‘multi\_reg()’, ‘descriptive\_table()’, ‘merge\_tables()’). No ‘gtsummary’ dependency or fallback.

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multi\_reg

*Multivariable regression*

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**Description**

Create a publication-ready multivariable regression table using either **gt** or **flextable**, without a gtsummary dependency.

**Usage**

```
multi_reg(
  data,
  outcome,
  exposures,
  approach = "logit",
  format = c("gt", "flextable"),
  theme = c("minimal")
)
```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame
outcome	character scalar; outcome column name
exposures	character vector; exposure column names (all included in one model)
approach	one of "logit", "log-binomial", "poisson", "linear", "robpoisson", or "negbin"
format	one of "gt" (default) or "flectable"
theme	preset name (e.g. "minimal", "striped", "clinical", "shaded", "jama") or primitives c("plain", "zebra", "lines", "labels_bold", "compact", "header_shaded")

**Value**

A list of class c("gtregression", "multi\_reg", ...) with elements:

**table** A gt\_tbl (when format="gt") or flectable (when format="flectable").

**table\_body** Data frame of adjusted estimates and CIs (per level).

**table\_display** Data frame for display (headers + levels) without N column.

**models** List with the single multivariable model.

**model\_summaries** summary() of the fitted model.

**reg\_check** Diagnostics for linear model; message otherwise.

**approach, format, source** Metadata fields.

**Examples**

```
d <- mtcars
if (requireNamespace("gt", quietly = TRUE)) {
  multi_reg(d, "am", c("mpg", "cyl", "gear"), approach = "logit", format = "gt")$table
}
if (requireNamespace("flectable", quietly = TRUE)) {
  multi_reg(d, "am", c("mpg", "cyl", "gear"), approach = "logit", format = "flectable")$table
}
```

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plot\_reg

*Visualize a Regression Model as a Forest Plot*


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**Description**

Creates a forest plot from a 'gtsummary'-style object produced by 'gtregression' functions (e.g., 'uni\_reg()', 'multi\_reg()'). The function supports both univariate and multivariable models, renders hierarchical labels (variable headers vs. levels), and computes significance highlighting using either \*p\*-values (linear models) or CI-vs-reference rules (non-linear models).

**Usage**

```
plot_reg(
  tbl,
  title = NULL,
  order_y = NULL,
  log_x = FALSE,
  xlim = NULL,
  breaks = NULL,
  point_color = "#1F77B4",
  errorbar_color = "#4C4C4C",
  base_size = 14,
  show_ref = TRUE,
  sig_color = NULL,
  sig_errorbar_color = NULL,
  alpha = 0.05
)
```

**Arguments**

tbl	A 'gtsummary'-like object returned by 'gtregression' (must contain 'table_body' and attributes 'source' and 'approach').
title	Optional plot title (character).
order_y	Optional character vector to customize the y-axis header ordering.
log_x	Logical. If 'TRUE', log x-axis (ignored for linear models).
xlim	Optional numeric vector of length 2 for x-axis limits.
breaks	Optional numeric vector for x-axis tick breaks (ignored if 'log_x = TRUE').
point_color	Fill color for points (default "#1F77B4").
errorbar_color	Color for all error bars (default "#4C4C4C").
base_size	Base font size for 'theme_minimal()' (default '14').
show_ref	Logical. If 'TRUE', includes the reference level on the plot and labels it '(Ref.)'.
sig_color	Optional fill color for <b>significant</b> points; if 'NULL', significant points reuse 'point_color'.
sig_errorbar_color	Optional color for <b>significant</b> error bars; if 'NULL', significant bars reuse 'errorbar_color'.
alpha	Significance level for linear models when 'p.value' is available (default '0.05').

**Details**

**Reference line**: The vertical reference is fixed at '0' for linear models and '1' for all other approaches, inferred from 'attr(tbl, "approach")'.

**Header / data detection**: Variable headers are recognized via 'row\_type == "label"' together with 'header\_row' or missing CI; categorical levels use 'row\_type == "level"'; continuous predictors appear as 'row\_type == "label"' **with** CIs and are treated as data rows.

**\*\*Significance highlighting\*\*:** - For ‘approach == "linear"‘ with available ‘p.value‘, rows are significant when ‘p.value < alpha‘. - Otherwise, rows are significant when the CI does not cross the reference (‘0‘ or ‘1‘ as above). Use ‘sig\_color‘ / ‘sig\_errorbar\_color‘ to customize the appearance.

### Value

A ‘ggplot2‘ object representing the forest plot.

### See Also

[uni\\_reg](#), [multi\\_reg](#), [plot\\_reg\\_combine](#)

### Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("mlbench", quietly = TRUE) &&
    requireNamespace("gtregression", quietly = TRUE)) {
  data("PimaIndiansDiabetes2", package = "mlbench")
  pima <- PimaIndiansDiabetes2
  pima$diabetes <- ifelse(pima$diabetes == "pos", 1, 0)
  pima$bmi_cat <- cut(
    pima$mass,
    breaks = c(-Inf, 18.5, 24.9, 29.9, Inf),
    labels = c("Underweight", "Normal", "Overweight", "Obese")
  )

  # Univariate logistic regression table via gtregression
  tbl_uni <- gtregression::uni_reg(
    data = pima,
    outcome = "diabetes",
    exposures = c("age", "bmi_cat"),
    approach = "logit"
  )

  p <- plot_reg(tbl_uni, title = "Univariate (logit)", sig_color = "#D55E00")
  print(p)
}
```

---

plot\_reg\_combine

*Side-by-Side Forest Plots: Univariate vs Multivariable*

---

### Description

Creates two aligned forest plots (univariate and multivariable) from ‘gtsummary‘-style objects returned by ‘gtregression‘ functions (e.g., ‘uni\_reg()‘, ‘multi\_reg()‘).

**Usage**

```

plot_reg_combine(
  tbl_uni,
  tbl_multi,
  title_uni = NULL,
  title_multi = NULL,
  ref_line = NULL,
  order_y = NULL,
  log_x = FALSE,
  point_color = "#1F77B4",
  errorbar_color = "#4C4C4C",
  base_size = 14,
  show_ref = TRUE,
  sig_color = NULL,
  sig_errorbar_color = NULL,
  xlim_uni = NULL,
  breaks_uni = NULL,
  xlim_multi = NULL,
  breaks_multi = NULL,
  alpha = 0.05
)

```

**Arguments**

tbl_uni	Univariate ‘gtsummary’-like table.
tbl_multi	Multivariable ‘gtsummary’-like table.
title_uni, title_multi	Optional panel titles.
ref_line	Optional numeric reference line (defaults to 0 for linear, 1 otherwise, inferred per panel).
order_y	Optional character vector to customize header ordering.
log_x	Logical. If ‘TRUE’, use log x-axis (ignored for linear models).
point_color, errorbar_color	Base colors for non-significant rows.
base_size	Base font size for ‘theme_minimal()’.
show_ref	Logical; if ‘TRUE’, include and tag reference levels ‘(Ref.)’.
sig_color, sig_errorbar_color	Optional colors for significant rows; if ‘NULL’, they reuse the base colors.
xlim_uni, breaks_uni	Optional x-limits and breaks for the univariate panel.
xlim_multi, breaks_multi	Optional x-limits and breaks for the multivariable panel.
alpha	Significance level for linear models when ‘p.value’ is available.

**Details**

The y-axis rows are aligned by a unique '(variable, level)' key so each estimate appears exactly once per panel. Label styling is plain text by default (CRAN-safe). To render bold headers / grey refs in vignettes, pair

**Value**

A 'patchwork' object with two 'ggplot2' panels.

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("mlbench", quietly = TRUE) &&
    requireNamespace("gtregression", quietly = TRUE)) {
  data("PimaIndiansDiabetes2", package = "mlbench")
  d <- PimaIndiansDiabetes2
  d$diabetes <- ifelse(d$diabetes == "pos", 1, 0)

  tbl_u <- gtregression::uni_reg(d, outcome = "diabetes",
                                exposures = c("age", "glucose"), approach = "logit")
  tbl_m <- gtregression::multi_reg(d, outcome = "diabetes",
                                   exposures = c("age", "glucose"), approach = "logit")
  plot_reg_combine(tbl_u, tbl_m,
                   title_uni = "Univariate", title_multi = "Adjusted")
}
```

---

print.gtregrression      *Print gtregression objects (unified)*

---

**Description**

Prints the rendered table for any object produced by this package (objects that include class "gtregression"), regardless of subtype (uni\_reg, multi\_reg, stratified\_\*, merged\_table, descriptive\_table, ...). If no rendered table is found, a compact structure of the object (or its display data) is shown.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gtregression'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                      An object with class "gtregression".  
 ...                    Ignored. Present for compatibility with the generic.

---

`save_docx`*Save Multiple Tables and Plots to a Word Document*

---

**Description**

Saves a collection of gtsummary tables and ggplot2 plots into a .docx file.

**Usage**

```
save_docx(tables = NULL, plots = NULL, filename = "report.docx", titles = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>tables</code>	A list of gtsummary tables.
<code>plots</code>	A list of ggplot2 plot objects.
<code>filename</code>	File name for the output (with or without .docx extension).
<code>titles</code>	Optional. A character vector of titles.

**Value**

A Word document saved to a temporary directory (if no path is given). No object is returned.

**Examples**

```
library(gtsummary)
library(ggplot2)
tbl <- tbl_regression(glm(mpg ~ hp + wt, data = mtcars))
p <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg)) +
  geom_point()
save_docx(
  tables = list(tbl),
  plots = list(p),
  filename = file.path(tempdir(), "report.docx"),
  titles = c("Table 1: Regression", "Figure 1: Scatterplot")
)
```

---

`save_plot`*Save a Single Plot*

---

**Description**

Saves a ggplot2 plot to a file in PNG, PDF, or JPG format.

**Usage**

```
save_plot(
  plot,
  filename = "plot",
  format = c("png", "pdf", "jpg"),
  width = 8,
  height = 6,
  dpi = 300
)
```

**Arguments**

plot	A ggplot2 object.
filename	Name of the file to save, with or without extension.
format	Output format. One of "png", "pdf", or "jpg".
width	Width of the saved plot in inches.
height	Height of the saved plot in inches.
dpi	Resolution of the plot in dots per inch (default is 300).

**Value**

Saves the file to a temporary directory (if no path is given).

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)
p <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg)) +
  geom_point()
save_plot(p, filename = file.path(tempdir(), "scatterplot"), format = "png")
```

---

 save\_table

*Save a Single Regression Table*


---

**Description**

Saves a gtsummary table as a Word, PDF, or HTML file

**Usage**

```
save_table(tbl, filename = "table", format = c("docx", "pdf", "html"))
```

**Arguments**

tbl	A gtsummary object (e.g., tbl_regression(), tbl_summary()).
filename	File name to save the output. Extension is optional.
format	Output format. One of "docx", "pdf", or "html".

**Value**

Saves the file to a temporary directory (if no path is given). Does not return an object.

**Examples**

```
model <- glm(mpg ~ hp + wt, data = mtcars)
tbl <- gtsummary::tbl_regression(model)
save_table(tbl, filename = file.path(tempdir(), "regression_table"), format = "docx")
```

---

 select\_models

*Stepwise Model Selection with Evaluation Metrics*


---

**Description**

Performs stepwise model selection using forward, backward, or both directions across different regression approaches. Returns a summary table with evaluation metrics (AIC, BIC, log-likelihood, deviance) and the best model.

**Usage**

```
select_models(
  data,
  outcome,
  exposures,
  approach = "logit",
  direction = "forward"
)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame containing the outcome and predictor variables.
outcome	A character string indicating the outcome variable.
exposures	vector of predictor variables to consider in the model.
approach	Regression method. One of: "logit", "log-binomial", "poisson", "robpoisson", "negbin", or "linear".
direction	Stepwise selection direction. One of: "forward" (default), "backward", or "both".

**Value**

A list with the following components:

- `results_table`: A tibble summarising each tested model's metric (AIC, BIC, deviance, log-likelihood, adjusted R<sup>2</sup> if applicable).
- `best_model`: The best-fitting model object based on low AIC.
- `all_models`: A named list of all fitted models.

**Examples**

```

data <- data_PimaIndiansDiabetes
stepwise <- select_models(
  data = data,
  outcome = "glucose",
  exposures = c("age", "pregnant", "mass"),
  approach = "linear",
  direction = "forward"
)
summary(stepwise)
stepwise$results_table
stepwise$best_model

```

---

stratified\_multi\_reg *Stratified multivariable regression (wide, adjusted; no gtsummary)*

---

**Description**

Fits one multivariable model per stratum and returns a unified wide table: a single "Characteristic" column and, under bold spanners for each stratum, two columns: "Adjusted <effect>" and "p-value".

**Usage**

```

stratified_multi_reg(
  data,
  outcome,
  exposures,
  stratifier,
  approach = "logit",
  format = c("gt", "flectable"),
  theme = c("minimal")
)

```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame
outcome	character scalar; outcome column name
exposures	character vector; predictors included in each model
stratifier	character scalar; stratifying variable
approach	"logit", "log-binomial", "poisson", "linear", "robpoisson", "negbin"
format	"gt" (default) or "flectable"
theme	preset (e.g. "minimal", "striped", "clinical", "shaded", "jama") or primitives c("plain", "zebra", "lines", "labels")

**Details**

The footer shows two lines: 1) Abbreviations (from `‘.abbrev_note()‘`), 2) Per-stratum complete-case N used in the multivariable model.

**Value**

A list of class `c("gtregression", "stratified_multi_reg", ...)` with:

**table** A `gt_tbl` (format="gt") or `flextable` (format="flextable").

**table\_display** Wide data.frame used to build the table.

**per\_stratum** Named list of per-stratum results (models/summaries/diagnostics).

**models, model\_summaries, reg\_check** Named lists by stratum.

**by, levels, approach, format, source** Metadata fields.

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("mlbench", quietly = TRUE) &&
    requireNamespace("dplyr", quietly = TRUE)) {
  data(PimaIndiansDiabetes2, package = "mlbench")
  pima <- dplyr::mutate(
    PimaIndiansDiabetes2,
    diabetes = ifelse(diabetes == "pos", 1, 0),
    glucose_cat = dplyr::case_when(
      glucose < 140 ~ "Normal",
      glucose >= 140 ~ "High"
    )
  )
  stratified_multi <- stratified_multi_reg(
    data = pima,
    outcome = "diabetes",
    exposures = c("age", "mass"),
    stratifier = "glucose_cat",
    approach = "logit"
  )
  stratified_multi$table
}
```

---

<code>stratified_uni_reg</code>	<i>Performs univariate regression for each exposure on a binary, count, or continuous outcome, stratified by a specified variable. Produces a stacked ‘gtsummary’ table with one column per stratum, along with underlying models and diagnostics.</i>
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---

**Description**

Performs univariate regression for each exposure on a binary, count, or continuous outcome, stratified by a specified variable. Produces a stacked ‘gtsummary’ table with one column per stratum, along with underlying models and diagnostics.

**Usage**

```
stratified_uni_reg(
  data,
  outcome,
  exposures,
  stratifier,
  approach = "logit",
  format = c("gt", "flextable"),
  theme = c("minimal")
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A data frame containing the variables.
<code>outcome</code>	name of the outcome variable.
<code>exposures</code>	A vector specifying the predictor (exposure) variables.
<code>stratifier</code>	A character string specifying the stratifier
<code>approach</code>	Modeling approach to use. One of: "logit" (Odds Ratios), "log-binomial" (Risk Ratios), "poisson" (Incidence Rate Ratios), "robpoisson" (Robust RR), "linear" (Beta coefficients), "negbin" (Incidence Rate Ratios),.

**Value**

An object of class 'stratified\_uni\_reg', which includes: - 'table': A 'gtsummary::tbl\_stack' object with stratified results, - 'models': A list of fitted models for each stratum, - 'model\_summaries': A tidy list of model summaries, - 'reg\_check': A tibble of regression diagnostics (when available).

**Accessors**

`$table` Stacked stratified regression table.

`$models` List of fitted model objects for each stratum.

`$model_summaries` List of tidy model summaries.

`$reg_check` Diagnostic check results (when applicable).

**See Also**

[multi\_reg()], [plot\_reg()], [identify\_confounder()]

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("mlbench", quietly = TRUE) &&
    requireNamespace("dplyr", quietly = TRUE)) {
  data(PimaIndiansDiabetes2, package = "mlbench")
  pima <- dplyr::mutate(
    PimaIndiansDiabetes2,
    diabetes = ifelse(diabetes == "pos", 1, 0),
    glucose_cat = dplyr::case_when(
```

```

      glucose < 140 ~ "Normal",
      glucose >= 140 ~ "High"
    )
  )
  stratified_uni <- stratified_uni_reg(
    data = pima,
    outcome = "diabetes",
    exposures = c("age", "mass"),
    stratifier = "glucose_cat",
    approach = "logit"
  )
  stratified_uni$table
}

```

---

uni\_reg

*Univariate regression*


---

## Description

Create a publication-ready univariate regression table using either **gt** or **flextable**

## Usage

```

uni_reg(
  data,
  outcome,
  exposures,
  approach = "logit",
  format = c("gt", "flextable"),
  theme = c("minimal")
)

```

## Arguments

data	data.frame
outcome	character scalar; outcome column name
exposures	character vector; exposure column names
approach	one of "logit", "log-binomial", "poisson", "linear"
format	one of "gt" (default) or "flextable"
theme	preset name (e.g. "minimal", "striped", "clinical", "shaded", "jama") or primitives c("plain", "zebra", "lines", "labels_bold", "compact", "header_shaded")

**Value**

A list of class `c("gtregression", "uni_reg", ...)` with elements:

**table** A `gt_tbl` (when `format="gt"`) or `flextable` (when `format="flextable"`).

**table\_body** Data frame of numeric estimates and CIs.

**table\_display** Data frame for display (headers + levels).

**models** List of fitted univariate models.

**model\_summaries** Per-model `summary()` results.

**reg\_check** Diagnostics for linear models; message otherwise.

**approach, format, source** Metadata fields.

**Examples**

```
d <- mtcars
if (requireNamespace("gt", quietly = TRUE)) {
  uni_reg(d, "am", c("mpg", "cyl"), approach = "logit", format = "gt")$table
}
if (requireNamespace("flextable", quietly = TRUE)) {
  uni_reg(d, "am", c("mpg", "cyl"), approach = "logit", format = "flextable")$table
}
```

---

\$.gtregression      *Access fields on gtregression objects with '\$'*

---

**Description**

Works for any object from this package, since they all carry class `"gtregression"`. Returns `NULL` (quietly) if the field isn't present.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'gtregression'
x$name
```

**Details**

Common fields: - `table`, `table_display`, `table_body` - `models`, `model_summaries`, `reg_check` - `approach`, `format` (or engine), `source` - `parts`, `spanners` (for merged tables) - `by`, `levels` (for descriptive tables)

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