# Homework #1: Predicting Major League Baseball Wins

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# 1 Objective

The the goal of this report is to develop a model which can accurately predict the number of wins of a Major League Baseball (MLB) team based on historical performance.

# 2 Data exploration

### 2.1 Data dictionary

The table below table below describes the variables in the dataset.

| variable name  | definition                             | theoretical effect      |  |
|----------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| INDEX          | Identification Variable (do not use)   | None                    |  |
| TARGET_WINS    | Number of wins                         | outcome variable        |  |
| BATTING_H      | Base Hits by batters (1B,2B,3B,HR)     | Positive Impact on Wins |  |
| $BATTING\_2B$  | Doubles by batters (2B)                | Positive Impact on Wins |  |
| $BATTING\_3B$  | Triples by batters (3B)                | Positive Impact on Wins |  |
| BATTING_HR     | Homeruns by batters (4B)               | Positive Impact on Wins |  |
| $BATTING\_BB$  | Walks by batters                       | Positive Impact on Wins |  |
| BATTING_HBP    | Batters hit by pitch (get a free base) | Positive Impact on Wins |  |
| $BATTING\_SO$  | Strikeouts by batters                  | Negative Impact on Wins |  |
| BASERUN_SB     | Stolen bases                           | Positive Impact on Wins |  |
| BASERUN_CS     | Caught stealing                        | Negative Impact on Wins |  |
| FIELDING_E     | Errors                                 | Negative Impact on Wins |  |
| $FIELDING\_DP$ | Double Plays                           | Positive Impact on Wins |  |
| PITCHING_BB    | Walks allowed                          | Negative Impact on Wins |  |
| PITCHING_H     | Hits allowed                           | Negative Impact on Wins |  |
| PITCHING_HR    | Homeruns allowed                       | Negative Impact on Wins |  |
| PITCHING_SO    | Strikeouts by pitchers                 | Positive Impact on Wins |  |

# 2.2 Summary statistics

The training data set contains 2276 observations and 17 variables including the response variable, TARGET\_WINS. Of these columns all are numeric .

In the following tables the summary statistics for all of the variables in the dataset. They have been broken up into two tables for ease of reading. While some aspects of the distribution of the variables are easier seen in visualization. Two notable statistics are that PITCHING\_SO has a strongly positive skew which may need to be addressed before developing a model; other predictors show skew and kurtosis, but to a lesser degree. Also, BATTING\_HBP has a considerable amount of missing data.

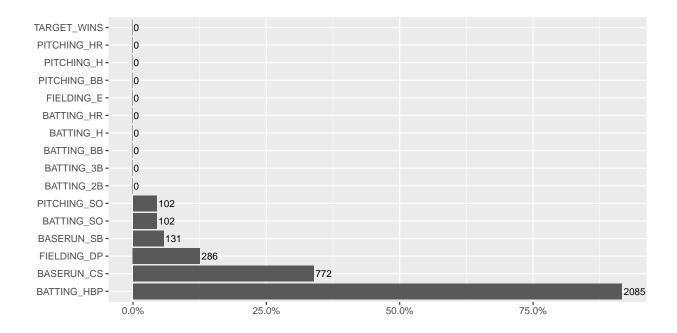
| metric        | min  | Q1   | mean  | median | Q3    | max   |
|---------------|------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| BASERUN_CS    | 0    | 38   | 52.8  | 49     | 62    | 201   |
| BASERUN_SB    | 0    | 66   | 124.8 | 101    | 156   | 697   |
| $BATTING_2B$  | 69   | 208  | 241.2 | 238    | 273   | 458   |
| BATTING_3B    | 0    | 34   | 55.25 | 47     | 72    | 223   |
| $BATTING\_BB$ | 0    | 451  | 501.6 | 512    | 580   | 878   |
| BATTING_H     | 891  | 1383 | 1469  | 1454   | 1537  | 2554  |
| BATTING_HBP   | 29   | 50.5 | 59.36 | 58     | 67    | 95    |
| BATTING_HR    | 0    | 42   | 99.61 | 102    | 147   | 264   |
| BATTING_SO    | 0    | 548  | 735.6 | 750    | 930   | 1399  |
| FIELDING_DP   | 52   | 131  | 146.4 | 149    | 164   | 228   |
| $FIELDING\_E$ | 65   | 127  | 246.5 | 159    | 249.2 | 1898  |
| PITCHING_BB   | 0    | 476  | 553   | 536.5  | 611   | 3645  |
| PITCHING_H    | 1137 | 1419 | 1779  | 1518   | 1682  | 30132 |
| PITCHING_HR   | 0    | 50   | 105.7 | 107    | 150   | 343   |
| PITCHING_SO   | 0    | 615  | 817.7 | 813.5  | 968   | 19278 |
| TARGET_WINS   | 0    | 71   | 80.79 | 82     | 92    | 146   |

| metric         | missing | sd    | mad   | skewness | kurtosis |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| BASERUN_CS     | 772     | 22.96 | 17.79 | 1.976    | 7.62     |
| BASERUN_SB     | 131     | 87.79 | 60.79 | 1.972    | 5.49     |
| BATTING_2B     | 0       | 46.8  | 47.44 | 0.2151   | 0.006161 |
| BATTING_3B     | 0       | 27.94 | 23.72 | 1.109    | 1.503    |
| BATTING_BB     | 0       | 122.7 | 94.89 | -1.026   | 2.183    |
| $BATTING_H$    | 0       | 144.6 | 114.2 | 1.571    | 7.279    |
| BATTING_HBP    | 2085    | 12.97 | 11.86 | 0.3186   | -0.112   |
| BATTING_HR     | 0       | 60.55 | 78.58 | 0.186    | -0.9631  |
| BATTING_SO     | 102     | 248.5 | 284.7 | -0.2978  | -0.3208  |
| $FIELDING\_DP$ | 286     | 26.23 | 23.72 | -0.3889  | 0.1817   |
| $FIELDING\_E$  | 0       | 227.8 | 62.27 | 2.99     | 10.97    |
| PITCHING_BB    | 0       | 166.4 | 98.59 | 6.744    | 96.97    |
| PITCHING_H     | 0       | 1407  | 174.9 | 10.33    | 141.8    |
| PITCHING_HR    | 0       | 61.3  | 74.13 | 0.2878   | -0.6046  |
| PITCHING_SO    | 102     | 553.1 | 257.2 | 22.17    | 671.2    |
| TARGET_WINS    | 0       | 15.75 | 14.83 | -0.3987  | 1.027    |

# 2.3 Visualizations

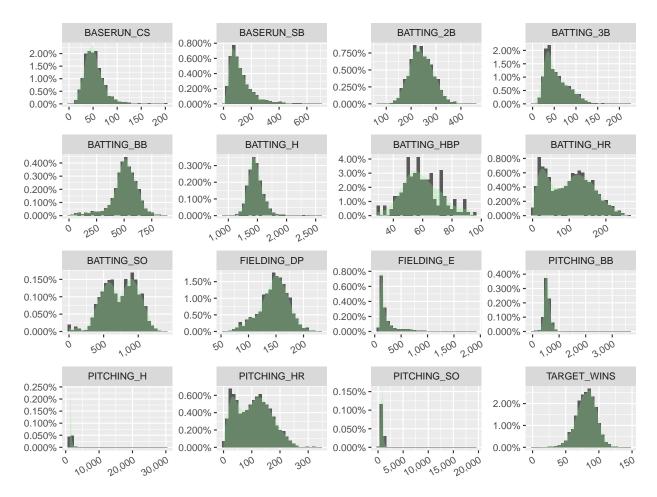
# 2.3.1 Missing data

As mentioned in review of the summary statistics BATTING\_HBP has approximately 92% of the data missing and BASERUN\_CS has roughly 34%. It is not immediately apparent whether these missing values are not applicable or actually missing. If it is the latter the proportion of missing data for these two variables is too large to reasonably consider addressing through substitution or imputation.

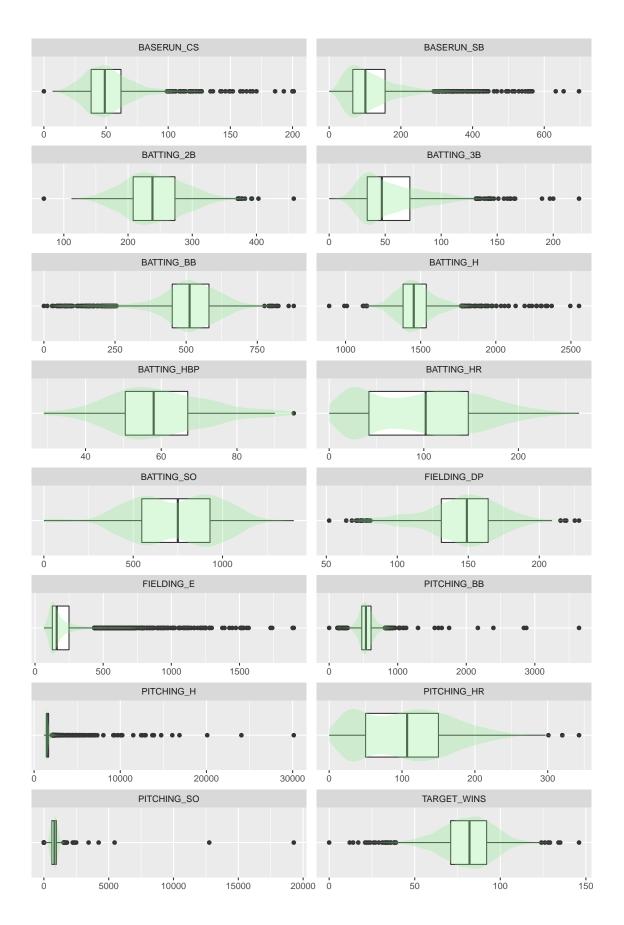


#### 2.3.2 Univariate distributions

The plot below of a density plot overlayed on a histogram for all variables shows that more variables than those identified using the skewness statistics appear to have a skewed distribution. Some like BASERUN\_SB may benefit from transformation, however other such as BATTING\_2B may not require transformation as the base size of the data is sufficient to allow for some deviation from a normal distribution.

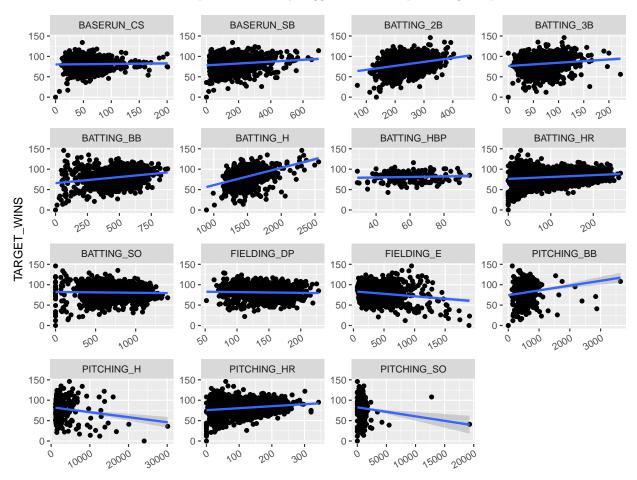


The histogram and density show that some of the predictors have long tails indicative of outliers. The plot below shows a boxplot and violin plot for each variable. Many of the variables appear to have outliers with predictors like FIELDING\_E and PITCHING\_H appear to have the most potential outliers. How these outliers will be handled will be dependent on a mix of reference data and statistical techniques.



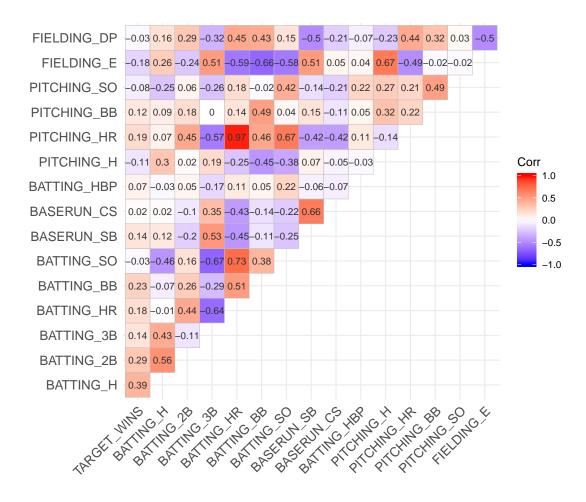
#### 2.3.3 Bivariate relationships

The plot below shows scatter plots of all the response variable against each predictor in the data overlayed with a regression line to help visualize the relationship. Since the univariate summary statistics and visualizations showed that nor all predictors are reasonably normal in their distribution caution needs to be employed when making any inferences. Comparing the apparent relationships to the theoretical impact in the data dictionary shows that in the untransformed data most of theoretical assumptions align with the observations in the data; PITCH\_HR is a notable exception which may suggest relationships among the predictors.



#### 2.3.3.1 Correlation matrix

The scatterplot matrix below shows the relationships, Pearson Correlation Coefficient, between all variables in the data. The first column which represents the relationships between the response variable and each predictor further supports the observations made from the scatterplots. The matrix also shows that there are relationships between the some of the predictors as well. The strongest correlation is between PITCHING\_HR and BATTING\_HR which makes sense a pitcher would need to allow a homerum for a batter to hit a homerum.



# 3 Data preparation

Before modeling can be done, the issues identified during the data exploration namely creating predictors for information not explicitly presented in the data, non-normal distributions and missing data need to be addressed.

#### 3.1 Variable creation

One predictor which was not explicitly described with he current predictors were single base hits by batters. This has been computed by calculating the difference in BATTING\_H each of the sum of each of the base hits and stored as BATTING\_1B.

#### 3.2 Variable removal

For missing data, BATTER\_HBP there is too much data missing to reasonably attempt substitution or other imputation techniques and will be dropped. The other predictors with missing data have enough data that imputation is possible.

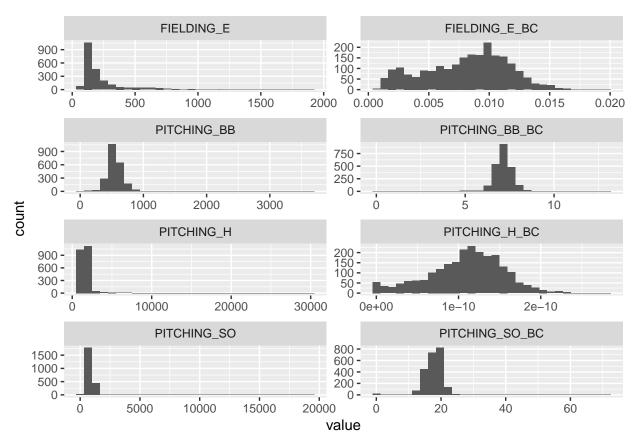
The two predictors BATTING\_HR and PITCHING\_HR have a near perfect Pearson correlation coefficient. Given this strong relationship including both in a model would not improve prediction and one can be dropped—PITCHING\_HR has been dropped.

## 3.3 Imputation

Of the three predictors remaining with missing values two of them have a relatively small portion of the observations missing. For these two single imputation substituting the median for the missing values would be sufficient. However FIELDING\_DP has enough missing observations that single imputation would likely be detrimental to the explanatory capability of the predictor that another technique should be employed. After reviewing a few methods of multiple imputation Multiple Imputation Chained Equations (MICE) was selected for its strength in handling imputation for observations with more than one predictor missing.

#### 3.4 Transformations

The data contains enough observations that some deviation from normal distributions are acceptable. However for the predictors which are strongly skewed such as FIELDING\_E a box-cox transformation has been applied.



### 3.5 Outliers

Determining whether data is an outlier can be quite nuanced. Beside purely statistical approaches decision about outliers can depend on knowledge of the data both in how it was collected or knowledge about the specific subject matter. Typically a combination of both approaches would be employed, however given limited knowledge of baseball, known rules changes which would impact comparison of statistics, and a limited time frame to gain practical familiarity only purely statistical approaches have been employed.

#### 3.5.1 Statistical approach

The season and team statistics provided in the data have been scaled to reflect the current number of games and team in a season, however it is not clear whether or not any adjustments have been made for rule changes which could potentially impact results. Since this is unknown outliers will be determined using the Median Absolute Deviation (MAD); as a metric of central tendency, median is less effected by extreme values than mean. Anything that exceeds three MAD of the median will be considered an outlier and dropped.

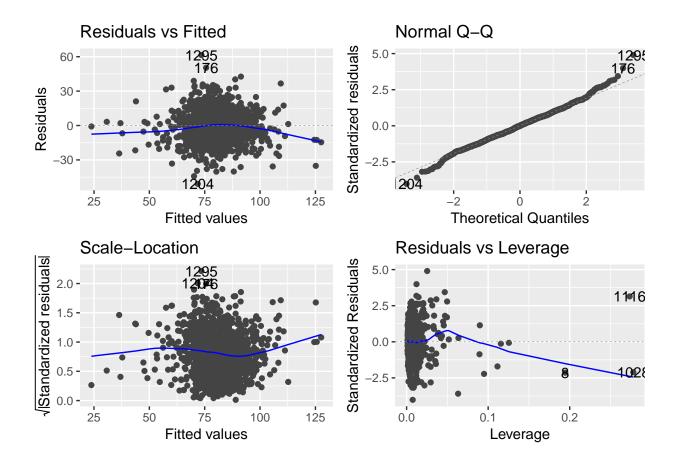
#### 4 Build models

For purposes of model development and evaluation the training data is split 70/30 with 70% of the data being used for model development, and 30% being used to evaluate the model.

### 4.1 Model 1: imputation only

This model serves as a baseline for evaluating the benefits of variable transformation and outlier removal on prediction accuracy. Not all predictors were statistically significant so a stepwise regression tuning by the Akike Information Criterion (AIC) was employed for predictor selection. The adjusted r-squared indicates that the model explains just over 34% of the variance in the training data. Looking at the model evaluation plots, Normal Q-Q plot shows that the model struggles to predict TARGET\_WINS at both tails of the distribution. The Residuals vs. Leverage plot suggests that some observations may be influencing the regression. Transforming some of the non-normally distributed predictors or removing outliers may improve the model

```
##
## Call:
   lm(formula = TARGET_WINS ~ BATTING_H + BATTING_2B + BATTING_3B +
##
       BATTING_HR + BATTING_SO + BASERUN_SB + PITCHING_H + PITCHING_BB +
##
##
       FIELDING_E + FIELDING_DP, data = dfMDLTrain)
##
##
  Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q
                    Median
                                 3Q
                                        Max
            -8.220
   -50.858
                    -0.002
                              8.140
                                     61.475
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                            6.1414930
                                        5.908 4.24e-09 ***
## (Intercept) 36.2820163
## BATTING H
                                               < 2e-16 ***
                0.0423825
                           0.0044968
                                        9.425
## BATTING_2B
                                               0.08905 .
               -0.0183301
                            0.0107732
                                       -1.701
## BATTING_3B
                0.0360046
                                        1.845
                                               0.06519 .
                            0.0195125
                                        7.753 1.59e-14 ***
## BATTING_HR
                0.0858141
                            0.0110683
## BATTING_SO
               -0.0128547
                            0.0027235
                                       -4.720 2.57e-06 ***
## BASERUN_SB
                            0.0052062
                                       10.024
                                               < 2e-16 ***
                0.0521845
## PITCHING_H
                0.0012706
                            0.0004984
                                        2.549
                                               0.01088 *
## PITCHING_BB
                                        3.013
               0.0075701
                            0.0025122
                                               0.00263 **
## FIELDING_E -0.0436684
                            0.0033177 -13.162
                                               < 2e-16 ***
## FIELDING_DP -0.1233687
                            0.0153051
                                       -8.061 1.48e-15 ***
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
##
## Residual standard error: 12.7 on 1582 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3488, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3447
## F-statistic: 84.73 on 10 and 1582 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```



## 4.2 Model 2: imputation and transformation

Box-Cox transformations applied to the most heavily skewed predictors and then the same stepwise AIC mechanism was employed for predictor selection. The plots show that this model does not have the same issue with leverage that the first model had, but the adjusted r-squared is lower. As with the first model the Normal Q-Q plot suggests that the model struggles to accurately predict at the tails of the distribution. Removing outliers may help.

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = TARGET WINS ~ BATTING H + BATTING 3B + BATTING HR +
       BATTING BB + BATTING SO + BASERUN SB + FIELDING DP + FIELDING E BC +
##
       PITCHING H BC + PITCHING SO BC + PITCHING BB BC, data = dfMDLTrain)
##
##
##
  Residuals:
                                 3Q
##
       Min
                1Q
                    Median
                                        Max
   -56.490
            -7.793
                      0.060
                              8.328
                                     59.756
##
##
  Coefficients:
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                               9.720e+00
                                           0.464 0.642397
##
  (Intercept)
                   4.514e+00
## BATTING_H
                   4.203e-02
                              4.101e-03
                                          10.247
                                                  < 2e-16 ***
## BATTING_3B
                   8.255e-02
                               2.014e-02
                                           4.099 4.36e-05 ***
## BATTING_HR
                   6.491e-02
                               1.196e-02
                                           5.427 6.63e-08 ***
## BATTING_BB
                   3.426e-02
                              6.142e-03
                                           5.578 2.86e-08 ***
```

```
## BATTING SO
                    -3.046e-02
                                4.131e-03
                                             -7.375 2.64e-13 ***
## BASERUN SB
                     3.952e-02
                                 4.902e-03
                                               8.062 1.46e-15 ***
## FIELDING DP
                    -1.232e-01
                                 1.550e-02
                                              -7.944 3.69e-15
## FIELDING_E_BC
                     2.078e+03
                                 1.997e+02
                                             10.404
                                                       < 2e-16
## PITCHING H BC
                     5.304e+10
                                 1.475e+10
                                               3.596 0.000333 ***
## PITCHING SO BC
                    1.020e+00
                                 2.145e-01
                                               4.754 2.17e-06 ***
## PITCHING BB BC -2.852e+00
                                             -2.225 0.026246
                                 1.282e+00
##
## Signif. codes:
                       '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 12.86 on 1581 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3328, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3282
## F-statistic: 71.69 on 11 and 1581 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
        Residuals vs Fitted
                                                           Normal Q-Q
                                                   Standardized residuals
     60 -
                 1116
                                                       5.0 -
     30
                                                       2.5
Residuals
      0
                                                       0.0
    -30
                                                      -2.5
    -60
                                                      -5.0
                                             125
                                                                              0
                   50
                                                                   -
2
           25
                                    100
                            75
                      Fitted values
                                                                    Theoretical Quantiles
        Scale-Location
                                                           Residuals vs Leverage
 /IStandardized residuals
                                                   Standardized Residuals
                  1116
                                                                                    1116
                                                       5.0
    2.0
                                                       2.5
     1.5
                                                       0.0
```

#### 4.3 Model 3: imputation, transformation, and outlier removal

100

<del>7</del>5

Fitted values

0.5

0.0

. 25

50

As mentioned previously observations which were more than 3 MAD away from the median were considered to be potential outliers. The adjusted r-squared for this model is the best of the three and reviewing the plots the residuals appear more normal than model one or two.

125

-5.0

0.0

19

0.1

0.2

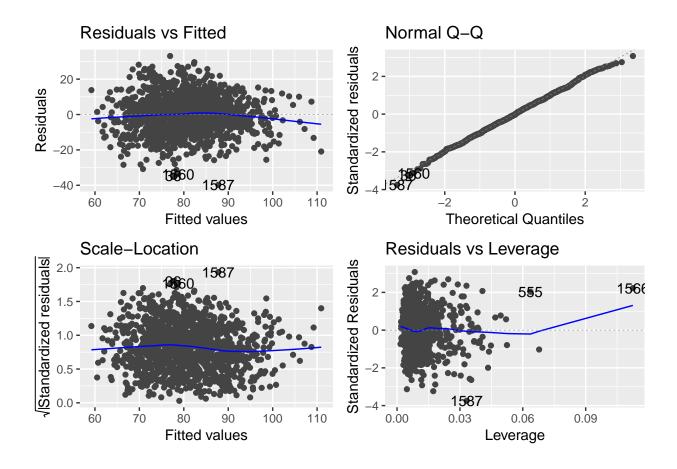
Leverage

1028

0.3

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = TARGET_WINS ~ BATTING_H + BATTING_2B + BATTING_3B +
##
       BATTING HR + BATTING BB + BATTING SO + BASERUN SB + FIELDING DP +
       FIELDING_E_BC + PITCHING_H_BC + PITCHING_SO_BC + PITCHING_BB_BC,
##
##
       data = dfMDLTrain[!(dfMDLTrain$INDEX %in% outlierIndex),
```

```
])
##
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q Median
                               ЗQ
                                     Max
## -39.755 -7.160 -0.268
                            7.370 33.087
##
## Coefficients:
                   Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept)
                 -3.286e+01 3.497e+01 -0.939 0.347665
                 5.883e-02 1.009e-02
                                       5.830 7.05e-09 ***
## BATTING_H
## BATTING_2B
                 -4.137e-02 1.136e-02 -3.641 0.000282 ***
## BATTING_3B
                  1.597e-01
                            2.511e-02
                                        6.360 2.82e-10 ***
                  8.526e-02 1.169e-02
## BATTING_HR
                                       7.291 5.41e-13 ***
## BATTING_BB
                  9.176e-02 2.003e-02
                                       4.582 5.07e-06 ***
## BATTING_SO
                 -8.064e-02 9.931e-03 -8.120 1.10e-15 ***
## BASERUN_SB
                  4.552e-02
                            7.069e-03
                                        6.440 1.69e-10 ***
## FIELDING_DP
                 -1.276e-01
                            1.517e-02
                                       -8.408 < 2e-16 ***
## FIELDING E BC
                 2.132e+03 1.913e+02 11.146 < 2e-16 ***
## PITCHING_H_BC
                  9.830e+10 3.463e+10
                                        2.838 0.004608 **
## PITCHING SO BC 6.073e+00 9.426e-01
                                        6.442 1.67e-10 ***
## PITCHING_BB_BC -1.272e+01 4.578e+00 -2.779 0.005535 **
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 10.79 on 1261 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3653, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3592
## F-statistic: 60.47 on 12 and 1261 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```



# 4.4 Model 4: imputation and backward-elimination

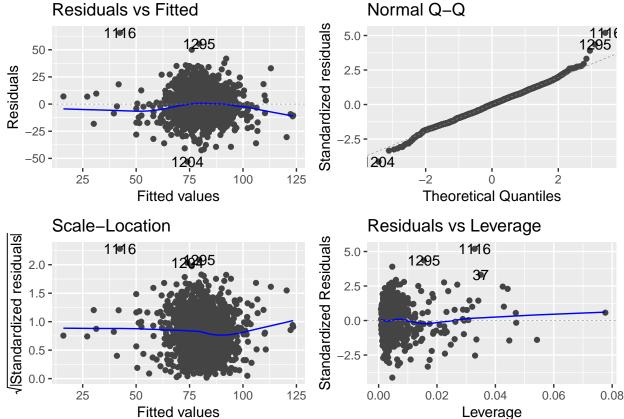
This model utilizes cross-validation and backward elimination as an alternative method of feature selection. The underlying data is the same as model 1.

| nvmax | RMSE  | Rsquared | MAE   | RMSESD | RsquaredSD | MAESD  |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|--------|------------|--------|
| 1     | 14.57 | 0.1509   | 11.31 | 0.9263 | 0.1024     | 0.4835 |
| 2     | 13.96 | 0.2078   | 10.98 | 0.7704 | 0.05293    | 0.4582 |
| 3     | 13.21 | 0.2912   | 10.47 | 0.5115 | 0.04413    | 0.4    |
| 4     | 13.1  | 0.3034   | 10.36 | 0.5402 | 0.04346    | 0.3568 |
| 5     | 12.98 | 0.3165   | 10.26 | 0.5252 | 0.04371    | 0.316  |
| 6     | 12.95 | 0.3194   | 10.21 | 0.6259 | 0.04053    | 0.3312 |
| 7     | 13.05 | 0.3115   | 10.2  | 0.8194 | 0.06291    | 0.4687 |
| 8     | 13.03 | 0.3149   | 10.2  | 0.7729 | 0.06592    | 0.4662 |
| 9     | 13    | 0.3173   | 10.16 | 0.7742 | 0.06206    | 0.4574 |
| 10    | 12.97 | 0.32     | 10.13 | 0.779  | 0.06264    | 0.4645 |
| 11    | 12.97 | 0.32     | 10.12 | 0.7924 | 0.06294    | 0.4567 |
| 12    | 13.02 | 0.3153   | 10.14 | 0.8417 | 0.06179    | 0.4666 |
| 13    | 13.06 | 0.3119   | 10.16 | 0.8686 | 0.06483    | 0.4655 |
| 14    | 13.06 | 0.3119   | 10.16 | 0.8686 | 0.06483    | 0.4655 |

```
nvmax 6 6
```

```
## Subset selection object
## 13 Variables (and intercept)
##
               Forced in Forced out
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## BATTING H
## BATTING_2B
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## BATTING_3B
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
                   FALSE
## BATTING_HR
                               FALSE
## BATTING_BB
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## BATTING_SO
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## BASERUN_SB
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## BASERUN_CS
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## PITCHING_H
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## PITCHING_BB
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## PITCHING_SO
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## FIELDING_E
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## FIELDING_DP
                   FALSE
                               FALSE
## 1 subsets of each size up to 6
## Selection Algorithm: backward
            BATTING_H BATTING_2B BATTING_3B BATTING_HR BATTING_BB BATTING_SO
## 1 ( 1 ) "*"
                       11 11
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     (1)"*"
                       11 11
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    (1)"*"
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## 5
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## 6
     (1)"*"
            BASERUN_SB BASERUN_CS PITCHING_H PITCHING_BB PITCHING_SO
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                        11 11
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     (1)"*"
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                                               11 11
                                                           11 11
## 3
## 4 ( 1 ) "*"
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## 5 (1) "*"
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                                               11 11
     (1)"*"
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## 6
##
            FIELDING E FIELDING DP
                        11 11
## 1 (1)""
                        11 11
## 2
     (1)"*"
## 3
     (1)"*"
                        11 11
## 4 (1) "*"
                        "*"
                        "*"
## 5 (1)"*"
                        "*"
## 6 (1) "*"
##
## Call:
  lm(formula = TARGET_WINS ~ FIELDING_DP + FIELDING_E + BASERUN_SB +
##
       BATTING_SO + BATTING_HR + BATTING_H, data = dfMDLTrain)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                 3Q
                                        Max
## -53.012 -8.579
                     0.212
                              8.370
                                     65.611
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
```

```
## (Intercept) 38.388014
                           5.467090
                                       7.022 3.24e-12 ***
## FIELDING DP -0.099038
                           0.014679
                                      -6.747 2.11e-11 ***
               -0.036269
## FIELDING E
                           0.002210 - 16.412
## BASERUN_SB
                0.054626
                           0.004794
                                      11.395
                                              < 2e-16
## BATTING SO
               -0.014571
                           0.002573
                                      -5.664 1.75e-08 ***
## BATTING HR
                0.082276
                           0.010474
                                       7.855 7.31e-15 ***
## BATTING H
                0.040958
                           0.003118
                                      13.136
                                              < 2e-16 ***
##
## Signif. codes:
                           0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 12.84 on 1586 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3326, Adjusted R-squared:
## F-statistic: 131.7 on 6 and 1586 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
       Residuals vs Fitted
```



# 5 Select model

#### 5.1 Model statistics

In considering how to evaluate the models additional modeling statistics were produced. Since the objective is to accurately predict TARGET\_WINS the Root-Mean Square Error (RMSE) will be used as the primary metric for model evaluation. The RMSE is proportionally effected by residuals so larger errors, worse predictions, have a larger impact on the score.

#### Model statistics

|                                 | r.squared | adj.r.squared | fstat.value | RMSE  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| model one                       | 0.3488    | 0.3447        | 84.73       | 12.66 |
| $\mathbf{model} \ \mathbf{two}$ | 0.3328    | 0.3282        | 71.69       | 12.81 |
| model three                     | 0.3653    | 0.3592        | 60.47       | 10.73 |
| model four                      | 0.3326    | 0.33          | 131.7       | 12.81 |

Looking at the modeling statistics model three has the lowest RMSE. However since this model was created by removing approximately 450 potential outliers, this model has a greater potential to overfit the data. The prediction table below shows that model three has the highest RMSE on the reserved evaluation data. This suggests that this model was overfit to the training data. Comparing the remaining two models, model one has both the highest adjusted r-squared and the smallest differential between RMSE on the training and reserved evaluation data.

#### Prediction statistics

|                                 | RMSE  |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| model one                       | 12.41 |
| $\mathbf{model} \ \mathbf{two}$ | 12.33 |
| ${f model\ three}$              | 13.87 |
| model four                      | 12.44 |

#### 5.2 Prediction

Predictions of TARGET\_WINS using the evaluation data and selected model are included in the provided comma separated values (CSV) file.

# 6 Appendix

### 6.1 Session info

```
##
   setting value
##
   version R version 3.5.2 (2018-12-20)
##
          x86 64, linux-gnu
          X11
##
   ui
##
   language en US
##
   collate en_US.UTF-8
##
   tz
          America/New_York
          2019-02-26
##
   date
  Packages ------
   package
              * version
                        date
                                  source
                        2016-07-21 CRAN (R 3.5.1)
##
   abind
               1.4 - 5
               0.2.0
                        2017-04-11 CRAN (R 3.5.0)
##
   assertthat
##
   backports
               1.1.3
                        2018-12-14 cran (@1.1.3)
              * 3.5.2
                        2018-12-20 local
##
   base
                        2018-12-05 cran (@0.5.1)
##
   broom
               0.5.1
##
   car
              * 3.0-0
                        2018-04-02 CRAN (R 3.5.1)
              * 3.0-1
                        2018-03-28 CRAN (R 3.5.1)
   carData
```

```
2018-05-26 CRAN (R 3.5.1)
##
    caret
                  * 6.0-80
##
                               2016-07-27 CRAN (R 3.5.1)
    cellranger
                    1.1.0
                               2019-01-01 CRAN (R 3.5.2)
##
    class
                    7.3 - 15
                    0.2-16
##
    codetools
                               2018-12-24 CRAN (R 3.5.2)
##
    colorspace
                    1.4-0
                               2019-01-13 CRAN (R 3.5.2)
    compiler
                    3.5.2
                               2018-12-20 local
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    crayon
                    1.3.4
                               2017-09-16 CRAN (R 3.5.0)
    curl
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    CVST
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    devtools
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    digest
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    dimRed
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    dplyr
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                               2018-01-06 CRAN (R 3.5.1)
##
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    evaluate
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                               2019-02-12 CRAN (R 3.5.2)
##
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##
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    generics
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##
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    ggcorrplot
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    ggfortify
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    ggplot2
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##
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```

# 6.2 R source code

See included Rmarkdown (rmd) document