## 621 MoneyBall

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#### Introduction

In this homework assignment we will explore, analyze and model a data set containing 2276 professional baseball team records from the years 1871 to 2006. Our objective is to build a multiple linear regression model on the given training data to predict the number of wins for each team in the test data.

Table 1: Variable Definitions and Theoretical Effects on Wins

Variable_Name	Definition	Theoretical_Effect
INDEX	Identification variable (do not use)	None
TARGET_WINS	Number of wins	_
$TEAM\_BATTING\_H$	Base hits (1B, 2B, 3B, HR)	Positive
TEAM_BATTING_2B	Doubles	Positive
TEAM_BATTING_3B	Triples	Positive
TEAM_BATTING_HR	Homeruns	Positive
TEAM_BATTING_BB	Walks	Positive
TEAM_BATTING_HBF	P Hit by pitch	Positive
TEAM_BATTING_SO	Strikeouts	Negative
TEAM_BASERUN_SB	Stolen bases	Positive
TEAM_BASERUN_CS	Caught stealing	Negative
$TEAM\_FIELDING\_E$	Errors	Negative
TEAM_FIELDING_DP	Double plays	Positive
TEAM_PITCHING_BB	Walks allowed	Negative
TEAM_PITCHING_H	Hits allowed	Negative
TEAM_PITCHING_HR	Homeruns allowed	Negative
TEAM_PITCHING_SO	Strikeouts by pitchers	Positive

## **Data Exploration**

#### **Data Summary**

The moneyball training data set contains 16 variables, excluding the index, and 2,276 observations. Each observational unit represents a single team's statistics for that year's performance. There are 15 predictor variables which are counts of various actions in baseball such as base hits, home runs, strikeouts, stolen bases, caught stealing, hits allows and more.

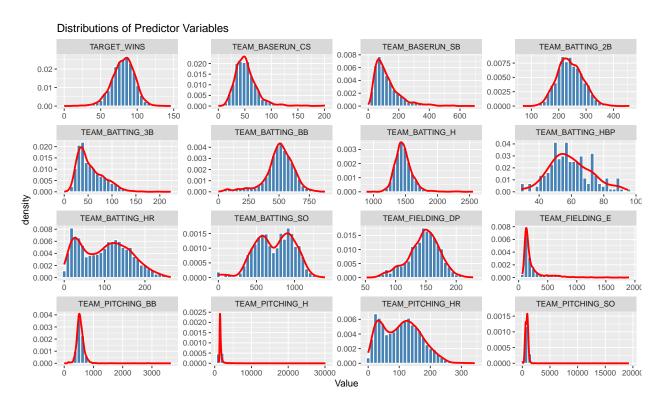
As seen below in our numerical summary, the data contains NA values in certain variables (TEAM\_BATTING\_SO, TEAM\_BASERUN\_SB, TEAM\_BASERUN\_CS, TEAM\_BATTING\_HBP, TEAM\_PITCHING\_SO, and TEAM\_FIELDING\_DP). These NA values will be addressed in the data preparation. In addition,

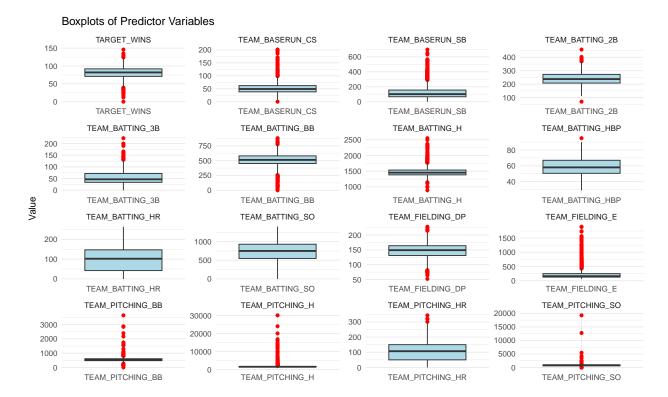
TEAM\_BATTING\_HBP contains a large amount of NAs at a count of 2085. There is also certain variables with max values that deviate significantly from the interquartile ranges such as TEAM\_PITCHING\_H and TEAM\_PITCHING\_SO.

```
## Rows: 2,276
## Columns: 16
## $ TARGET_WINS
                      <int> 39, 70, 86, 70, 82, 75, 80, 85, 86, 76, 78, 68, 72, 7~
                      <int> 1445, 1339, 1377, 1387, 1297, 1279, 1244, 1273, 1391,~
## $ TEAM BATTING H
                     <int> 194, 219, 232, 209, 186, 200, 179, 171, 197, 213, 179~
## $ TEAM BATTING 2B
## $ TEAM BATTING 3B
                     <int> 39, 22, 35, 38, 27, 36, 54, 37, 40, 18, 27, 31, 41, 2~
## $ TEAM BATTING HR
                     <int> 13, 190, 137, 96, 102, 92, 122, 115, 114, 96, 82, 95,~
## $ TEAM_BATTING_BB
                     <int> 143, 685, 602, 451, 472, 443, 525, 456, 447, 441, 374~
                     <int> 842, 1075, 917, 922, 920, 973, 1062, 1027, 922, 827, ~
## $ TEAM_BATTING_SO
## $ TEAM BASERUN SB
                    <int> NA, 37, 46, 43, 49, 107, 80, 40, 69, 72, 60, 119, 221~
## $ TEAM BASERUN CS <int> NA, 28, 27, 30, 39, 59, 54, 36, 27, 34, 39, 79, 109, ~
## $ TEAM_PITCHING_H <int> 9364, 1347, 1377, 1396, 1297, 1279, 1244, 1281, 1391,~
## $ TEAM_PITCHING_HR <int> 84, 191, 137, 97, 102, 92, 122, 116, 114, 96, 86, 95,~
## $ TEAM_PITCHING_BB <int> 927, 689, 602, 454, 472, 443, 525, 459, 447, 441, 391~
## $ TEAM_PITCHING_SO <int> 5456, 1082, 917, 928, 920, 973, 1062, 1033, 922, 827,~
## $ TEAM_FIELDING_E <int> 1011, 193, 175, 164, 138, 123, 136, 112, 127, 131, 11~
## $ TEAM_FIELDING_DP <int> NA, 155, 153, 156, 168, 149, 186, 136, 169, 159, 141,~
##
        TARGET_WINS
                      TEAM_BATTING_H
                                      TEAM_BATTING_2B
                                                       TEAM_BATTING_3B
##
                 0
                                                    0
##
    TEAM_BATTING_HR
                     TEAM_BATTING_BB
                                      TEAM_BATTING_SO
                                                       TEAM_BASERUN_SB
##
                 0
                                                  102
                                   0
##
    TEAM_BASERUN_CS
                                      TEAM_PITCHING_H TEAM_PITCHING_HR
                   TEAM_BATTING_HBP
##
                772
                                2085
                                                    0
##
  TEAM_PITCHING_BB TEAM_PITCHING_SO
                                      TEAM_FIELDING_E TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##
                 0
                                 102
                                                    0
                                                                   286
     TARGET_WINS
                     TEAM_BATTING_H TEAM_BATTING_2B TEAM_BATTING_3B
##
                                                           : 0.00
##
          : 0.00
                            : 891
                                          : 69.0
   Min.
                    Min.
                                   Min.
                                                    Min.
                     1st Qu.:1383
   1st Qu.: 71.00
##
                                    1st Qu.:208.0
                                                    1st Qu.: 34.00
   Median: 82.00
                     Median:1454
                                   Median :238.0
                                                    Median: 47.00
          : 80.79
                                           :241.2
                                                           : 55.25
##
   Mean
                    Mean
                            :1469
                                   Mean
                                                    Mean
   3rd Qu.: 92.00
                                    3rd Qu.:273.0
                                                    3rd Qu.: 72.00
##
                     3rd Qu.:1537
          :146.00
##
   Max.
                    Max.
                            :2554
                                   Max.
                                           :458.0
                                                    Max.
                                                           :223.00
##
##
   TEAM BATTING HR
                    TEAM BATTING BB TEAM BATTING SO
                                                     TEAM BASERUN SB
##
   Min.
          : 0.00
                    Min.
                            : 0.0
                                     Min.
                                            :
                                                0.0
                                                     Min.
                                                            : 0.0
                     1st Qu.:451.0
##
   1st Qu.: 42.00
                                     1st Qu.: 548.0
                                                      1st Qu.: 66.0
##
   Median :102.00
                     Median :512.0
                                     Median: 750.0
                                                      Median :101.0
                                            : 735.6
##
   Mean
          : 99.61
                     Mean
                            :501.6
                                     Mean
                                                      Mean
                                                             :124.8
##
   3rd Qu.:147.00
                     3rd Qu.:580.0
                                     3rd Qu.: 930.0
                                                      3rd Qu.:156.0
##
   Max.
           :264.00
                     Max.
                            :878.0
                                     Max.
                                            :1399.0
                                                      Max.
                                                             :697.0
##
                                     NA's
                                            :102
                                                      NA's
                                                             :131
##
   TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP
                                    TEAM_PITCHING_H TEAM_PITCHING_HR
##
   Min.
          : 0.0
                   Min.
                           :29.00
                                     Min.
                                            : 1137
                                                     Min.
                                                            : 0.0
##
   1st Qu.: 38.0
                    1st Qu.:50.50
                                     1st Qu.: 1419
                                                     1st Qu.: 50.0
   Median: 49.0
##
                   Median :58.00
                                     Median: 1518
                                                     Median :107.0
## Mean : 52.8
                   Mean
                           :59.36
                                     Mean
                                           : 1779
                                                     Mean
                                                            :105.7
```

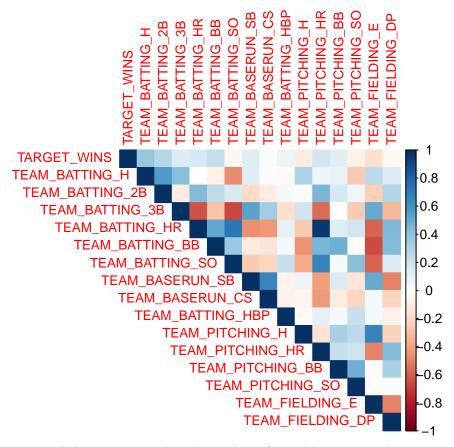
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3rd Qu.: 62.0
                    3rd Qu.:67.00
                                      3rd Qu.: 1682
                                                       3rd Qu.:150.0
##
    Max.
           :201.0
                    Max.
                            :95.00
                                      Max.
                                              :30132
                                                       Max.
                                                               :343.0
    NA's
                    NA's
                            :2085
##
           :772
    TEAM_PITCHING_BB TEAM_PITCHING_SO
                                        TEAM_FIELDING_E
##
                                                          TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##
           :
               0.0
                      Min.
                             :
                                  0.0
                                        Min.
                                                : 65.0
                                                          Min.
                                                                 : 52.0
##
    1st Qu.: 476.0
                      1st Qu.: 615.0
                                         1st Qu.: 127.0
                                                           1st Qu.:131.0
##
    Median: 536.5
                      Median :
                                813.5
                                        Median: 159.0
                                                          Median :149.0
           : 553.0
                                                : 246.5
##
    Mean
                      Mean
                             :
                                817.7
                                        Mean
                                                          Mean
                                                                  :146.4
##
    3rd Qu.: 611.0
                      3rd Qu.: 968.0
                                         3rd Qu.: 249.2
                                                           3rd Qu.:164.0
##
           :3645.0
                                                :1898.0
    Max.
                      Max.
                             :19278.0
                                        Max.
                                                           Max.
                                                                  :228.0
##
                      NA's
                             :102
                                                           NA's
                                                                  :286
```

#### **Data Visualizations**





The histogram and box plots above provide a better understanding of the distribution of our predictor variables. Most variables have a relatively normal distribution where others show strong left and right side skewing. The box plots also clue us into possible data entry errors as may be the case for TEAM\_PITCHING\_SO.

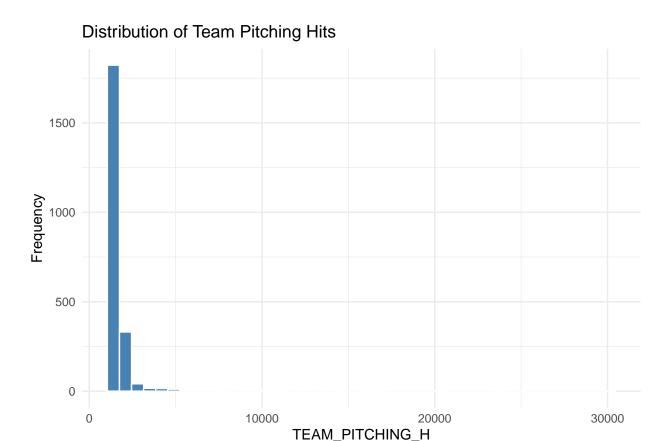


The correlation heat map helps us to see the relationship of variables against the target variable and other predictors. Correlations are mostly what was expected based on the theoretical effect given in the introduction with some exceptions. An example of this can be seen with TEAM\_BASERUN\_CS where the correlation is slightly positive (0.02240407) when the theoretical effect is to have a negative impact on wins.

Diving deeper into the outliers for the TEAM\_PITCHING\_SO (pitchers striking out the opposing team's hitter) variable we can see that the record for these teams also are paired with a 0 TEAM\_PITCHING\_HR (home runs allowed by the pitchers), and so it stand to reason that these outliers are not data errors.

##		TARGET_WINS TEAM	_BATTING_H TEAM_H	BATTING_2B TEAM_B	ATTING_3B TEAM	_BATTING_HR
##	1	41	992	263	20	0
##	2	108	1188	338	0	0
##	TEAM_BATTING_BB TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS					
##	1	142	952	NA	NA	
##	2	270	945	NA	NA	
##		TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_PITCHING_H TEAM_PITCHING_HR TEAM_PITCHING_BB				
##	1	NA	20088	0	2	876
##	2	NA	16038	0	3	645
##		TEAM_PITCHING_SO	TEAM_FIELDING_E	TEAM_FIELDING_DP		
##	1	19278	952	NA		
##	2	12758	716	NA		

For the outliers in TEAM\_PITCHING\_H (hits allowed by pitchers) our distribution shows us that the outliers are likely not data errors either. There are infrequent but other recorded values between our outliers and the IQR of our variable. Our outliers in this variable are plausible real recorded values that happen to fall far on our distribution's right sided tail.



## **Data Preparation**

The variable TEAM\_BATTING\_HBP which represents a batter being hit by a pitch was removed as the influence is a factor outside of the batter's controls and it's not a repeatable skill. The variable also contained 2,085 NA values out of the total of 2,276 observations.

```
2276 obs. of 15 variables:
  'data.frame':
##
   $ TARGET_WINS
                      : int
                             39 70 86 70 82 75 80 85 86 76 ...
                     : int
##
   $ TEAM_BATTING_H
                             1445 1339 1377 1387 1297 1279 1244 1273 1391 1271 ...
   $ TEAM BATTING 2B : int
                             194 219 232 209 186 200 179 171 197 213 ...
   $ TEAM_BATTING_3B : int
##
                             39 22 35 38 27 36 54 37 40 18
##
   $ TEAM_BATTING_HR : int
                             13 190 137 96 102 92 122 115 114 96 ...
   $ TEAM_BATTING_BB : int
##
                             143 685 602 451 472 443 525 456 447 441 ...
   $ TEAM_BATTING_SO : int
                             842 1075 917 922 920 973 1062 1027 922 827 ...
##
   $ TEAM_BASERUN_SB : int
##
                             NA 37 46 43 49 107 80 40 69 72 ...
##
   $ TEAM BASERUN CS : int
                             NA 28 27 30 39 59 54 36 27 34 ...
##
   $ TEAM PITCHING H : int
                             9364 1347 1377 1396 1297 1279 1244 1281 1391 1271 ...
   $ TEAM_PITCHING_HR: int
                             84 191 137 97 102 92 122 116 114 96 ...
   $ TEAM_PITCHING_BB: int
##
                             927 689 602 454 472 443 525 459 447 441 ...
##
   $ TEAM_PITCHING_SO: int
                             5456 1082 917 928 920 973 1062 1033 922 827 ...
   $ TEAM FIELDING E : int
                             1011 193 175 164 138 123 136 112 127 131 ...
   $ TEAM_FIELDING_DP: int
                             NA 155 153 156 168 149 186 136 169 159 ...
```

Near zero variance variables are variables with observed values that barely change across observations.

Because of this they contribute little to analysis and introduce unnecessary complexity along with multicollinearity risk. No variables were found to be near zero variance as seen below.

```
##
                    freqRatio percentUnique zeroVar
## TARGET_WINS
                      1.014493
                                    4.745167
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM BATTING H
                      1.333333
                                   25.000000
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM_BATTING_2B
                      1.000000
                                   10.544815
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM BATTING 3B
                      1.074074
                                    6.326889
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM BATTING HR
                      1.038462
                                   10.676626
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM BATTING BB
                      1.058824
                                   23.418278
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM BATTING SO
                      2.000000
                                   36.115993
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB
                      1.000000
                                   15.289982
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS
                      1.125000
                                    5.623902
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM BATTING HBP
                      1.000000
                                    2.416520
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM_PITCHING_H
                      1.083333
                                   37.038664
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM_PITCHING_HR
                     1.038462
                                   11.247803
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB
                      1.066667
                                   23.506151
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO
                     2.22222
                                   36.159930
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM_FIELDING_E
                      1.037037
                                   24.121265
                                                FALSE FALSE
## TEAM FIELDING DP
                     1.000000
                                    6.326889
                                                FALSE FALSE
```

For data imputation we looked at the columns with missing values and we used a multiple imputation approach to impute the missing data using MICE predictive mean matching method those columns, as the variable had a high percentage of missing data and the missingness is not completely at random. MICE imputation would be best to preserve the varianc and the correlation structure of the data, a simple imputation wouldn't be ideal as it it would impute with a fixed number leading to an underestimates variance, the simple imputation would also be bias ignoring the relationships between the variables.

```
##
        TARGET WINS
                       TEAM BATTING H
                                        TEAM BATTING 2B
                                                          TEAM BATTING 3B
##
           0.000000
                             0.000000
                                               0.000000
                                                                 0.000000
##
    TEAM_BATTING_HR
                      TEAM_BATTING_BB
                                        TEAM_BATTING_SO
                                                          TEAM_BASERUN_SB
##
           0.000000
                             0.000000
                                               4.481547
                                                                 5.755712
##
    TEAM_BASERUN_CS
                      TEAM_PITCHING_H TEAM_PITCHING_HR TEAM_PITCHING_BB
                                                                 0.000000
##
          33.919156
                             0.000000
                                               0.000000
##
   TEAM_PITCHING_SO
                      TEAM_FIELDING_E TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##
           4.481547
                             0.000000
                                              12.565905
```

Used multiple imputation to impute the missing data using MICE predictive mean matching method.

## Multiple Linear Regression Models

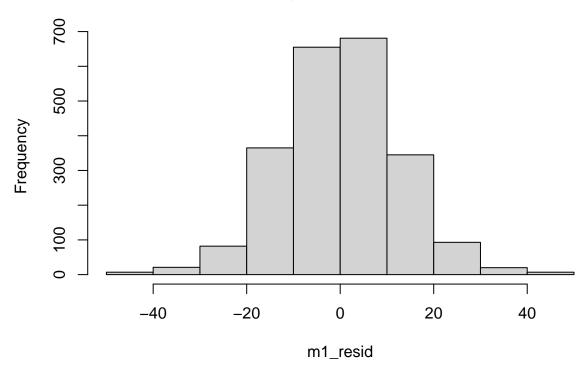
#### Model 1: All Features

For the first model we choose to include all the predictive variables. This will allow us to see which features have significant influence on our TARGET\_WINS dependent variable.

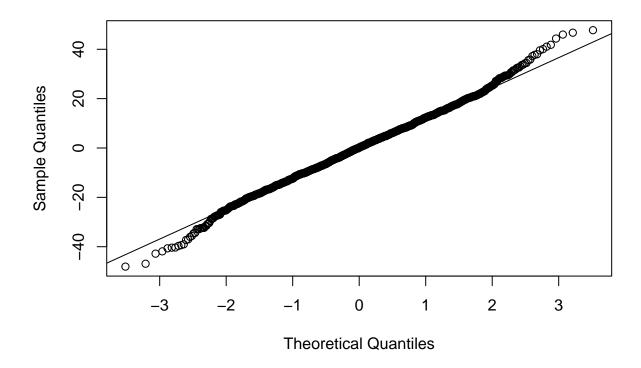
```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = TARGET_WINS ~ TEAM_BATTING_H + TEAM_BATTING_2B +
## TEAM_BATTING_3B + TEAM_BATTING_HR + TEAM_BATTING_BB + TEAM_BATTING_SO +
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB + TEAM_BASERUN_CS + TEAM_PITCHING_H + TEAM_PITCHING_HR +
```

```
##
      TEAM_PITCHING_BB + TEAM_PITCHING_SO + TEAM_FIELDING_E + TEAM_FIELDING_DP,
##
      data = Training_imp)
##
## Residuals:
      Min
##
               1Q Median
                               3Q
                                     Max
## -48.066 -8.413 0.173
                            8.114 47.738
## Coefficients:
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                   33.6652346 5.1731357
                                          6.508 9.37e-11 ***
## TEAM_BATTING_H
                    0.0431257 0.0035895
                                        12.014 < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM_BATTING_2B
                  -0.0199054 0.0088954
                                         -2.238 0.025337 *
                                         2.508 0.012215 *
## TEAM_BATTING_3B
                    0.0412403 0.0164442
                                         2.172 0.029968 *
## TEAM_BATTING_HR
                    0.0576471 0.0265424
## TEAM_BATTING_BB
                    0.0130473 0.0056243
                                         2.320 0.020440 *
## TEAM_BATTING_SO
                   -0.0150600 0.0024780 -6.077 1.43e-09 ***
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB
                    0.0494468 0.0054066
                                         9.146 < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM BASERUN CS
                    0.0020950 0.0110596
                                         0.189 0.849777
## TEAM_PITCHING_H
                    0.0013758 0.0003859
                                         3.566 0.000371 ***
## TEAM PITCHING HR 0.0236405 0.0235842
                                          1.002 0.316263
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB -0.0036554 0.0040041
                                        -0.913 0.361385
## TEAM PITCHING SO 0.0015600 0.0008943
                                         1.744 0.081220 .
## TEAM_FIELDING_E -0.0415048 0.0027079 -15.327 < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM FIELDING DP -0.1119556 0.0124114 -9.020 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 12.66 on 2261 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.358, Adjusted R-squared: 0.354
## F-statistic: 90.06 on 14 and 2261 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

# Histogram of m1\_resid



#### Normal Q-Q Plot



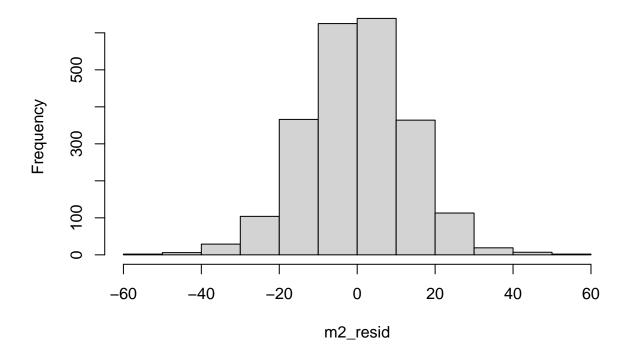
#### Model 2:

For the second model we narrowed down the variable selection based on our findings that TEAM\_PITCHING\_HR has high multicollinearity with TEAM\_BATTING\_HR, therefore we removed TEAM\_PITCHING\_HR. In addition, we removed TEAM\_BATTING\_SO, TEAM\_BASERUN\_SB, TEAM\_BASERUN\_CS, TEAM\_PITCHING\_SO, TEAM\_FIELDING\_DP for missing values. Our thoughts here is that by removing these variables our model is more reliable due to removal of imputed values and reduced model complexity.

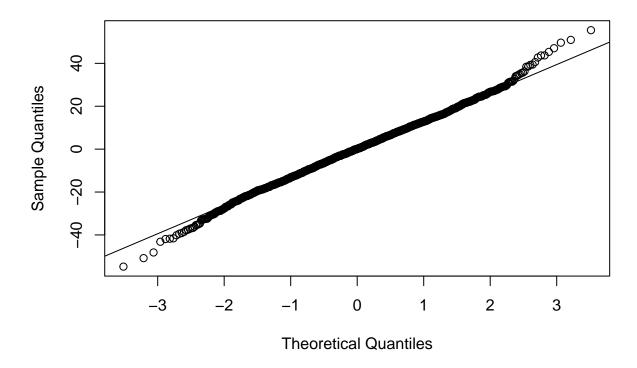
```
##
## Call:
  lm(formula = TARGET_WINS ~ TEAM_BATTING_H + TEAM_BATTING_2B +
##
       TEAM_BATTING_3B + TEAM_BATTING_HR + TEAM_BATTING_BB + TEAM_PITCHING_H +
       TEAM_PITCHING_BB + TEAM_FIELDING_E, data = Training_imp)
##
##
##
   Residuals:
##
                                 3Q
       Min
                1Q
                    Median
                                        Max
##
   -54.776
            -8.875
                     0.097
                              8.860
                                     55.466
##
##
  Coefficients:
##
                      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                     7.290e+00
                                3.443e+00
                                             2.117 0.034376 *
## TEAM_BATTING_H
                     4.848e-02
                                3.207e-03
                                            15.118 < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM_BATTING_2B
                    -2.582e-02
                                9.057e-03
                                            -2.851 0.004400 **
## TEAM_BATTING_3B
                                             6.072 1.48e-09 ***
                     1.011e-01
                               1.665e-02
```

```
## TEAM_BATTING_HR
                   3.672e-02 7.749e-03
                                          4.739 2.28e-06 ***
## TEAM_BATTING_BB -7.926e-05 4.585e-03
                                        -0.017 0.986208
## TEAM_PITCHING_H -1.312e-03 3.683e-04
                                         -3.561 0.000377 ***
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB 1.036e-02 2.802e-03
                                          3.695 0.000225 ***
## TEAM_FIELDING_E -1.664e-02 2.368e-03
                                         -7.025 2.81e-12 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Residual standard error: 13.48 on 2267 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.27, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2675
## F-statistic: 104.8 on 8 and 2267 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

## Histogram of m2\_resid



### Normal Q-Q Plot



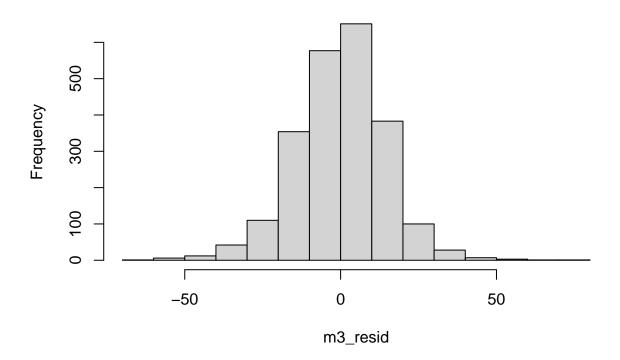
#### Model 3:

For our third model our group utilized the backward selection process where we removed the lowest p-value variables noted from model 1 and 2. Included in this model were only variables with p-values greater than 0.05.

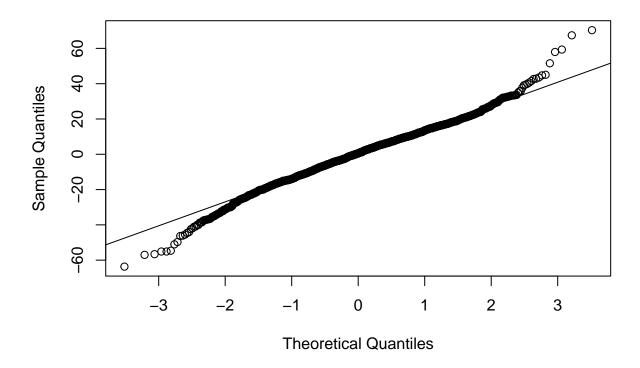
```
##
## Call:
  lm(formula = TARGET_WINS ~ TEAM_BATTING_SO + TEAM_BASERUN_CS +
       TEAM_PITCHING_HR + TEAM_PITCHING_BB + TEAM_BATTING_BB, data = Training_imp)
##
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q
                    Median
                                 3Q
                                        Max
  -63.659
           -8.994
                     0.549
                              9.297
                                     70.322
##
##
##
  Coefficients:
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
  (Intercept)
                    63.658983
                                 1.850740
                                           34.397
                                                  < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM_BATTING_SO
                    -0.021016
                                0.001696 -12.388
                                                   < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS
                     0.083583
                                 0.007696
                                           10.860
                                                   < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM_PITCHING_HR
                                                  < 2e-16 ***
                     0.116163
                                 0.007706
                                           15.075
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB -0.009051
                                 0.002172
                                           -4.166 3.21e-05 ***
## TEAM_BATTING_BB
                     0.037613
                                 0.003223
                                           11.669
                                                  < 2e-16 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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##
## Residual standard error: 14.4 on 2270 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1657, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1638
## F-statistic: 90.14 on 5 and 2270 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16</pre>

## Histogram of m3\_resid



#### Normal Q-Q Plot



#### **Select Models:**

While Model 1 has higher multicollinearity in certain predictors, our analysis identified Model 1 as the strongest regression model. It achieved the lowest residual error (12.66) and the highest adjusted  $R^2$  (0.354), making it the most accurate and reliable predictor of team wins. Model 1's residuals show a normal distribution and a normal looking Q-Q plot.

Model 1 shows that for a baseball team to increase their amount of wins for the season they should focus on increasing their batting home runs and stolen bases. TEAM\_BATTING\_HR has the greatest positive impact at a coefficient of 0.05764 and TEAM\_BASERUN\_SB has the second greatest positive impact with a coefficient of 0.04945. Conversely, minimizing fielding errors (TEAM\_FIELDING\_E) as this variable has the largest negative impact on wins with a coefficient of -0.041504.

The variable TEAM\_BATTING\_HR is noted to be highly correlated with TEAM\_PITCHING\_HR, however both of these variables have large theoretical impact to the probability of winning. Hitting a home run or allowing a home run directly influences the game's score and therefore our group decided to keep these variables.

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## 1 Model 1
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                     0.354
## 2 Model 2
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                     0.267
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## 3 Model 3
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#### Model 1 variables VIF

```
##
     TEAM_BATTING_H
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                                       TEAM_BATTING_3B
                                                          TEAM_BATTING_HR
           3.823342
                             2.460052
                                               2.995896
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                      TEAM_BATTING_SO
                                        TEAM_BASERUN_SB
                                                          TEAM_BASERUN_CS
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           6.756380
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                                                                 4.373084
    TEAM_PITCHING_H TEAM_PITCHING_HR TEAM_PITCHING_BB TEAM_PITCHING_SO
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                                               6.297724
##
           4.182680
                            29.664612
                                                                 3.336076
##
    TEAM_FIELDING_E TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##
           5.399699
                             1.872039
```

#### Model 2 variables VIF

```
##
     TEAM BATTING H
                      TEAM_BATTING_2B
                                       TEAM_BATTING_3B
                                                          TEAM BATTING HR
##
           2.691190
                             2.248967
                                               2.707698
                                                                 2.755238
##
    TEAM_BATTING_BB
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                                                          TEAM_FIELDING_E
##
           3.958646
                             3.361075
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                                                                 3.642208
```

#### Model 3 variables VIF

```
## TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_PITCHING_HR TEAM_PITCHING_BB
## 1.909613 1.635908 2.446552 1.432176
## TEAM_BATTING_BB
## 1.714261
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Utilizing our model 1 below we can see our predicted TARGET\_WINS for the evaluation data.

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