Exercise 2

for Advanced Methods for Regression and Classification

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Data investigation and preparation

This data set contains information about construction costs (df\$y) of real estate single-family residential apartments in Tehran, Iran. Let's see the structure of the data and its variables format.

load("/Users/djem/Downloads/building.RData")
head(df)

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To begin to work with this data set, let's split the samples randomly into training (2/3) and test (1/3) data.
set.seed(2024)
sample_index <- sample(1:nrow(df), size = floor(2/3 * nrow(df)))</pre>
train_data <- df[sample_index, ]</pre>
test_data <- df[-sample_index, ]</pre>
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1. Computing the full model with lm() using train data

```
model <- lm(y ~ ., data = train_data)</pre>
summary(model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y ~ ., data = train_data)
## Residuals:
##
                  1Q
                       Median
## -0.54334 -0.10668 0.00756 0.12160
                                        0.38711
## Coefficients: (34 not defined because of singularities)
                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                       1.962e+02
                                 2.337e+02
                                              0.839 0.40237
## START.YEAR
                      -2.695e+00
                                  3.330e+00
                                             -0.809
                                                     0.41943
## START.QUARTER
                      -9.545e-02
                                  1.002e+00
                                             -0.095
                                                     0.92424
## COMPLETION.YEAR
                       5.318e-02
                                  3.438e-02
                                              1.547
                                                     0.12366
## COMPLETION.QUARTER 4.510e-02 1.748e-02
                                              2.580 0.01070 *
## PhysFin1
                      -3.032e-02 4.342e-03
                                             -6.983 5.86e-11 ***
## PhysFin2
                       4.067e-05 4.337e-05
                                              0.938
                                                    0.34963
## PhysFin3
                      -1.981e-04 1.292e-04
                                             -1.533 0.12705
## PhysFin4
                       4.464e-06 7.255e-05
                                              0.062 0.95101
## PhysFin5
                      -3.163e-03 6.211e-04
                                            -5.092 9.12e-07 ***
## PhysFin6
                       6.631e-04 1.059e-04
                                              6.261 2.90e-09 ***
## PhysFin7
                              NA
                                         NA
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## PhysFin8
                        4.687e-04
                                   2.933e-05
                                               15.979
                                                       < 2e-16 ***
## Econ1
                       -2.722e-04
                                   4.712e-04
                                               -0.578
                                                       0.56419
## Econ2
                        5.227e-01
                                   7.732e-01
                                                0.676
                                                       0.49995
## Econ3
                                                3.346
                                                       0.00100 **
                        5.412e-01
                                   1.617e-01
## Econ4
                       -2.898e-01
                                   2.478e-01
                                               -1.169
                                                        0.24382
## Econ5
                       -7.364e-05
                                   9.251e-05
                                               -0.796
                                                       0.42709
## Econ6
                       -5.831e-04
                                   1.255e-03
                                               -0.465
                                                       0.64282
## Econ7
                       -2.806e-01
                                   1.029e-01
                                               -2.728
                                                       0.00703 **
## Econ8
                        1.528e-02
                                   7.967e-03
                                                1.918
                                                       0.05673
## Econ9
                       -5.578e-05
                                   1.576e-04
                                               -0.354
                                                       0.72387
## Econ10
                        5.324e-02
                                   5.283e-01
                                                0.101
                                                       0.91985
## Econ11
                        8.483e-04
                                   2.331e-03
                                                0.364
                                                       0.71632
## Econ12
                        7.382e-05
                                   2.752e-03
                                                0.027
                                                       0.97863
                                   1.691e-04
## Econ13
                       -1.134e-04
                                               -0.670
                                                       0.50351
## Econ14
                        1.440e-04
                                   7.605e-04
                                                0.189
                                                       0.85002
## Econ15
                        1.005e-02
                                   2.825e-01
                                                0.036
                                                       0.97166
## Econ16
                        3.928e-01
                                   3.592e-01
                                                1.093
                                                       0.27570
## Econ17
                        1.031e-03
                                   6.570e-04
                                                1.570
                                                       0.11825
## Econ18
                        1.054e-04
                                   1.089e-04
                                                0.967
                                                       0.33482
## Econ19
                       -9.845e-06
                                   1.176e-05
                                               -0.838
                                                       0.40343
## Econ1.lag1
                       -5.667e-04
                                   5.575e-04
                                               -1.017
                                                       0.31080
## Econ2.lag1
                       -1.279e+00
                                   5.125e-01
                                               -2.495
                                                       0.01353 *
## Econ3.lag1
                        6.410e-02
                                   1.686e-01
                                                0.380
                                                       0.70432
## Econ4.lag1
                        7.224e-01
                                   1.415e+00
                                                0.511
                                                       0.61034
## Econ5.lag1
                        9.550e-05
                                   4.976e-05
                                                1.919
                                                       0.05659
## Econ6.lag1
                        9.806e-04
                                   7.806e-04
                                                1.256
                                                       0.21069
## Econ7.lag1
                                               -1.324
                       -1.901e-01
                                   1.436e-01
                                                       0.18724
## Econ8.lag1
                        3.335e-04
                                   6.478e-03
                                                0.051
                                                       0.95900
## Econ9.lag1
                       -7.041e-05
                                   9.827e-05
                                               -0.716
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## Econ10.lag1
                       -2.608e-01
                                   2.778e-01
                                               -0.939
                                                       0.34916
## Econ11.lag1
                        3.434e-03
                                   7.408e-03
                                                0.464
                                                       0.64354
## Econ12.lag1
                       -1.034e-03
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                                               -0.348
                                                       0.72825
## Econ13.lag1
                       -5.827e-04
                                   5.185e-04
                                               -1.124
                                                       0.26267
## Econ14.lag1
                        1.592e-04
                                   9.750e-04
                                                0.163
                                                       0.87046
## Econ15.lag1
                        9.217e-01
                                   3.960e-01
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                                                       0.02111
## Econ16.lag1
                       -8.690e-02
                                   6.677e-01
                                               -0.130
                                                       0.89661
## Econ17.lag1
                       -8.737e-04
                                   1.095e-03
                                               -0.798
                                                       0.42598
## Econ18.lag1
                                   1.142e-04
                                                0.487
                                                       0.62660
                        5.566e-05
## Econ19.lag1
                                   8.584e-06
                                               -0.713
                       -6.118e-06
                                                       0.47697
## Econ1.lag2
                       -1.683e-04
                                   1.933e-04
                                               -0.871
                                                       0.38504
## Econ2.lag2
                        3.768e-01
                                   5.463e-01
                                                0.690
                                                       0.49126
## Econ3.lag2
                                               -1.080
                                                       0.28157
                       -3.305e-01
                                   3.060e-01
## Econ4.lag2
                       -9.106e-02
                                   3.961e-01
                                               -0.230
                                                       0.81846
## Econ5.lag2
                                                0.541
                        7.188e-05
                                   1.330e-04
                                                       0.58950
## Econ6.lag2
                        1.010e-03
                                   1.029e-03
                                                0.981
                                                       0.32802
## Econ7.lag2
                                                1.153
                        1.499e-01
                                   1.300e-01
                                                       0.25044
                                               -2.241
## Econ8.lag2
                       -2.471e-02
                                   1.103e-02
                                                       0.02629 *
## Econ9.lag2
                       -8.739e-06
                                   1.083e-04
                                               -0.081
                                                       0.93578
                                                0.171
## Econ10.lag2
                        7.319e-02
                                   4.279e-01
                                                       0.86438
## Econ11.lag2
                        2.114e-03
                                   5.099e-03
                                                0.415
                                                       0.67894
## Econ12.lag2
                       -8.716e-04
                                   7.115e-03
                                               -0.123
                                                       0.90264
## Econ13.lag2
                       -3.862e-04
                                   6.125e-04
                                               -0.631
                                                       0.52916
## Econ14.lag2
                       -2.228e-04
                                   2.264e-04
                                               -0.984
                                                       0.32634
## Econ15.lag2
                       -6.272e-01 3.193e-01
                                               -1.964 0.05109 .
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## Econ16.lag2
                       -2.809e-01 8.737e-01
                                               -0.322 0.74818
## Econ17.lag2
                       -7.683e-05 7.200e-04
                                               -0.107
                                                        0.91514
## Econ18.lag2
                        1.410e-04
                                   1.111e-04
                                                 1.269
                                                        0.20622
## Econ19.lag2
                       -2.970e-06 3.334e-06
                                               -0.891
                                                        0.37433
## Econ1.lag3
                       -3.557e-04
                                   6.810e-04
                                               -0.522
                                                        0.60213
## Econ2.lag3
                       -3.996e-01 2.834e-01
                                               -1.410
                                                        0.16033
## Econ3.lag3
                        5.925e-01 4.682e-01
                                                 1.266
                                                        0.20731
## Econ4.lag3
                                    2.830e-01
                        1.578e-01
                                                 0.558
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                                                -1.185
## Econ5.lag3
                       -3.475e-05
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## Econ6.lag3
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## Econ7.lag3
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## Econ1.lag4
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## Econ3.lag4
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## Econ4.lag4
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## Econ5.lag4
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## Econ6.lag4
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## Econ18.lag4
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## Econ19.lag4
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                                            NA
                                                              NA
                                                    NΑ
                    0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
## Residual standard error: 0.21 on 174 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9589, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9416
## F-statistic: 55.6 on 73 and 174 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

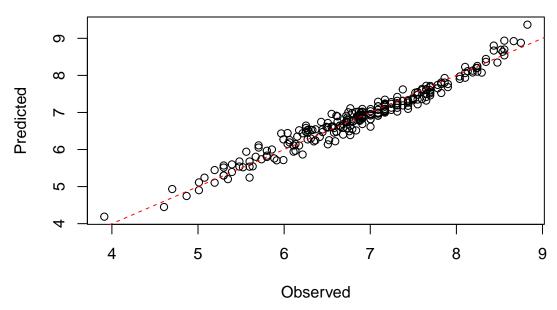
There are a few significant predictors with p-values below 0.05, such as PhysFin1, PhysFin5, PhysFin6, Econ2.lag1, among others. The large number of variables with high p-values suggests that they may not be significant to the model and could be removed for simplification.

1(a) Visualisation of fitted values versus response.

```
predicted_train <- predict(model, train_data)

plot(train_data$y, predicted_train, xlab = 'Observed', ylab = 'Predicted',
main = 'Training Data')
abline(0,1, col = 'red', lty = 2)</pre>
```

Training Data



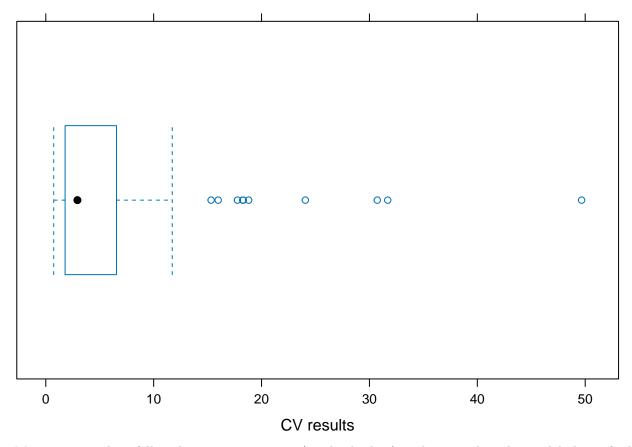
The points are generally close to the line, indicating good model performance for most data. However, there are some outliers (notably in the top right) where predicted values significantly deviate, suggesting that the model struggles with extreme values or there are anomalies.

```
rmse_train <- sqrt(mean((train_data$y - predicted_train)^2))
print(rmse_train)</pre>
```

[1] 0.1759123

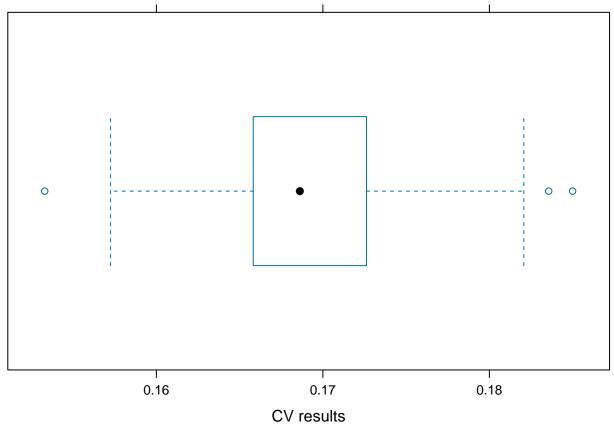
With an RMSE of 0.1759, the model demonstrates a good fit, indicating small average prediction errors.

1(b) Using cvFit() function for model evaluation based on crossvalidation (CV).



Most metric values fall within a narrow range (inside the box), indicating that the model shows fairly consistent results in the majority of folds. However, the presence of outliers suggests that the model performed noticeably worse in some folds.

1(c) Using cost=rtmspe to handle outliers.

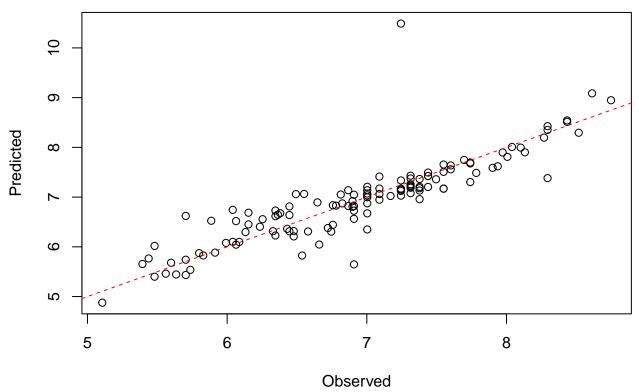


Here RTMSPE measures the percentage difference between predicted and actual values, but unlike RMSPE, it trims a certain percentage of extreme values to reduce the effect of outliers.

This trimming helps make the evaluation more representative of the model's general performance. As we can see, the boxplot in this case shows more stable results: the median is in the center, a narrow interquartile range and fewer outliers.

1(d) Predicting the response for the test data and visualizing the result.

Test Data



The model shows reasonable accuracy on the test data, but there is greater variance compared to the training data, which may indicate slight overfitting. The presence of outliers suggests the need for model improvement.

With an RMSE of 0.4190 on the test data, the model's error is larger compared to the training set (vs 0.1759 on train data), indicating reduced accuracy when applied to unseen data. This suggests that the model might not generalize as well, possibly due to overfitting.

2. Best subset regression with the function regsubsets().

As number of predictors in the initial model is too big, in order to use regsubsets() we need first to reduce the predictors.

2(a) Using stepAIC to perform step-by-step elimination of insignificant predictors, and then applying the regsubsets() function to the result.

```
reduced_model <- stepAIC(model, direction = 'backward', trace = FALSE)</pre>
summary(reduced_model)
##
## Call:
  lm(formula = y ~ START.YEAR + COMPLETION.YEAR + COMPLETION.QUARTER +
##
       PhysFin1 + PhysFin2 + PhysFin3 + PhysFin5 + PhysFin6 + PhysFin8 +
       Econ1 + Econ2 + Econ3 + Econ4 + Econ5 + Econ6 + Econ7 + Econ8 +
##
##
       Econ9 + Econ13 + Econ16 + Econ17 + Econ18 + Econ19 + Econ1.lag1 +
##
       Econ2.lag1 + Econ3.lag1 + Econ4.lag1 + Econ5.lag1 + Econ6.lag1 +
##
       Econ7.lag1 + Econ9.lag1 + Econ10.lag1 + Econ11.lag1 + Econ12.lag1 +
       Econ13.lag1 + Econ15.lag1 + Econ17.lag1 + Econ18.lag1 + Econ19.lag1 +
##
```

```
##
       Econ1.lag2 + Econ2.lag2 + Econ3.lag2 + Econ5.lag2 + Econ6.lag2 +
##
       Econ7.lag2 + Econ8.lag2 + Econ11.lag2 + Econ13.lag2 + Econ15.lag2 +
##
       Econ16.lag2 + Econ18.lag2 + Econ19.lag2 + Econ1.lag3 + Econ2.lag3 +
       Econ3.lag3 + Econ4.lag3 + Econ5.lag3, data = train_data)
##
##
## Residuals:
        Min
                  10
                       Median
                                    30
                                             Max
## -0.55810 -0.10554 0.01286 0.12368 0.39056
##
  Coefficients:
                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                               2.785 0.005897 **
## (Intercept)
                       1.018e+02
                                  3.657e+01
## START.YEAR
                      -1.372e+00
                                  5.270e-01
                                             -2.603 0.009976 **
## COMPLETION.YEAR
                       6.342e-02 3.144e-02
                                               2.017 0.045105 *
## COMPLETION.QUARTER
                      4.664e-02
                                  1.610e-02
                                               2.896 0.004221 **
## PhysFin1
                      -3.169e-02
                                  3.575e-03
                                             -8.866 5.48e-16 ***
## PhysFin2
                       4.193e-05
                                  3.117e-05
                                               1.345 0.180154
## PhysFin3
                      -2.029e-04
                                  1.187e-04
                                             -1.709 0.089129 .
## PhysFin5
                      -3.218e-03 5.031e-04
                                             -6.396 1.21e-09 ***
## PhysFin6
                       6.624e-04
                                 9.522e-05
                                              6.956 5.49e-11 ***
## PhysFin8
                       4.683e-04 2.789e-05
                                             16.788 < 2e-16 ***
## Econ1
                                             -3.673 0.000312 ***
                      -2.824e-04 7.690e-05
## Econ2
                       3.373e-01 9.225e-02
                                              3.657 0.000331 ***
## Econ3
                       3.801e-01
                                  6.113e-02
                                              6.218 3.13e-09 ***
## Econ4
                      -1.776e-01 9.380e-02
                                             -1.894 0.059760 .
## Econ5
                      -5.330e-05
                                  9.101e-06
                                             -5.857 2.04e-08 ***
## Econ6
                                             -3.615 0.000385 ***
                      -4.451e-04
                                  1.231e-04
## Econ7
                      -1.955e-01
                                  3.155e-02
                                             -6.196 3.51e-09 ***
## Econ8
                       1.135e-02 2.146e-03
                                               5.289 3.37e-07 ***
## Econ9
                      -4.418e-05
                                  1.292e-05
                                             -3.418 0.000772 ***
## Econ13
                      -9.867e-05
                                  3.683e-05
                                             -2.679 0.008028 **
## Econ16
                       2.827e-01
                                  7.424e-02
                                               3.808 0.000189 ***
## Econ17
                       6.223e-04
                                  1.136e-04
                                               5.476 1.37e-07 ***
## Econ18
                       7.300e-05
                                 1.855e-05
                                              3.936 0.000116 ***
## Econ19
                      -8.336e-06
                                  1.665e-06
                                             -5.006 1.27e-06 ***
                                             -4.901 2.04e-06 ***
## Econ1.lag1
                      -4.500e-04 9.182e-05
## Econ2.lag1
                      -8.760e-01 1.850e-01
                                             -4.735 4.27e-06 ***
## Econ3.lag1
                       4.026e-02 2.308e-02
                                              1.744 0.082740 .
## Econ4.lag1
                                  1.501e-01
                                               4.027 8.15e-05 ***
                       6.046e-01
## Econ5.lag1
                       7.767e-05
                                 1.499e-05
                                               5.180 5.64e-07 ***
## Econ6.lag1
                       7.276e-04
                                 1.278e-04
                                               5.693 4.67e-08 ***
## Econ7.lag1
                                 2.415e-02
                                             -5.200 5.12e-07 ***
                      -1.256e-01
## Econ9.lag1
                      -5.877e-05
                                 1.724e-05
                                             -3.408 0.000799 ***
## Econ10.lag1
                                 8.665e-02
                      -1.822e-01
                                             -2.103 0.036806 *
## Econ11.lag1
                       1.695e-03
                                  5.321e-04
                                               3.185 0.001693 **
## Econ12.lag1
                      -6.526e-04
                                  5.090e-04
                                             -1.282 0.201368
## Econ13.lag1
                      -3.864e-04
                                  1.159e-04
                                             -3.333 0.001031 **
## Econ15.lag1
                       6.103e-01
                                  1.268e-01
                                               4.814 3.01e-06 ***
## Econ17.lag1
                      -5.790e-04 1.184e-04
                                             -4.890 2.14e-06 ***
## Econ18.lag1
                       3.682e-05
                                  1.722e-05
                                              2.138 0.033817 *
## Econ19.lag1
                                             -2.440 0.015613 *
                      -3.007e-06 1.232e-06
## Econ1.lag2
                      -2.088e-04 6.042e-05
                                             -3.456 0.000675 ***
                                              2.382 0.018183 *
## Econ2.lag2
                       2.223e-01 9.331e-02
## Econ3.lag2
                      -1.947e-01 4.156e-02 -4.684 5.34e-06 ***
```

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## Econ5.lag2
                      4.634e-05 9.137e-06
                                            5.072 9.32e-07 ***
                      6.159e-04 1.329e-04 4.636 6.60e-06 ***
## Econ6.lag2
## Econ7.lag2
                      1.048e-01 2.177e-02 4.814 3.01e-06 ***
## Econ8.lag2
                     -1.664e-02 3.197e-03 -5.207 4.97e-07 ***
## Econ11.lag2
                      1.116e-03 4.199e-04
                                           2.658 0.008537 **
## Econ13.lag2
                     -2.868e-04 9.488e-05 -3.022 0.002854 **
## Econ15.lag2
                     -4.689e-01 1.134e-01 -4.136 5.31e-05 ***
                     -2.698e-01 6.716e-02 -4.017 8.48e-05 ***
## Econ16.lag2
## Econ18.lag2
                      9.468e-05 2.164e-05
                                           4.375 2.00e-05 ***
## Econ19.lag2
                     -2.755e-06 1.185e-06 -2.325 0.021111 *
## Econ1.lag3
                     -2.824e-04 9.165e-05 -3.082 0.002365 **
                     -1.957e-01 5.479e-02 -3.572 0.000450 ***
## Econ2.lag3
## Econ3.lag3
                      3.788e-01 7.136e-02
                                           5.308 3.08e-07 ***
## Econ4.lag3
                      1.151e-01 8.210e-02
                                            1.402 0.162508
## Econ5.lag3
                     -2.753e-05 8.839e-06 -3.115 0.002122 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.2034 on 190 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9579, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9452
## F-statistic: 75.81 on 57 and 190 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Now we have reduced model to 57 predictors out of 190. Let's try to reduced the number of predictors to 50 (as it's recommended in the task) by applying step() function with backward selection method. steps = 7 is used to limit the number of variables in the model and reduce the model from 57 predictors to about 50.

```
initial_model <- lm(y ~ START.YEAR + COMPLETION.YEAR + COMPLETION.QUARTER +
    PhysFin1 + PhysFin2 + PhysFin3 + PhysFin5 + PhysFin6 + PhysFin8 +
    Econ1 + Econ2 + Econ3 + Econ4 + Econ5 + Econ6 + Econ7 + Econ8 +
    Econ9 + Econ13 + Econ16 + Econ17 + Econ18 + Econ19 + Econ1.lag1 +
    Econ2.lag1 + Econ3.lag1 + Econ4.lag1 + Econ5.lag1 + Econ6.lag1 +
    Econ7.lag1 + Econ9.lag1 + Econ10.lag1 + Econ11.lag1 + Econ12.lag1 +
    Econ13.lag1 + Econ15.lag1 + Econ17.lag1 + Econ18.lag1 + Econ19.lag1 +
    Econ1.lag2 + Econ2.lag2 + Econ3.lag2 + Econ5.lag2 + Econ6.lag2 +
    Econ7.lag2 + Econ8.lag2 + Econ11.lag2 + Econ13.lag2 + Econ15.lag2 +
    Econ16.lag2 + Econ18.lag2 + Econ19.lag2 + Econ1.lag3 + Econ2.lag3 +
    Econ3.lag3 + Econ4.lag3 + Econ5.lag3, data = train_data)</pre>
final_model <- step(initial_model, direction = "backward", steps = 7, trace = FALSE)
summary(final_model)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y ~ START.YEAR + COMPLETION.YEAR + COMPLETION.QUARTER +
##
       PhysFin1 + PhysFin2 + PhysFin3 + PhysFin5 + PhysFin6 + PhysFin8 +
##
       Econ1 + Econ2 + Econ3 + Econ4 + Econ5 + Econ6 + Econ7 + Econ8 +
##
       Econ9 + Econ13 + Econ16 + Econ17 + Econ18 + Econ19 + Econ1.lag1 +
##
       Econ2.lag1 + Econ3.lag1 + Econ4.lag1 + Econ5.lag1 + Econ6.lag1 +
##
       Econ7.lag1 + Econ9.lag1 + Econ10.lag1 + Econ11.lag1 + Econ12.lag1 +
##
       Econ13.lag1 + Econ15.lag1 + Econ17.lag1 + Econ18.lag1 + Econ19.lag1 +
##
       Econ1.lag2 + Econ2.lag2 + Econ3.lag2 + Econ5.lag2 + Econ6.lag2 +
##
       Econ7.lag2 + Econ8.lag2 + Econ11.lag2 + Econ13.lag2 + Econ15.lag2 +
##
       Econ16.lag2 + Econ18.lag2 + Econ19.lag2 + Econ1.lag3 + Econ2.lag3 +
```

```
##
       Econ3.lag3 + Econ4.lag3 + Econ5.lag3, data = train_data)
##
## Residuals:
##
        Min
                  1Q
                       Median
                                     3Q
                                             Max
##
   -0.55810 -0.10554 0.01286
                               0.12368
##
## Coefficients:
##
                        Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                       1.018e+02
                                   3.657e+01
                                               2.785 0.005897 **
## START.YEAR
                      -1.372e+00
                                   5.270e-01
                                              -2.603 0.009976 **
## COMPLETION.YEAR
                       6.342e-02
                                   3.144e-02
                                               2.017 0.045105 *
## COMPLETION.QUARTER
                       4.664e-02
                                   1.610e-02
                                               2.896 0.004221 **
## PhysFin1
                      -3.169e-02
                                   3.575e-03
                                              -8.866 5.48e-16 ***
## PhysFin2
                       4.193e-05
                                   3.117e-05
                                               1.345 0.180154
## PhysFin3
                      -2.029e-04
                                   1.187e-04
                                              -1.709 0.089129 .
## PhysFin5
                       -3.218e-03
                                   5.031e-04
                                              -6.396 1.21e-09 ***
## PhysFin6
                                   9.522e-05
                                               6.956 5.49e-11 ***
                       6.624e-04
## PhysFin8
                       4.683e-04
                                   2.789e-05
                                              16.788 < 2e-16 ***
## Econ1
                      -2.824e-04
                                  7.690e-05
                                              -3.673 0.000312 ***
## Econ2
                       3.373e-01
                                  9.225e-02
                                               3.657 0.000331 ***
## Econ3
                       3.801e-01 6.113e-02
                                               6.218 3.13e-09 ***
## Econ4
                      -1.776e-01
                                  9.380e-02
                                              -1.894 0.059760 .
## Econ5
                      -5.330e-05
                                  9.101e-06
                                              -5.857 2.04e-08 ***
## Econ6
                      -4.451e-04
                                   1.231e-04
                                              -3.615 0.000385 ***
                      -1.955e-01
## Econ7
                                   3.155e-02
                                              -6.196 3.51e-09 ***
## Econ8
                       1.135e-02
                                  2.146e-03
                                               5.289 3.37e-07 ***
## Econ9
                                  1.292e-05
                      -4.418e-05
                                              -3.418 0.000772 ***
## Econ13
                      -9.867e-05
                                  3.683e-05
                                              -2.679 0.008028 **
## Econ16
                       2.827e-01
                                  7.424e-02
                                               3.808 0.000189 ***
## Econ17
                       6.223e-04
                                   1.136e-04
                                               5.476 1.37e-07 ***
## Econ18
                       7.300e-05
                                   1.855e-05
                                               3.936 0.000116 ***
## Econ19
                      -8.336e-06
                                   1.665e-06
                                              -5.006 1.27e-06 ***
## Econ1.lag1
                      -4.500e-04
                                   9.182e-05
                                              -4.901 2.04e-06 ***
## Econ2.lag1
                       -8.760e-01
                                   1.850e-01
                                              -4.735 4.27e-06 ***
## Econ3.lag1
                       4.026e-02
                                   2.308e-02
                                               1.744 0.082740 .
                                               4.027 8.15e-05 ***
## Econ4.lag1
                       6.046e-01
                                  1.501e-01
## Econ5.lag1
                       7.767e-05
                                  1.499e-05
                                               5.180 5.64e-07 ***
## Econ6.lag1
                                               5.693 4.67e-08 ***
                       7.276e-04
                                   1.278e-04
## Econ7.lag1
                                              -5.200 5.12e-07 ***
                      -1.256e-01
                                   2.415e-02
## Econ9.lag1
                      -5.877e-05
                                  1.724e-05
                                              -3.408 0.000799 ***
## Econ10.lag1
                      -1.822e-01
                                  8.665e-02
                                              -2.103 0.036806 *
## Econ11.lag1
                                  5.321e-04
                                               3.185 0.001693 **
                       1.695e-03
## Econ12.lag1
                      -6.526e-04
                                  5.090e-04
                                              -1.282 0.201368
## Econ13.lag1
                                  1.159e-04
                                              -3.333 0.001031 **
                      -3.864e-04
## Econ15.lag1
                       6.103e-01
                                  1.268e-01
                                               4.814 3.01e-06 ***
## Econ17.lag1
                      -5.790e-04
                                   1.184e-04
                                              -4.890 2.14e-06 ***
## Econ18.lag1
                       3.682e-05
                                   1.722e-05
                                               2.138 0.033817 *
## Econ19.lag1
                      -3.007e-06
                                  1.232e-06
                                              -2.440 0.015613 *
## Econ1.lag2
                       -2.088e-04
                                   6.042e-05
                                              -3.456 0.000675 ***
## Econ2.lag2
                       2.223e-01
                                   9.331e-02
                                               2.382 0.018183 *
## Econ3.lag2
                      -1.947e-01
                                  4.156e-02
                                              -4.684 5.34e-06 ***
## Econ5.lag2
                       4.634e-05
                                 9.137e-06
                                               5.072 9.32e-07 ***
## Econ6.lag2
                       6.159e-04 1.329e-04
                                               4.636 6.60e-06 ***
## Econ7.lag2
                       1.048e-01 2.177e-02
                                               4.814 3.01e-06 ***
```

```
## Econ8.lag2
                     -1.664e-02 3.197e-03 -5.207 4.97e-07 ***
## Econ11.lag2
                     1.116e-03 4.199e-04
                                           2.658 0.008537 **
## Econ13.lag2
                     -2.868e-04 9.488e-05 -3.022 0.002854 **
                     -4.689e-01 1.134e-01 -4.136 5.31e-05 ***
## Econ15.lag2
## Econ16.lag2
                     -2.698e-01 6.716e-02 -4.017 8.48e-05 ***
## Econ18.lag2
                     9.468e-05 2.164e-05 4.375 2.00e-05 ***
## Econ19.lag2
                     -2.755e-06 1.185e-06 -2.325 0.021111 *
                     -2.824e-04 9.165e-05 -3.082 0.002365 **
## Econ1.lag3
## Econ2.lag3
                     -1.957e-01 5.479e-02 -3.572 0.000450 ***
## Econ3.lag3
                     3.788e-01 7.136e-02 5.308 3.08e-07 ***
## Econ4.lag3
                     1.151e-01 8.210e-02
                                          1.402 0.162508
## Econ5.lag3
                     -2.753e-05 8.839e-06 -3.115 0.002122 **
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.2034 on 190 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9579, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9452
## F-statistic: 75.81 on 57 and 190 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

As we see, the number of predictors has't decreased after executing the step(), this may mean that according to the AIC criterion, none of the predictors turned out to be insignificant enough to be excluded from the model.

Let's try using the regsubsets() function with the 57 predictors, that were defined in the previous steps, and with a maximum model size of 10 regressors.

```
best_subset <- regsubsets(y ~ START.YEAR + COMPLETION.YEAR + COMPLETION.QUARTER +
   PhysFin1 + PhysFin2 + PhysFin3 + PhysFin5 + PhysFin6 + PhysFin8 +
    Econ1 + Econ2 + Econ3 + Econ4 + Econ5 + Econ6 + Econ7 + Econ8 +
   Econ9 + Econ13 + Econ16 + Econ17 + Econ18 + Econ19 + Econ1.lag1 +
   Econ2.lag1 + Econ3.lag1 + Econ4.lag1 + Econ5.lag1 + Econ6.lag1 +
   Econ7.lag1 + Econ9.lag1 + Econ10.lag1 + Econ11.lag1 + Econ12.lag1 +
   Econ13.lag1 + Econ15.lag1 + Econ17.lag1 + Econ18.lag1 + Econ19.lag1 +
   Econ1.lag2 + Econ2.lag2 + Econ3.lag2 + Econ5.lag2 + Econ6.lag2 +
   Econ7.lag2 + Econ8.lag2 + Econ11.lag2 + Econ13.lag2 + Econ15.lag2 +
    Econ16.lag2 + Econ18.lag2 + Econ19.lag2 + Econ1.lag3 + Econ2.lag3 +
    Econ3.lag3 + Econ4.lag3 + Econ5.lag3, data = train_data, nvmax = 10, really.big = TRUE)
summary(best_subset)
## Subset selection object
## Call: regsubsets.formula(y ~ START.YEAR + COMPLETION.YEAR + COMPLETION.QUARTER +
       PhysFin1 + PhysFin2 + PhysFin3 + PhysFin5 + PhysFin6 + PhysFin8 +
##
       Econ1 + Econ2 + Econ3 + Econ4 + Econ5 + Econ6 + Econ7 + Econ8 +
##
       Econ9 + Econ13 + Econ16 + Econ17 + Econ18 + Econ19 + Econ1.lag1 +
##
##
       Econ2.lag1 + Econ3.lag1 + Econ4.lag1 + Econ5.lag1 + Econ6.lag1 +
       Econ7.lag1 + Econ9.lag1 + Econ10.lag1 + Econ11.lag1 + Econ12.lag1 +
##
##
       Econ13.lag1 + Econ15.lag1 + Econ17.lag1 + Econ18.lag1 + Econ19.lag1 +
##
       Econ1.lag2 + Econ2.lag2 + Econ3.lag2 + Econ5.lag2 + Econ6.lag2 +
##
       Econ7.lag2 + Econ8.lag2 + Econ11.lag2 + Econ13.lag2 + Econ15.lag2 +
##
       Econ16.lag2 + Econ18.lag2 + Econ19.lag2 + Econ1.lag3 + Econ2.lag3 +
##
       Econ3.lag3 + Econ4.lag3 + Econ5.lag3, data = train_data,
       nvmax = 10, really.big = TRUE)
## 57 Variables (and intercept)
                      Forced in Forced out
## START.YEAR
                          FALSE
                                     FALSE
## COMPLETION.YEAR
                          FALSE
                                     FALSE
```

##	COMPLETION.QUARTER	FALSE	FALSE
##	J	FALSE	FALSE
	PhysFin2	FALSE	FALSE
	PhysFin3	FALSE	FALSE
	PhysFin5	FALSE	FALSE
	PhysFin6	FALSE	FALSE
##	PhysFin8	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ1	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ2	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ3	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ4	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ5	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ6	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ7	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ8	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ9	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ13	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ16	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ17	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ18	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ19	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ1.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
##		FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ3.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
##		FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ5.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ6.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ7.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ9.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ10.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ11.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ12.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
##		FALSE	FALSE
##		FALSE	FALSE
##		FALSE	FALSE
##	O	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ19.lag1	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ1.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ2.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ3.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ5.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ6.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ7.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ8.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ11.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ13.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ15.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ16.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ18.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ19.lag2	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ1.lag3	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ2.lag3	FALSE	FALSE
	Econ3.lag3	FALSE	FALSE
##	Econ4.lag3	FALSE	FALSE

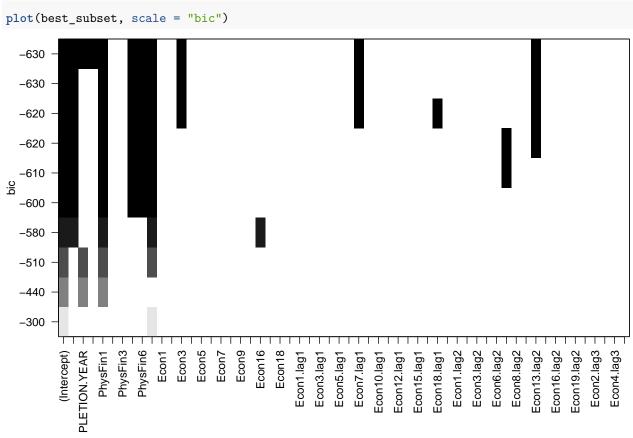
```
## Econ5.lag3
                            FALSE
                                        FALSE
## 1 subsets of each size up to 10
## Selection Algorithm: exhaustive
##
              START.YEAR COMPLETION.YEAR COMPLETION.QUARTER PhysFin1 PhysFin2
                          . .
                                            .. ..
## 1
      (1)
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## 2
      (1)
              11 11
                          "*"
                                                                 "*"
## 3
      (1)
              "*"
                                                                 "*"
## 4
      (1)
## 5
      (1
              "*"
                                                                 "*"
              "*"
## 6
      (1
          )
              "*"
## 7
      (1
                                                                 " * "
## 8
      (1)
              "*"
                                                                 "*"
                                            11 11
## 9
      (1)
              "*"
                                                                 "*"
              "*"
                          "*"
                                            "*"
                                                                 "*"
## 10 (1)
##
              PhysFin3 PhysFin5 PhysFin6 PhysFin8 Econ1 Econ2 Econ3 Econ4 Econ5
                                            "*"
## 1
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              11 11
                        11 11
                                  11 11
                                            11 11
##
   2
      ( 1
          )
## 3
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##
      (1)
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## 5
                                  11 * 11
      ( 1
          )
## 6
      ( 1
          )
## 7
      (1)
                                  11 * 11
## 8
      (1)
                                  "*"
                                            "*"
                                            "*"
                        "*"
                                  "*"
## 9
      (1)
                                                                   "*"
      (1)""
                                            "*"
                        "*"
                                  "*"
## 10
                                 Econ9 Econ13 Econ16 Econ17 Econ18 Econ19 Econ1.lag1
##
              Econ6 Econ7 Econ8
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          )
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                                                11 11
                                                                11 11
##
      (1
##
   3
      (1
##
      (1
## 5
      (1
          )
##
      (1
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          )
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      (1
          )
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      (1
          )
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       (1)
## 10
##
              Econ2.lag1 Econ3.lag1 Econ4.lag1 Econ5.lag1 Econ6.lag1 Econ7.lag1
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## 3
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## 6
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## 7
      (1
## 8
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      (1)
## 9
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                                                  11 11
                                                               11 11
                          11 11
       (1)""
## 10
##
              Econ9.lag1 Econ10.lag1 Econ11.lag1 Econ12.lag1 Econ13.lag1
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## 2
      (1
          )
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##
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      (1
          )
## 4
      ( 1
          )
              11 11
                          11 11
                                       11 11
## 5
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## 6
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              Econ15.lag1 Econ17.lag1 Econ18.lag1 Econ19.lag1 Econ1.lag2 Econ2.lag2
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## 10
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              Econ3.lag2 Econ5.lag2 Econ6.lag2 Econ7.lag2 Econ8.lag2 Econ11.lag2
## 1
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## 9
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## 9
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##
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                           11 11
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      (1)""
```

We see that the function searched for the best subset for each size, starting from one predictor and up to 10 predictors. This means that she was looking for the best model with 1 predictor, with 2 predictors, and so on, up to 10 predictors.

As a result, we have the model with 10 predictors (last line): START.YEAR, COMPLETION.YEAR, COMPLETION.QUARTER, PhysFin1, PhysFin5, PhysFin6, PhysFin8, Econ3, Econ7.lag2, and Econ13.lag2.

2(b) Visualising the result of regsubsets() function



The most significant predictors are those with the most columns going up the Y axis. The graph shows that several predictors significantly lower the BIC value. This means that they have the greatest impact on improving the model.

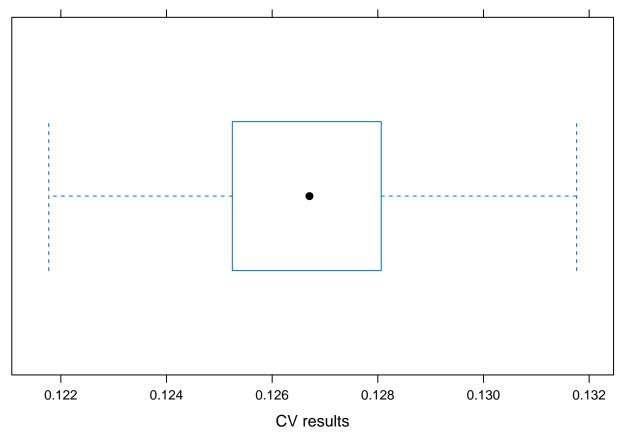
In the graph, the names of the predictors are signed only through one. Upon closer examination, we see that the best model is with following predictors: START.YEAR, COMPLETION.YEAR, COMPLETION.QUARTER, PhysFin1, PhysFin5, PhysFin6, PhysFin8, Econ3, Econ7.lag2, and Econ13.lag2.

2(c) Applying lm() on the final best model and comparing the results with the previous ones(from (1b) and (1c)).

```
final_model <- lm(y ~ START.YEAR + COMPLETION.YEAR + COMPLETION.QUARTER +
                  PhysFin1 + PhysFin5 + PhysFin6 + PhysFin8 +
                  Econ3 + Econ7.lag2 + Econ13.lag2, data = train_data)
summary(final_model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y ~ START.YEAR + COMPLETION.YEAR + COMPLETION.QUARTER +
##
       PhysFin1 + PhysFin5 + PhysFin6 + PhysFin8 + Econ3 + Econ7.lag2 +
       Econ13.lag2, data = train_data)
##
##
## Residuals:
                                3Q
       Min
                1Q Median
                                       Max
## -0.6727 -0.1187 0.0031 0.1330
                                    0.6804
```

```
##
## Coefficients:
##
                       Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                     -9.357e+00 8.279e-01 -11.301 < 2e-16 ***
## (Intercept)
## START.YEAR
                      1.015e-01
                                 2.898e-02
                                             3.503 0.000550 ***
## COMPLETION.YEAR
                      9.731e-02 2.756e-02
                                             3.530 0.000499 ***
## COMPLETION.QUARTER 4.165e-02 1.537e-02
                                             2.709 0.007242 **
## PhysFin1
                     -3.331e-02
                                 3.464e-03
                                            -9.618 < 2e-16 ***
## PhysFin5
                     -2.619e-03
                                 4.331e-04
                                            -6.047 5.71e-09 ***
## PhysFin6
                      5.049e-04
                                 8.543e-05
                                             5.910 1.18e-08 ***
## PhysFin8
                      4.470e-04
                                 2.858e-05
                                            15.641 < 2e-16 ***
## Econ3
                      4.393e-03
                                 1.728e-03
                                             2.541 0.011682 *
                                            -4.888 1.88e-06 ***
## Econ7.lag2
                     -4.749e-03 9.715e-04
## Econ13.lag2
                     -3.505e-05 8.560e-06 -4.094 5.81e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.2226 on 237 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9371, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9344
                 353 on 10 and 237 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
## F-statistic:
```

The full model(from 1(a)) has a slightly better fit, as indicated by the smaller RSE and higher R² values. However, the difference with the reduced model is relatively small. Therefore, the reduced model is a good compromise between model fit quality and complexity, as reducing the number of predictors(from 73 to 10) didn't significantly affect the model's ability to explain the data.

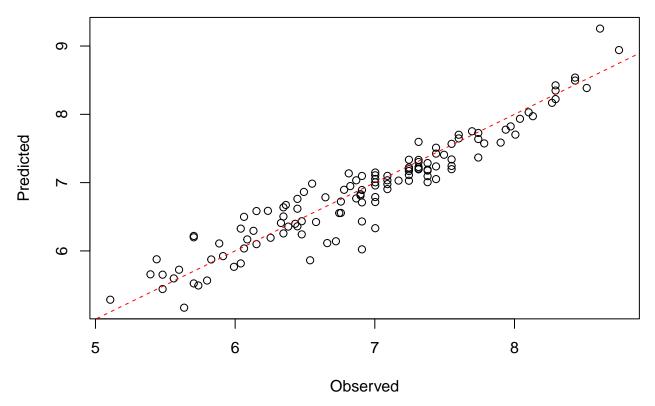


Removing redundant features reduced variability and improved stability, resulting in more consistent cross-validation performance. The model now generalizes better.

Notably, the median is centered within the box, indicating a symmetric distribution, and the narrow IQR suggests low variability. The whiskers show no significant outliers, and the absence of outliers points to more stable results compared to previous models (1(b),1(c)).

2(d) Predicting the response for the test data and visualising the result.

Test Data - Best Subset Model



The RMSE on the test data decreased significantly from 0.4190 for the full model to 0.2520 for the final model. This indicates that the final model, after feature selection, has a much lower prediction error on unseen data, suggesting better generalization and improved performance.

Some points on the plot deviate noticeably from the line, which indicates the presence of prediction errors. However, their number is less than in the case of the full model(1(d)), which is an improvement.