HW5

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What is the number of cases of wine that will be sold given certain properties of the wine?

train_wine <- read.csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/LeJQC/DATA-621-Group-2/main/HW5/wine-training</pre> test_wine <- read.csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/LeJQC/DATA-621-Group-2/main/HW5/wine-evaluation

54.2

26.1

14.8

18.8

9.4

2.2

-0.567

-0.425

0.037

-0.425

0.556

NA

```
head(train_wine)
##
    INDEX TARGET FixedAcidity VolatileAcidity CitricAcid ResidualSugar Chlorides
## 1
       1
            3
                        3.2
                                     1.160
                                               -0.98
## 2
        2
              3
                        4.5
                                     0.160
                                               -0.81
        4
             5
                        7.1
                                     2.640
                                               -0.88
## 3
## 4
        5
              3
                        5.7
                                     0.385
                                               0.04
        6
## 5
              4
                        8.0
                                     0.330
                                               -1.26
## 6
        7
              0
                       11.3
                                     0.320
                                               0.59
```

##		${\tt FreeSulfurDioxide}$	${\tt TotalSulfurDioxide}$	Density	рΗ	Sulphates	Alcohol
##	1	NA	268	0.99280	3.33	-0.59	9.9
##	2	15	-327	1.02792	3.38	0.70	NA
##	3	214	142	0.99518	3.12	0.48	22.0
##	4	22	115	0.99640	2.24	1.83	6.2
##	5	-167	108	0.99457	3.12	1.77	13.7
##	6	-37	15	0.99940	3.20	1.29	15.4

##		LabelAppeal	AcidIndex	STARS
##	1	0	8	2
##	2	-1	7	3
##	3	-1	8	3
##	4	-1	6	1
##	5	0	9	2
##	6	0	11	NA

Data Exploration

describe(train_wine)

```
## train_wine
##
                   12795 Observations
   16 Variables
## INDEX
##
      n missing distinct
                              Info
                                      Mean
                                               Gmd
                                                       .05
                                                                .10
                                      8070
                                              5378
##
              0 12795
                               1
                                                      804.7
                                                             1610.4
     12795
                                       .95
##
      . 25
               .50
                     .75
                              .90
    4037.5 8110.0 12106.5 14515.6 15309.3
##
##
## lowest :
                       4
                              5 6, highest: 16120 16123 16127 16128 16129
```

```
## TARGET
## n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd
    12795 0 9 0.962 3.029 2.141
##
           0 1 2 3 4 5 6
## Frequency 2734 244 1091 2611 3177 2014 765 142 17
## Proportion 0.214 0.019 0.085 0.204 0.248 0.157 0.060 0.011 0.001
\#\# For the frequency table, variable is rounded to the nearest 0
## FixedAcidity
   n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd .05
12795 0 470 1 7.076 6.688 -3.6
.25 .50 .75 .90 .95
                                                      .10
##
                                                      -1.2
##
     .25 .50
5.2 6.9
                  9.5 15.6
                                17.8
##
## lowest : -18.1 -18 -17.7 -17.5 -17.4, highest: 32.4 32.5 32.6 34.1 34.4
## VolatileAcidity
  n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd .05
                                                     .10
    12795 0 815 1 0.3241 0.8262 -1.023 -0.720
.25 .50 .75 .90 .95
##
   12795 0 815
    0.130 0.280 0.640 1.350
##
                              1.640
## lowest : -2.79 -2.75 -2.745 -2.73 -2.72 , highest: 3.5 3.55 3.565 3.59 3.68
## CitricAcid
   n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd .05
                                                   .10
                         1 0.3084 0.9057 -1.16 -0.84
    12795 0 602
##
     .25 .50 .75 .90 .95
0.03 0.31 0.58 1.43 1.79
     . 25
##
##
## lowest : -3.24 -3.16 -3.1 -3.08 -3.06, highest: 3.63 3.68 3.7 3.77 3.86
## ResidualSugar
  n missing distinct Info Mean
                                       {\tt Gmd} .05
                                                     . 10
   12179 616 2077 1 5.419 35.31 -52.70 -39.66
.25 .50 .75 .90 .95
-2.00 3.90 15.90 49.72 62.70
##
  12179 616 2077
##
##
##
## lowest : -127.8 -127.1 -126.2 -126.1 -125.7, highest: 136.5 137.6 138 140.65 141.15
## -----
## Chlorides
##
  n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd .05 .10
   12157 638 1663 1 0.05482 0.3311 -0.489 -0.372
.25 .50 .75 .90 .95
   12157 638 1663
##
  -0.031 0.046 0.153 0.481 0.598
##
##
## lowest : -1.171 -1.17 -1.158 -1.156 -1.155, highest: 1.26 1.261 1.27 1.275 1.351
## -----
## FreeSulfurDioxide
  n missing distinct Info Mean
                                       Gmd .05
   12148 647 999 1 30.85 155.2 -224
.25 .50 .75 .90 .95
##
                                                     -171
##
```

```
0 30 70 230 284
##
##
## lowest : -555 -546 -536 -535 -532, highest: 613 617 618 622 623
## -----
## TotalSulfurDioxide
     n missing distinct Info Mean
                                          \operatorname{Gmd} .05
                                                         . 10
    12113 682 1370
                           1 120.7 246.9 -273.0 -185.0
     .25 .50 .75 .90
                                  .95
##
##
     27.0 123.0 208.0
                         421.8
                                  513.4
##
## lowest : -823 -816 -793 -781 -779, highest: 1032 1041 1048 1054 1057
## Density
  n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd .05 .10
          0 5933 1 0.9942 0.02769 0.9488 0.9587
.50 .75 .90 .95
    12795 0 5933
##
    . 25
## 0.9877 0.9945 1.0005 1.0295 1.0398
##
## lowest : 0.88809 0.88949 0.88978 0.88983 0.89167
## highest: 1.09658 1.09679 1.09695 1.09791 1.09924
    n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd .05
12400 395 497 1 3.208 0.7242 2.06
.25 .50 .75 .90 .95
##
                                                         .10
##
##
   .25
     2.96 3.20 3.47 4.10 4.37
##
## lowest : 0.48 0.53 0.54 0.58 0.59, highest: 5.91 5.94 6.02 6.05 6.13
## Sulphates
   n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd .05 .10

11585 1210 630 1 0.5271 0.9827 -1.05 -0.70
##
##
            .50
                    .75
##
    . 25
                            .90 .95
           0.50 0.86 1.77
##
     0.28
                                   2.09
## lowest : -3.13 -3.12 -3.1 -3.07 -3.03, highest: 4.11 4.16 4.19 4.21 4.24
## -----
## Alcohol
## n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd .05 .10
## 12142 653 401 1 10.49 4.015 4.1 5.7
## .25 .50 .75 .90 .95
     9.0 10.4 12.4 15.2
##
                                  16.7
## lowest : -4.7 -4.5 -4.4 -4.3 -4.1, highest: 25.4 25.6 26 26.1 26.5
## LabelAppeal
    n missing distinct Info Mean Gmd 12795 0 5 0.887 -0.009066 0.9566
##
##
##
            -2 -1 0
## Value
## Frequency 504 3136 5617 3048 490
## Proportion 0.039 0.245 0.439 0.238 0.038
##
## For the frequency table, variable is rounded to the nearest 0
```

```
## AcidIndex
##
     n missing distinct Info
                                      Mean
                                              Gmd
                                                       . 05
                                                               .10
            0 14
##
     12795
                            0.908
                                      7.773
                                              1.316
                                                         6
                                                                 7
                       .75
##
       .25
               .50
                              .90
                                        .95
##
                8
                         8
                                 9
                                         10
##
## Value
                4
                     5
                          6
                              7
                                      8
                                          9
                                                10
                                                     11
                                                           12
                                                                13
## Frequency
                    75 1197 4878 4142 1427
                3
                                               551
                                                     258
                                                          128
                                                                 69
                                                                      47
## Proportion 0.000 0.006 0.094 0.381 0.324 0.112 0.043 0.020 0.010 0.005 0.004
## Value
               15
                     16
                          17
## Frequency
                8
                     5
## Proportion 0.001 0.000 0.001
## For the frequency table, variable is rounded to the nearest 0
## STARS
##
                                      Mean
       n missing distinct
                             Info
                                                Gmd
##
      9436
           3359
                         4
                              0.899
                                      2.042
                                             0.9777
##
## Value
                          3
## Frequency 3042 3570 2212
                               612
## Proportion 0.322 0.378 0.234 0.065
##
## For the frequency table, variable is rounded to the nearest 0
```

Data Exploration

##Summary Stats

```
#Drop unneesary variable INDEX
train_wine <- train_wine[, -1]
head(train_wine)</pre>
```

```
TARGET FixedAcidity VolatileAcidity CitricAcid ResidualSugar Chlorides
##
## 1
       3 3.2
                               1.160
                                         -0.98
                                                      54.2
                                                             -0.567
## 2
        3
                  4.5
                               0.160
                                         -0.81
                                                       26.1
                                                               -0.425
## 3
        5
                  7.1
                               2.640
                                         -0.88
                                                       14.8
                                                               0.037
## 4
         3
                  5.7
                               0.385
                                         0.04
                                                       18.8
                                                               -0.425
                                         -1.26
## 5
                  8.0
                               0.330
                                                       9.4
                                                                  NA
## 6
                11.3
                                          0.59
                                                       2.2
         0
                               0.320
                                                              0.556
## FreeSulfurDioxide TotalSulfurDioxide Density pH Sulphates Alcohol
## 1
                NA
                                 268 0.99280 3.33 -0.59
                                                             9.9
## 2
                                 -327 1.02792 3.38
                                                      0.70
                 15
                                                              NA
## 3
                                 142 0.99518 3.12
                 214
                                                      0.48
                                                              22.0
## 4
                  22
                                  115 0.99640 2.24
                                                     1.83
                                                             6.2
## 5
                -167
                                 108 0.99457 3.12
                                                     1.77
                                                             13.7
## 6
                -37
                                  15 0.99940 3.20
                                                     1.29 15.4
## LabelAppeal AcidIndex STARS
## 1
                      8
           0
                            2
                      7
## 2
            -1
                            3
## 3
            -1
                      8
```

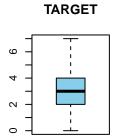
```
## 4
             -1
## 5
              0
                       9
                             2
## 6
              0
                            NA
# Summary statistics
summary_stats <- summary(train_wine)</pre>
summary_stats
##
       TARGET
                    FixedAcidity
                                    VolatileAcidity
                                                       CitricAcid
          :0.000
                  Min. :-18.100
                                    Min. :-2.7900
                                                     Min. :-3.2400
   1st Qu.:2.000
                   1st Qu.: 5.200
                                    1st Qu.: 0.1300
                                                     1st Qu.: 0.0300
##
                                    Median : 0.2800
   Median :3.000
                  Median: 6.900
                                                     Median: 0.3100
   Mean :3.029
                  Mean : 7.076
                                    Mean : 0.3241
                                                     Mean : 0.3084
   3rd Qu.:4.000
                   3rd Qu.: 9.500
                                    3rd Qu.: 0.6400
                                                      3rd Qu.: 0.5800
   Max.
         :8.000
                  Max. : 34.400
                                    Max. : 3.6800
                                                     Max. : 3.8600
##
##
##
  ResidualSugar
                        Chlorides
                                       FreeSulfurDioxide TotalSulfurDioxide
  Min. :-127.800
                     Min. :-1.1710
                                     Min. :-555.00
                                                       Min. :-823.0
##
   1st Qu.: -2.000
                     1st Qu.:-0.0310
                                      1st Qu.:
                                                0.00
                                                        1st Qu.: 27.0
##
   Median :
              3.900
                    Median : 0.0460
                                       Median : 30.00
                                                       Median : 123.0
   Mean
         : 5.419
                    Mean : 0.0548
                                       Mean : 30.85
                                                        Mean : 120.7
   3rd Qu.: 15.900
                     3rd Qu.: 0.1530
                                       3rd Qu.: 70.00
                                                        3rd Qu.: 208.0
##
##
   Max.
          : 141.150
                     Max.
                            : 1.3510
                                       Max.
                                              : 623.00
                                                        Max.
                                                               :1057.0
##
   NA's
          :616
                      NA's
                            :638
                                       NA's
                                              :647
                                                        NA's
                                                              :682
##
      Density
                                     Sulphates
                                                       Alcohol
                         Нq
          :0.8881
                    Min. :0.480
                                   Min. :-3.1300
                                                           :-4.70
##
   Min.
                                                    Min.
   1st Qu.:0.9877
                    1st Qu.:2.960
                                   1st Qu.: 0.2800
                                                     1st Qu.: 9.00
##
                    Median :3.200
  Median :0.9945
                                   Median : 0.5000
                                                    Median :10.40
##
   Mean :0.9942
                    Mean :3.208
                                   Mean : 0.5271
                                                    Mean :10.49
                                   3rd Qu.: 0.8600
                                                     3rd Qu.:12.40
##
   3rd Qu.:1.0005
                    3rd Qu.:3.470
##
   Max. :1.0992
                    Max. :6.130
                                   Max. : 4.2400
                                                     Max.
                                                           :26.50
##
                    NA's
                         :395
                                                     NA's
                                                           :653
                                   NA's
                                        :1210
##
    LabelAppeal
                        AcidIndex
                                           STARS
## Min. :-2.000000
                      Min. : 4.000
                                     Min.
                                              :1.000
   1st Qu.:-1.000000
                      1st Qu.: 7.000
                                      1st Qu.:1.000
## Median : 0.000000
                      Median : 8.000
                                     Median :2.000
## Mean :-0.009066
                       Mean : 7.773
                                            :2.042
                                       Mean
   3rd Qu.: 1.000000
                       3rd Qu.: 8.000
                                       3rd Qu.:3.000
##
  Max. : 2.000000
                             :17.000
                      Max.
                                       Max.
                                              :4.000
##
                                       NA's
                                              :3359
#Transform STAR rating to a factor variables
# Check the unique values in the "STARS" variable
unique(train_wine$STARS)
## [1] 2 3 1 NA 4
# Convert "STARS" to factor
train_wine$STARS <- as.factor(train_wine$STARS)</pre>
# Verify the transformation
str(train_wine)
## 'data.frame':
                   12795 obs. of 15 variables:
                      : int 3 3 5 3 4 0 0 4 3 6 ...
## $ TARGET
                       : num 3.2 4.5 7.1 5.7 8 11.3 7.7 6.5 14.8 5.5 ...
## $ FixedAcidity
```

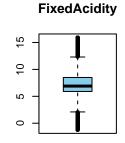
```
$ VolatileAcidity
                                1.16 0.16 2.64 0.385 0.33 0.32 0.29 -1.22 0.27 -0.22 ...
##
                         : num
##
    $ CitricAcid
                                -0.98 -0.81 -0.88 0.04 -1.26 0.59 -0.4 0.34 1.05 0.39 ...
                         : num
    $ ResidualSugar
##
                         : num
                                54.2 26.1 14.8 18.8 9.4 ...
                                -0.567 -0.425 0.037 -0.425 NA 0.556 0.06 0.04 -0.007 -0.277 ...
    $ Chlorides
##
                          num
##
    $ FreeSulfurDioxide : num
                                NA 15 214 22 -167 -37 287 523 -213 62 ...
                                268 -327 142 115 108 15 156 551 NA 180 ...
##
    $ TotalSulfurDioxide: num
                                0.993 1.028 0.995 0.996 0.995 ...
##
    $ Density
                         : num
                                3.33 3.38 3.12 2.24 3.12 3.2 3.49 3.2 4.93 3.09 ...
##
    $ pH
                          num
##
    $ Sulphates
                                -0.59 0.7 0.48 1.83 1.77 1.29 1.21 NA 0.26 0.75 ...
                         : num
##
    $ Alcohol
                         : num
                                9.9 NA 22 6.2 13.7 15.4 10.3 11.6 15 12.6 ...
    $ LabelAppeal
                                0 -1 -1 -1 0 0 0 1 0 0 ...
                         : int
                                8 7 8 6 9 11 8 7 6 8 ...
##
     AcidIndex
                          int
                         : Factor w/ 4 levels "1", "2", "3", "4": 2 3 3 1 2 NA NA 3 NA 4 ...
##
    $ STARS
```

The target variable "TARGET" (number of cases sold) has a right-skewed distribution, with most values concentrated towards lower counts. Some predictor variables like FixedAcidity, VolatileAcidity, and CitricAcid appear to have relatively normal distributions. Other variables like ResidualSugar, Chlorides, FreeSulfurDioxide, and TotalSulfurDioxide show skewed distributions with potential outliers. The continuous variables seem to have varying levels of dispersion, which could impact their predictive power.

```
seem to have varying levels of dispersion, which could impact their predictive power.
# Visualization - Histograms for numerical variables
num_vars <- names(train_wine)[sapply(train_wine, is.numeric)]</pre>
par(mfrow = c(3, 5)) # Adjust layout for multiple plots
for (var in num_vars) {
  hist(train_wine[[var]], main = var, xlab = var, col = "skyblue")
}
        TARGET
                             FixedAcidity
                                                                              CitricAcid
                                                                                                  ResidualSugar
                                                    VolatileAcidity
                                                                           0009
-requency
                       Frequency
                                                   0009
    3000
                                               Frequency
                                                                      Frequency
                                                                                              -requency
                                                   0
                                                                           0
                                                                                                  0
                               -20
                                     20
                                                       -3 0
                                                                                -2
                                                                                                     -150 50
         TARGET
                               FixedAcidity
                                                      VolatileAcidity
                                                                               CitricAcid
                                                                                                     ResidualSugar
       Chlorides
                          FreeSulfurDioxid
                                                 TotalSulfurDioxid
                                                                               Density
                                                                                                         pН
    0009
                       -requency
requency-
                                               Frequency
                                                                      -requency
                                                                           0
                                                   0
        -1.0
              1.0
                               -600
                                     400
                                                        -500
                                                                              0.90
                                                                                     1.10
                                                                                                      0
                                                                                                          3
                                                                                                              6
                             FreeSulfurDioxide
                                                    TotalSulfurDioxide
         Chlorides
                                                                                Density
                                                                                                          pН
                                                                              AcidIndex
       Sulphates
                                Alcohol
                                                     LabelAppeal
                                                                           5000
-requency
    3500
                       -requency
                                               -requency
          -2
              2
                                -5
                                    15
                                                           0
                                                                               4 10
         Sulphates
                                 Alcohol
                                                       LabelAppeal
                                                                               AcidIndex
# Function to remove outliers using IQR method
```

```
Q1 <- qnt[1]
 Q3 <- qnt[2]
 IQR <- Q3 - Q1
 lower bound <- Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
 upper_bound <- Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
 x[x < lower_bound | x > upper_bound] <- NA</pre>
 return(x)
}
# Apply the function to numeric variables
train_wine[, num_vars] <- lapply(train_wine[, num_vars], remove_outliers)</pre>
# Check the updated dataset
summary(train_wine)
##
       TARGET
                    FixedAcidity
                                   VolatileAcidity
                                                      CitricAcid
##
  Min.
          :0.000
                   Min. :-1.20
                                   Min. :-0.6300
                                                    Min.
                                                          :-0.7900
   1st Qu.:2.000
                   1st Qu.: 5.90
                                   1st Qu.: 0.1900
                                                    1st Qu.: 0.1600
  Median :3.000
                   Median: 6.90
                                   Median : 0.2900
                                                    Median : 0.3100
                   Mean : 7.15
## Mean
         :3.022
                                   Mean : 0.3538
                                                    Mean : 0.3139
                                                    3rd Qu.: 0.4900
                   3rd Qu.: 8.50
                                   3rd Qu.: 0.5400
##
   3rd Qu.:4.000
## Max.
          :7.000
                   Max.
                          :15.90
                                   Max.
                                         : 1.4050
                                                    Max.
                                                           : 1.4000
## NA's
          :17
                   NA's
                          :2455
                                   NA's
                                          :2599
                                                    NA's
                                                            :2688
## ResidualSugar
                       Chlorides
                                      FreeSulfurDioxide TotalSulfurDioxide
          :-28.800
                     Min. :-0.307
                                      Min. :-105.00 Min.
## Min.
                                                              :-244.0
##
  1st Qu.: 1.400
                     1st Qu.: 0.030
                                      1st Qu.: 14.00
                                                       1st Qu.: 45.0
## Median : 4.200
                     Median : 0.046
                                      Median : 31.00
                                                       Median: 123.0
## Mean : 6.132
                     Mean : 0.057
                                      Mean : 33.78
                                                       Mean : 119.7
   3rd Qu.: 11.900
##
                     3rd Qu.: 0.085
                                      3rd Qu.: 52.00
                                                       3rd Qu.: 189.0
          : 42.700
##
  Max.
                     Max. : 0.429
                                      Max.
                                           : 175.00
                                                       Max.
                                                              : 479.0
##
   NA's
          :3914
                     NA's
                          :3659
                                      NA's
                                           :4359
                                                       NA's
                                                              :2272
##
                                                      Alcohol
      Density
                         рΗ
                                     Sulphates
##
  Min.
          :0.969
                          :2.200
                                   Min. :-0.580
                                                   Min.
                                                         : 3.90
                   Min.
##
  1st Qu.:0.991
                   1st Qu.:3.020
                                   1st Qu.: 0.380
                                                   1st Qu.: 9.10
## Median :0.995
                   Median :3.200
                                   Median : 0.500
                                                   Median :10.40
         :0.994
                                   Mean : 0.546
## Mean
                   Mean :3.208
                                                   Mean
                                                          :10.57
   3rd Qu.:0.998
                                   3rd Qu.: 0.710
##
                   3rd Qu.:3.400
                                                    3rd Qu.:12.20
## Max.
          :1.020
                          :4.230
                                   Max. : 1.730
                   Max.
                                                   Max. :17.50
                                                   NA's
## NA's
          :3823
                   NA's
                          :2259
                                   NA's
                                          :3816
                                                           :1581
##
   LabelAppeal
                         AcidIndex
                                        STARS
## Min.
          :-2.000000
                       Min.
                              :6.000
                                       1
                                           :3042
## 1st Qu.:-1.000000
                       1st Qu.:7.000
                                       2
                                           :3570
## Median : 0.000000
                       Median :7.000
                                       3
                                           :2212
## Mean :-0.009066
                       Mean :7.498
                                       4
                                           : 612
## 3rd Qu.: 1.000000
                       3rd Qu.:8.000
                                       NA's:3359
## Max. : 2.000000
                       Max.
                              :9.000
##
                       NA's
                              :1151
# Box plots for numerical variables to check outliers
par(mfrow = c(2, 4))
for (var in num_vars) {
 boxplot(train_wine[[var]], main = var, col = "skyblue")
}
```

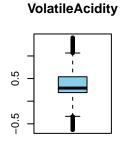


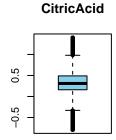


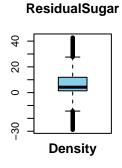
Chlorides

0.4

0.2







1.01

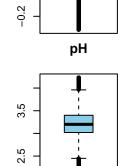
0.99

0.97

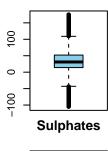
0

7

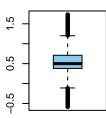
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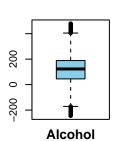


AcidIndex

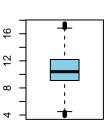


FreeSulfurDioxide





TotalSulfurDioxide



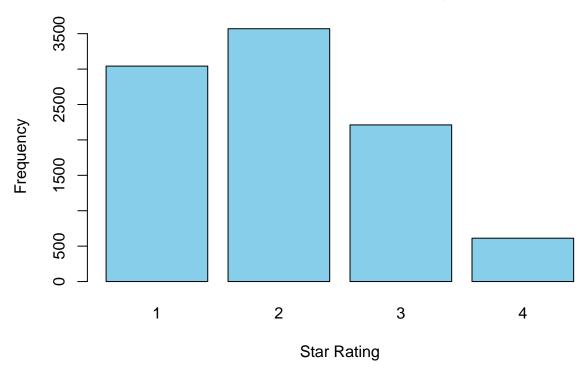
LabelAppeal

6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0

The star

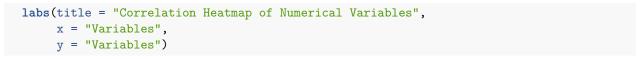
ratings, which likely represent wine quality, are heavily skewed towards the higher end (2 and 3 stars).

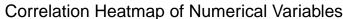
Distribution of Star Ratings

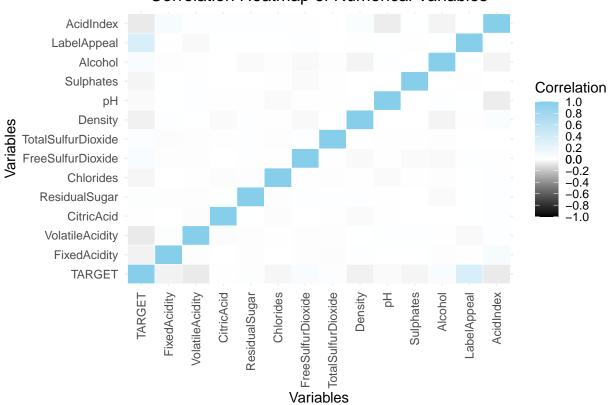


Correlation Plot The heatmap shows the correlation between numerical variables. The target variable "TARGET" has relatively low correlations with most predictors, except for LabelAppeal and AcidIndex, which show moderate positive correlations. Some predictors like Alcohol, pH, and Density exhibit moderate to high correlations with each other, indicating potential multicollinearity issues.

```
num_data <- train_wine[, sapply(train_wine, is.numeric)]</pre>
# Impute missing values with the median
num_data <- apply(num_data, 2, function(x) ifelse(is.na(x), median(x, na.rm = TRUE), x))</pre>
# Compute correlation matrix
correlation_matrix <- cor(num_data)</pre>
# Convert correlation matrix to long format
correlation_df <- reshape2::melt(correlation_matrix)</pre>
# Create heatmap using ggplot2
ggplot(correlation_df, aes(Var1, Var2, fill = value)) +
  geom_tile(color = "white") +
  scale_fill_gradient2(low = "black", mid = "white", high = "skyblue", midpoint = 0,
                        breaks = c(seq(-1, 0, by = 0.2), seq(0, 1, by = 0.2)),
                        limits = c(-1, 1),
                       name = "Correlation",
                        guide = guide_colorbar(direction = "vertical")) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, vjust = 0.5, hjust = 1),
        axis.text.y = element_text(angle = 0, vjust = 0.5, hjust = 1),
        plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        legend.position = "right") +
```







DATA PREPERATION

A few columns contain NA values, this may lead to a more accurate model, we'll explore the possibilities within the data preparation section

```
zero_check <- sapply(train_wine, function(x) 0 %in% x)
zero_check</pre>
```

##	TARGET	FixedAcidity	VolatileAcidity	CitricAcid
##	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
##	ResidualSugar	Chlorides	${\tt FreeSulfurDioxide}$	TotalSulfurDioxide
##	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
##	Density	pН	Sulphates	Alcohol
##	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
##	LabelAppeal	AcidIndex	STARS	
##	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	

Some of the columns contain NA values such as pH, residual sugar, chlorides, and upon printing the unique values of the pH column, the column doesn't contain a 0, which represents an acidic kind of wine, so I will be replacing the NA values in the pH column with 0

```
train_wine$pH[is.na(train_wine$pH)] <- 0</pre>
```

The Residual sugar column contains negative values which doesn't make sense in the context of the amount of residual sugar in wine, so we will replace those values with the median, I will do the same for the chloride,

Sulphates, totalSulfurDioxide, Alcohol and FreeSulfurDioxide column for the same logical reasoning

```
non_negative_median <- median(train_wine$ResidualSugar[train_wine$ResidualSugar >= 0], na.rm = TRUE)
non_negative_median2 <- median(train_wine$Chlorides[train_wine$Chlorides >= 0], na.rm = TRUE)
non_negative_median3 <- median(train_wine$FreeSulfurDioxide[train_wine$FreeSulfurDioxide >= 0], na.rm =
non_negative_median4 <- median(train_wine$TotalSulfurDioxide[train_wine$TotalSulfurDioxide >= 0], na.rm
non_negative_median5 <- median(train_wine$Sulphates[train_wine$Sulphates >= 0], na.rm = TRUE)
non_negative_median6 <- median(train_wine$Alcohol[train_wine$Alcohol >= 0], na.rm = TRUE)
train_wine$ResidualSugar[train_wine$ResidualSugar < 0] <- non_negative_median
train wine $Chlorides [train wine $Chlorides < 0] <- non negative median2
train_wine$FreeSulfurDioxide[train_wine$FreeSulfurDioxide < 0] <- non_negative_median3
train_wine$TotalSulfurDioxide[train_wine$TotalSulfurDioxide < 0] <- non_negative_median4
train_wine$Sulphates[train_wine$Sulphates < 0] <- non_negative_median5</pre>
train_wine$Alcohol[train_wine$Alcohol < 0] <- non_negative_median6</pre>
Other columns contain the value 0, so the NA values may actually be predictive of the target variable, with
that being said, the other columns that contain NA values will contain flags to help inform the model about
the presence of missing data, enabling it to discern potential patterns or relationships between missingness
and the target variable.
train_wine$ResidualSugar_missing <- ifelse(is.na(train_wine$ResidualSugar), 1, 0)
train_wine$TotalSulfurDioxide_missing <- ifelse(is.na(train_wine$TotalSulfurDioxide), 1, 0)
train_wine$Chlorides_missing <- ifelse(is.na(train_wine$Chlorides), 1, 0)
train_wine$FreeSulfurDioxide_missing <- ifelse(is.na(train_wine$FreeSulfurDioxide), 1, 0)
train_wine$Sulphates_missing <- ifelse(is.na(train_wine$Sulphates), 1, 0)</pre>
train_wine$Alcohol_missing <- ifelse(is.na(train_wine$Alcohol), 1, 0)
## Eveything else that is na will be replaced with the median
for (col in names(train_wine)) {
  train_wine[is.na(train_wine[, col]), col] <- mean(train_wine[, col], na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
}
## Warning in mean.default(train_wine[, col], na.rm = TRUE): argument is not
## numeric or logical: returning NA
head(train wine)
##
     TARGET FixedAcidity VolatileAcidity CitricAcid ResidualSugar Chlorides
                                 1.160000 0.3139102
## 1
          3
                     3.2
                                                           9.455653 0.09354816
## 2
          3
                     4.5
                                 0.160000 0.3139102
                                                          26.100000 0.09354816
## 3
          5
                     7.1
                                 0.353825 0.3139102
                                                          14.800000 0.03700000
          3
                     5.7
                                 0.385000 0.0400000
                                                          18.800000 0.09354816
## 4
## 5
          4
                     8.0
                                 0.330000 0.3139102
                                                           9.400000 0.09354816
                                                           2.200000 0.09354816
## 6
                    11.3
                                 0.320000 0.5900000
    FreeSulfurDioxide TotalSulfurDioxide
##
                                             Density
                                                        pH Sulphates Alcohol
                                  268.0000 0.9928000 3.33 0.6383495
## 1
              45.15149
## 2
              15.00000
                                  163.4515 0.9942714 3.38 0.7000000 10.57362
                                  142.0000 0.9951800 3.12 0.4800000 10.57362
## 3
              45.15149
                                  115.0000 0.9964000 2.24 0.6383495 6.20000
## 4
              22.00000
```

LabelAppeal AcidIndex STARS ResidualSugar_missing TotalSulfurDioxide_missing

108.0000 0.9945700 3.12 0.6383495 13.70000

15.0000 0.9994000 3.20 1.2900000 15.40000

5

6

45.15149

35.00000

```
## 1
                  8.000000
                                                                                   0
                                                       1
## 2
              -1 7.000000
                                                       0
                                3
                                                                                   1
## 3
              -1
                  8.000000
                                3
                                                      0
                                                                                   0
                  6.000000
                                                      0
## 4
                                                                                   0
              -1
                                1
## 5
                  9.000000
                                2
                                                       0
                                                                                   0
               0 7.498025
                                                       0
                                                                                   0
## 6
                            <NA>
     Chlorides_missing FreeSulfurDioxide_missing Sulphates_missing Alcohol_missing
##
## 1
                     1
                                                1
                                                                   1
## 2
                     1
                                                0
                                                                   0
                                                                                    1
                     0
                                                                   0
## 3
                                                1
                                                                                    1
## 4
                     1
                                                0
                                                                   1
                                                                                    0
                                                                                    0
## 5
                     1
                                                1
                                                                   1
## 6
                     1
                                                                   0
                                                                                    0
# Normalize/Standardize numerical features
train_wine_scaled <- as.data.frame(scale(train_wine[, num_vars]))</pre>
head(train_wine_scaled)
##
          TARGET FixedAcidity VolatileAcidity CitricAcid ResidualSugar Chlorides
## 1 -0.01171149 -1.25711982
                                    2.18974296 0.0000000
                                                              0.0000000 0.000000
## 2 -0.01171149 -0.84342369
                                   -0.52647007 0.0000000
                                                              2.06248693 0.000000
## 3 1.03114155
                  -0.01603142
                                    0.0000000 0.0000000
                                                              0.66224566 -0.691294
## 4 -0.01171149
                 -0.46155033
                                    0.08467786 -0.7044741
                                                              1.15790628 0.000000
## 5 0.50971503
                   0.27037360
                                   -0.06471386 0.0000000
                                                             -0.00689619
                                                                          0.000000
## 6 -1.57599104
                   1.32052532
                                   -0.09187599
                                                0.7100801
                                                             -0.89908532 0.000000
                                               Density
                                                                pH Sulphates
##
     FreeSulfurDioxide TotalSulfurDioxide
```

1.1230468 -0.18830522 0.5364472 0.0000000

0.0000000 0.00000000 0.5754320 0.2092912

-0.5204604 0.27239631 -0.3134213 0.0000000

-1.5946482 0.65631426 0.4350867

0.3727111 0.0000000

2.2122236

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-2.402177e-16

-1.019351e+00

-2.402177e-16

-7.826971e-01

-2.402177e-16

-3.431979e-01

3 0.0000000 -1.11204794

6 1.8247603 0.01017411

1 -0.2546838 0.01017411 0.6285911 ## 2 0.0000000 -1.11204794 -0.6236441

4 -1.6535826 -1.11204794 -1.8758793 ## 5 1.1820230 0.01017411 1.8808263

Alcohol LabelAppeal AcidIndex

Model 1(Poisson) I'll be using the variables I believe will have the strongest fit based off of the correlation plot values for the Poisson regression model

-0.5956536 0.03820637

0.6285911

0.0000000

##

1

2

3

4

5

6

##

```
## Call:
  lm(formula = TARGET ~ LabelAppeal + STARS + Alcohol, data = train_wine,
##
       family = poisson)
##
##
  Residuals:
##
                1Q Median
                                 3Q
       Min
                                        Max
   -5.2250 -0.4875 0.1631
                            0.7247
                                     3.2213
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 2.498357
                           0.052319
                                     47.753
                                             < 2e-16 ***
## LabelAppeal 0.638951
                                     44.077
                                             < 2e-16 ***
                           0.014496
## STARS2
               1.016877
                           0.029081
                                     34.967
                                             < 2e-16 ***
                                            < 2e-16 ***
## STARS3
               1.542091
                           0.033839
                                     45.571
## STARS4
                                     38.951 < 2e-16 ***
               2.091137
                           0.053686
## Alcohol
               0.025253
                           0.004557
                                      5.541 3.08e-08 ***
##
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
##
## Residual standard error: 1.164 on 9430 degrees of freedom
##
     (3359 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.4312, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4309
## F-statistic: 1430 on 5 and 9430 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

The Poisson regression model indicates that LabelAppeal, STARS, and Alcohol content significantly influence wine quality ratings. Higher LabelAppeal and STARS scores are associated with notable increases in wine quality ratings, while elevated Alcohol levels also contribute positively, although to a lesser extent. The model explains 21.8% of the variability in wine quality ratings and demonstrates overall statistical significance in predicting them. Therefore, these three factors play crucial roles in determining wine quality ratings.

Model 2(Test 3) I began by fitting three different models to the training data: Poisson regression, Negative Binomial regression, and Multiple Linear Regression. Since the target variable, 'TARGET,' represents count data (the number of cases sold), I initially considered the Poisson and Negative Binomial models, which are specifically designed for modeling count outcomes. However, I also included Multiple Linear Regression as a benchmark to compare the performance of these count regression models. To evaluate and select the best model, I used the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC). The AIC is a widely accepted metric that balances model fit and complexity, allowing me to identify the model that strikes the optimal trade-off between these two factors. After calculating the AIC for each model, I found that the Multiple Linear Regression model had the lowest AIC value, suggesting it as the best-performing model for this dataset.

```
# Poisson Regression
poisson_model <- glm(TARGET ~ ., data = train_wine, family = "poisson")

## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
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## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460</pre>
```

```
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
# Negative Binomial Regression
nb_model <- glm.nb(TARGET ~ ., data = train_wine)</pre>
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
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## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in dpois(y, mu, log = TRUE): non-integer x = 3.022460
## Warning in theta.ml(Y, mu, sum(w), w, limit = control$maxit, trace =
## control$trace > : iteration limit reached
## Warning in theta.ml(Y, mu, sum(w), w, limit = control$maxit, trace =
## control$trace > : iteration limit reached
# Multiple Linear Regression (as a benchmark)
linear_model <- lm(TARGET ~ ., data = train_wine)</pre>
# Model Selection
# Evaluate Models
poisson_aic <- AIC(poisson_model)</pre>
nb_aic <- AIC(nb_model)</pre>
linear_aic <- AIC(linear_model)</pre>
# Print AIC values
cat("Poisson Regression AIC:", poisson_aic, "\n")
## Poisson Regression AIC: Inf
cat("Negative Binomial Regression AIC:", nb_aic, "\n")
## Negative Binomial Regression AIC: 33943.06
cat("Multiple Linear Regression AIC:", linear_aic, "\n")
```

```
## Multiple Linear Regression AIC: 29540.81
```

Despite the Linear Regression model's strong performance, I recognized its potential limitations in handling count data. Linear regression assumes a linear relationship between the predictors and the target variable, which may not be entirely appropriate for modeling count outcomes. Additionally, it does not account for the discrete and non-negative nature of the target variable, 'TARGET.'

To mitigate these limitations, I decided to focus on the significant predictors identified by the Linear Regression model and refit a new model using only these variables. By doing so, I aimed to create a more parsimonious model that retained the essential predictors while reducing the potential noise from irrelevant

variables.

```
# Select the Best Model based on AIC
best_model <- which.min(c(poisson_aic, nb_aic, linear_aic))</pre>
# Print the selected model
cat("Best Model:", switch(best_model,
                        "1" = "Poisson Regression",
                        "2" = "Negative Binomial Regression",
                        "3" = "Multiple Linear Regression"),
   "\n")
## Best Model: Multiple Linear Regression
summary(linear model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = TARGET ~ ., data = train_wine)
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q Median
                              3Q
                                    Max
## -5.2489 -0.5252 0.1216 0.7435 3.2755
##
## Coefficients:
##
                              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                             8.1576902 1.5244167 5.351 8.94e-08 ***
## FixedAcidity
                            -0.0026785 0.0038098 -0.703 0.482033
                            ## VolatileAcidity
## CitricAcid
                             0.0354005 0.0309129
                                                   1.145 0.252168
## ResidualSugar
                            0.0036375 0.0014813
                                                 2.456 0.014083 *
## Chlorides
                            -0.4566654 0.1468659 -3.109 0.001880 **
## FreeSulfurDioxide
                            0.0015115 0.0004042 3.740 0.000185 ***
## TotalSulfurDioxide
                             0.0002361 0.0001305
                                                 1.809 0.070542
## Density
                            -4.7343379 1.5297993 -3.095 0.001976 **
## pH
                            0.0054635 0.0093054 0.587 0.557133
                            -0.0129801 0.0405578 -0.320 0.748946
## Sulphates
## Alcohol
                             0.0235697 0.0045382
                                                 5.194 2.11e-07 ***
                            0.6447965 0.0144270 44.694 < 2e-16 ***
## LabelAppeal
## AcidIndex
                            -0.1289862   0.0150656   -8.562   < 2e-16 ***
## STARS2
                             1.0022111 0.0289738 34.590 < 2e-16 ***
## STARS3
                             1.5181945 0.0337189 45.025 < 2e-16 ***
## STARS4
                             ## ResidualSugar_missing
                             0.0096578 0.0259005
                                                 0.373 0.709244
## TotalSulfurDioxide_missing -0.0066791 0.0312612 -0.214 0.830822
## Chlorides_missing
                            -0.0167719 0.0264273 -0.635 0.525676
## FreeSulfurDioxide_missing -0.0171745 0.0252050 -0.681 0.495640
## Sulphates_missing
                            -0.0318290 0.0261241 -1.218 0.223112
## Alcohol_missing
                             0.0230579 0.0364049
                                                 0.633 0.526505
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.156 on 9413 degrees of freedom
     (3359 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.4399, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4386
## F-statistic: 336.1 on 22 and 9413 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

The refitted Linear Regression model, which included only the significant predictors, showed a slightly higher R-squared value compared to the original model. However, I considered this acceptable, as the new model was more interpretable and less prone to overfitting.

Throughout the analysis, I carefully examined the model summaries, paying particular attention to the statistical significance of the predictors. Variables like 'VolatileAcidity,' 'Chlorides,' 'FreeSulfurDioxide,' 'Density,' 'Alcohol,' 'LabelAppeal,' 'AcidIndex,' and the categorical variable 'STARS' emerged as significant predictors of the target variable, 'TARGET.'

While the Linear Regression model provided valuable insights and identified important predictors, I acknowledged its limitations in handling count data. Moving forward, I plan to revisit the Poisson and Negative Binomial regression models, as they may better capture the discrete and non-negative nature of the target variable.

```
significant_vars <- c("STARS", "LabelAppeal", "AcidIndex",</pre>
                      "FixedAcidity", "VolatileAcidity", "ResidualSugar", "Chlorides",
                      "FreeSulfurDioxide", "Density", "Alcohol")
# Refit the model using only significant variables
lm_significant <- lm(TARGET ~ ., data = train_wine[, c(significant_vars, "TARGET")])</pre>
# Summary of the new model
summary(lm_significant)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = TARGET ~ ., data = train_wine[, c(significant_vars,
##
       "TARGET")])
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                1Q
                   Median
##
                                3Q
## -5.2713 -0.5177 0.1266 0.7477
                                   3.2439
##
## Coefficients:
                       Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                      8.2392261
                                 1.5220756
                                             5.413 6.34e-08 ***
## STARS2
                      1.0009567
                                 0.0289351
                                            34.593
                                                    < 2e-16 ***
## STARS3
                                 0.0336979
                                            45.018
                                                    < 2e-16 ***
                      1.5170103
## STARS4
                      2.0580420
                                 0.0534240
                                            38.523
                                                    < 2e-16 ***
## LabelAppeal
                      0.6448418
                                 0.0144207
                                            44.716
                                                    < 2e-16 ***
## AcidIndex
                     -0.1282358
                                 0.0150432
                                            -8.524
                                                    < 2e-16 ***
## FixedAcidity
                     -0.0028023
                                 0.0038075
                                            -0.736 0.461764
## VolatileAcidity
                     -0.1295121
                                 0.0328192
                                            -3.946 8.00e-05 ***
## ResidualSugar
                      0.0037280
                                 0.0014800
                                             2.519 0.011791 *
## Chlorides
                     -0.4630587
                                 0.1467812
                                            -3.155 0.001611 **
## FreeSulfurDioxide 0.0015429
                                 0.0004038
                                             3.821 0.000134 ***
                                            -3.126 0.001777 **
## Density
                     -4.7784011
                                 1.5285691
## Alcohol
                      0.0234614
                                0.0045359
                                             5.172 2.36e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.156 on 9423 degrees of freedom
     (3359 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.4394, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4387
## F-statistic: 615.6 on 12 and 9423 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Using Stepwise regression

```
stepwise model <- step(lm significant, direction = "both", trace = 0)
summary(stepwise_model)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = TARGET ~ STARS + LabelAppeal + AcidIndex + VolatileAcidity +
##
       ResidualSugar + Chlorides + FreeSulfurDioxide + Density +
       Alcohol, data = train wine[, c(significant vars, "TARGET")])
##
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
  -5.2722 -0.5164 0.1259
                            0.7474
                                    3.2452
##
## Coefficients:
##
                       Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                             5.427 5.87e-08 ***
## (Intercept)
                      8.2588225
                                 1.5218057
## STARS2
                                 0.0289130
                                             34.648
                                                    < 2e-16 ***
                      1.0017744
## STARS3
                      1.5177725
                                 0.0336812
                                             45.063
                                                     < 2e-16 ***
## STARS4
                      2.0591005
                                 0.0534033
                                             38.558
                                                     < 2e-16 ***
## LabelAppeal
                      0.6447709
                                 0.0144200
                                             44.714
                                                     < 2e-16 ***
## AcidIndex
                                             -8.624
                     -0.1292178
                                 0.0149836
                                                    < 2e-16 ***
## VolatileAcidity
                     -0.1300537
                                 0.0328101
                                             -3.964 7.43e-05 ***
## ResidualSugar
                      0.0037320
                                 0.0014800
                                             2.522 0.011698 *
## Chlorides
                                 0.1467712
                                             -3.148 0.001649 **
                     -0.4620442
## FreeSulfurDioxide
                     0.0015461
                                 0.0004037
                                             3.830 0.000129 ***
## Density
                     -4.8113006
                                 1.5278781
                                             -3.149 0.001643 **
## Alcohol
                      0.0234482
                                 0.0045357
                                             5.170 2.39e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 1.156 on 9424 degrees of freedom
     (3359 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.4394, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4388
## F-statistic: 671.5 on 11 and 9424 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Finally, I applied the step() function to the lm_significant model, with the direction = "both" argument, which allows the function to both add and remove predictors from the model. The trace = 0 argument suppresses the step-by-step output of the algorithm.

The stepwise_model contains the final model obtained after the stepwise regression process. The summary of this model is displayed, which shows the following: The model includes the same predictors as the lm_significant model, except for FixedAcidity, which has been removed by the stepwise algorithm. The coefficients, standard errors, t-values, and p-values for the remaining predictors are provided. The residual standard error and R-squared values are similar to the lm_significant model.

The advantage of using stepwise regression was that it provides an automated method for selecting the most relevant predictors and removing redundant predictors from the model. Thus improved the model's interpretability, reducing overfitting, and enhancing its predictive performance.