

Regression Analysis of Bike Sharing Demand

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1 Introduction

[Intro]

2 Data Description

The dataset we chose for this project was a publicly shared, hourly bike sharing dataset made available through Kaggle in csv format.

This data set is divided into two distinct sets – a train and test set. The train set consists of 10,886 rows (titled “train.csv”) and the test set consists of 6,493 rows (titled “test.csv”). Within the training set, the first 19 days of each month are captured whereas in the test data set, the 20th day to the end of each month is present. The entirety of the data spans from 1/1/2011 through 12/31/2012 - encompassing two full years of bike sharing data. Interestingly, the time component of this analysis is captured in hours of each day meaning we have a calendar date represented 24 times (for each hour of that day) in the data, along with it’s associated attribute values.

In train data set, there are a total of 12 attributes which capture multiple variables related to bike rentals. Some of these attributes are categorical, and others are continuous. All attributes are summarized in the table below:

Column Name	Type	Description
1. datetime	Date	YYYY-MM-DD HH24 (example: 2011-01-01 04:00:00)
2. season	Integer	(1-4)
3. holiday	Integer	(0 or 1)
4. workingday	Integer	(0 or 1)
5. weather	Integer	(1-4)
6. temp	Float	temperature in Celcius
7. atemp	Float	“feels like” temperature in Celsius
8. humidity	Integer	relative humidity
9. windspeed	Float	wind speed
10. casual	Integer	count of casual users
11. registered	Integer	count of registered users
12. count	Integer	count of total users response variable

** The test data set lacks the casual, registered and count variables.

3 Exploratory Data Analysis

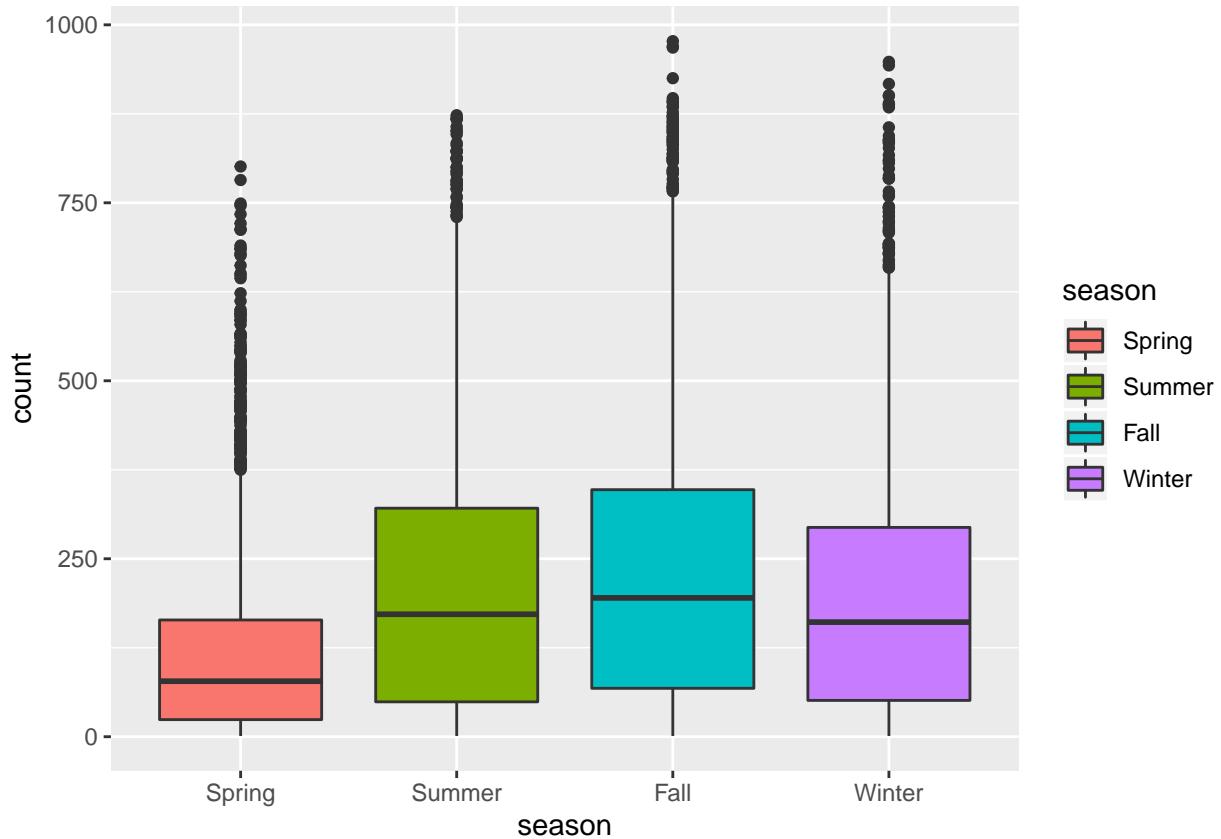
- Plotting Explanatory vs. Response Variables

3.1 Categorical Variables

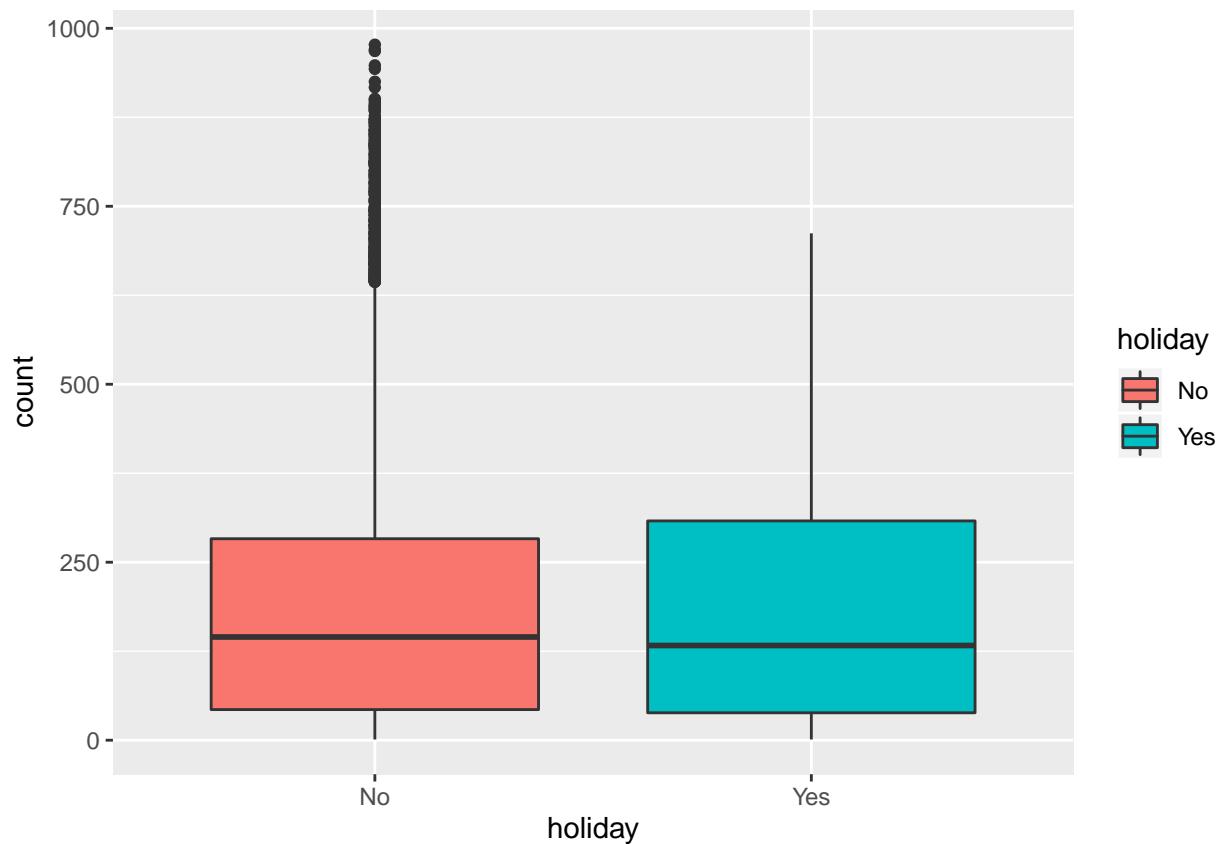
Several numeric variables were found to be better suited to categorization and were converted to factors.

3.1.1 Season

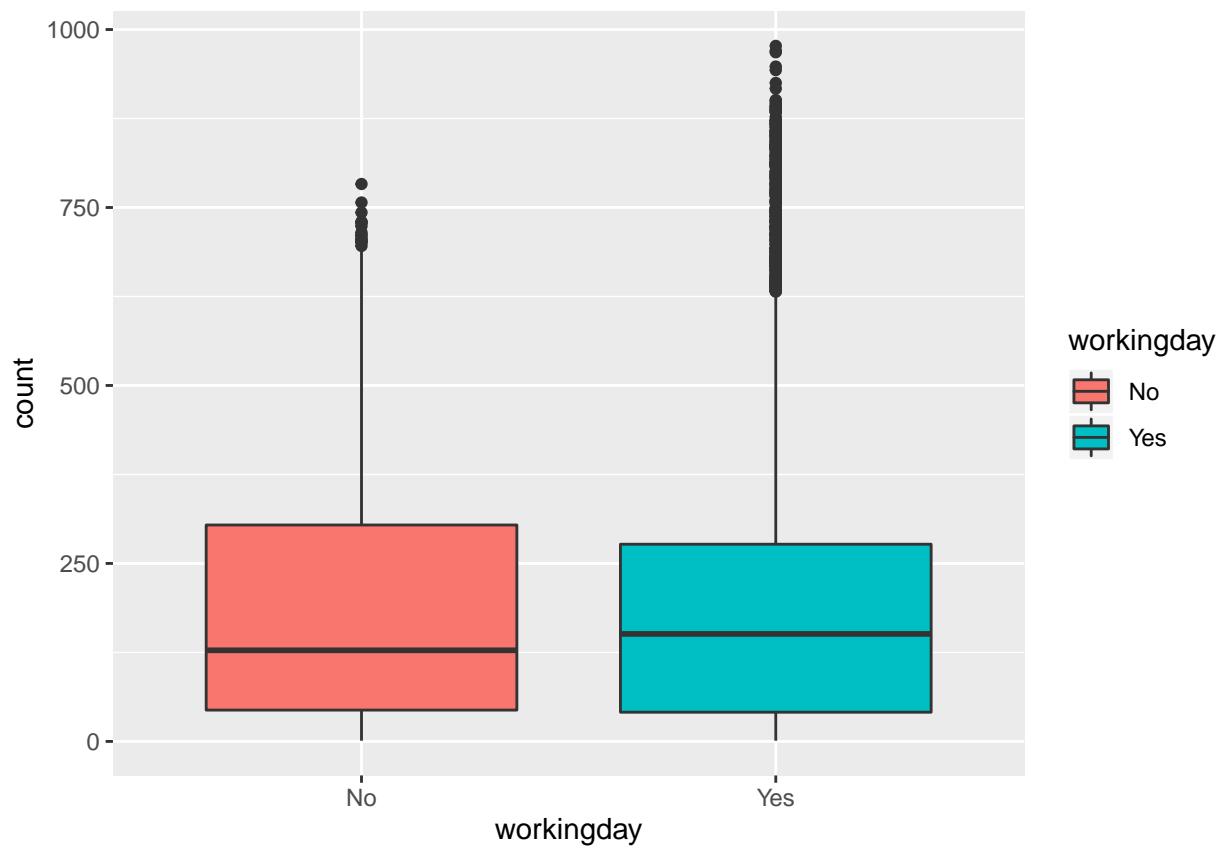
Season	Label	Description
1	Spring	Dec 21 ~ Mar 20
2	Summer	Mar 21 ~ Jun 20
3	Fall	Jun 21 ~ Sep 20
4	Winter	Sep 21 ~ Dec 20



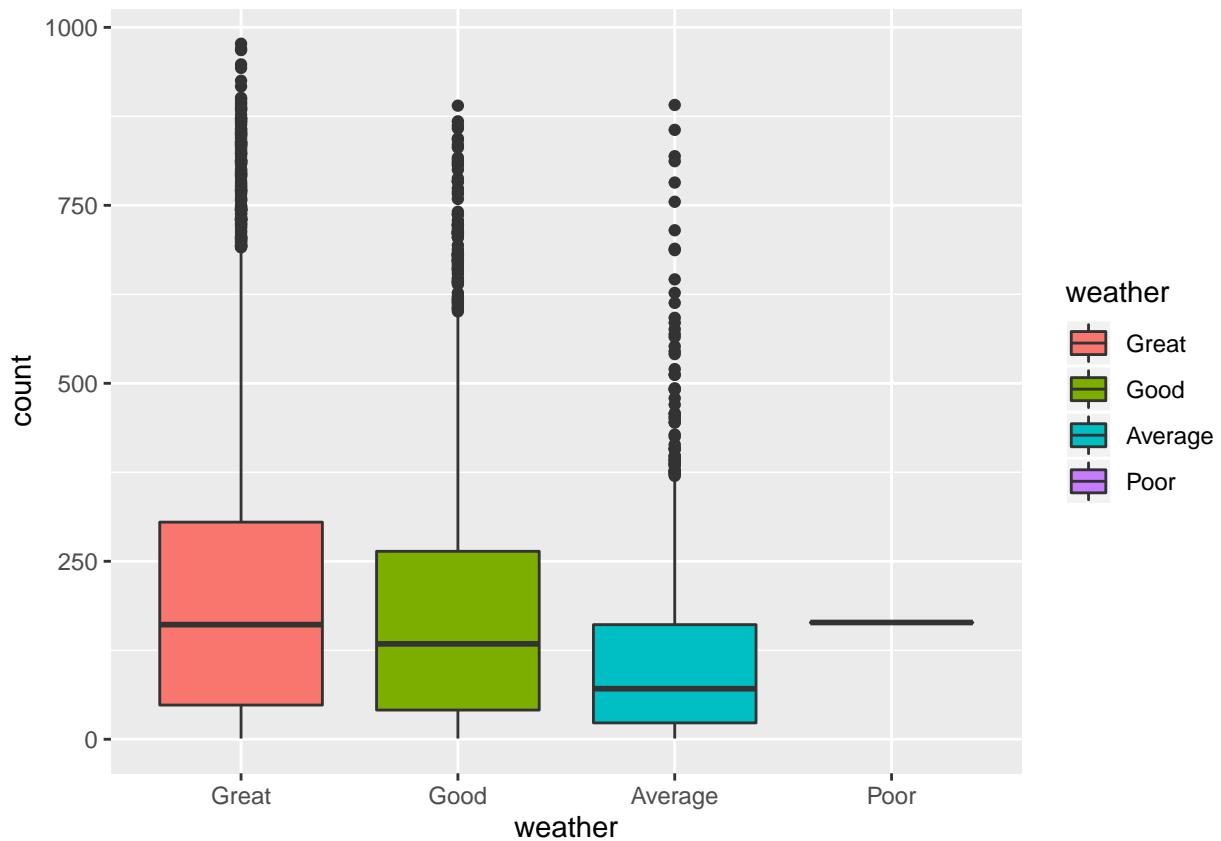
3.1.1.1 Holiday



3.1.2 Working Day



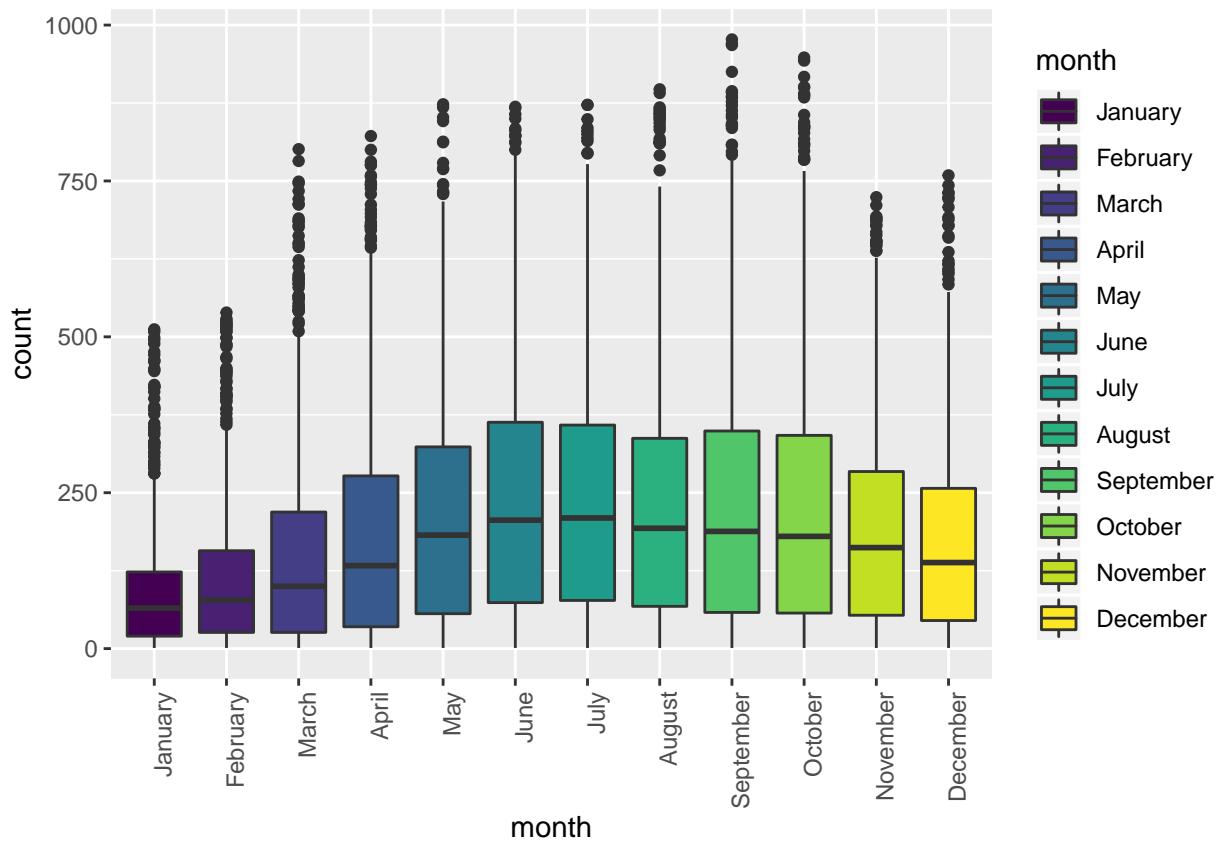
3.1.3 Weather



The datetime column was broken out into multiple factors as well so that we could visualize the components of each date and aggregate by different dimensions of the timestamp. We felt this was also necessary due to the nature of how the train/ test data sets had been pre-split. (i.e... with the first 19 days of the month holding the only true counts to validate our models against.)

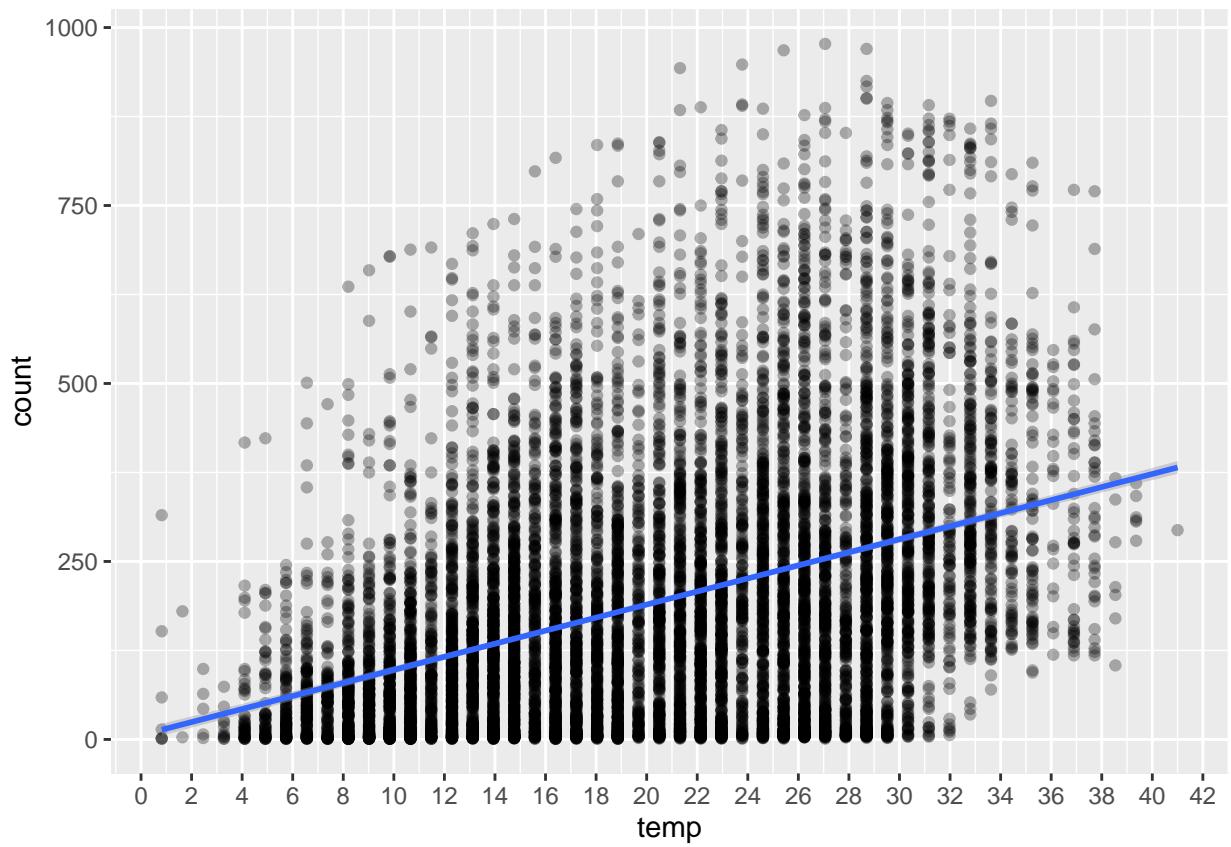
- Year
- Month
- Day
- Hour

3.1.4 Month

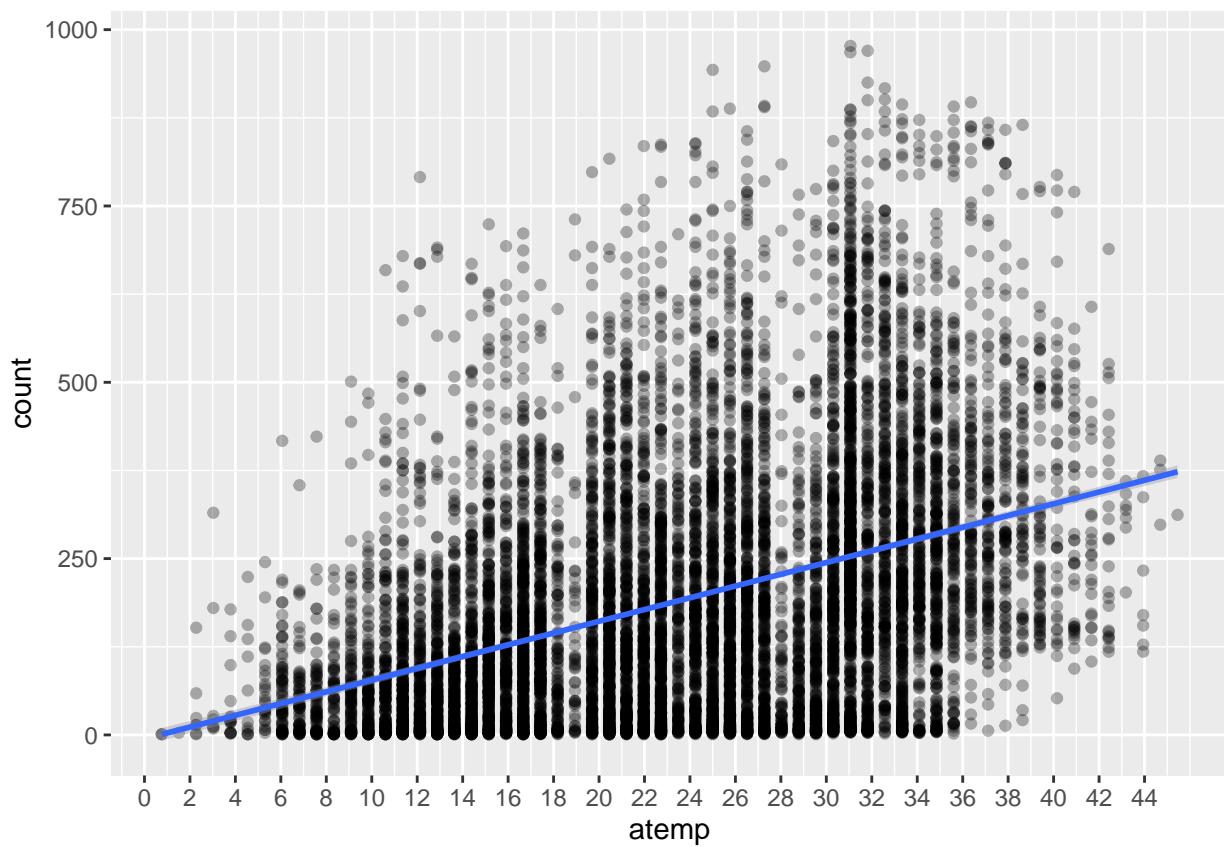


3.2 Continuous Variables

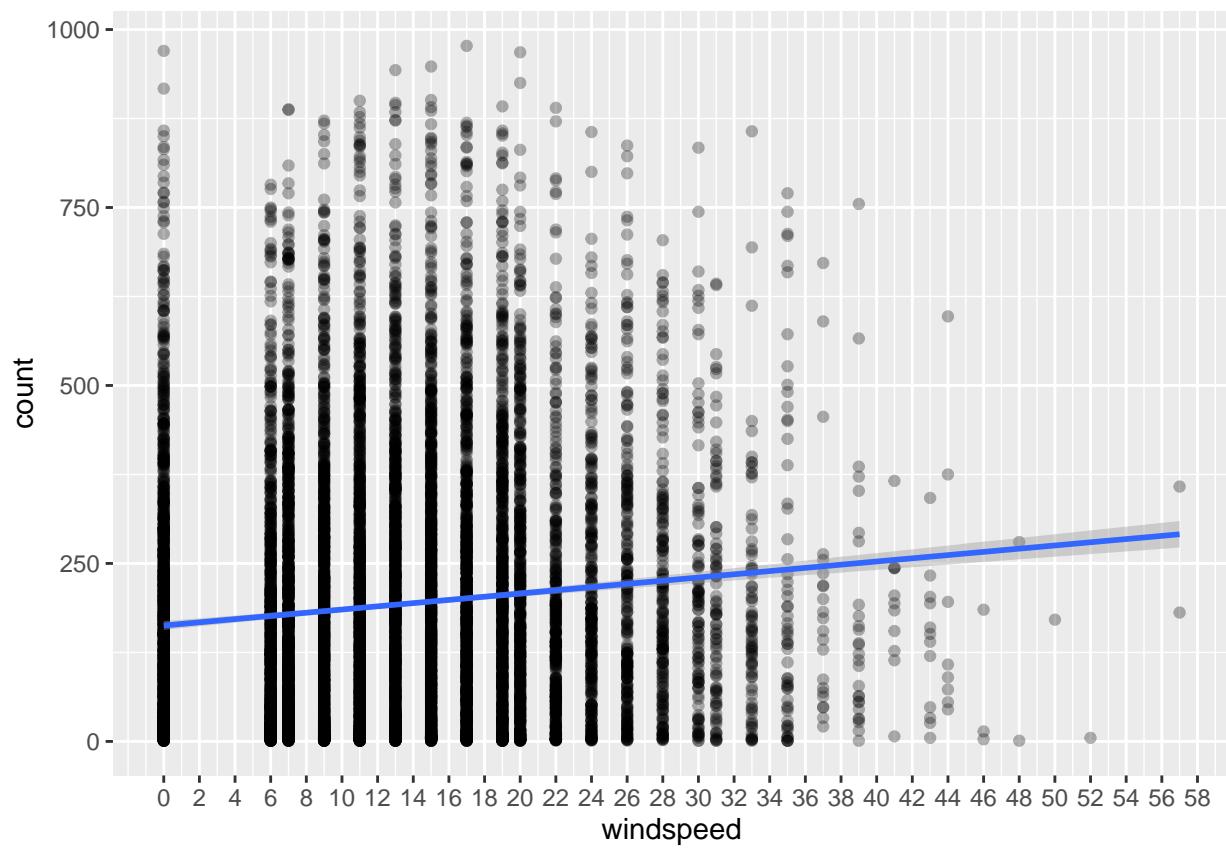
3.2.1 Count by Temperature



3.2.2 Count by “Feels like” Temperature



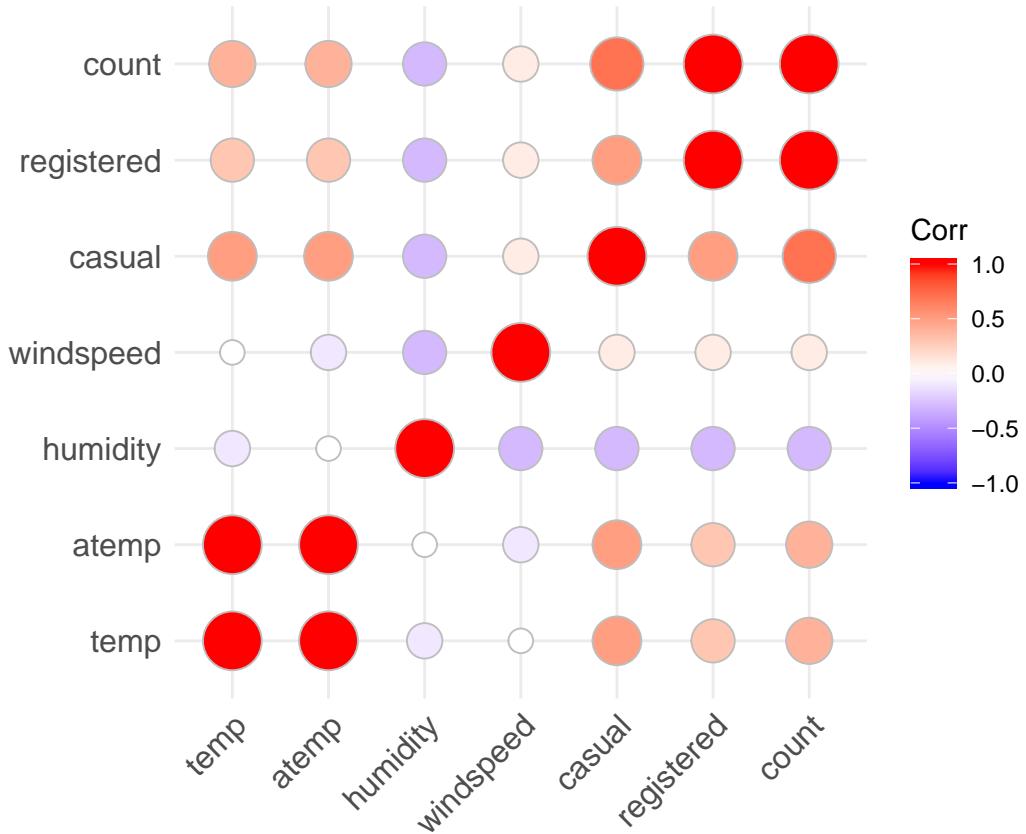
3.2.3 Count by Wind Speed



3.3 Correlation Matrix

There are several variables with a relatively high level of covariance from the training set. The following columns should therefore be removed so as not to be picked up by any automated modelling techniques.

- atemp
- causal
- registered



4 Objective I Analysis

4.1 Question of Interest

The team be utilizing the multiple linear regression techniques we've learned up to this point in the program to predict the bike rental deman on a given date and time. The model will be evaluated on the Root Mean Squared Logarithmic Error, or RMSLE. As this data represents hourly data collected, there is an obvious time component associated with this particular competition. We wanted to gauge how effective mutiple linear regression would be when the assumption of indepdence is clearly violated.

```
## # A tibble: 12 x 5
##   month     mean     sd median observations
##   <ord>    <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>      <int>
## 1 January   3.78   1.47   4.17      884
## 2 February  3.98   1.51   4.36      901
## 3 March     4.19   1.61   4.61      901
## 4 April     4.46   1.53   4.89      909
## 5 May       4.76   1.43   5.20      912
## 6 June      4.89   1.38   5.33      912
## 7 July      4.90   1.35   5.34      912
## 8 August    4.86   1.37   5.26      912
## 9 September 4.81   1.42   5.24      909
## 10 October  4.79   1.42   5.19      911
## 11 November 4.65   1.40   5.09      911
## 12 December 4.52   1.43   4.93      912

## # A tibble: 1 x 12
##   datetime           season holiday workingday weather  temp atemp
##   <dttm>            <dbl>    <dbl>     <dbl>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 2012-01-06 13:00:00     1       0        1       1  16.4  20.5
## # ... with 5 more variables: humidity <dbl>, windspeed <dbl>,
## #   casual <dbl>, registered <dbl>, count <dbl>
```

4.2 Model Selection

4.2.1 Lasso

```
split.perc = .80

train.indices = sample(1:dim(train.mod.1)[1], round(split.perc * dim(train.mod.1)[1]))

train.mod.1.train = train.mod.1[train.indices,]
train.mod.1.test  = train.mod.1[-train.indices,]

train.mod.1.train$datetime <- NULL
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train.mod.1.test$datetime <- NULL

train.mod.1.train

## # A tibble: 8,624 x 12
##   season holiday workingday weather   temp humidity windspeed count year
##   <fct>   <fct>    <fct>     <fct>   <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl> <dbl> <fct>
## 1 Fall     No       Yes      Average  28.7      89     13.0  1.61 2012
## 2 Spring   No       Yes      Great    21.3      27     31.0  4.77 2011
## 3 Fall     No       No       Great    28.7      54     11.0  6.17 2012
## 4 Winter   No       Yes      Great    9.84     75      0     2.30 2011
## 5 Spring   No       Yes      Good    8.2       34     19.0  4.16 2011
## 6 Summer   No       No       Good    28.7      48     6.00  5.48 2011
## 7 Winter   No       Yes      Great   13.9      46     15.0  6.30 2012
## 8 Spring   No       Yes      Great   9.02     51     20.0  4.04 2011
## 9 Fall     No       Yes      Great   20.5      82      0     5.27 2012
## 10 Fall    No      Yes      Great   30.3      70     19.0  5.19 2012
## # ... with 8,614 more rows, and 3 more variables: month <ord>, day <fct>,
## #   hour <fct>

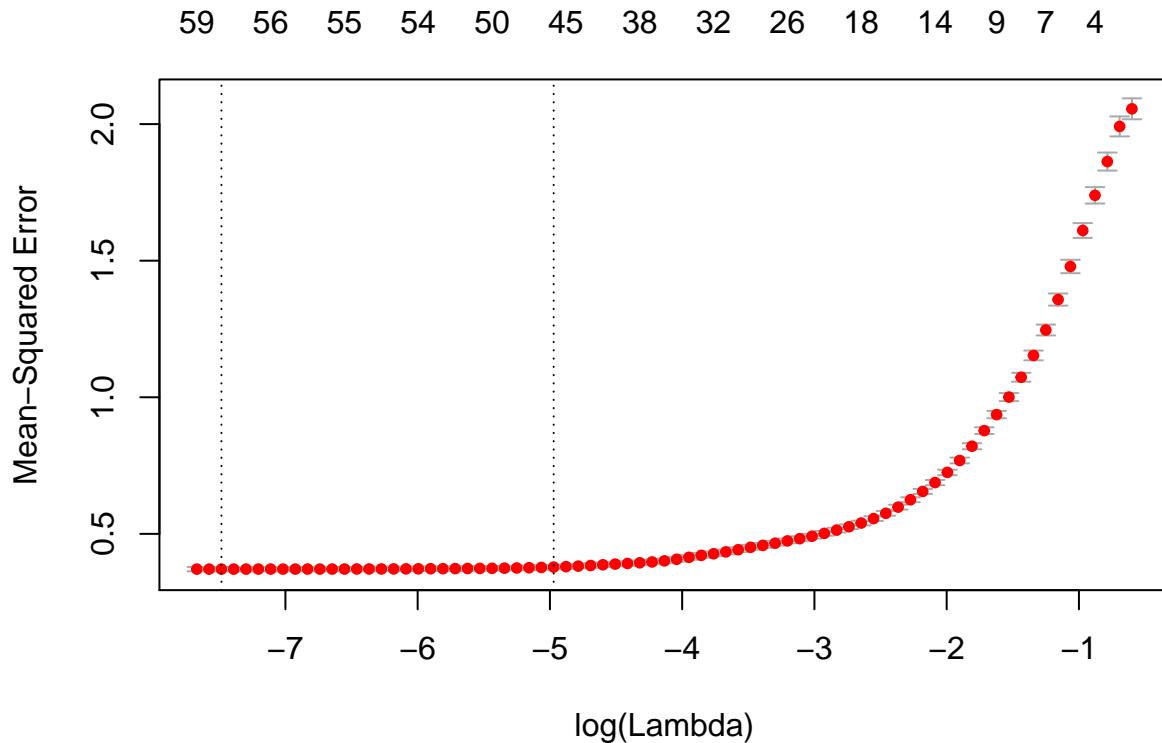
x <- model.matrix(count ~ ., train.mod.1.train) [,-7]
y <- train.mod.1.train$count

grid=10^seq(10,-2, length =100)
lasso.model <- glmnet(x,y,alpha=1, lambda=grid)

xtest<-model.matrix(count ~ ., train.mod.1.test) [,-7]
ytest <- train.mod.1.test$count

cv.out=cv.glmnet(x,y,alpha=1) #alpha=1 performs LASSO
plot(cv.out)

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best.lambda <- cv.out$lambda.min #Optimal penalty parameter. You can make this call visually.
lasso.pred=predict(lasso.model ,s=best.lambda ,newx=xtest)

testMSE_LASSO<-mean((ytest-lasso.pred)^2)
testMSE_LASSO

## [1] 0.3535176

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4.2.2 Custom Variable Selection

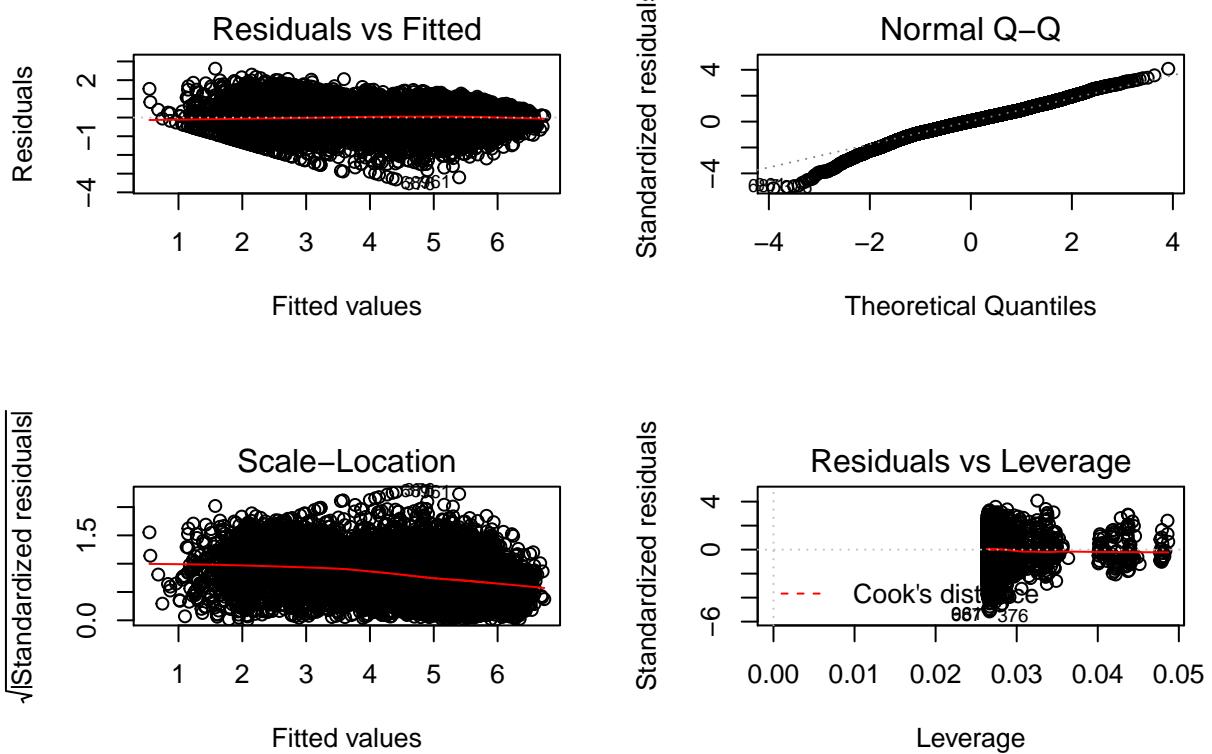
We developed the best fitting model with a custom selection of variables after having accounted for those with high correlation and adding interactive terms such as month/ hour based on the seasonal nature that the box plots exhibited.

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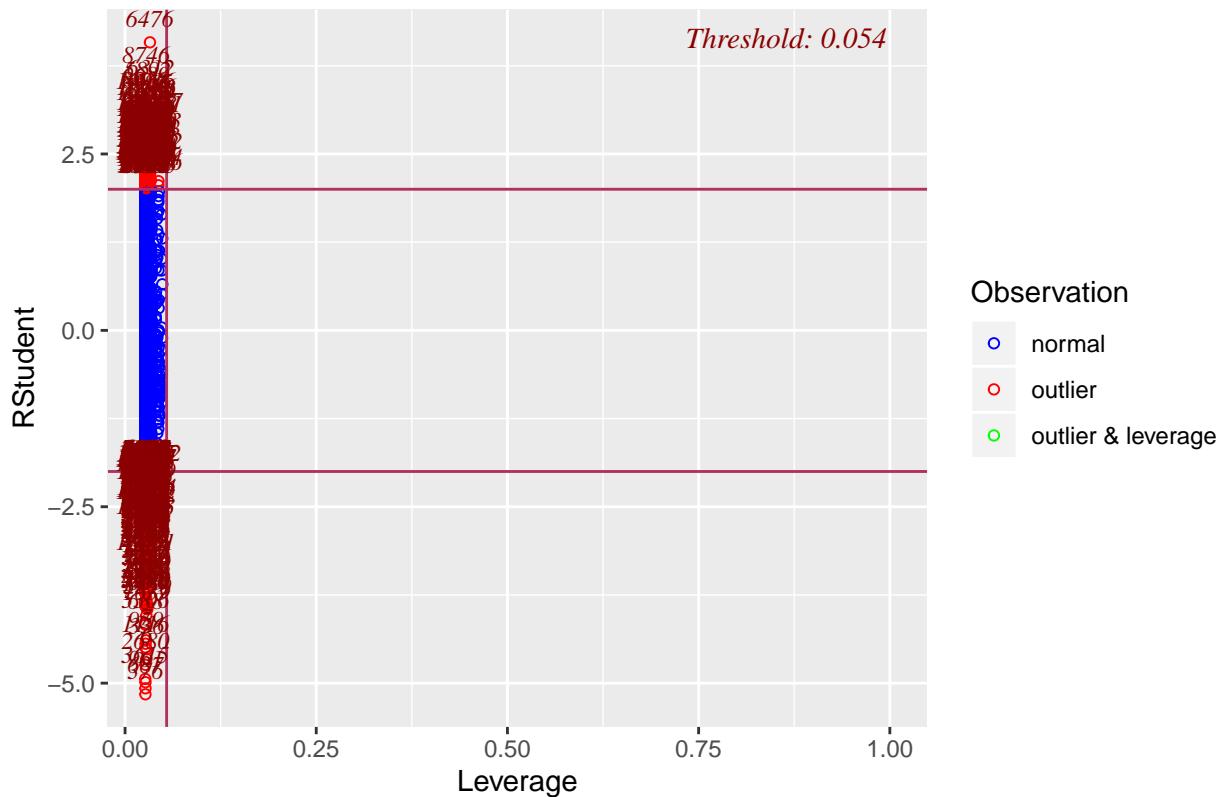
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Outlier and Leverage Diagnostics for count



4.2.3 RMSLE: Root Mean Squared Logarithmic Error Loss

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## [1] 0.1923972
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4.2.4 Stepwise

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 10
##   datetime      season holiday workingday weather  temp atemp
##   <dttm>        <dbl>    <dbl>     <dbl>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 2011-01-20 00:00:00     1     0       1     1 10.7 11.4
## 2 2011-01-20 01:00:00     1     0       1     1 10.7 13.6
## 3 2011-01-20 02:00:00     1     0       1     1 10.7 13.6
## 4 2011-01-20 03:00:00     1     0       1     1 10.7 12.9
## 5 2011-01-20 04:00:00     1     0       1     1 10.7 12.9
## 6 2011-01-20 05:00:00     1     0       1     1 9.84 11.4
## # ... with 3 more variables: humidity <dbl>, windspeed <dbl>, count <dbl>
```

4.3 Model Assumptions Assessment

- The response variable is linear
- The data is normally distributed
- Independence

4.4 Comparing Competing Models

4.5 Parameters

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4.6 Model Interpretation

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4.7 Conclusion

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5 Objective II Analysis

5.1 Question of Interest

[Discuss time series method]

Time-Series Analysis

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5.2 Model Assumption Assessment

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6 Appendix

6.1 Code