

Question 9.1

Using the same crime data set `uscrime.txt` as in Question 8.2, apply Principal Component Analysis and then create a regression model using the first few principal components. Specify your new model in terms of the original variables (not the principal components), and compare its quality to that of your solution to Question 8.2. You can use the R function `prcomp` for PCA. (Note that to first scale the data, you can include `scale. = TRUE` to scale as part of the PCA function. Don't forget that, to make a prediction for the new city, you'll need to unscale the coefficients (i.e., do the scaling calculation in reverse)!)