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5	278	F	Yes	Unfit
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No missing values in the dataset

Variance of the variables is high

Low correlation between the independent

variables



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- 6. Repeat until no more variables can be dropped



Thank You!

