Data624 - Homework4

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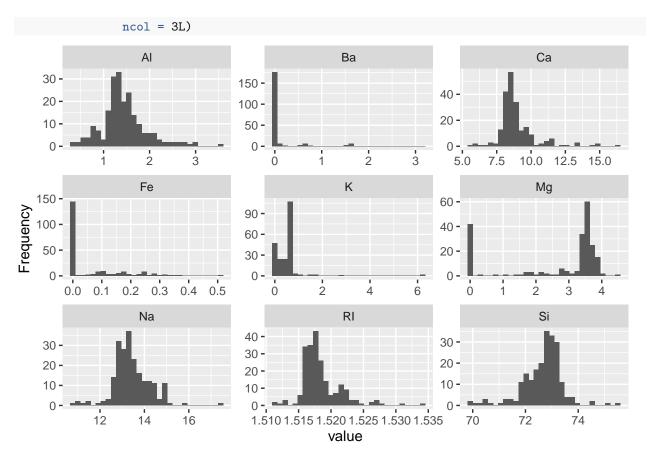
The UC Irvine Machine Learning Repository6 contains a data set related to glass identification. The data consist of 214 glass samples labeled as one of seven class categories. There are nine predictors, including the refractive index and percentages of eight elements: Na, Mg, Al, Si, K, Ca, Ba, and Fe.

The data can be accessed via:

```
# load Glass data
data(Glass)
str(Glass)
## 'data.frame': 214 obs. of 10 variables:
```

```
1.52 1.52 1.52 1.52 1.52 ...
   $ RI : num
               13.6 13.9 13.5 13.2 13.3 ...
                4.49 3.6 3.55 3.69 3.62 3.61 3.6 3.61 3.58 3.6 ...
   $ Mg
        : num
                1.1 1.36 1.54 1.29 1.24 1.62 1.14 1.05 1.37 1.36 ...
   $ Al
         : num
##
         : num
                71.8 72.7 73 72.6 73.1 ...
##
  $ K
         : num 0.06 0.48 0.39 0.57 0.55 0.64 0.58 0.57 0.56 0.57 ...
  $ Ca : num
                8.75 7.83 7.78 8.22 8.07 8.07 8.17 8.24 8.3 8.4 ...
                0000000000...
## $ Ba : num
        : num 0 0 0 0 0 0.26 0 0 0 0.11 ...
  $ Type: Factor w/ 6 levels "1", "2", "3", "5", ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

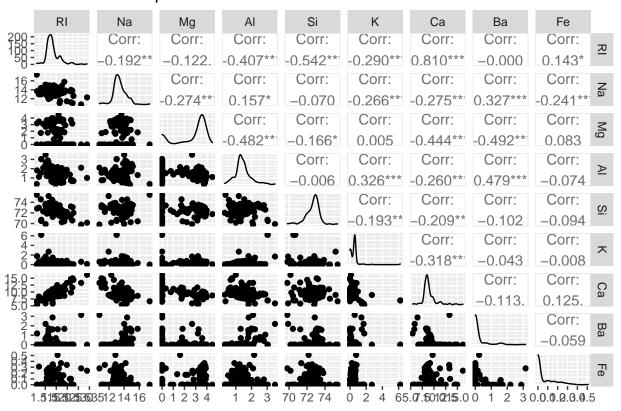
(a) Using visualizations, explore the predictor variables to understand their distributions as well as the relationships between predictors.



The plots above represent the distribution of predictors in the data. They could be used to compare the distributions against the normal distribution.AI, Na, Si appears nearly normal distributed with slight skewness while Ba, Ca, Fe, k and RI are right skewed.

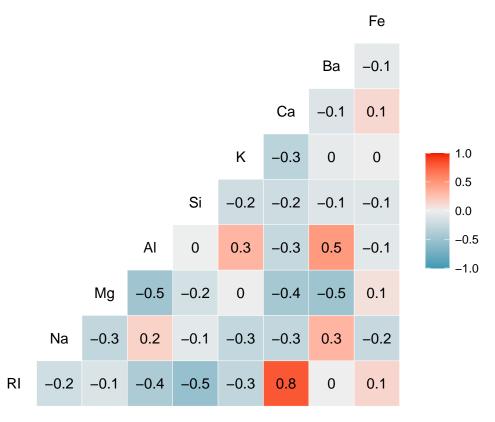
```
# scatterplot matrix
Glass %>%
  dplyr::select(-Type) %>%
  ggpairs(title = "Paiwise scatter plots") %>%
  print(progress = F)
```

Paiwise scatter plots



correlation
Glass %>%

dplyr::select(-Type) %>%
ggcorr(label = TRUE)



Above graphs depict the scatterplots and correlation among the predictors. It is evident that RI and Ca are strongly correlated. There are few other predictors having moderate correlation.

(b) Do there appear to be any outliers in the data? Are any predictors skewed?

describe(Glass)

##		vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis
##	RI	1	214	1.52	0.00	1.52	1.52	0.00	1.51	1.53	0.02	1.60	4.72
##	Na	2	214	13.41	0.82	13.30	13.38	0.64	10.73	17.38	6.65	0.45	2.90
##	Mg	3	214	2.68	1.44	3.48	2.87	0.30	0.00	4.49	4.49	-1.14	-0.45
##	Al	4	214	1.44	0.50	1.36	1.41	0.31	0.29	3.50	3.21	0.89	1.94
##	Si	5	214	72.65	0.77	72.79	72.71	0.57	69.81	75.41	5.60	-0.72	2.82
##	K	6	214	0.50	0.65	0.56	0.43	0.17	0.00	6.21	6.21	6.46	52.87
##	Ca	7	214	8.96	1.42	8.60	8.74	0.66	5.43	16.19	10.76	2.02	6.41
##	Ba	8	214	0.18	0.50	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	3.15	3.15	3.37	12.08
##	Fe	9	214	0.06	0.10	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.51	1.73	2.52
##	Type*	10	214	2.54	1.71	2.00	2.31	1.48	1.00	6.00	5.00	1.04	-0.29
##		se											
##	RI	0.00											
##	Na	0.06											
##	Mg	0.10											
##	Al	0.03											
##	Si	0.05											
##	K	0.04											
##	Ca	0.10											
##	Ba	0.03											
##	Fe	0.01											
##	Type*	0.12											

```
# function to get skewness and number of outliers for given var
label <- function(var) {</pre>
  return( paste("skew=" , round(describe(var)$skew,2) , "outliers=" , length(boxplot(var, plot=FALSE)$o
}
par(mfrow=c(3,3))
# draw boxplot of predictors
for (i in 1:9){
  boxplot(
    Glass[i],
    color='green',
    horizontal = T,
    main = names(Glass)[i],
    xlab = label(Glass[i])
}
          RI
                                             Na
                                                                                Mg
           1.525
  1.515
                                          13
                                                15
                                                      17
                                                                                2
                                                                                     3
  skew= 1.6 outliers= 17
                                     skew= 0.45 outliers= 7
                                                                        skew= -1.14 outliers= 0
          ΑI
                                             Si
                                                                                 K
 0.5
       1.5
             2.5
                    3.5
                                    70 71 72 73 74 75
                                                                             2
                                                                                3
 skew= 0.89 outliers= 18
                                    skew= -0.72 outliers= 12
                                                                         skew= 6.46 outliers= 7
         Ca
                                             Ba
                                                                                Fe
     8
        10 12
               14 16
                                   0.0
                                         1.0
                                                2.0
                                                      3.0
                                                                      0.0
                                                                              0.2
                                                                                      0.4
 skew= 2.02 outliers= 26
                                     skew= 3.37 outliers= 38
                                                                        skew= 1.73 outliers= 12
```

With these boxplots, we can see the skewness measure and number of outliers for all predictors in the data. Ba and Ca have most of the outliers. Also Mg doesn't show up any outliers but its distribution seems left skewed.

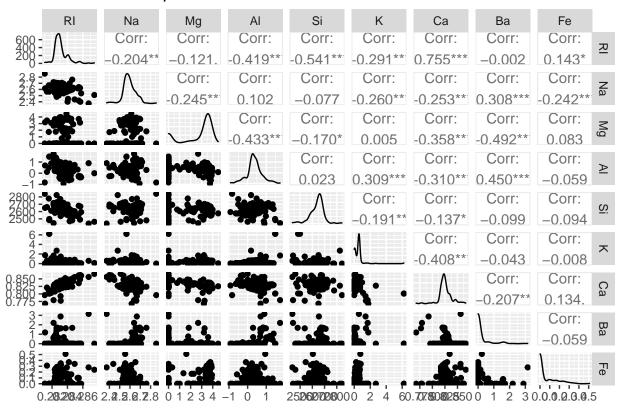
(c) Are there any relevant transformations of one or more predictors that might improve the classification model?

As seen above, the variables in dataset are skewed so we will try the BoxCox transformation first to see if it improves them to an extent. Next we will try the transformation using BoxCox and PCA both if that makes any difference compared to the first one (with only BoxCox), The reason for using PCA is some variables showing correlations and we will see if PCA could improve that.

BoxCox Transformation

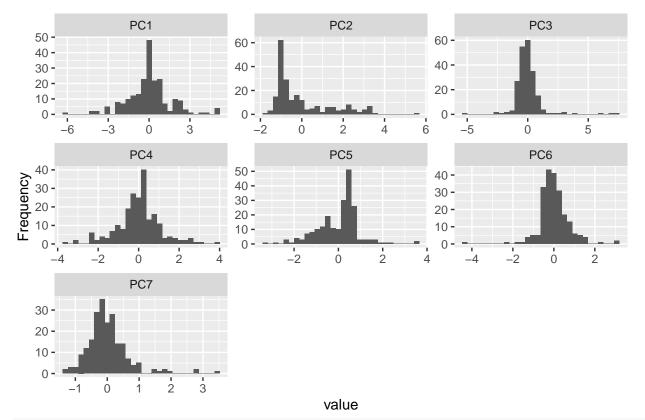
```
# preprocess using BoxCox
glass_boxcox_t <- preProcess(Glass, method = c("BoxCox"))</pre>
glass_boxcox_t
## Created from 214 samples and 6 variables
##
## Pre-processing:
##
     - Box-Cox transformation (5)
     - ignored (1)
##
##
## Lambda estimates for Box-Cox transformation:
## -2, -0.1, 0.5, 2, -1.1
# predict using boxcox transformation
trans_boxcox <- predict(glass_boxcox_t, Glass)</pre>
# plot histogram
plot_histogram(trans_boxcox,
                 geom_histogram_args = list(bins = 30L),
                 nrow = 3L,
                 ncol = 3L)
                    ΑI
                                                    Ва
                                                                                    Ca
    30 -
                                                                    40 -
                                   150 -
                                                                    30 -
    20 -
                                   100 -
                                                                    20 -
    10-
                                     50 -
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     0 -
                                      0 -
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                                                                3
                                                                          0.78
                0
                                                        2
                                                                                 0.81
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                                                                                                0.87
                                                     Κ
                    Fe
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   150 -
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Frequency
                                     90 -
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                                                                    20 -
                                     30 -
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                  2.6 2.7
                                                 0.284
                            2.8
                                          0.282
                                                         0.286
                                                                          2500 2600 2700 2800
         2.4
             2.5
                                                                0.288
                                                  value
# scatterplot matrix
trans_boxcox %>%
  dplyr::select(-Type) %>%
  ggpairs(title = "Paiwise scatter plots") %>%
  print(progress = F)
```

Paiwise scatter plots



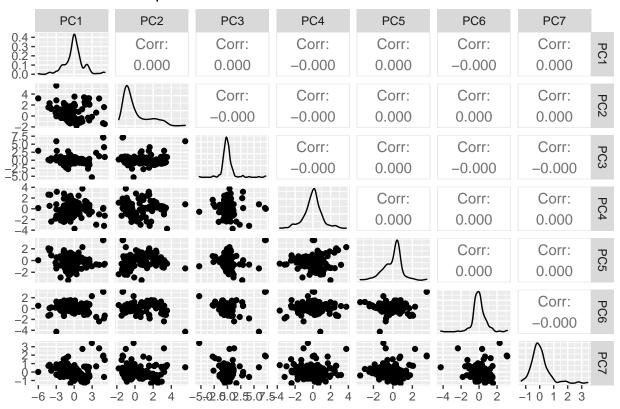
BoxCox Transformation and PCA

```
glass bcpca t <- preProcess(Glass, method = c("BoxCox", "pca"))</pre>
glass_bcpca_t
## Created from 214 samples and 10 variables
##
## Pre-processing:
     - Box-Cox transformation (5)
##
     - centered (9)
##
##
     - ignored (1)
     - principal component signal extraction (9)
##
##
     - scaled (9)
##
## Lambda estimates for Box-Cox transformation:
## -2, -0.1, 0.5, 2, -1.1
## PCA needed 7 components to capture 95 percent of the variance
# predict with BoxCox and PCA transformation
trans_bcpca <- predict(glass_bcpca_t, Glass)</pre>
# plot histogram
plot_histogram(trans_bcpca,
               geom_histogram_args = list(bins = 30L),
               nrow = 3L,
               ncol = 3L)
```



```
# scatterplot matrix
trans_bcpca %>%
  dplyr::select(-Type) %>%
  ggpairs(title = "Paiwise scatter plots") %>%
  print(progress = F)
```

Paiwise scatter plots



We see BoxCox+PCA transformation makes the result better as compared to BoxCox only. BoxCox and PCA transformation makes the distribution a lot better and more towards normal distribution. Also it is evident that now it doesn't show any correlation.

3.2

The soybean data can also be found at the UC Irvine Machine Learning Repository. Data were collected to predict disease in 683 soybeans. The 35 predictors are mostly categorical and include information on the environmental conditions (e.g., temperature, precipitation) and plant conditions (e.g., left spots, mold growth). The outcome labels consist of 19 distinct classes.

The data can be loaded via:

```
data(Soybean)
str(Soybean)
   'data.frame':
                    683 obs. of 36 variables:
##
   $ Class
                     : Factor w/ 19 levels "2-4-d-injury",..: 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 ...
                     : Factor w/ 7 levels "0","1","2","3",..: 7 5 4 4 7 6 6 5 7 5 ...
##
   $ date
                     : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "0"<"1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
   $ plant.stand
##
     precip
                     : Ord.factor w/ 3 levels "0"<"1"<"2": 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
                     : Ord.factor w/ 3 levels "0"<"1"<"2": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
##
   $ temp
   $ hail
                     : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 ...
##
                     : Factor w/ 4 levels "0", "1", "2", "3": 2 3 2 2 3 4 3 2 4 3 ...
##
   $ crop.hist
                     : Factor w/ 4 levels "0","1","2","3": 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
   $ area.dam
                     : Factor w/ 3 levels "0","1","2": 2 3 3 3 2 2 2 2 2 3 ...
##
   $ sever
                     : Factor w/ 3 levels "0","1","2": 1 2 2 1 1 1 2 1 2 1 ...
##
   $ seed.tmt
                     : Ord.factor w/3 levels "0"<"1"<"2": 1 2 3 2 3 2 1 3 2 3 ...
    $ germ
##
```

```
$ plant.growth
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
##
   $ leaves
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
                    : Factor w/ 3 levels "0", "1", "2": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
  $ leaf.halo
                    : Factor w/ 3 levels "0", "1", "2": 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ leaf.marg
##
   $ leaf.size
                    : Ord.factor w/ 3 levels "0"<"1"<"2": 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
##
   $ leaf.shread
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
   $ leaf.malf
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0"."1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                    : Factor w/ 3 levels "0", "1", "2": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
   $ leaf.mild
##
   $ stem
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ lodging
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 ...
## $ stem.cankers : Factor w/ 4 levels "0","1","2","3": 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
   $ canker.lesion : Factor w/ 4 levels "0","1","2","3": 2 2 1 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 ...
##
   $ fruiting.bodies: Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ ext.decay
                    : Factor w/ 3 levels "0", "1", "2": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ mycelium
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                    : Factor w/ 3 levels "0", "1", "2": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
   $ int.discolor
##
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
   $ sclerotia
                    : Factor w/ 4 levels "0", "1", "2", "3": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ fruit.pods
                    : Factor w/ 4 levels "0","1","2","4": 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
## $ fruit.spots
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ seed
## $ mold.growth
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ seed.discolor : Factor w/ 2 levels "0","1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
  $ seed.size
                    : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
   $ shriveling
                    : Factor w/ 3 levels "0","1","2": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
   $ roots
```

(a) Investigate the frequency distributions for the categorical predictors. Are any of the distributions degenerate in the ways discussed earlier in this chapter?

```
# summary
dfSummary(Soybean, graph.col = F)

## Data Frame Summary
## Soybean
## Dimensions: 683 x 36
## Duplicates: 52
##
```

No	Variable	Stats / Values	Free	qs (% of Valid)	Valid	Missing
1	Class	1. 2-4-d-injury	16	(2.3%)	683	0
	[factor]	alternarialeaf-spot	91	(13.3%)	(100.0%)	(0.0%)
		3. anthracnose	44	(6.4%)		
		4. bacterial-blight	20	(2.9%)		
		bacterial-pustule	20	(2.9%)		
		6. brown-spot	92	(13.5%)		
		7. brown-stem-rot	44	(6.4%)		
		8. charcoal-rot	20	(2.9%)		
		9. cyst-nematode	14	(2.0%)		
		10. diaporthe-pod-&-stem-blig	15	(2.2%)		
		[9 others]	307	(44.9%)		
2	date	1. 0	26	(3.8%)	682	1
	[factor]	2. 1	75	(11.0%)	(99.9%)	(0.1%)
		3. 2	93	(13.6%)		

		1 0	440 (47 0%)		
##		4. 3	118 (17.3%)		
##		5. 4	131 (19.2%)		
##		6. 5	149 (21.8%)		
## ##		7. 6	90 (13.2%)		
## 3	plant.stand	1. 0	354 (54.7%)	647	36
##	[ordered, factor]	2. 1	293 (45.3%)	(94.7%)	(5.3%)
##	[oraclea, ractor]	2. 1	200 (10.0%)	(0 111 /0)	(0.0%)
## 4	precip	1. 0	74 (11.5%)	645	38
##	[ordered, factor]	2. 1	112 (17.4%)	(94.4%)	(5.6%)
##	[ordered, ractor]	3. 2	459 (71.2%)	(34.4%)	(3.0%)
		3. 2	459 (71.2%)		
##		1 0	00 (10 3%)	CEO	20
## 5 	temp	1. 0	80 (12.3%)	653	30
##	[ordered, factor]	2. 1	374 (57.3%)	(95.6%)	(4.4%)
## ##		3. 2	199 (30.5%)		
## 6	hail	1. 0	435 (77.4%)	562	121
## 0	[factor]	2. 1	127 (22.6%)	(82.3%)	(17.7%)
##	[Iactor]	2. 1	127 (22.0%)	(02.3%)	(11.1%)
		1 0	CF (0 7%)	007	1.0
## 7	crop.hist	1. 0	65 (9.7%)	667	16
##	[factor]	2. 1	165 (24.7%)	(97.7%)	(2.3%)
##		3. 2	219 (32.8%)		
## ##		4. 3	218 (32.7%)		
## ## 8	area.dam	1. 0	123 (18.0%)	682	1
## 0	[factor]	2. 1	227 (33.3%)	(99.9%)	(0.1%)
##	[Iactor]	3. 2	145 (21.3%)	(99.9%)	(0.1%)
## ##		4. 3	187 (27.4%)		
## ## 9	gover	1. 0	105 (24 7%)	562	121
	sever		195 (34.7%)		
##	[factor]	2. 1	322 (57.3%)	(82.3%)	(17.7%)
##		3. 2	45 (8.0%)		
##	_		(-, -0/)		
## 10	seed.tmt	1. 0	305 (54.3%)	562	121
##	[factor]	2. 1	222 (39.5%)	(82.3%)	(17.7%)
##		3. 2	35 (6.2%)		
##					
## 11	germ	1. 0	165 (28.9%)	571	112
##	[ordered, factor]	2. 1	213 (37.3%)	(83.6%)	(16.4%)
## ##		3. 2	193 (33.8%)		
## ## 12	nlant grouth	1. 0	441 (66.1%)	667	16
	plant.growth				
## ##	[factor]	2. 1	226 (33.9%)	(97.7%)	(2.3%)
## 13	leaves	1. 0	77 (11.3%)	683	0
##	[factor]	2. 1	606 (88.7%)	(100.0%)	(0.0%)
##	[140001]	2. 1	000 (00.1/0)	(100.0%)	(0.0%)
## ## 14	leaf.halo	1. 0	221 (36.9%)	599	84
## 14	[factor]	2. 1	36 (6.0%)	(87.7%)	(12.3%)
	[I @C POI]			(01.1%)	(14.3%)
## ##		3. 2	342 (57.1%)		
## 15	leaf.marg	1. 0	357 (59.6%)	599	84
## 10	[factor]	2. 1	21 (3.5%)	(87.7%)	(12.3%)
##	[140001]	3. 2	221 (36.9%)	(01.1%)	(12.0%)
##		J. Z	221 (30.3%)		

##							
##	16	leaf.size	1. 0	51	(8.5%)	599	84
##		[ordered, factor]	2. 1		(54.6%)	(87.7%)	(12.3%)
## ##			3. 2	221	(36.9%)		
	17	leaf.shread	1. 0	487	(83.5%)	583	100
##		[factor]	2. 1		(16.5%)	(85.4%)	(14.6%)
##							
##	18	leaf.malf	1. 0	554	(92.5%)	599	84
##		[factor]	2. 1	45	(7.5%)	(87.7%)	(12.3%)
##					4		
	19	leaf.mild	1. 0		(93.0%)	575	108
##		[factor]	2. 1		(3.5%)	(84.2%)	(15.8%)
## ##			3. 2	20	(3.5%)		
	20	stem	1. 0	296	(44.4%)	667	16
##	20	[factor]	2. 1		(55.6%)	(97.7%)	(2.3%)
##		[Idouot]	2. 1	0/1	(00.0%)	(31.176)	(2.0%)
##	21	lodging	1. 0	520	(92.5%)	562	121
##		[factor]	2. 1		(7.5%)	(82.3%)	(17.7%)
##							
##	22	stem.cankers	1. 0	379	(58.8%)	645	38
##		[factor]	2. 1		(6.0%)	(94.4%)	(5.6%)
##			3. 2		(5.6%)		
##			4. 3	191	(29.6%)		
##	00		1 0	200	(40, 6%)	C45	20
##	23	canker.lesion [factor]	1. 0 2. 1		(49.6%) (12.9%)	645 (94.4%)	38 (5.6%)
##		[Tactor]	3. 2		(27.4%)	(94.4%)	(3.6%)
##			4. 3		(10.1%)		
##			1. 0	00	(10.1/0)		
##	24	fruiting.bodies	1. 0	473	(82.0%)	577	106
##		[factor]	2. 1	104	(18.0%)	(84.5%)	(15.5%)
##							
##	25	ext.decay	1. 0		(77.1%)	645	38
##		[factor]	2. 1		(20.9%)	(94.4%)	(5.6%)
##			3. 2	13	(2.0%)		
##	06		1. 0	620	(00.1%)	C45	20
##	26	mycelium [factor]	2. 1		(99.1%) (0.9%)	645 (94.4%)	38 (5.6%)
##		[Idctol]	2. 1	O	(0.3%)	(34.4%)	(3.0%)
	27	int.discolor	1. 0	581	(90.1%)	645	38
##		[factor]	2. 1		(6.8%)	(94.4%)	(5.6%)
##			3. 2		(3.1%)		
##							
	28	sclerotia	1. 0		(96.9%)	645	38
##		[factor]	2. 1	20	(3.1%)	(94.4%)	(5.6%)
##					(07.0%)		
	29	fruit.pods	1. 0		(67.9%)	599	84
##		[factor]	2. 1		(21.7%)	(87.7%)	(12.3%)
## ##			3. 2 4. 3		(2.3%) (8.0%)		
##			Ŧ. U	40	(0.0%)		
	30	fruit.spots	1. 0	345	(59.8%)	577	106
			·	0.10	/ /		

##	[factor]	2. 1	75	(13.0%)	(84.5%)	(15.5%)
##	[140001]	3. 2		(9.9%)	(31.0%)	(10.0%)
##		4. 4		(17.3%)		
		4. 4	100	(11.3%)		
##	1	4 0	470	(00 5%)	F04	00
## 31	seed	1. 0		(80.5%)	591	92
##	[factor]	2. 1	115	(19.5%)	(86.5%)	(13.5%)
##						
## 32	mold.growth	1. 0	524	(88.7%)	591	92
##	[factor]	2. 1	67	(11.3%)	(86.5%)	(13.5%)
##						
## 33	seed.discolor	1. 0	513	(88.9%)	577	106
##	[factor]	2. 1	64	(11.1%)	(84.5%)	(15.5%)
##						
## 34	seed.size	1. 0	532	(90.0%)	591	92
##	[factor]	2. 1	59	(10.0%)	(86.5%)	(13.5%)
##					(= = = , , ,	
## 35	shriveling	1. 0	539	(93.4%)	577	106
##	[factor]	2. 1		(6.6%)	(84.5%)	(15.5%)
##	[200002]	_, _		(0.070)	(01.070)	(20,070)
## 36	roots	1. 0	551	(84.5%)	652	31
## 00	[factor]	2. 1		(13.2%)	(95.5%)	(4.5%)
	[IQC COI]				(30.0%)	(4.0%)
##		3. 2	15	(2.3%)		
##						

This tables shows the frequesncy distribution of Soybean dataset. The data has 683 rows and 36 variables. There are 35 predictors in the data and 'Class' is the response variable. There are 19 classes for response variable 'Class'. All predictors are numeric categorical variables.

From link, A degenerate distribution (sometimes called a constant distribution) is a distribution of a degenerate random variable — a constant with probability of 1. In other words, a random variable X has a single possible value. In other words, A random variable, X, is degenerate if, for some a constant, c, P(X = c) = 1.

The nearZeroVar function could be used to find the degenrate variables here.

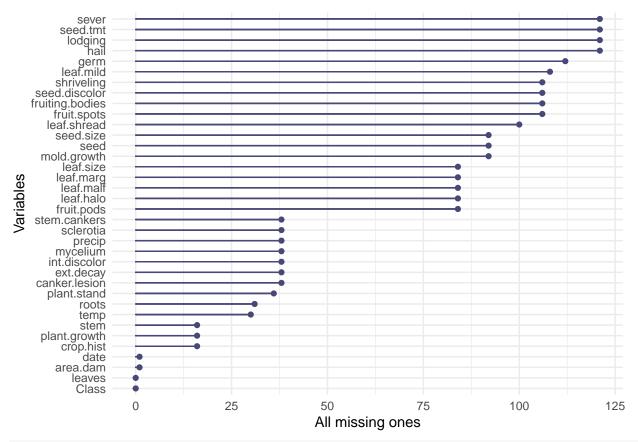
```
# find degenerate vars
nzvs <- nearZeroVar(Soybean)
names(Soybean) [nzvs]</pre>
```

```
## [1] "leaf.mild" "mycelium" "sclerotia"
```

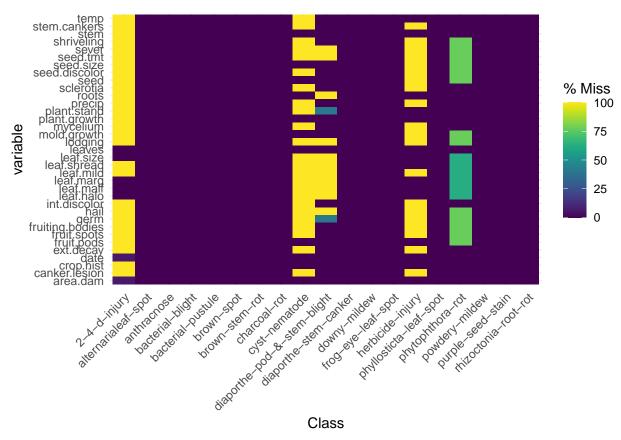
There are three variables leaf.mild, mycelium and sclerotia that have a non zero variance and it would be good to remove these variables from the model.

(b) Roughly 18% of the data are missing. Are there particular predictors that are more likely to be missing? Is the pattern of missing data related to the classes?

```
gg_miss_var(Soybean) + labs(y = "All missing ones")
```



gg_miss_fct(x=Soybean, fct=Class)



(c) Develop a strategy for handling missing data, either by eliminating predictors or imputation.