

[STAT W4702] Statistical Inference & Modelling Group Project

Babies

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Abstract

Data Set

This project was conducted on the Low Birth Weight dataset collected in 1986 at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Massachusetts as a part of a bigger study on the factors influencing newborn infants' health and risk of serious health problems potentially leading to death. This dataset is distributed as a part of MASS library and contains **189 observations** and **10 variables**, among which **bwt** represents the exact amount of newborn infant's weight in grams and is used as the variable of interest we are trying to predict. The other 9 variables stand for different factors related to mothers' physiological parameters, such as age, weight and race, their health-related habits and behavior during pregnancy (smoking habits, presence of uterine irritability and number of physician visits). Also there is a low birth weight indicator **low**, which is defined as a binary variable showing whether the weight of an infant is below 2500 grams or not. Brief description of each variable is provided in the table below.

The goal of our research is to identify relationship between these variables and infant weight and understand the influence of each of them on the explained variable. The project pursue both inferential and predictive goals as it is equally important to be able to obtain inference about factors affecting newborn's health and to be able to react on the potential health risks in a timely manner, when the model predicts the low birth weight outcome for a certain observation. In order to accomplish this goal we tried to fit multiple linear and non-linear models exploring the rationale that could provide the evidence for certain types of models and finding balance between interpretability and predictive power of the model.

Cleaning Dataset

For the purposes of the research the dataset was cleaned in the following way:

- factor variable **race** was assigned with proper labels **white**, **black** and **other**;
- physician visits were converted to a factor variable **ftv** with 3 labels 0, 1 and 2+;
- response is defined as an exact amount of infant's weight from **bwt**;
- all the columns are assigned with meaningful names.

Variable description table and summary statistics of the tidy dataset are provided below.

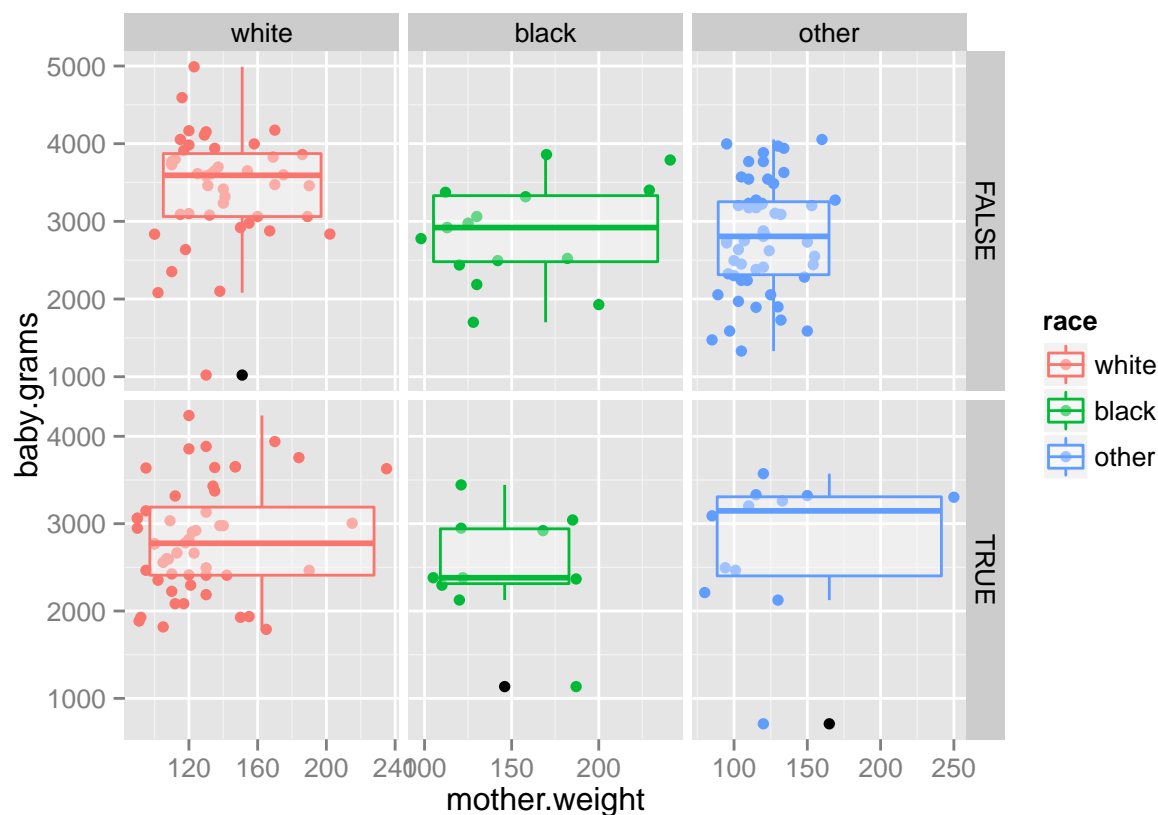
Variable	Description
baby.grams	weight of newborn infant in grams
mother.age	mother's age in years
mother.weight	mother's weight in pounds at last menstrual period
race	mother's race, factor variable with following labels: <i>white</i> , <i>black</i> or <i>other</i>
smoke	smoking status during pregnancy, binary variable
prem.labor	binary variable showing whether mother had premature labors before or not
hypertension	binary variable showing whether mother had hypertension or not

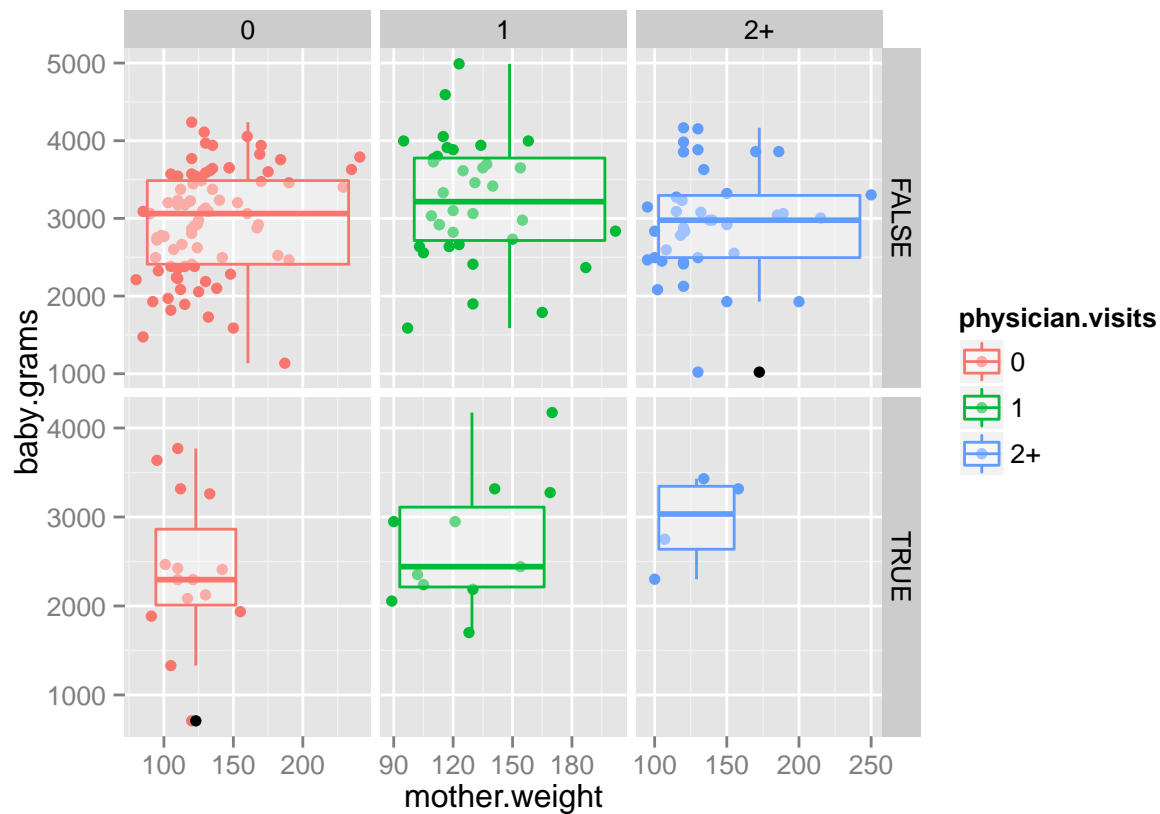
Variable	Description
uterine	binary variable showing presence of uterine irritability
physician.visits	number of physician visits during the first trimester: 0, 1 or 2+

```
##      baby.grams      mother.age      mother.weight      race      smoke
##  Min.   : 709      Min.   :14.00      Min.   : 80.0      white:96      Mode :logical
##  1st Qu.:2414      1st Qu.:19.00      1st Qu.:110.0      black:26      FALSE:115
##  Median :2977      Median :23.00      Median :121.0      other:67      TRUE : 74
##  Mean   :2945      Mean   :23.24      Mean   :129.8                      NA's : 0
##  3rd Qu.:3487      3rd Qu.:26.00      3rd Qu.:140.0
##  Max.   :4990      Max.   :45.00      Max.   :250.0
##  prem.labor hypertension      uterine      physician.visits
##  FALSE:159      Mode :logical      Mode :logical      0 :100
##  TRUE : 30      FALSE:177      FALSE:161      1 : 47
##                      TRUE :12      TRUE :28      2+: 42
##                      NA's :0      NA's :0
##
##
```

```
cor(bwt.grams[,1:3])
```

```
##              baby.grams mother.age mother.weight
## baby.grams      1.00000000 0.09031781  0.1857333
## mother.age      0.09031781 1.00000000  0.1800732
## mother.weight   0.18573328 0.18007315  1.0000000
```





```
set.seed(1)
train <- sample(1:nrow(bwt.grams), floor(0.75*nrow(bwt.grams)))
```

```
library(MASS)
data(birthwt)
bwt <- with(birthwt, {
  race <- factor(race, labels = c("white", "black", "other"))
  ptd <- factor(ptl > 0)
  ftv <- factor(ftv)
  levels(ftv)[-1:2] <- "2+"
  data.frame(low, age, lwt, race, smoke = (smoke > 0),
             ptd, ht = (ht > 0), ui = (ui > 0), ftv)
})
colnames(bwt) <- c("below.2500", "mother.age",
                  "mother.weight", "race",
                  "smoke", "prem.labor",
                  "hypertension", "uterine",
                  "physician.visits")

bwt.grams <- with(birthwt, {
  race <- factor(race, labels = c("white", "black", "other"))
  ptd <- factor(ptl > 0)
  ftv <- factor(ftv)
  levels(ftv)[-1:2] <- "2+"
  data.frame(bwt, age, lwt, race, smoke = (smoke > 0),
             ptd, ht = (ht > 0), ui = (ui > 0), ftv)
})
```

```
colnames(bwt.grams) <- c("baby.grams", "mother.age",
                        "mother.weight", "race",
                        "smoke", "prem.labor",
                        "hypertension", "uterine",
                        "physician.visits")

summary(bwt)
```

```
##    below.2500    mother.age    mother.weight    race
## Min.   :0.0000    Min.   :14.00    Min.   : 80.0    white:96
## 1st Qu.:0.0000    1st Qu.:19.00    1st Qu.:110.0    black:26
## Median :0.0000    Median :23.00    Median :121.0    other:67
## Mean   :0.3122    Mean   :23.24    Mean   :129.8
## 3rd Qu.:1.0000    3rd Qu.:26.00    3rd Qu.:140.0
## Max.   :1.0000    Max.   :45.00    Max.   :250.0
##    smoke    prem.labor    hypertension    uterine
## Mode :logical FALSE:159    Mode :logical    Mode :logical
## FALSE:115    TRUE : 30    FALSE:177    FALSE:161
## TRUE :74
## NA's :0
##
##
## physician.visits
## 0 :100
## 1 : 47
## 2+: 42
##
##
##
```

```
summary(bwt.grams)
```

```
##    baby.grams    mother.age    mother.weight    race    smoke
## Min.   : 709    Min.   :14.00    Min.   : 80.0    white:96    Mode :logical
## 1st Qu.:2414    1st Qu.:19.00    1st Qu.:110.0    black:26    FALSE:115
## Median :2977    Median :23.00    Median :121.0    other:67    TRUE :74
## Mean   :2945    Mean   :23.24    Mean   :129.8
## 3rd Qu.:3487    3rd Qu.:26.00    3rd Qu.:140.0
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##    prem.labor    hypertension    uterine    physician.visits
## FALSE:159    Mode :logical    Mode :logical    0 :100
## TRUE : 30    FALSE:177    FALSE:161    1 : 47
##
##    TRUE :12    TRUE :28    2+: 42
##
##    NA's :0    NA's :0
##
##
```

```
bwt[0:10,]
```

```
##    below.2500    mother.age    mother.weight    race    smoke    prem.labor    hypertension
## 1            0            19            182 black FALSE        FALSE        FALSE
## 2            0            33            155 other FALSE        FALSE        FALSE
## 3            0            20            105 white  TRUE        FALSE        FALSE
```

```
## 4      0      21      108 white TRUE      FALSE      FALSE
## 5      0      18      107 white TRUE      FALSE      FALSE
## 6      0      21      124 other FALSE     FALSE     FALSE
## 7      0      22      118 white FALSE     FALSE     FALSE
## 8      0      17      103 other FALSE     FALSE     FALSE
## 9      0      29      123 white TRUE      FALSE     FALSE
## 10     0      26      113 white TRUE      FALSE     FALSE
##      uterine physician.visits
## 1      TRUE      0
## 2     FALSE     2+
## 3     FALSE      1
## 4      TRUE     2+
## 5      TRUE      0
## 6     FALSE      0
## 7     FALSE      1
## 8     FALSE      1
## 9     FALSE      1
## 10    FALSE      0
```

```
bwt.grams[0:10,]
```

```
##      baby.grams mother.age mother.weight  race smoke prem.labor hypertension
## 1      2523      19      182 black FALSE      FALSE      FALSE
## 2      2551      33      155 other FALSE     FALSE     FALSE
## 3      2557      20      105 white TRUE      FALSE     FALSE
## 4      2594      21      108 white TRUE      FALSE     FALSE
## 5      2600      18      107 white TRUE      FALSE     FALSE
## 6      2622      21      124 other FALSE     FALSE     FALSE
## 7      2637      22      118 white FALSE     FALSE     FALSE
## 8      2637      17      103 other FALSE     FALSE     FALSE
## 9      2663      29      123 white TRUE      FALSE     FALSE
## 10     2665      26      113 white TRUE      FALSE     FALSE
##      uterine physician.visits
## 1      TRUE      0
## 2     FALSE     2+
## 3     FALSE      1
## 4      TRUE     2+
## 5      TRUE      0
## 6     FALSE      0
## 7     FALSE      1
## 8     FALSE      1
## 9     FALSE      1
## 10    FALSE      0
```

```
attach(bwt.grams)
```

```
library(leaps)
regfit.full=regsubsets(baby.grams~., bwt.grams, nvmax =19)
reg.summary = summary(regfit.full)
reg.summary$rsq
```

```
## [1] 0.08061477 0.11225032 0.14782772 0.18905712 0.21364404 0.24039446
## [7] 0.25042689 0.25537670 0.25647316 0.25682243
```

```
par(mfrow =c(2,2))
plot(reg.summary$rss ,xlab=" Number of Variables ",ylab=" RSS", type="l")
plot(reg.summary$adjr2 ,xlab=" Number of Variables ", ylab=" Adjusted RSq",type="l")
max.adj2=which.max (reg.summary$adjr2)
max.adj2
```

```
## [1] 8
```

```
points (max.adj2, reg.summary$adjr2[max.adj2], col ="red",cex =2, pch =20)
```

```
plot(reg.summary$cp ,xlab=" Number of Variables ", ylab="Cp", type='l')
min.cp= which.min (reg.summary$cp )
min.cp
```

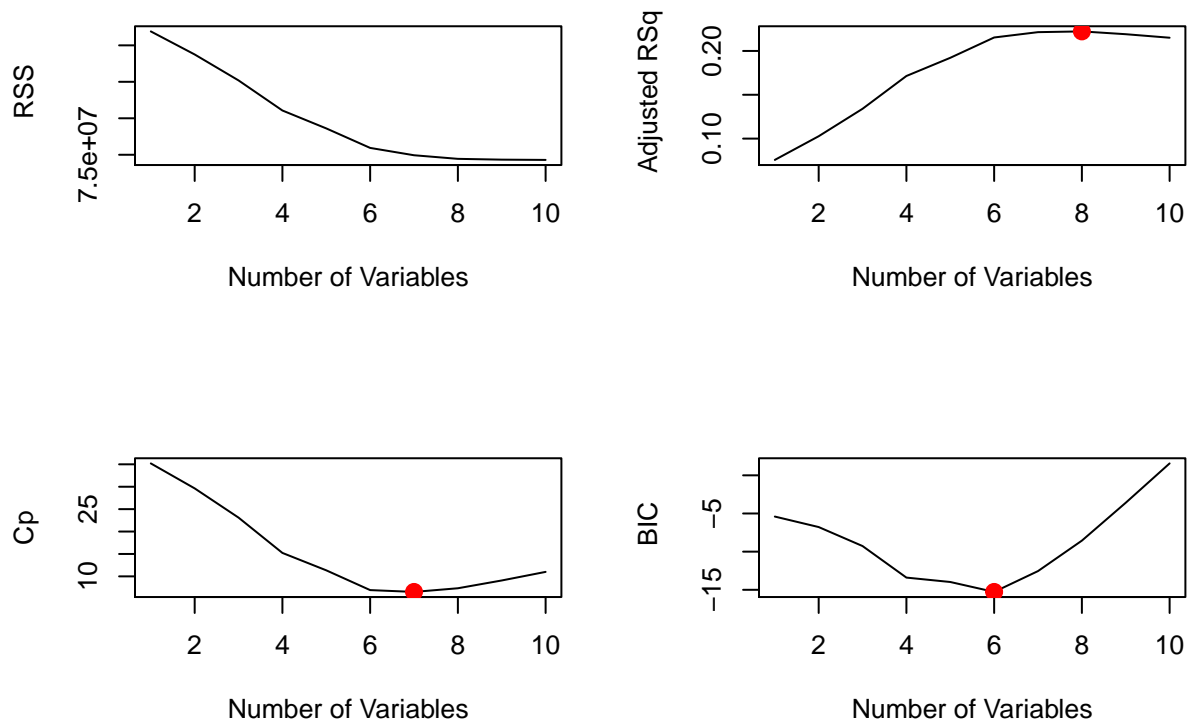
```
## [1] 7
```

```
points (min.cp, reg.summary$cp[min.cp], col ="red",cex =2, pch =20)
```

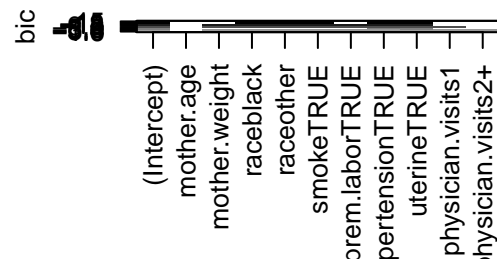
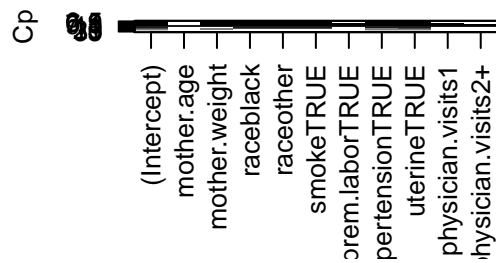
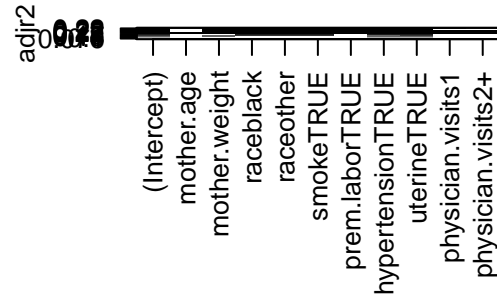
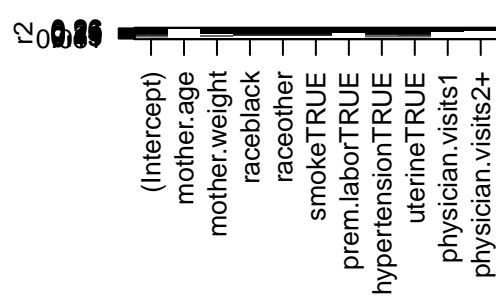
```
min.bic = which.min(reg.summary$bic)
min.bic
```

```
## [1] 6
```

```
plot(reg.summary$bic ,xlab=" Number of Variables ",ylab=" BIC", type='l')
points (min.bic, reg.summary$bic [min.bic], col =" red",cex =2, pch =20)
```



```
plot(regfit.full, scale = "r2")
plot(regfit.full, scale = "adjr2")
plot(regfit.full, scale = "Cp")
plot(regfit.full, scale = "bic")
```



```
coef(regfit.full, max.adjR2)
```

```
##      (Intercept)      mother.weight      raceblack      raceother
##      2799.714010          4.194539      -453.359173      -305.169792
##      smokeTRUE      prem.laborTRUE      hypertensionTRUE      uterineTRUE
##      -294.468372      -235.263456      -577.857003      -478.599299
## physician.visits1
##      125.220667
```

```
coef(regfit.full, min.cp)
```

```
##      (Intercept)      mother.weight      raceblack      raceother
##      2871.512227          4.043831      -465.601219      -333.878191
##      smokeTRUE      prem.laborTRUE      hypertensionTRUE      uterineTRUE
##      -325.081991      -207.834528      -573.799253      -491.143889
```

```
coef(regfit.full, min.bic)
```

```
##      (Intercept)      mother.weight      raceblack      raceother
##      2837.26392          4.24155      -475.05760      -348.15038
##      smokeTRUE      hypertensionTRUE      uterineTRUE
##      -356.32095      -585.19312      -525.52390
```

```
classfit.full=regsubsets(below.2500~., bwt, nvmax =19)
class.summary = summary(classfit.full)
class.summary$rsq
```

```
## [1] 0.07279919 0.09555397 0.12812223 0.14603025 0.16130952 0.17290333
## [7] 0.18432185 0.19036572 0.19240164 0.19259390
```

```
par(mfrow =c(2,2))
plot(class.summary$rss ,xlab=" Number of Variables ",ylab=" RSS", type="l")
plot(class.summary$adjr2 ,xlab =" Number of Variables ", ylab=" Adjusted RSq",type="l")
max.adj2=which.max (class.summary$adjr2)
max.adj2
```

```
## [1] 8
```

```
points (max.adj2, class.summary$adjr2[max.adj2], col ="red",cex =2, pch =20)
```

```
plot(class.summary$cp ,xlab =" Number of Variables ", ylab="Cp", type='l')
min.cp= which.min (class.summary$cp )
min.cp
```

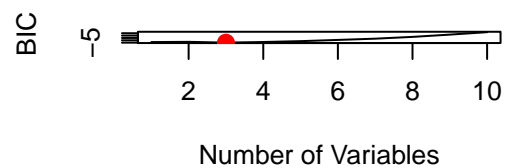
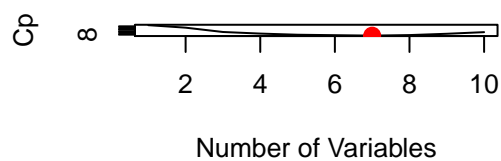
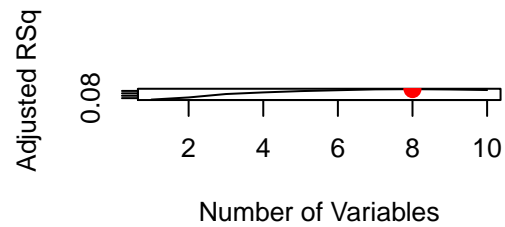
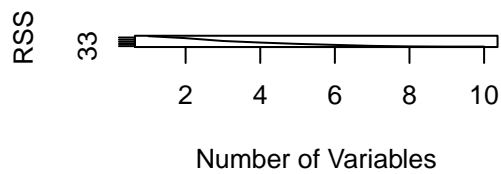
```
## [1] 7
```

```
points (min.cp, class.summary$cp[min.cp], col ="red",cex =2, pch =20)
```

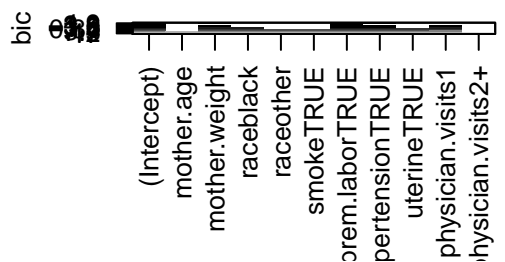
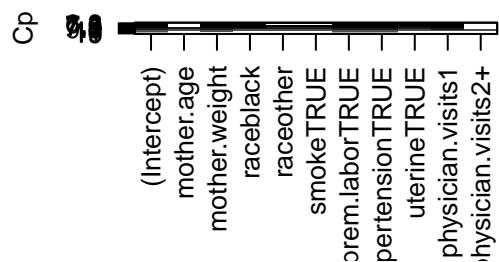
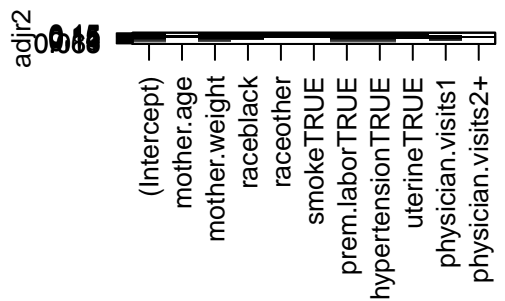
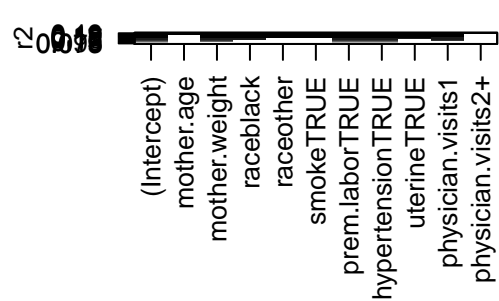
```
min.bic = which.min(class.summary$bic)
min.bic
```

```
## [1] 3
```

```
plot(class.summary$bic ,xlab=" Number of Variables ",ylab=" BIC", type='l')
points (min.bic, class.summary$bic [min.bic], col =" red",cex =2, pch =20)
```

```
plot(classfit.full, scale = "r2")
plot(classfit.full, scale = "adjr2")
plot(classfit.full, scale = "Cp")
plot(classfit.full, scale = "bic")
```



```
coef(classfit.full, max.adj2)
```

```
##      (Intercept)      mother.weight      raceblack      raceother
##      0.47731870      -0.00269524      0.21446267      0.11814439
```

```
##      smokeTRUE      prem.laborTRUE      hypertensionTRUE      uterineTRUE
##      0.12582999      0.26509425      0.36294635      0.14095381
## physician.visits1
##      -0.08816014
```

```
coef(classfit.full, min.cp)
```

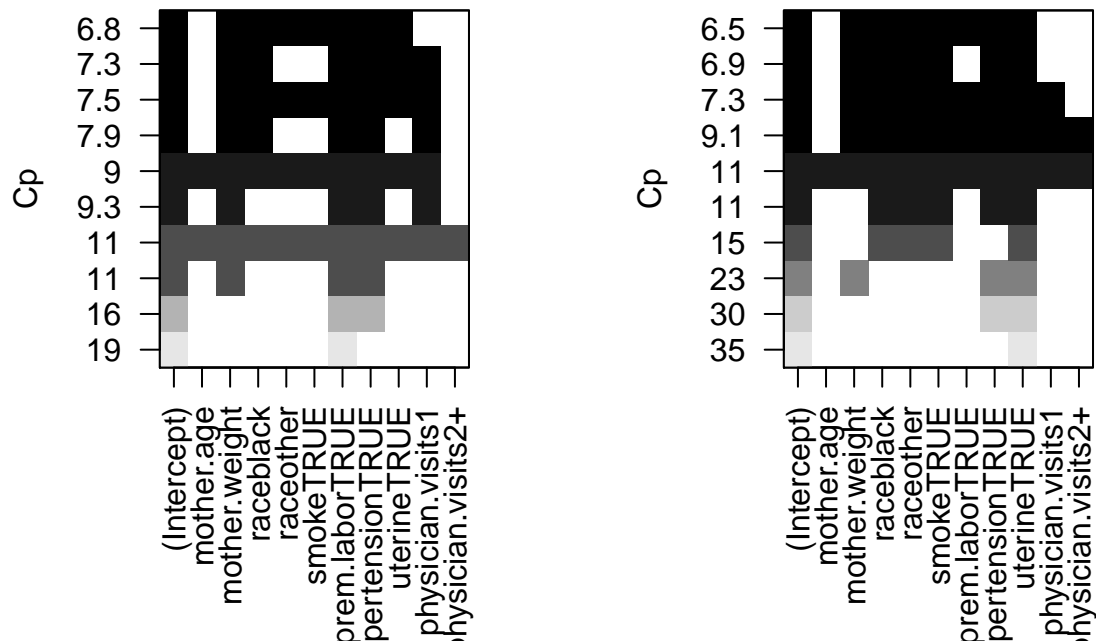
```
##      (Intercept)      mother.weight      raceblack      raceother
##      0.426770003      -0.002589136      0.223081542      0.138356202
##      smokeTRUE      prem.laborTRUE      hypertensionTRUE      uterineTRUE
##      0.147383151      0.245783235      0.360089535      0.149785677
```

```
coef(classfit.full, min.bic)
```

```
##      (Intercept)      mother.weight      prem.laborTRUE      hypertensionTRUE
##      0.607928770      -0.002842709      0.313205471      0.370930320
```

```
#Let's compare classification and regression
```

```
par(mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(classfit.full, scale = "Cp")
plot(regfit.full, scale = "Cp")
```



```
#Logistic regression with the predictors selected by best subset
```

```
log.fit = glm( below.2500~ mother.weight+race+smoke+hypertension+uterine, family = binomial, data=bwt[t,
summary(log.fit)
```

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = below.2500 ~ mother.weight + race + smoke + hypertension +
##      uterine, family = binomial, data = bwt[train, ])
```

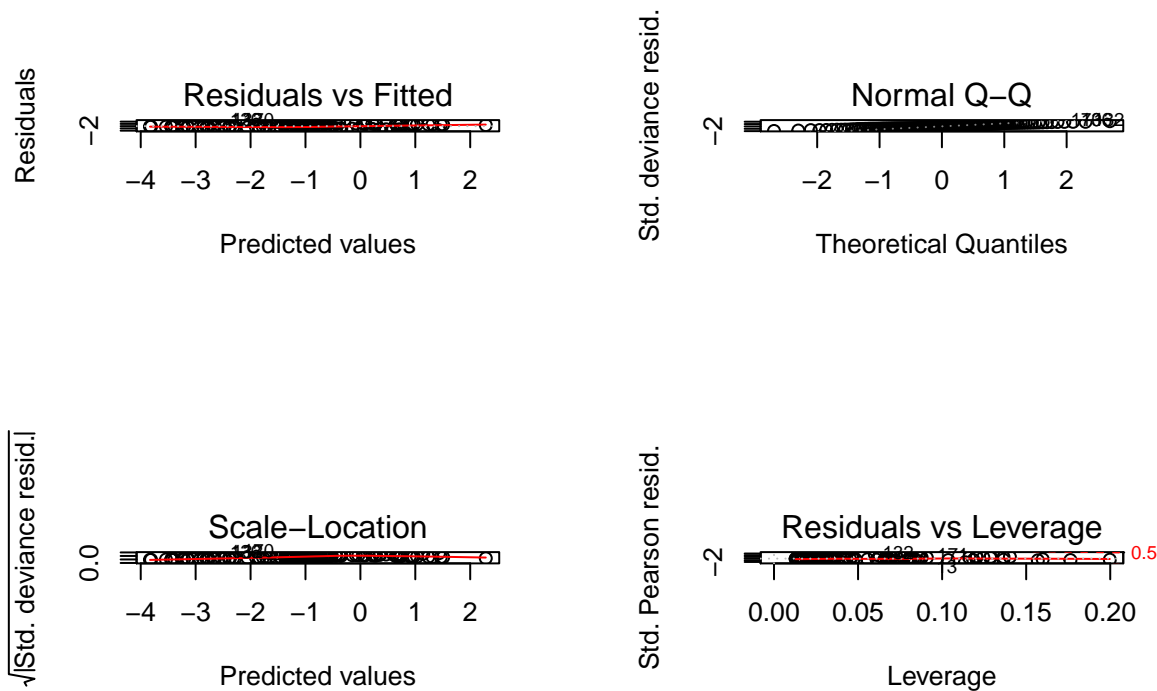
```
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.8144  -0.7984  -0.4335   0.8262   2.1800
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)   -0.143646    1.153607  -0.125  0.90090
## mother.weight -0.019410    0.008422  -2.305  0.02119 *
## raceblack     1.671922    0.653759   2.557  0.01055 *
## raceother     1.395900    0.561766   2.485  0.01296 *
## smokeTRUE     1.543006    0.511265   3.018  0.00254 **
## hypertensionTRUE 2.023435    0.777850   2.601  0.00929 **
## uterineTRUE    1.041207    0.545658   1.908  0.05637 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##      Null deviance: 175.05  on 140  degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 142.72  on 134  degrees of freedom
## AIC: 156.72
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

```
confint(log.fit)
```

```
## Waiting for profiling to be done...
```

```
##              2.5 %      97.5 %
## (Intercept)  -2.32618747  2.220864159
## mother.weight -0.03731747 -0.004067736
## raceblack     0.41072752  3.005448309
## raceother     0.33601380  2.561460286
## smokeTRUE     0.58304495  2.610272893
## hypertensionTRUE 0.54469293  3.659423231
## uterineTRUE   -0.02878761  2.132040177
```

```
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
plot(log.fit)
```



```
pred.train <- predict(log.fit, type = "response")
low.train <- sapply(pred.train, function(x) {ifelse(x > 0.5, 1, 0)})
table(low.train, bwt$below.2500[train])
```

```
##
## low.train  0  1
##           0 87 25
##           1 10 19
```

```
mean(low.train == bwt$below.2500[train])
```

```
## [1] 0.751773
```

```
pred.test <- predict(log.fit, newdata = bwt[-train, -1], type = "response")
low.test <- sapply(pred.test, function(x) {ifelse(x > 0.5, 1, 0)})
table(low.test, bwt$below.2500[-train])
```

```
##
## low.test  0  1
##           0 29 11
##           1  4  4
```

```
mean(low.test == bwt$below.2500[-train])
```

```
## [1] 0.6875
```

```
#Linear regression with the predictors selected by best subset
lm.fit = lm( baby.grams~ mother.weight+race+smoke+hypertension+uterine, data=bwt.grams)
summary(lm.fit)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = baby.grams ~ mother.weight + race + smoke + hypertension +
##      uterine, data = bwt.grams)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1842.14  -433.19   67.09   459.21  1631.03
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    2837.264    243.676   11.644 < 2e-16 ***
## mother.weight      4.242      1.675    2.532 0.012198 *
## raceblack     -475.058    145.603   -3.263 0.001318 **
## raceother     -348.150    112.361   -3.099 0.002254 **
## smokeTRUE     -356.321    103.444   -3.445 0.000710 ***
## hypertensionTRUE -585.193    199.644   -2.931 0.003810 **
## uterineTRUE     -525.524    134.675   -3.902 0.000134 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 645.9 on 182 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.2404, Adjusted R-squared:  0.2154
## F-statistic: 9.6 on 6 and 182 DF, p-value: 3.601e-09
```

```
confint(lm.fit)
```

```
##              2.5 %      97.5 %
## (Intercept)  2356.4706569 3318.057183
## mother.weight    0.9358509   7.547249
## raceblack     -762.3440159 -187.771193
## raceother     -569.8476393 -126.453123
## smokeTRUE     -560.4237850 -152.218115
## hypertensionTRUE -979.1080814 -191.278160
## uterineTRUE     -791.2496587 -259.798136
```

```
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
plot(lm.fit)
```

