Predicting Quarterback Fantasy Score

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Abstract

Hype.

1 Introduction

Fantasy sports are a big business. Generating nearly 7 billion dollars annually (cite) and with approximately 60 million players in the US/Canada (cite), fantasy sports – particularly football – have become as big as the sports that they mimic. Players can compete head to head in leagues across a wide range of providers (Yahoo, CBS, ESPN, DraftKings, DraftStreet etc) – each with their own rulesets and stakes. Some are just friendly leagues set up between friends or coworkers, no real stakes other than bragging rights, others have significant monetary rewards for those that can get to the top of the leaderboard.

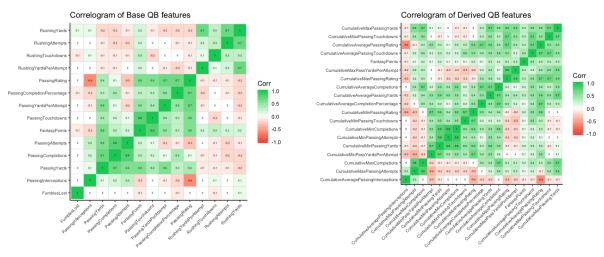
The explosion of weekly leagues over the course of the last few years has seen an already huge business get even larger. In the weekly cash leagues – each player is given a budget and drafts a completely new team every week. Each draft site uses a predictive model to set player salaries based on the number of points the model predicts that player to score. Budget constraints make it impossible to simply select the players that are predicted to score the most points – hence having a predictive model for which players will generate the best return on investment would be a huge advantage. In the following analysis we will attempt to build position specific models that can accurately predict the number of points a given NFL player is likely to score in a given week.

2 Data Description

The fantasydata.com is leading sports data company, providing real-time post games feeds across all major sports to both fantasy and other companies. For this exercise NFL data was retrived through API calls for predicting quarterback's performance in next match by estimating fantasypoints. For model building 17 weeks of data was obtained for around 56 players for season 2017. This dataset contains 453 quarterabck's observations from 17 matches and 512 observations of opponent's team. These observations contains 13 explanatory variables for quarterback and 18 derived from defensive statistics i.e. from opponent team. For the first analysis in this paper, we have focused on predicting Fantasypoints in the next match based on data available till current game. Since this is weekly data for individual player, The second analysis expands this analyse to building time series model to forecast performance in next matches. More information on the details can be found in the analyses that follow.

3 Exploratory Analysis

Data was retrived from real-time post games feed made available by fantasydata website. Quarterback with 453 observations for about 56 players and defensive statistics with 512 observations was analyzed for missing information. Data appeared to be clean. Section 6 of Appendix-I shows data is clean, there are no missing values and therefore no data cleaning operation was required. This dataset contains statistics of weekly performance, All possible variables were examined during exploratory analysis and variables which found to have influence on fantasyPoints (Target Variable) were selected. Thirteen base predictors were found with linear relationship with FantasyPoints and 18 are derived from defensive statistics. Scatterplots of base and derived predictors have been added to section 9 of the Appendix-I. Here is the Corroleogram for base and derived predictors.



4 Objective One

4.1 Model Selection

4.1.1 Type of Selection

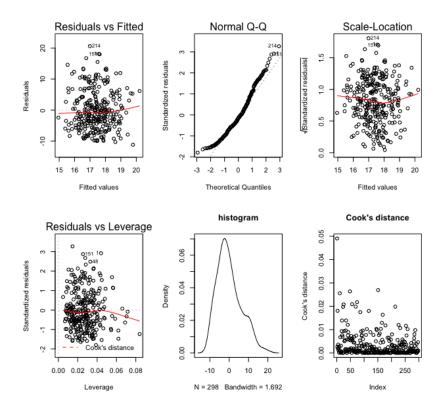
Of the tools made available to us in the course, we believe that LASSO estimation is the best option available to us. Subset selection discretely adds and removes variables, leaving far too much room for overfitting. While ridge regression is a great shrinkage method for many scenarios, we believe that it is at least slightly desirable for the coefficients of truly unnecessary variables to actually be zero so that some true form of variable selection is occurring. We are implicitly saying that a small set of variables are necessary to predict fantasy scores, but the nature of football, the size of our dataset, and the disproportionate amount of points that goes to touchdowns indicates that this assumptions may very well be appropriate.

4.1.2 Assumption-Checking

The LASSO model is a linear model and thus assumes that there is a linear relationship between the response and the parameters. Furthermore, it is also important that the variance of the residuals is constant across the predictors in order for our model to adequately capture the variation in the response. Because we are not interested in quantifying our uncertainty, we don't make any assumptions about the distribution of the residuals.

Fit diagnostics are given in the set of plots represented in below plot.

- **4.1.2.1 Residual Plots** An examination of the residual plots fitted data shows a more randomized pattern for both the regular and studentized residuals. The residual Q-Q plot shows a nice linear trend, and the residual histogram is very nearly normally distributed.
- **4.1.2.2** Influential point analysis only one observation stood out immediately on the Cook's D plot, so it is necessary to examine this outlier and see what is going on. Upon further inspection, the data point appears to be valid, so there is no good reason to exclude it from the analysis, and we can proceed with caution.
- **4.1.2.3 Linearity** the FantasyPoints by 13 predictors do appear to be linear, as per scatterplots in section 9 of the appendix.
- **4.1.2.4** Normality As shown in the QQ plot. Residuals are normally distributed, it means FantasyPoints do appear to be linear with defensive variables AvgPassDefense and cumulative sum variables dervived from defensive statistics.
- **4.1.2.5** Independence for Multiple linear regression, model is used to predict performance of quarterback in the next game based on today's performance taking into consideration oppoent't performance befor playing against them. so data is assumed to be independence.
- **4.1.2.6** Constant Variance Residual vs fitted plot shows random cloud which indicates there is constant variance.



5 Objective Two

Appendix-I

Exploratory Data Analysis

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```
#1: Load required libraries
#2: Load Quarterback Crosssectional data
load("../analysis/data/.RData")
QBCrossSectional = getFootballData(URL) %>% filterUnwantedVariables() %>% filter(Position == 'QB')
summary(QBCrossSectional)
##
       PlayerID
                                                              Position
                         Name
                                               Week
##
    Min.
           : 611
                     Length: 453
                                                 : 1.000
                                                           Length: 453
                                         Min.
                                         1st Qu.: 5.000
##
    1st Qu.: 7242
                     Class : character
                                                            Class : character
##
   Median :13723
                     Mode : character
                                         Median: 9.000
                                                           Mode : character
##
    Mean
           :11932
                                         Mean
                                                 : 9.049
    3rd Qu.:16763
##
                                         3rd Qu.:13.000
##
    Max.
           :19029
                                         Max.
                                                 :17.000
##
                        TeamIsHome
                                           GameDate
                                                              PassingCompletions
      Opponent
##
    Length: 453
                        Mode :logical
                                         Length: 453
                                                              Min.
                                                                     : 5.00
    Class :character
##
                        FALSE: 226
                                         Class : character
                                                              1st Qu.:18.00
##
    Mode :character
                        TRUE :227
                                         Mode : character
                                                              Median :21.00
##
                                                                     :21.24
                                                              Mean
##
                                                              3rd Qu.:25.00
##
                                                              Max.
                                                                     :44.00
##
       Result
                        PassingAttempts PassingCompletionPercentage
    Length: 453
                                :10.00
                                                 :38.70
##
                        Min.
                                         Min.
##
    Class : character
                        1st Qu.:29.00
                                         1st Qu.:57.10
##
    Mode :character
                        Median :33.00
                                         Median :63.20
##
                        Mean
                                :33.62
                                         Mean
                                                 :63.48
##
                        3rd Qu.:38.00
                                         3rd Qu.:69.40
##
                        Max.
                                :66.00
                                         Max.
                                                 :87.00
##
     PassingYards
                     PassingYardsPerAttempt PassingTouchdowns
##
    Min.
           : 57.0
                     Min.
                            : 3.100
                                             Min.
                                                     :0.000
##
    1st Qu.:199.0
                     1st Qu.: 6.200
                                              1st Qu.:1.000
    Median :241.0
                                             Median :1.000
##
                     Median : 7.200
##
    Mean
           :244.6
                     Mean
                            : 7.378
                                             Mean
                                                     :1.587
##
    3rd Qu.:291.0
                     3rd Qu.: 8.400
                                             3rd Qu.:2.000
##
    Max.
           :506.0
                     Max.
                             :14.100
                                             Max.
                                                     :5.000
##
    PassingInterceptions PassingRating
                                             RushingAttempts
                                                                RushingYards
                                                   : 0.000
                                                                      :-8.00
    Min.
           :0.00
                          Min.
                                 : 31.14
                                             Min.
                                                               Min.
##
    1st Qu.:0.00
                          1st Qu.: 77.92
                                             1st Qu.: 1.000
                                                               1st Qu.: 0.00
    Median:0.00
                          Median: 92.94
                                             Median : 3.000
##
                                                               Median: 8.00
##
   Mean
           :0.66
                                 : 93.88
                          Mean
                                            Mean
                                                   : 3.185
                                                               Mean
                                                                       :14.38
##
    3rd Qu.:1.00
                          3rd Qu.:109.84
                                             3rd Qu.: 5.000
                                                               3rd Qu.:23.00
##
    Max.
           :4.00
                          Max.
                                  :150.69
                                             Max.
                                                    :14.000
                                                               Max.
                                                                       :95.00
##
    {\tt Rushing Yards Per Attempt\ Rushing Touchdowns\ \ Fumbles Lost}
                                                                  FantasyPoints
##
   Min.
           :-2.700
                            Min.
                                    :0.0000
                                                Min.
                                                       :0.0000
                                                                  Min.
                                                                         : 7.12
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1st Qu.:0.0000

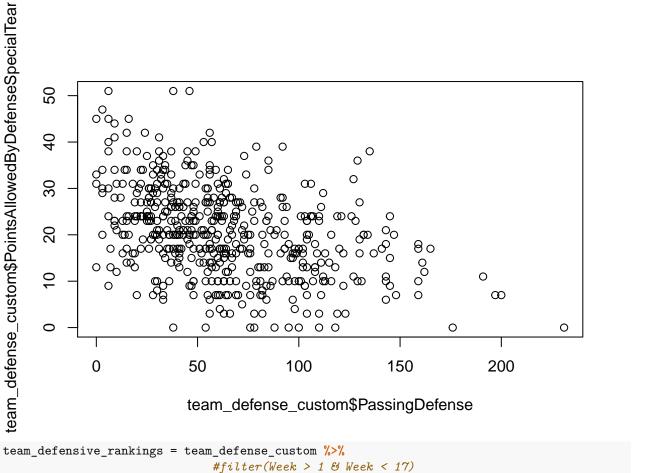
1st Qu.:11.86

1st Qu.:0.0000

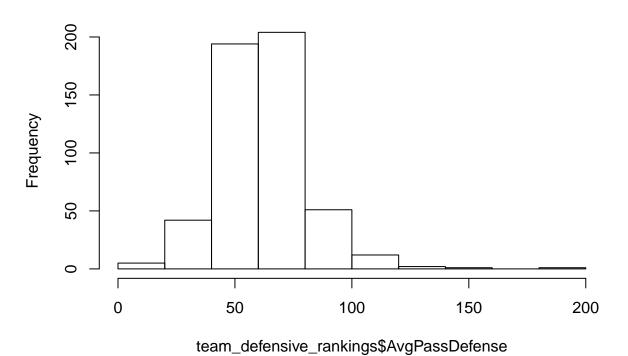
##

1st Qu.: 0.000

```
## Median : 3.000
                          Median :0.0000
                                            Median :0.0000
                                                            Median :15.86
                          Mean :0.1457
## Mean : 3.839
                                            Mean :0.1766 Mean :16.89
                                            3rd Qu.:0.0000
## 3rd Qu.: 6.000
                          3rd Qu.:0.0000
                                                            3rd Qu.:20.68
                                 :2.0000
## Max.
          :70.000
                          Max.
                                            Max.
                                                   :3.0000 Max. :37.64
##
       Team
## Length:453
## Class :character
## Mode :character
##
##
##
attach(QBCrossSectional)
## The following object is masked from package:ggplot2:
##
##
      Position
Drop rushing yards per attempt
#3: Defensive stats
## 3.1 : Team Defensive Stats
team_defense = getFootballData("https://fantasydata.com/FantasyStatsNFL/FantasyStats_Read?sort=FantasyP
team_defense$StatSummary = c(NULL)
defensive_columns = c('Team', 'Week', 'TacklesForLoss', 'Sacks', 'QuarterbackHits', 'Interceptions', 'F
team_defense = team_defense %>% dplyr::select(defensive_columns) %>% rename('DefensiveFantasyPoints'='F
attach(team_defense)
## The following objects are masked from QBCrossSectional:
##
##
      Team, Week
## 3.5 : Add defensive matchups
#This only adds the current weeks matchup - we need next week's matchup as a target
team_defense_custom = sqldf("SELECT Team
                                    ,Week
                                    , (Sacks * 4
                                   +QuarterbackHits * 3
                                   +Interceptions * 7
                                   +SackYards * 2) as PassingDefense
                                    ,PointsAllowedByDefenseSpecialTeams
                                   FROM team_defense")
#scheme: weight interceptions, qbsacks, quarterbackhits, passesdefended
plot(team_defense_custom$PassingDefense, team_defense_custom$PointsAllowedByDefenseSpecialTeams)
```



Histogram of team_defensive_rankings\$AvgPassDefense



sqldf("SELECT * FROM team_defensive_rankings WHERE Team = 'LAC'")

##		Team	Week	PassingDefense	PointsAllowedByDefenseSpecialTeams
##	1	LAC	1	126	24
##	2	LAC	2	27	19
##	3	LAC	3	101	24
##	4	LAC	4	29	26
##	5	LAC	5	132	20
##	6	LAC	6	33	16
##	7	LAC	7	95	0
##	8	LAC	8	59	19
##	9	LAC	10	76	20
##	10	LAC	11	62	24
##	11	LAC	12	56	6
##	12	LAC	13	63	10
##	13	LAC	14	60	7
##	14	LAC	15	26	30
##	15	LAC	16	76	7
##	16	LAC	17	54	10
##		AvgPa	assDei	ense	
##	1		126.0	00000	
##	2		76.5	50000	
##	3		84.6	36667	
##	4			75000	
##	5		83.0	00000	
##	6		74.6	36667	
##	7		77.5	57143	
##	8		75.2	25000	
##	9		67.8	30000	
##	10		67.2	27273	

```
## 11
            66.33333
## 12
           66.07692
## 13
           65.64286
## 14
           63.00000
## 15
            63.81250
## 16
            63.23529
## 3.6 : Add some lag data for QB
### CumulativeVariables (these should definitley be combined into a weekly ranking)
QBCrossSectionalCumulative PassYards = QBCrossSectional %\% group_by(PlayerID)\%\% filter(n() >= 8) \%\% a
   mutate(CumulativeAveragePassingYards=cummean(PassingYards)
        , CumulativeAveragePassingTouchdowns=cummean(PassingTouchdowns)
        , CumulativeAveragePassingInterceptions=cummean(PassingInterceptions)
        , CumulativeAveragePassingRating=cummean(PassingRating)
        , CumulativeAverageCompletions = cummean(PassingCompletions) # not sure that completions matter
        , CumulativeAverageCompletionPercentage = cummean(PassingCompletionPercentage)
        , CumulativeMaxPassingTouchdowns = cummax(PassingTouchdowns)
        , CumulativeMaxPassingYards = cummax(PassingYards)
        , CumulativeMaxPassingAttempts = cummax(PassingAttempts)
        , CumulativeMaxPassingRating = cummax(PassingRating)
        , CumulativeMaxCompletions = cummax(PassingCompletions)
        , CumulativeMaxPassYardsPerAttempt = cummax(PassingYardsPerAttempt)
        , CumulativeMinPassingTouchdowns = cummin(PassingTouchdowns)
        , CumulativeMinPassingYards = cummin(PassingYards)
                                                              #Let's get mins to capture downside risk
        , CumulativeMinPassingAttempts = cummin(PassingAttempts)
        , CumulativeMinPassingRating = cummin(PassingRating)
        , CumulativeMinCompletions = cummin(PassingCompletions)
        , CumulativeMinPassYardsPerAttempt = cummin(PassingYardsPerAttempt)
        , NextWeekFantasyPoints = lead(FantasyPoints) #Target Variable
        , NextOpponent = lead(Opponent)
        #, NextWeekDefensiveMatchup = laq(WeeklyRank) #Has to be last week's team ranking - not this we
QBCrossSectionalDefensiveOverlayCumulativePassYards = QBCrossSectionalCumulativePassYards %>% left_join
#QBCrossSectionalDefensiveOverlayCumulativePassYards %>% filter(PlayerID == 6739) %>% write.csv('alex_s
attach(QBCrossSectionalDefensiveOverlayCumulativePassYards)
## The following objects are masked from team_defense:
##
##
       PointsAllowedByDefenseSpecialTeams, Team, Week
## The following objects are masked from QBCrossSectional:
##
##
       FantasyPoints, FumblesLost, GameDate, Name, Opponent,
##
       PassingAttempts, PassingCompletionPercentage,
##
       PassingCompletions, PassingInterceptions, PassingRating,
       PassingTouchdowns, PassingYards, PassingYardsPerAttempt,
##
##
       PlayerID, Position, Result, RushingAttempts,
##
       RushingTouchdowns, RushingYards, RushingYardsPerAttempt, Team,
       TeamIsHome, Week
## The following object is masked from package:ggplot2:
```

Position

${\color{red} \textbf{summary}} (\texttt{QBCrossSectionalDefensiveOverlayCumulativePassYards})$

```
Position
##
       PlayerID
                        Name
                                             Week
##
    Min. : 611
                    Length:368
                                        Min.
                                               : 1.000
                                                         Length:368
##
    1st Qu.: 6739
                    Class :character
                                        1st Qu.: 4.000
                                                          Class : character
##
   Median :13320
                    Mode :character
                                        Median : 9.000
                                                         Mode :character
##
  Mean
         :11765
                                        Mean
                                              : 8.924
    3rd Qu.:16763
                                        3rd Qu.:13.000
##
           :18868
##
  Max.
                                        Max.
                                               :17.000
##
##
                       TeamIsHome
                                          GameDate
                                                            PassingCompletions
      Opponent
##
    Length:368
                       Mode :logical
                                        Length:368
                                                            Min. : 6.00
    Class : character
                                        Class : character
##
                       FALSE: 184
                                                            1st Qu.:18.00
    Mode :character
                       TRUE : 184
                                        Mode :character
                                                            Median :21.00
##
                                                            Mean
                                                                   :21.39
##
                                                            3rd Qu.:25.00
##
                                                            Max.
                                                                   :44.00
##
##
                       PassingAttempts PassingCompletionPercentage
       Result
##
    Length:368
                       Min.
                              :10.00
                                        Min.
                                               :39.30
    Class : character
                       1st Qu.:29.00
                                        1st Qu.:57.40
    Mode :character
                       Median :33.00
                                        Median :63.75
##
                               :33.56
                                               :63.99
                       Mean
                                        Mean
##
                       3rd Qu.:38.00
                                        3rd Qu.:70.00
##
                       Max.
                               :66.00
                                        Max.
                                               :87.00
##
##
    PassingYards
                    PassingYardsPerAttempt PassingTouchdowns
    Min. : 69.0
                    Min.
                          : 3.100
                                            Min.
##
                                                  :0.000
    1st Qu.:202.8
                    1st Qu.: 6.300
                                            1st Qu.:1.000
   Median :242.0
                    Median : 7.300
                                            Median :1.500
##
##
    Mean
           :246.8
                           : 7.442
                                            Mean
                                                  :1.617
                    Mean
                                            3rd Qu.:2.000
##
    3rd Qu.:292.2
                    3rd Qu.: 8.400
##
    Max.
           :506.0
                           :14.100
                                                   :5.000
                    Max.
                                            Max.
##
##
   PassingInterceptions PassingRating
                                           RushingAttempts
                                                              RushingYards
##
   Min.
          :0.0000
                         Min. : 31.14
                                           Min. : 0.000
                                                                    :-8.00
                                                             Min.
    1st Qu.:0.0000
                         1st Qu.: 79.29
                                           1st Qu.: 1.000
                                                             1st Qu.: 0.00
##
    Median :0.0000
                         Median : 94.94
                                           Median : 3.000
                                                             Median: 8.00
##
    Mean
           :0.6114
                         Mean
                                : 95.45
                                           Mean
                                                  : 3.258
                                                             Mean
                                                                    :14.55
##
    3rd Qu.:1.0000
                         3rd Qu.:110.83
                                           3rd Qu.: 5.000
                                                             3rd Qu.:24.00
##
    Max.
           :4.0000
                         Max.
                                 :150.69
                                           Max.
                                                  :14.000
                                                             Max.
                                                                    :95.00
##
    RushingYardsPerAttempt RushingTouchdowns FumblesLost
                                                                FantasyPoints
##
          :-2.700
                           Min.
                                  :0.0000
                                              Min.
                                                     :0.0000
                                                                Min. : 7.32
   1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                                1st Qu.:12.61
##
                           1st Qu.:0.0000
                                              1st Qu.:0.0000
   Median : 3.000
                           Median :0.0000
                                              Median :0.0000
                                                                Median :16.16
##
   Mean
          : 3.818
                           Mean
                                              Mean
                                                                Mean
                                                                       :17.22
                                   :0.1495
                                                     :0.1793
    3rd Qu.: 6.050
                           3rd Qu.:0.0000
                                              3rd Qu.:0.0000
                                                                3rd Qu.:20.70
##
    Max.
           :70.000
                                   :2.0000
                                                     :3.0000
                                                                       :37.64
                           Max.
                                              Max.
                                                                Max.
##
##
        Team
                       {\tt Cumulative Average Passing Yards}
    Length:368
                       Min.
                               :120.5
```

```
## Class :character
                     1st Qu.:221.9
  Mode :character
                     Median :247.8
##
                     Mean :246.6
##
                     3rd Qu.:271.5
##
                     Max.
                            :369.0
##
## CumulativeAveragePassingTouchdowns CumulativeAveragePassingInterceptions
## Min. :0.000
                                     Min.
                                           :0.0000
                                     1st Qu.:0.4125
## 1st Qu.:1.250
## Median :1.667
                                     Median :0.5714
## Mean :1.584
                                     Mean
                                          :0.5933
## 3rd Qu.:2.000
                                     3rd Qu.:0.7500
## Max. :4.000
                                     Max. :2.0000
##
## CumulativeAveragePassingRating CumulativeAverageCompletions
## Min. : 56.25
                                 Min. :10.00
## 1st Qu.: 87.77
                                 1st Qu.:19.56
## Median: 97.01
                                 Median :21.85
## Mean : 95.86
                                 Mean :21.43
## 3rd Qu.:102.53
                                 3rd Qu.:23.13
## Max. :148.57
                                 Max. :29.00
##
## CumulativeAverageCompletionPercentage CumulativeMaxPassingTouchdowns
                                        Min. :0.00
                                        1st Qu.:2.00
## 1st Qu.:61.60
## Median:64.13
                                        Median:3.00
## Mean :64.42
                                        Mean :2.91
## 3rd Qu.:67.37
                                        3rd Qu.:4.00
                                              :5.00
## Max. :80.00
                                        Max.
## CumulativeMaxPassingYards CumulativeMaxPassingAttempts
## Min.
          :125.0
                            Min.
                                   :21.00
## 1st Qu.:288.0
                            1st Qu.:39.00
## Median:332.0
                            Median :44.00
## Mean :331.3
                            Mean :43.31
## 3rd Qu.:368.0
                            3rd Qu.:49.00
## Max. :506.0
                            Max. :66.00
##
## CumulativeMaxPassingRating CumulativeMaxCompletions
## Min. : 56.25
                           Min. :11.00
## 1st Qu.:110.80
                             1st Qu.:25.00
## Median :125.96
                            Median :28.00
## Mean :123.69
                             Mean :27.42
## 3rd Qu.:141.79
                             3rd Qu.:30.00
                             Max.
## Max. :150.69
                                   :44.00
##
## CumulativeMaxPassYardsPerAttempt CumulativeMinPassingTouchdowns
## Min. : 4.800
                                   Min.
                                          :0.0000
## 1st Qu.: 8.500
                                   1st Qu.:0.0000
## Median :10.500
                                   Median :0.0000
## Mean : 9.859
                                          :0.4647
                                   Mean
## 3rd Qu.:10.900
                                   3rd Qu.:1.0000
## Max. :14.100
                                   Max.
                                          :4.0000
##
```

```
## Min.
          : 69.0
                             Min.
                                    :10.00
## 1st Qu.:128.0
                             1st Qu.:21.00
## Median :158.0
                             Median :24.00
## Mean :168.1
                             Mean
                                    :24.13
## 3rd Qu.:204.0
                             3rd Qu.:27.00
## Max. :369.0
                             Max.
                                    :41.00
##
## CumulativeMinPassingRating CumulativeMinCompletions
## Min. : 31.14
                              Min. : 6.00
  1st Qu.: 59.66
                              1st Qu.:12.00
## Median : 68.58
                              Median :14.00
## Mean
         : 69.27
                              Mean
                                     :14.91
## 3rd Qu.: 77.92
                              3rd Qu.:17.00
## Max.
          :148.57
                              Max.
                                     :29.00
##
## CumulativeMinPassYardsPerAttempt NextWeekFantasyPoints NextOpponent
## Min. : 3.100
                                    Min.
                                          : 7.32
                                                          Length:368
## 1st Qu.: 4.800
                                    1st Qu.:12.79
                                                          Class : character
## Median : 5.800
                                    Median :16.23
                                                          Mode : character
## Mean : 5.704
                                    Mean
                                           :17.33
## 3rd Qu.: 6.200
                                    3rd Qu.:20.91
## Max. :11.200
                                    Max.
                                            :37.64
                                    NA's
                                            :28
## PassingDefense
                    {\tt PointsAllowedByDefenseSpecialTeams}~{\tt AvgPassDefense}
## Min. : 0.00
                    Min.
                           : 0.00
                                                       Min. : 13.00
## 1st Qu.: 30.00
                    1st Qu.:16.00
                                                        1st Qu.: 46.22
## Median : 54.00
                    Median :21.00
                                                       Median: 60.17
## Mean
                                                       Mean : 59.85
         : 56.76
                    Mean
                           :21.48
                    3rd Qu.:27.00
                                                        3rd Qu.: 69.40
## 3rd Qu.: 76.00
## Max.
          :200.00
                    Max.
                           :51.00
                                                       Max.
                                                               :200.00
## NA's
          :51
                    NA's
                            :51
                                                       NA's
                                                               :51
## 3.7 : Create indepenent structure for EDA from QBCrossSectional Data
eda_base <- QBCrossSectional %>% group_by(Week) %>%
                        select(Week,
                              FantasyPoints,
                              PassingCompletions,
                              PassingAttempts,
                              PassingCompletionPercentage,
                              PassingYards,
                              PassingYardsPerAttempt,
                              PassingTouchdowns,
                              PassingInterceptions,
                              PassingRating,
                              RushingAttempts,
                              RushingYards,
                              RushingYardsPerAttempt,
                              RushingTouchdowns,
                              FumblesLost
eda_base$Week <- as.factor(eda_base$Week)</pre>
```

CumulativeMinPassingYards CumulativeMinPassingAttempts

3.8 : Create indepenent structure for derived features for EDA from QBCrossSectionalDefensiveOverlayCumulativePassYards Data

```
eda_derived <- QBCrossSectionalDefensiveOverlayCumulativePassYards %>% group_by(Week)%>%
               select (Week,
                      FantasyPoints,
                      CumulativeAveragePassingYards,
                      CumulativeAveragePassingTouchdowns,
                      CumulativeAveragePassingInterceptions,
                      CumulativeAveragePassingRating,
                      CumulativeAverageCompletions,
                      CumulativeAverageCompletionPercentage,
                      CumulativeMaxPassingTouchdowns,
                      CumulativeMaxPassingYards,
                      CumulativeMaxPassingAttempts,
                      CumulativeMaxPassingRating,
                      CumulativeMaxCompletions,
                      CumulativeMaxPassYardsPerAttempt,
                      CumulativeMinPassingTouchdowns,
                       CumulativeMinPassingYards,
                      CumulativeMinPassingAttempts,
                       CumulativeMinPassingRating,
                      CumulativeMinCompletions,
                      CumulativeMinPassYardsPerAttempt)
eda_derived$Week <- as.factor(eda_derived$Week)</pre>
```

4: Structures QBCrossSectional (Quarterbacks)

summary(QBCrossSectional)

```
##
       PlayerID
                                                           Position
                        Name
                                            Week
##
   Min. : 611
                    Length: 453
                                              : 1.000
                                                         Length: 453
   1st Qu.: 7242
                    Class : character
                                       1st Qu.: 5.000
                                                         Class : character
   Median :13723
                    Mode :character
                                       Median : 9.000
                                                         Mode :character
## Mean
          :11932
                                       Mean
                                              : 9.049
   3rd Qu.:16763
                                       3rd Qu.:13.000
##
  Max.
          :19029
                                       Max.
                                              :17.000
##
      Opponent
                       TeamIsHome
                                         GameDate
                                                           PassingCompletions
## Length:453
                                                                  : 5.00
                       Mode :logical
                                       Length: 453
                                                           Min.
                                                           1st Qu.:18.00
  Class :character
                       FALSE: 226
                                       Class : character
                                       Mode :character
   Mode :character
                       TRUE :227
                                                           Median :21.00
##
##
                                                           Mean
                                                                  :21.24
##
                                                           3rd Qu.:25.00
##
                                                           Max.
                                                                  :44.00
##
                       PassingAttempts PassingCompletionPercentage
       Result
##
   Length: 453
                       Min.
                              :10.00
                                       Min.
                                               :38.70
                       1st Qu.:29.00
                                       1st Qu.:57.10
   Class :character
##
   Mode :character
                       Median :33.00
                                       Median :63.20
##
                       Mean
                              :33.62
                                       Mean
                                               :63.48
##
                       3rd Qu.:38.00
                                       3rd Qu.:69.40
##
                              :66.00
                                       Max.
                                               :87.00
##
                    PassingYardsPerAttempt PassingTouchdowns
    PassingYards
   Min. : 57.0
                    Min.
                           : 3.100
                                           Min.
                                                  :0.000
```

```
## 1st Qu.:199.0
                   1st Qu.: 6.200
                                         1st Qu.:1.000
  Median :241.0
                   Median : 7.200
                                         Median :1.000
  Mean :244.6
                   Mean : 7.378
                                         Mean :1.587
## 3rd Qu.:291.0
                   3rd Qu.: 8.400
                                         3rd Qu.:2.000
          :506.0
                   Max.
                          :14.100
                                         Max.
                                               :5.000
##
  PassingInterceptions PassingRating
                                        RushingAttempts
                                                          RushingYards
  Min.
          :0.00
                        Min. : 31.14
                                        Min. : 0.000
                                                         Min.
                                                               :-8.00
                                        1st Qu.: 1.000
  1st Qu.:0.00
                        1st Qu.: 77.92
##
                                                         1st Qu.: 0.00
   Median:0.00
                        Median: 92.94
                                        Median : 3.000
                                                         Median: 8.00
## Mean
         :0.66
                        Mean : 93.88
                                        Mean : 3.185
                                                              :14.38
                                                         Mean
  3rd Qu.:1.00
                        3rd Qu.:109.84
                                        3rd Qu.: 5.000
                                                         3rd Qu.:23.00
## Max.
          :4.00
                        Max.
                              :150.69
                                               :14.000
                                                         Max.
                                                               :95.00
                                        Max.
  RushingYardsPerAttempt RushingTouchdowns FumblesLost
                                                            FantasyPoints
## Min.
         :-2.700
                                :0.0000
                                           Min.
                                                  :0.0000
                                                                  : 7.12
                          Min.
                                                           Min.
  1st Qu.: 0.000
                          1st Qu.:0.0000
                                           1st Qu.:0.0000
                                                            1st Qu.:11.86
## Median : 3.000
                          Median :0.0000
                                           Median :0.0000
                                                            Median :15.86
## Mean : 3.839
                          Mean :0.1457
                                           Mean :0.1766
                                                           Mean :16.89
   3rd Qu.: 6.000
                                                            3rd Qu.:20.68
                          3rd Qu.:0.0000
                                           3rd Qu.:0.0000
##
   Max. :70.000
                         Max. :2.0000
                                           Max.
                                                 :3.0000
                                                           Max. :37.64
##
       Team
##
  Length: 453
   Class : character
  Mode :character
##
##
##
##
```

5: struture with Derived features

summary(eda_derived)

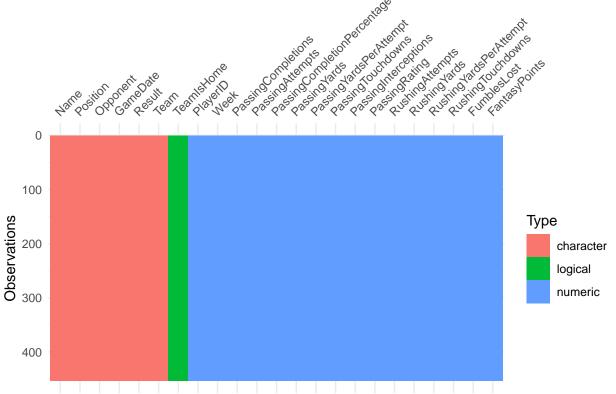
```
FantasyPoints
                                  CumulativeAveragePassingYards
##
         Week
##
   2
           : 25
                  Min. : 7.32
                                  Min.
                                         :120.5
           : 24
                  1st Qu.:12.61
                                  1st Qu.:221.9
           : 24
                                  Median :247.8
##
                  Median :16.16
  13
           : 24
##
                  Mean
                        :17.22
                                  Mean
                                         :246.6
           : 24
##
  14
                  3rd Qu.:20.70
                                  3rd Qu.:271.5
##
  7
           : 23
                  Max.
                        :37.64
                                  Max.
                                         :369.0
##
   (Other):224
   {\tt Cumulative Average Passing Touchdowns} \ {\tt Cumulative Average Passing Interceptions}
  Min.
           :0.000
                                       Min.
                                              :0.0000
  1st Qu.:1.250
                                       1st Qu.:0.4125
##
##
   Median :1.667
                                       Median : 0.5714
##
  Mean
          :1.584
                                       Mean
                                              :0.5933
   3rd Qu.:2.000
                                       3rd Qu.:0.7500
##
  Max.
           :4.000
                                       Max.
                                              :2.0000
##
##
  CumulativeAveragePassingRating CumulativeAverageCompletions
## Min. : 56.25
                                   Min. :10.00
## 1st Qu.: 87.77
                                   1st Qu.:19.56
## Median: 97.01
                                   Median :21.85
## Mean : 95.86
                                   Mean :21.43
## 3rd Qu.:102.53
                                   3rd Qu.:23.13
```

```
## Max. :148.57
                                 Max.
                                        :29.00
##
   {\tt Cumulative Average Completion Percentage \ Cumulative Max Passing Touchdowns}
##
         :44.40
                                        Min.
                                              :0.00
  1st Qu.:61.60
                                        1st Qu.:2.00
## Median :64.13
                                        Median:3.00
## Mean :64.42
                                        Mean :2.91
## 3rd Qu.:67.37
                                        3rd Qu.:4.00
## Max.
        :80.00
                                        Max.
                                               :5.00
##
## CumulativeMaxPassingYards CumulativeMaxPassingAttempts
         :125.0
                                   :21.00
## Min.
                            Min.
## 1st Qu.:288.0
                            1st Qu.:39.00
## Median:332.0
                            Median :44.00
## Mean
         :331.3
                            Mean
                                  :43.31
                            3rd Qu.:49.00
##
   3rd Qu.:368.0
## Max. :506.0
                            Max. :66.00
##
## CumulativeMaxPassingRating CumulativeMaxCompletions
## Min. : 56.25
                             Min. :11.00
## 1st Qu.:110.80
                             1st Qu.:25.00
## Median :125.96
                             Median :28.00
## Mean :123.69
                             Mean :27.42
   3rd Qu.:141.79
                             3rd Qu.:30.00
                             Max. :44.00
## Max. :150.69
## CumulativeMaxPassYardsPerAttempt CumulativeMinPassingTouchdowns
## Min. : 4.800
                                   Min.
                                          :0.0000
## 1st Qu.: 8.500
                                   1st Qu.:0.0000
## Median :10.500
                                   Median :0.0000
## Mean : 9.859
                                   Mean
                                          :0.4647
## 3rd Qu.:10.900
                                   3rd Qu.:1.0000
## Max. :14.100
                                        :4.0000
                                   Max.
##
## CumulativeMinPassingYards CumulativeMinPassingAttempts
## Min. : 69.0
                            Min.
                                   :10.00
## 1st Qu.:128.0
                            1st Qu.:21.00
## Median:158.0
                            Median :24.00
## Mean :168.1
                            Mean
                                   :24.13
## 3rd Qu.:204.0
                            3rd Qu.:27.00
## Max. :369.0
                            Max.
                                   :41.00
##
## CumulativeMinPassingRating CumulativeMinCompletions
## Min.
         : 31.14
                             Min.
                                  : 6.00
## 1st Qu.: 59.66
                             1st Qu.:12.00
                             Median :14.00
## Median : 68.58
                             Mean :14.91
## Mean : 69.27
## 3rd Qu.: 77.92
                             3rd Qu.:17.00
                             Max. :29.00
## Max. :148.57
##
## CumulativeMinPassYardsPerAttempt
## Min. : 3.100
## 1st Qu.: 4.800
## Median : 5.800
```

```
## Mean : 5.704
## 3rd Qu.: 6.200
## Max. :11.200
```

6: QBCrossSectional - Check Missing Data

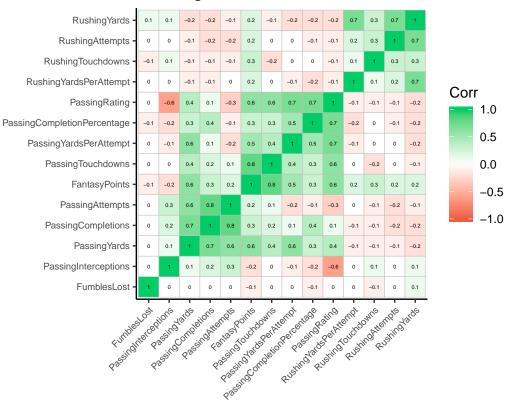




7: Corrrelogram

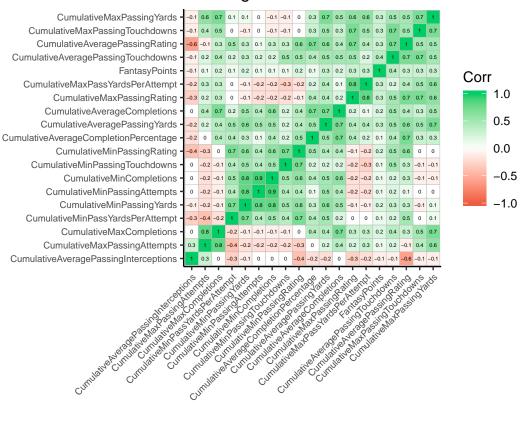
7.1 : Base Feature Set

Correlogram of Base QB features



7.2 : Derived Feature Set

Correlogram of Derived QB features

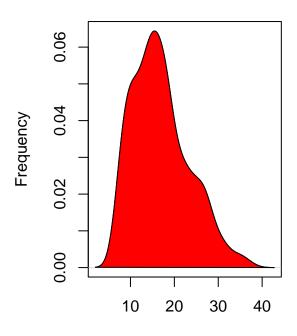


8: Distributions

8.1 Density plot for Fantasypoints is approxmiately Normal

```
par(mfrow=c(1, 2)) # divide graph area in 2 columns
target <- QBCrossSectional$FantasyPoints
plot(density(target), main="FantasyPoints", ylab="Frequency", sub=paste("Skewness:", round(e1071::skewn polygon(density(target), col="red")</pre>
```

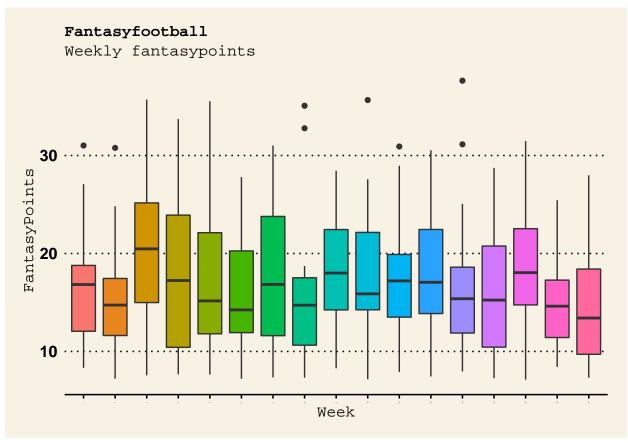
FantasyPoints



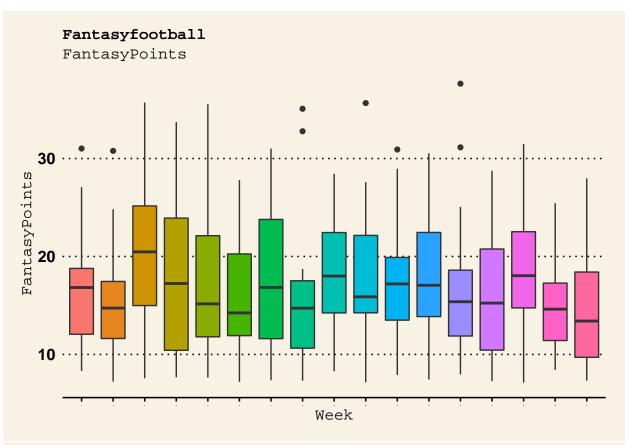
N = 453 Bandwidth = 1.7 Skewness: 0.67

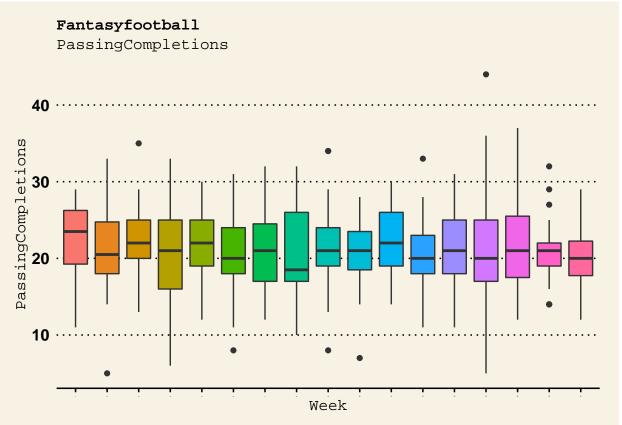
8.2 : Boxplots - Target and Individual Predictor Bevavior for per Team

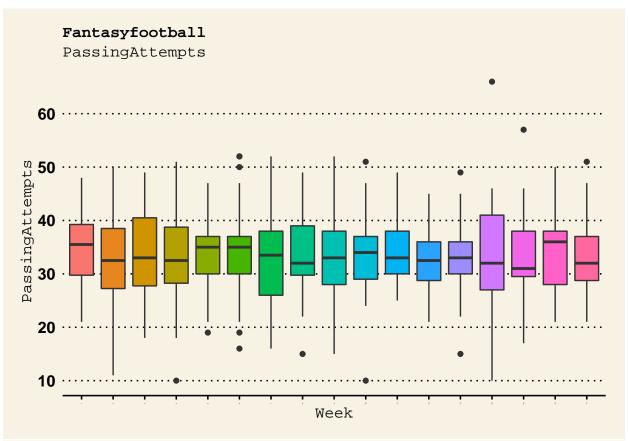
8.2.1 Base Feature set

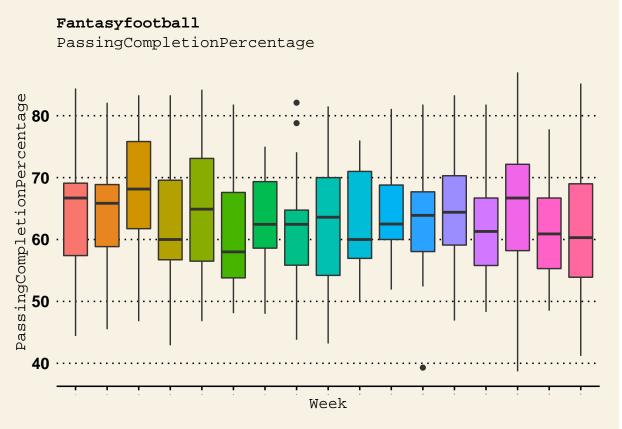


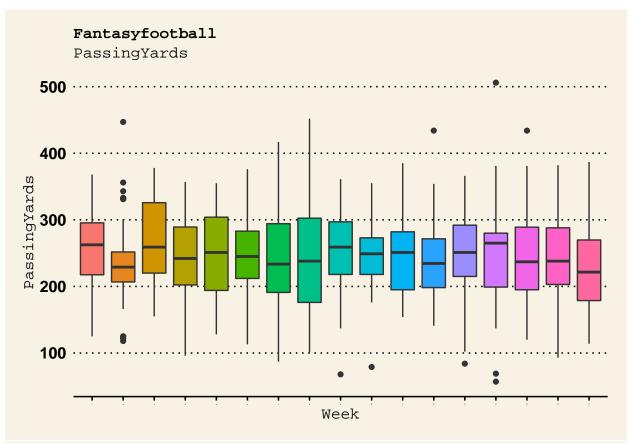
```
for (i in 2:15) {
ggplotp <- eda_base %>%
           ggplot(aes_string(y=names(eda_base[i]),x="Week",fill="Week",group="Week"))+
           geom_boxplot(show.legend = FALSE)+
           xlab("Week")+ylab(names(eda_base[i]))+
           labs(title="Fantasyfootball",
           subtitle=names(eda_base[i]),
           aption="Source: Fantasyfootball")+
           theme_wsj()+
           theme(plot.title
                            = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                 plot.subtitle = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                 axis.text.x = element_text(angle=65, vjust=0.6,size=1),
                              = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                 axis.title
                 legend.position = "right",
                 legend.direction ="vertical",
                 legend.title = element_text(size = rel(0.5)))
 print(ggplotp)
```

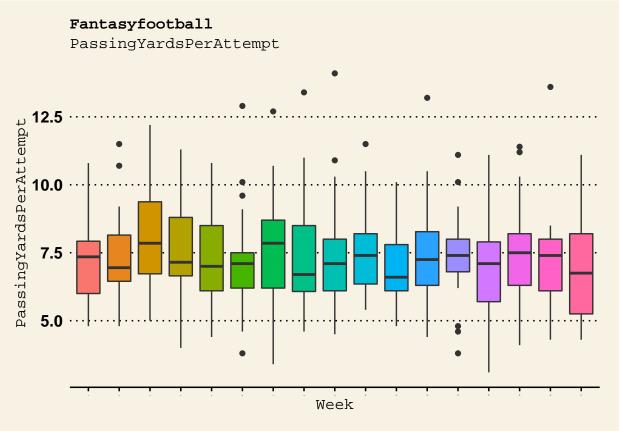


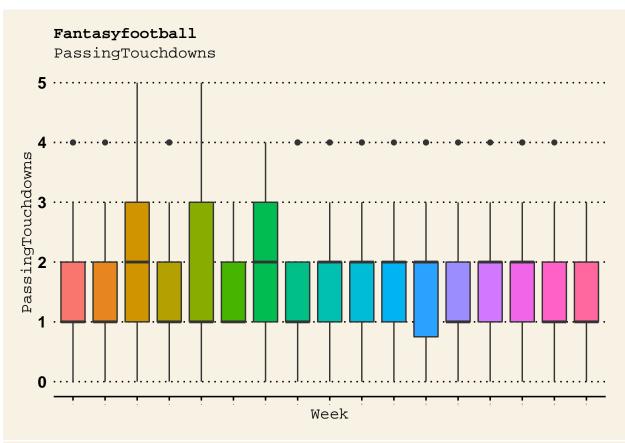


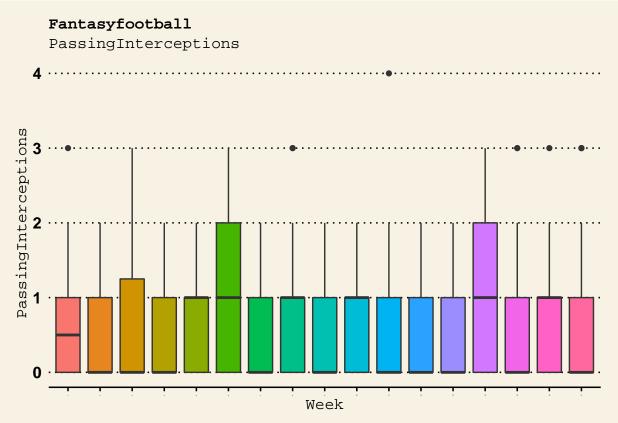


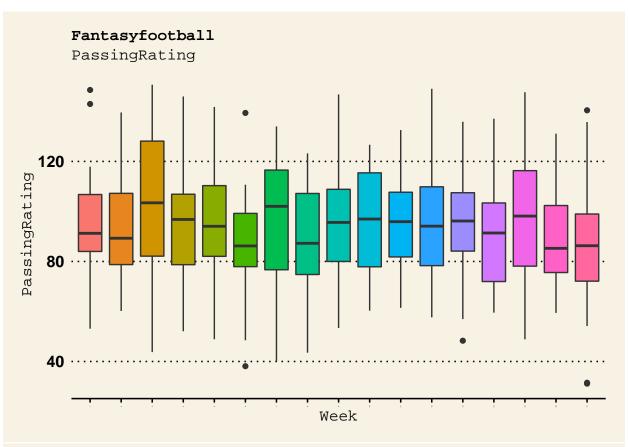


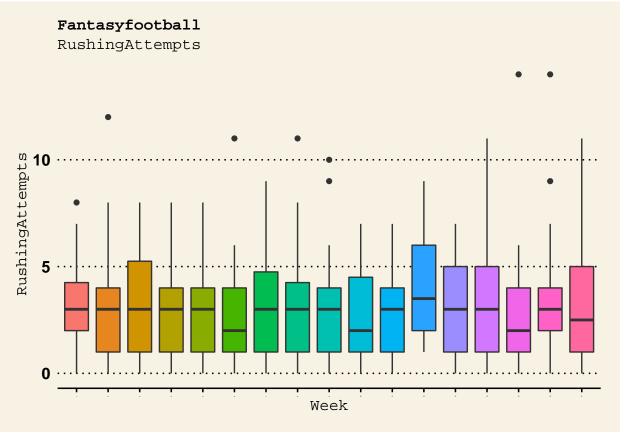


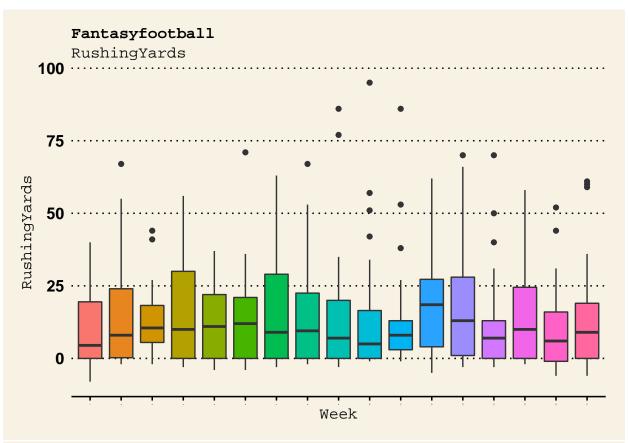


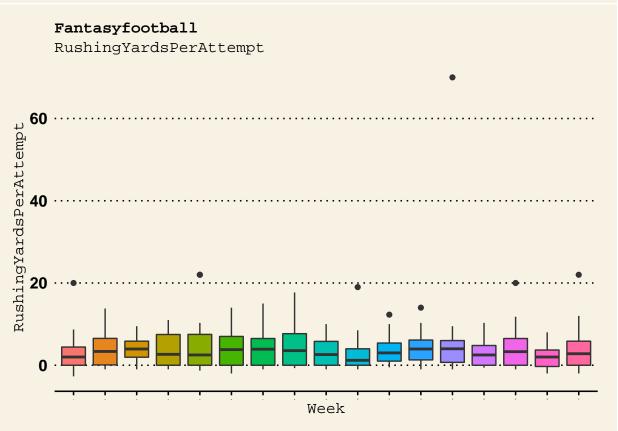


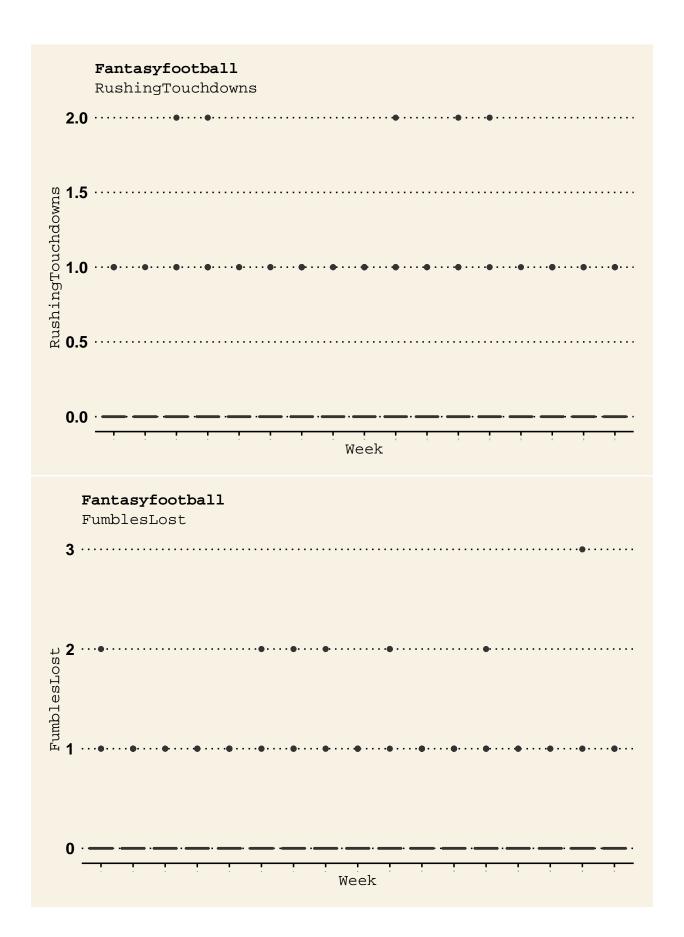






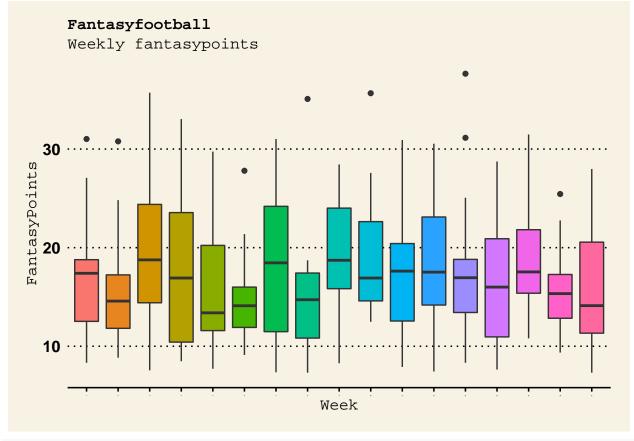


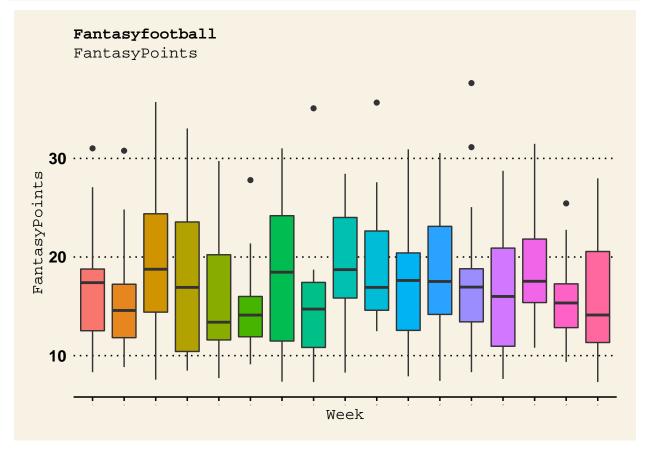


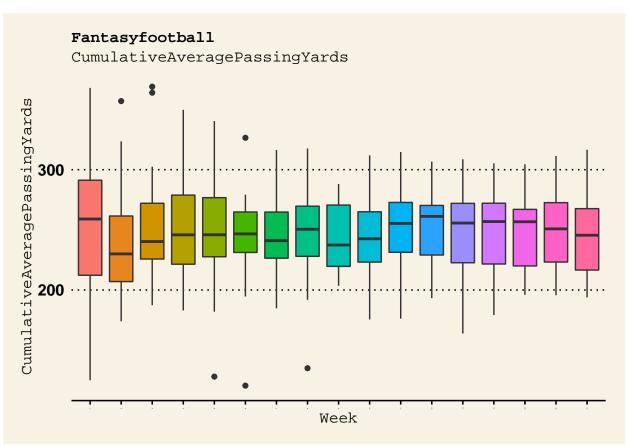


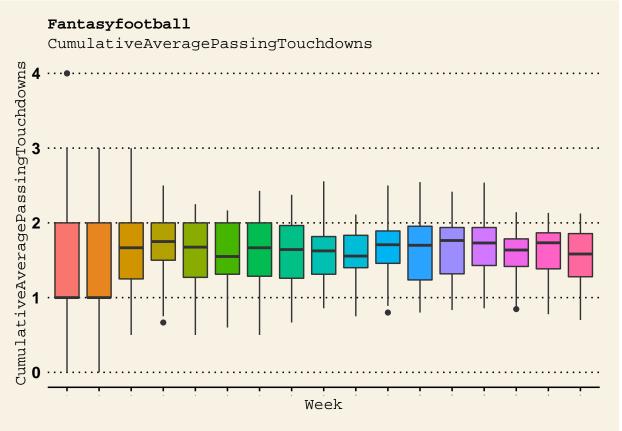
8.2.3 Boxplots Derived Feature set

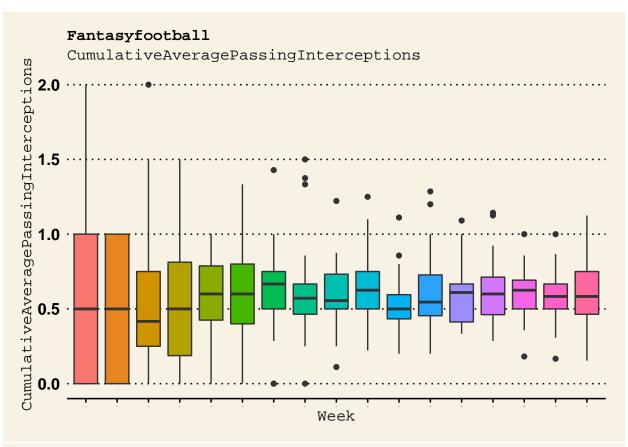
```
eda_derived %>% ggplot(aes(y=FantasyPoints,x=Week,fill=Week,group=Week))+
                      geom_boxplot(show.legend = FALSE)+
                      xlab("Week")+ylab("FantasyPoints")+
                      labs(title="Fantasyfootball",
                      subtitle="Weekly fantasypoints",
                      aption="Source: Fantasyfootball")+
                      theme wsj()+
                      theme(plot.title
                                         = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                            plot.subtitle = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                            axis.text.x = element_text(angle=65, vjust=0.6,size=1),
                            axis.title
                                          = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                            legend.position = "right",
                            legend.direction ="vertical",
                            legend.title = element_text(size = rel(0.5)))
```

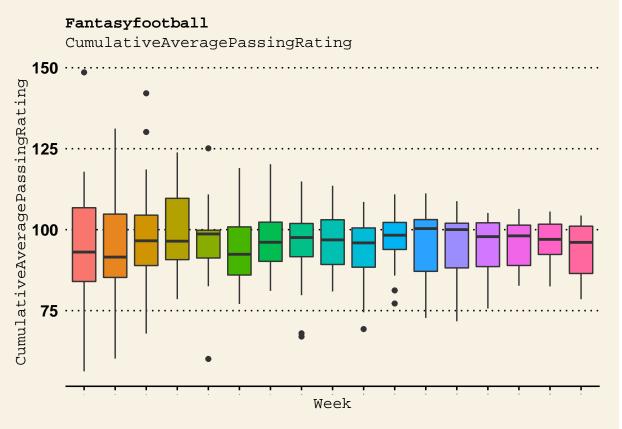


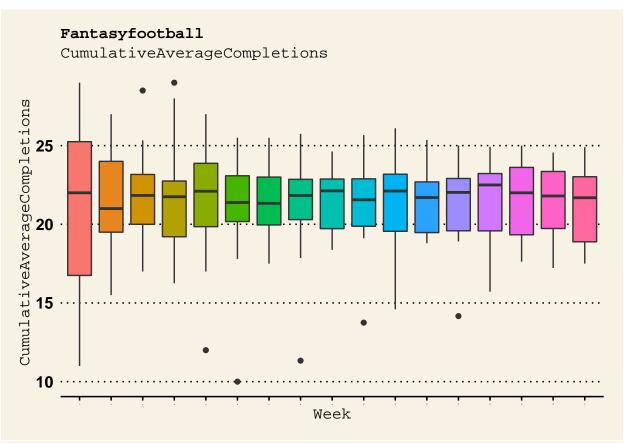


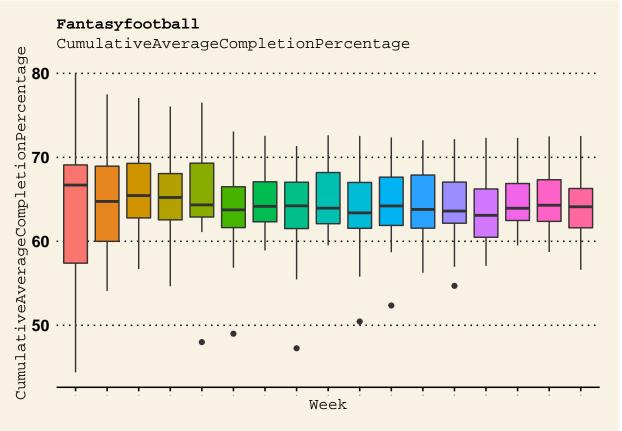


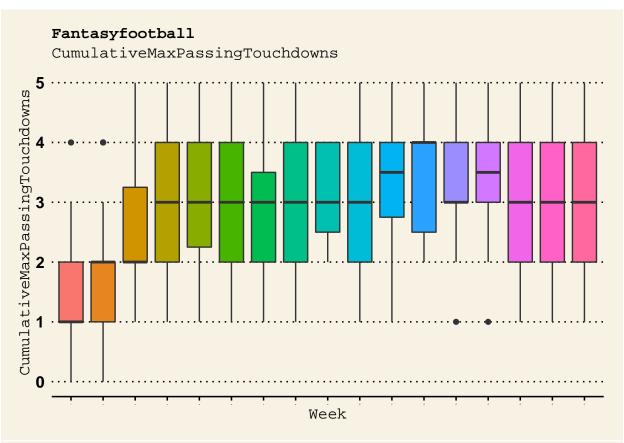


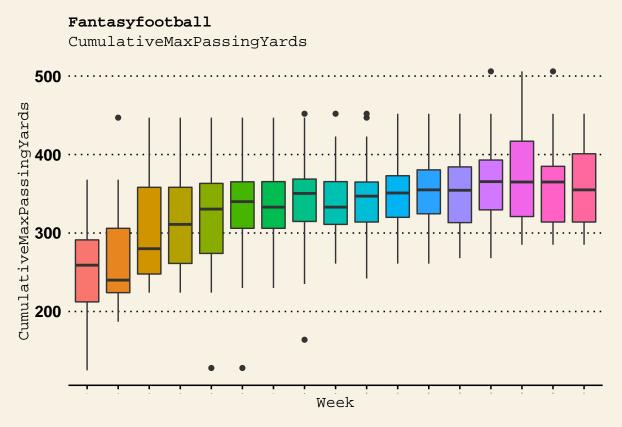


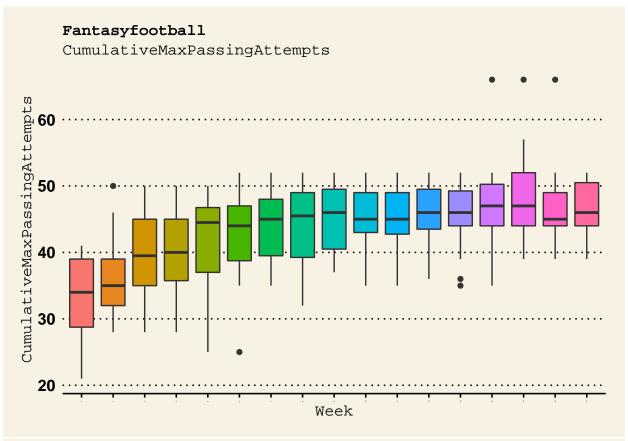


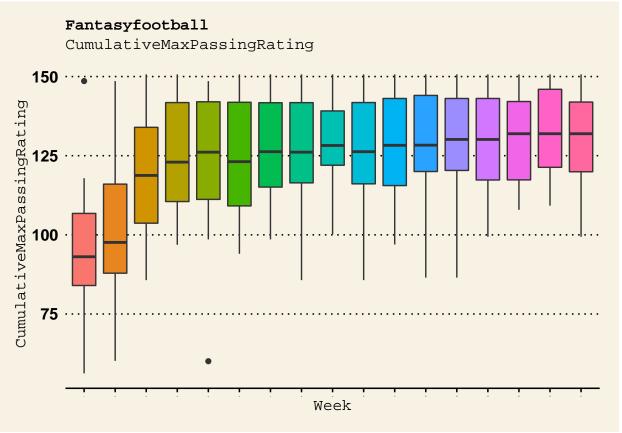


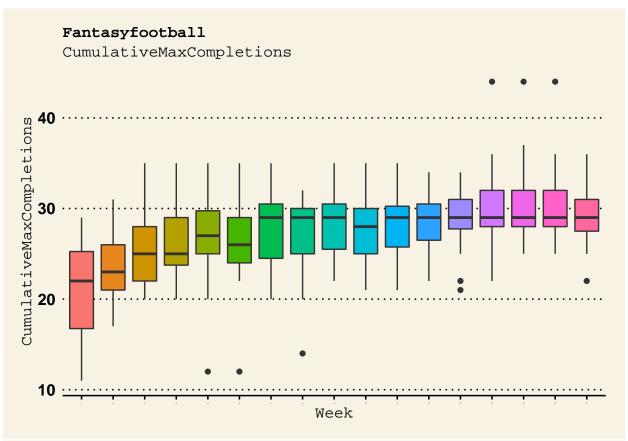


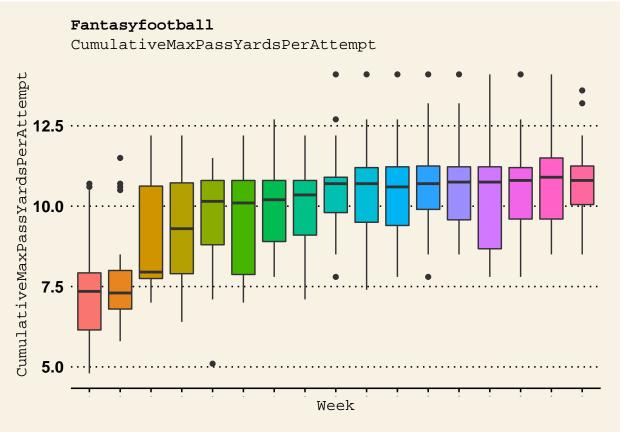


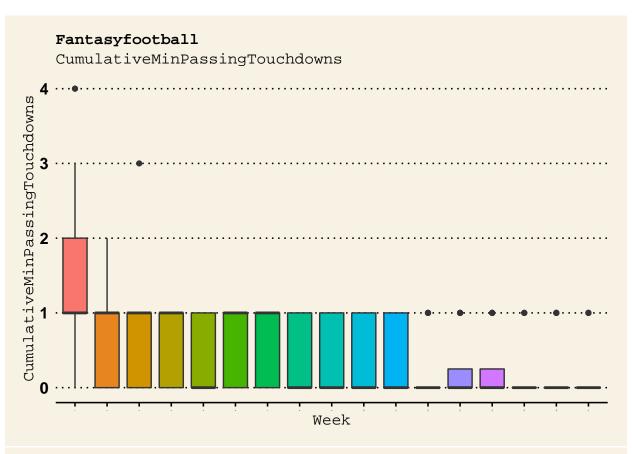


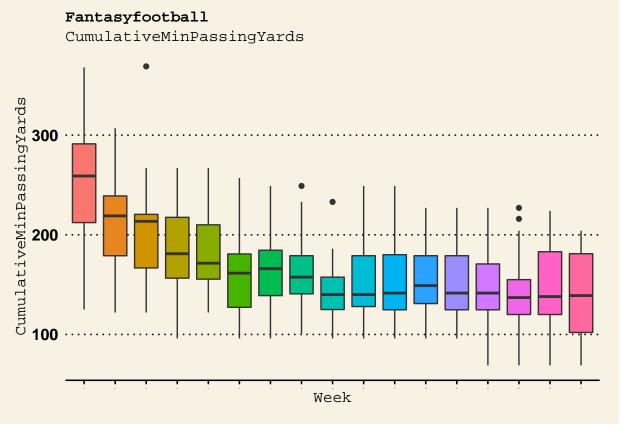


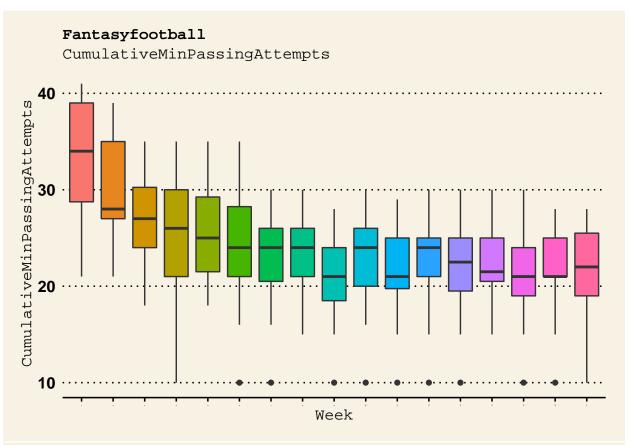


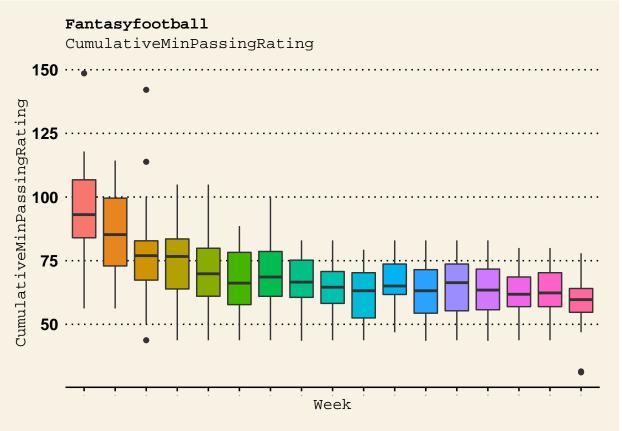


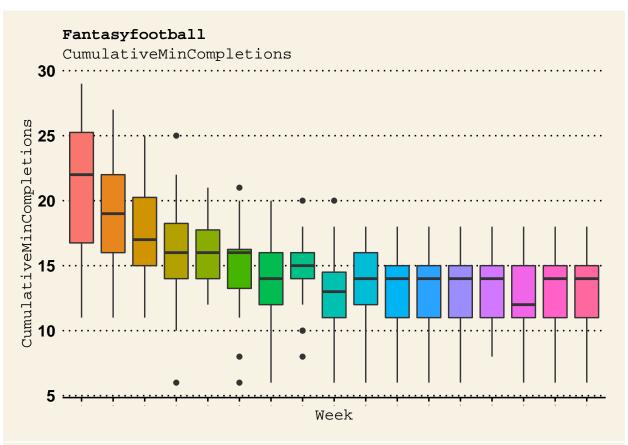


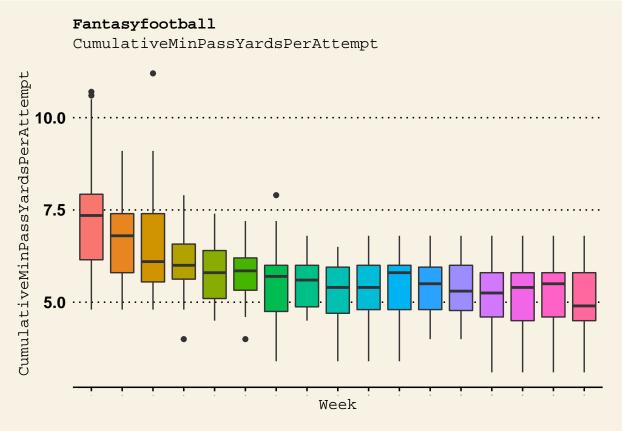






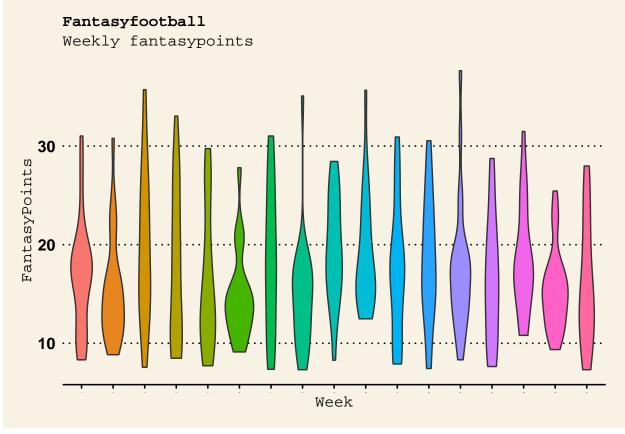


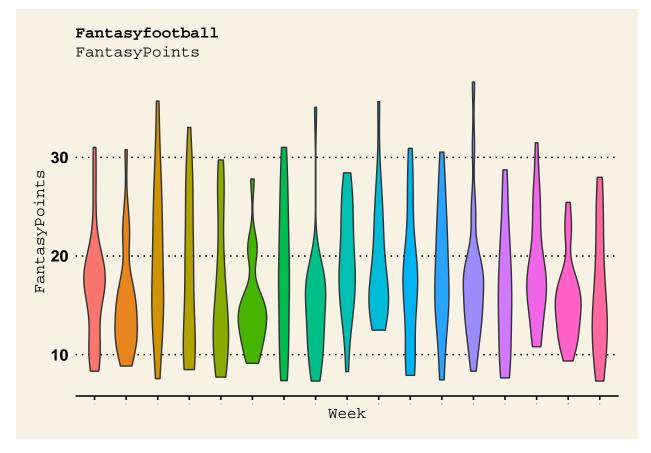


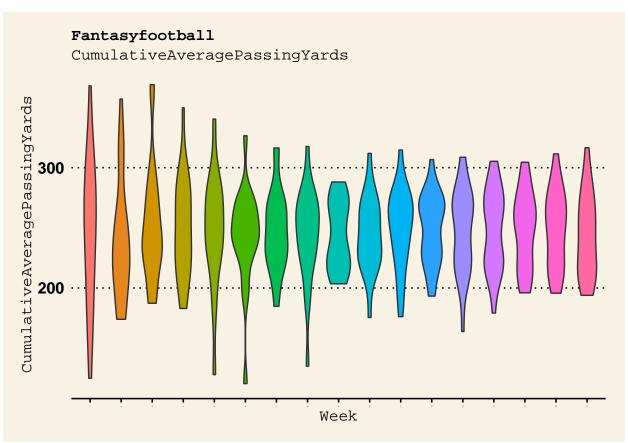


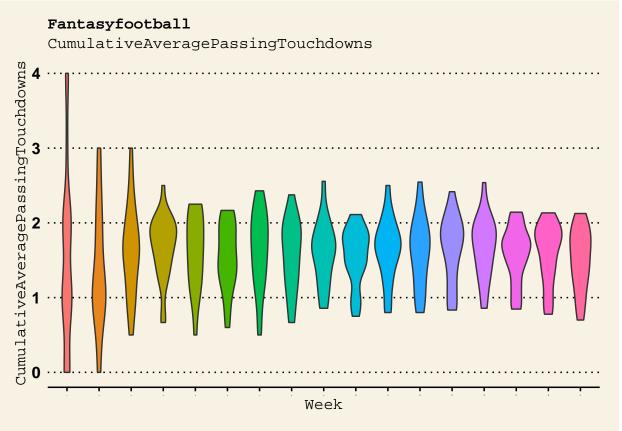
8.3 Violin plots Derived Feature set

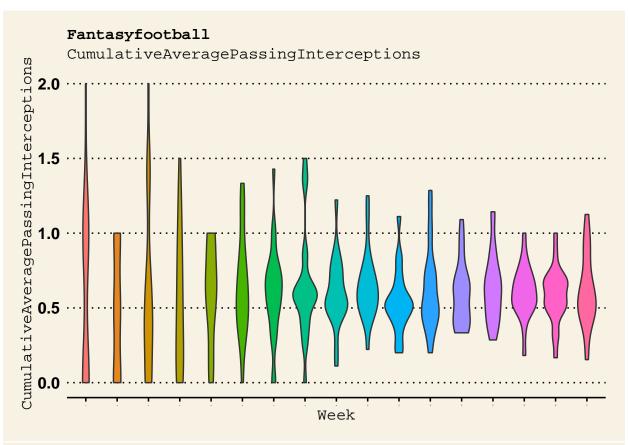
```
eda_derived %>% ggplot(aes(y=FantasyPoints,x=Week,fill=Week,group=Week))+
                      geom_violin(show.legend = FALSE)+
                      xlab("Week")+ylab("FantasyPoints")+
                      labs(title="Fantasyfootball",
                      subtitle="Weekly fantasypoints",
                      aption="Source: Fantasyfootball")+
                      theme wsj()+
                      theme(plot.title
                                          = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                            plot.subtitle = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                            axis.text.x = element_text(angle=65, vjust=0.6,size=1),
                                          = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                            axis.title
                            legend.position = "right",
                            legend.direction ="vertical",
                            legend.title = element_text(size = rel(0.5)))
```

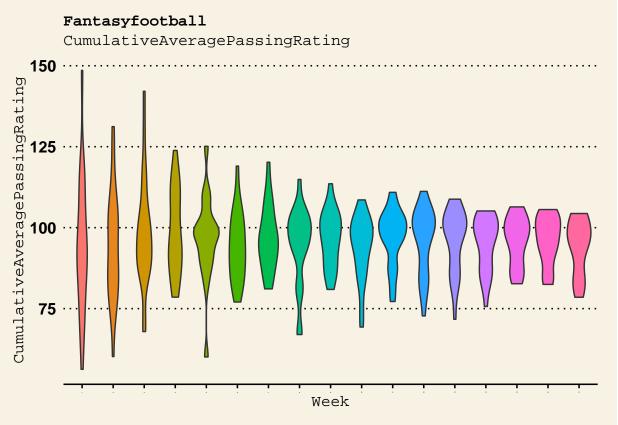


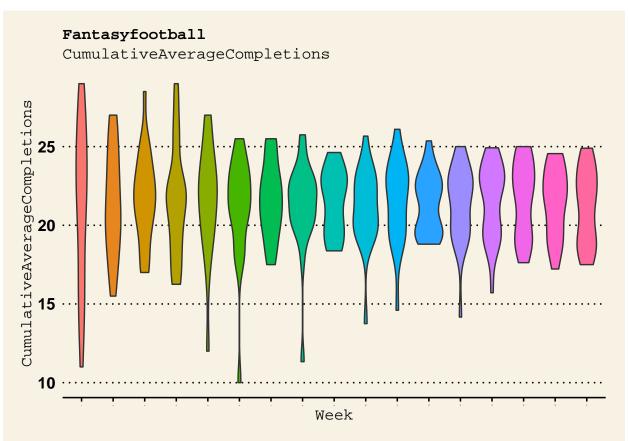


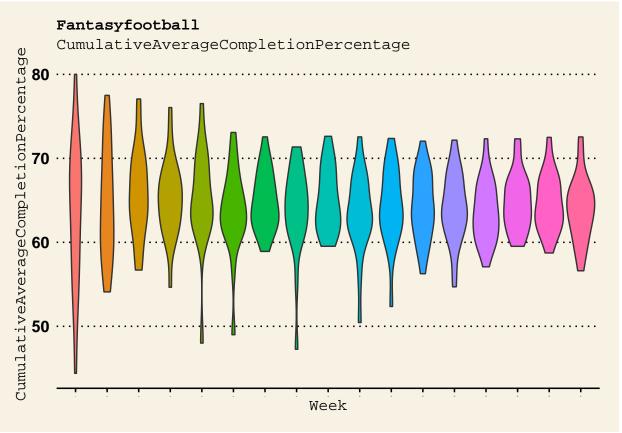


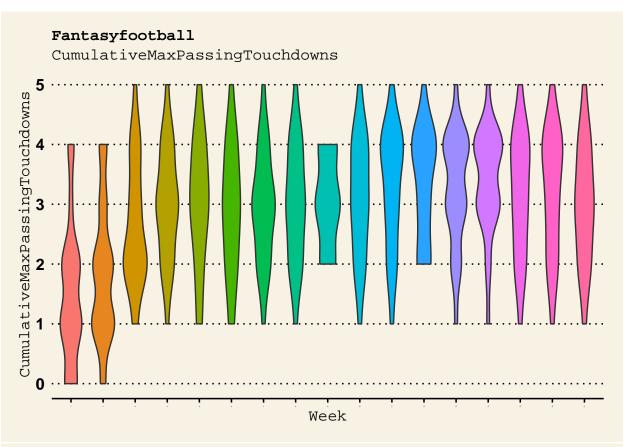


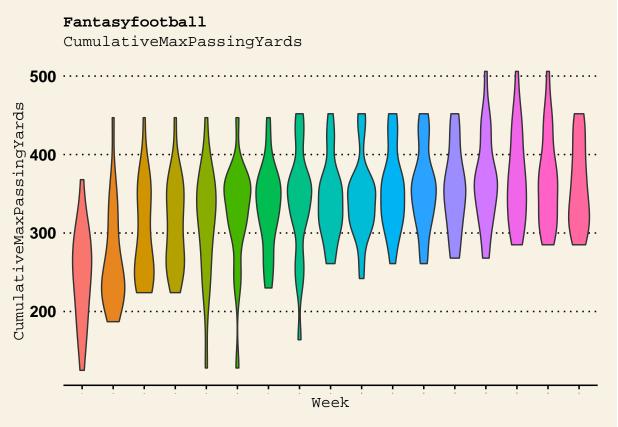


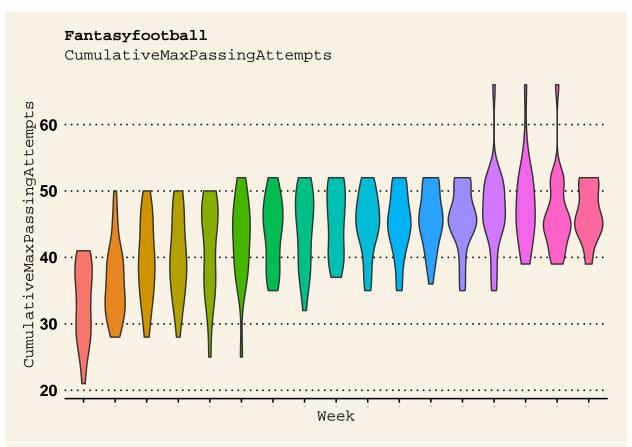


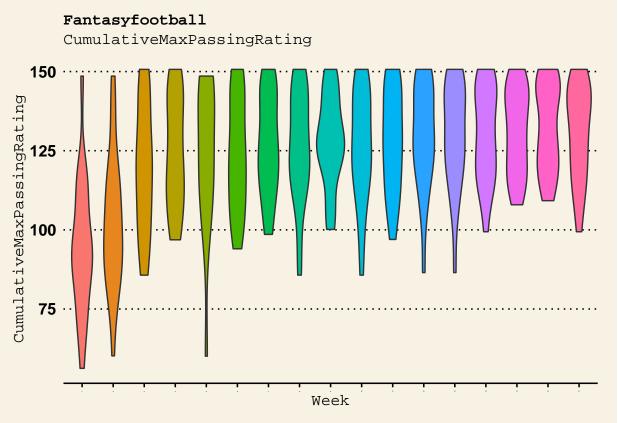


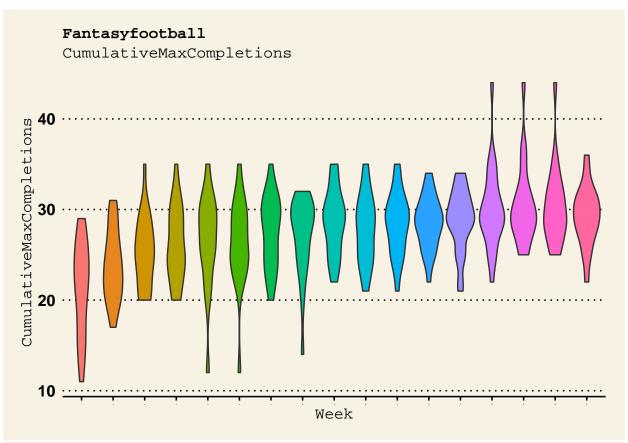


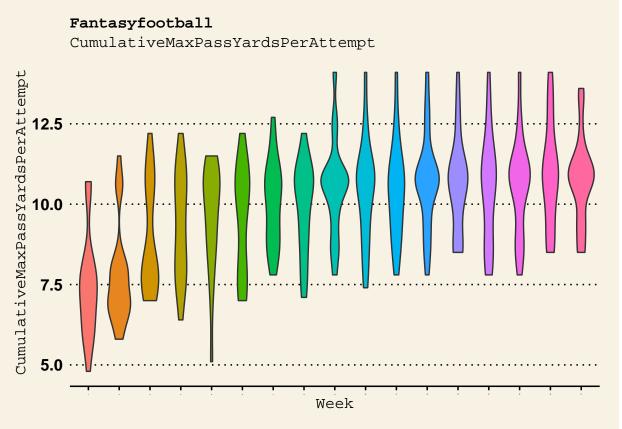


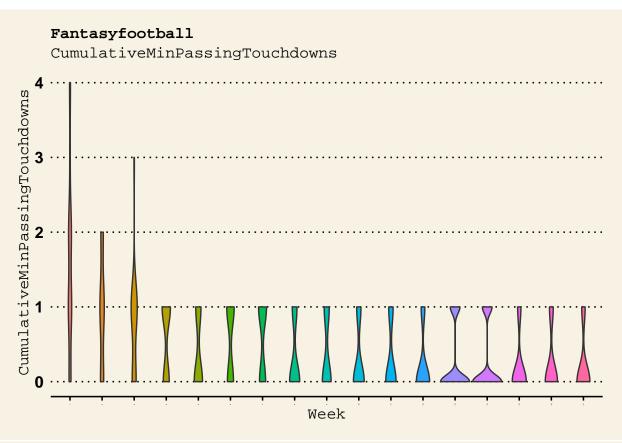


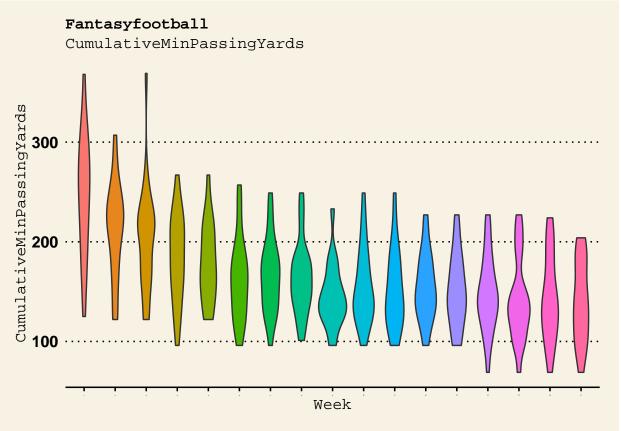


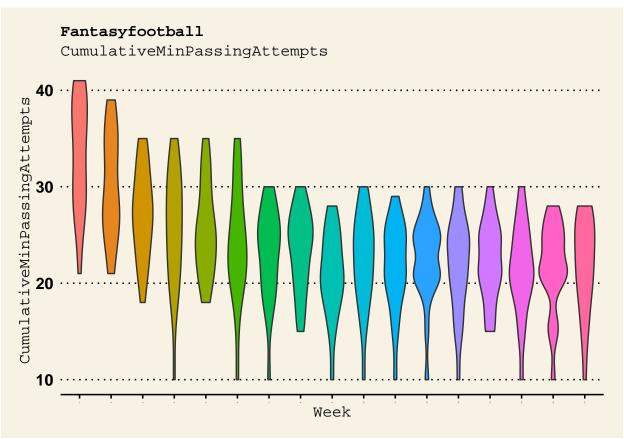


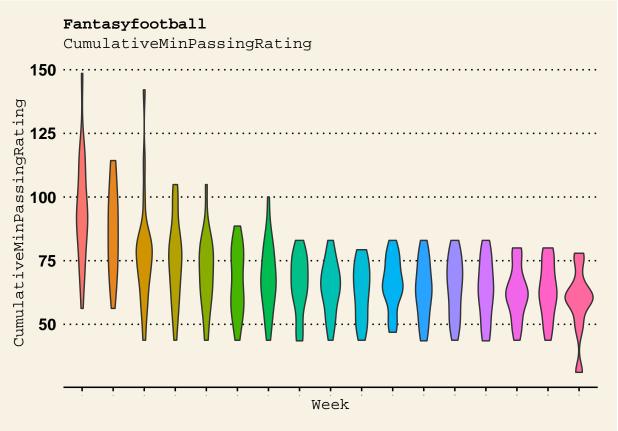


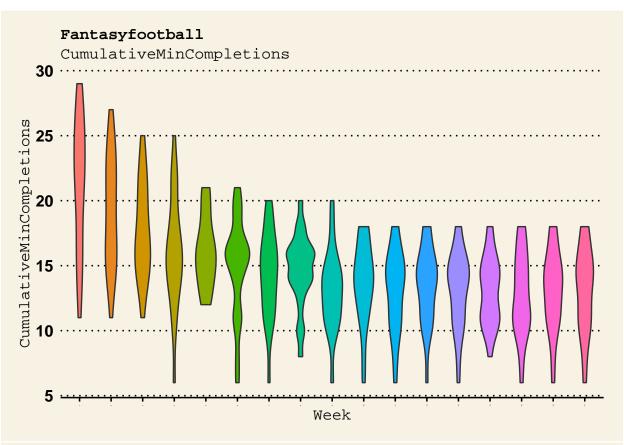


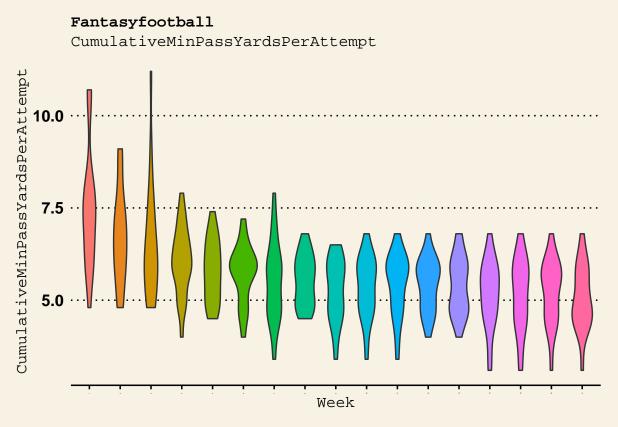








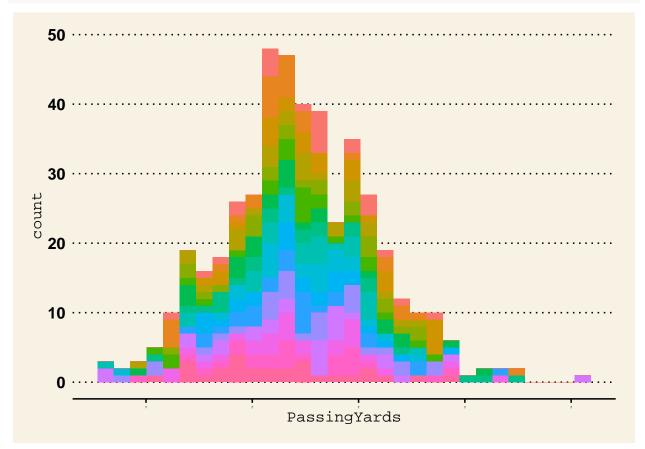


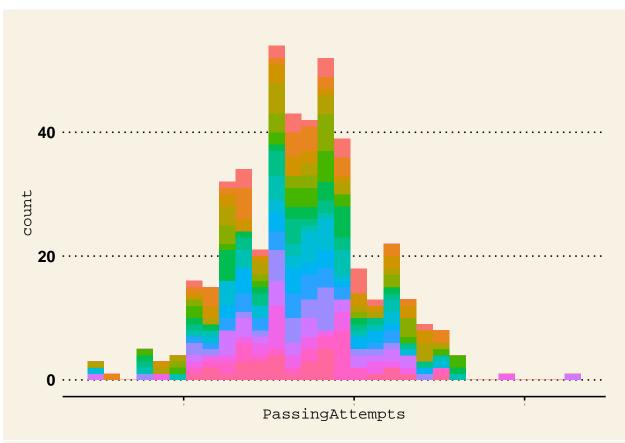


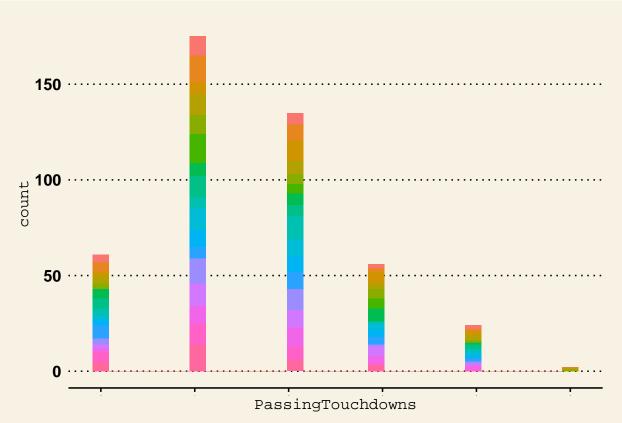
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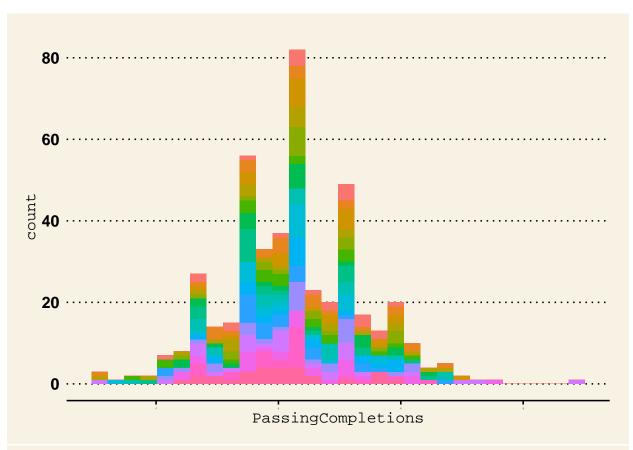
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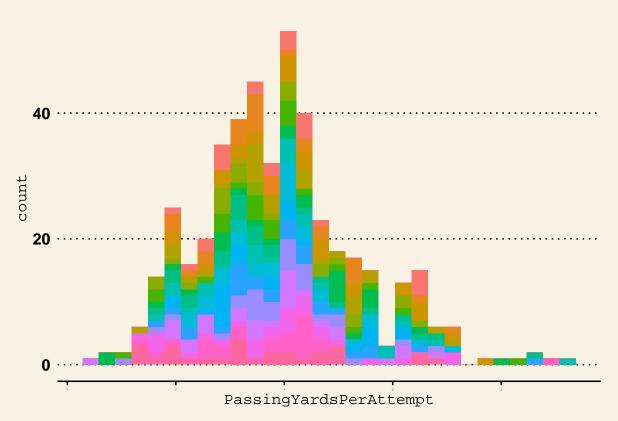
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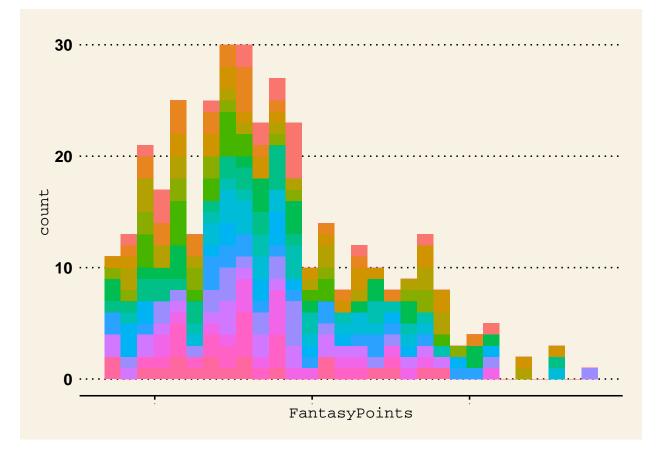


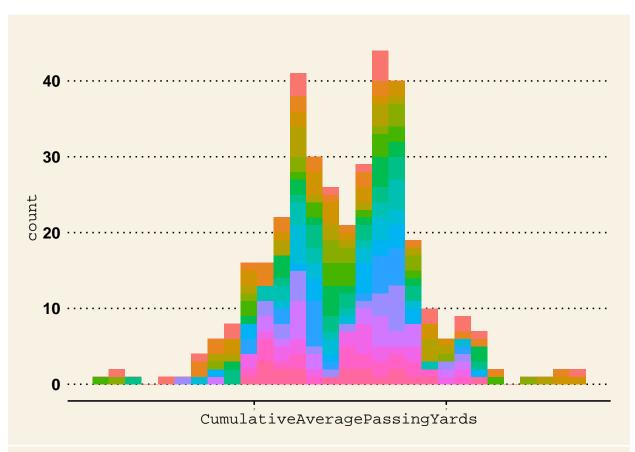


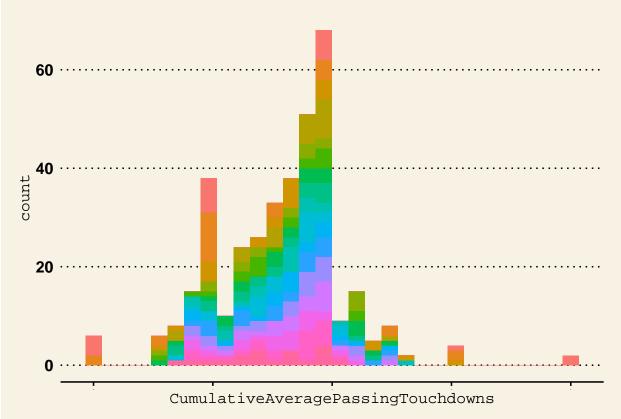


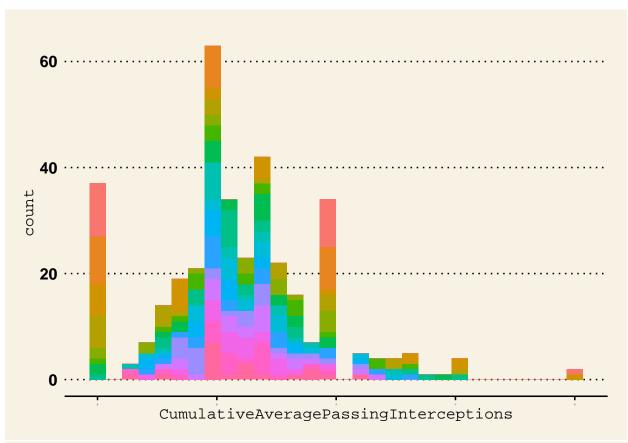


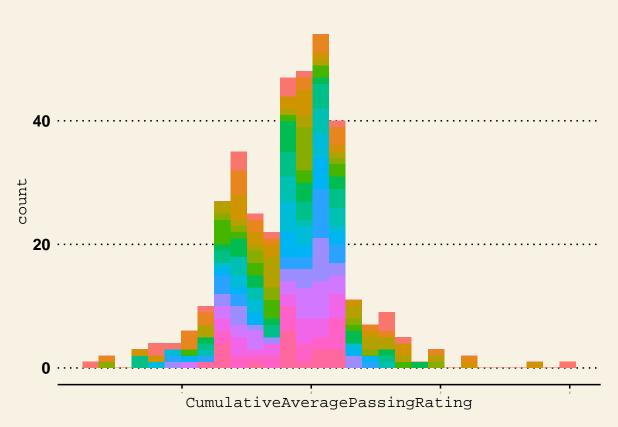
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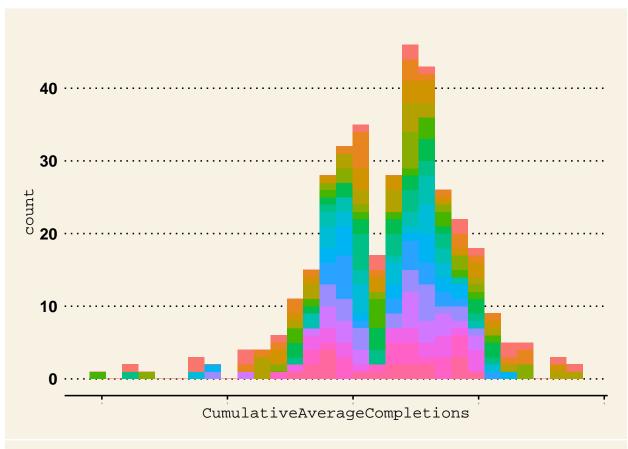


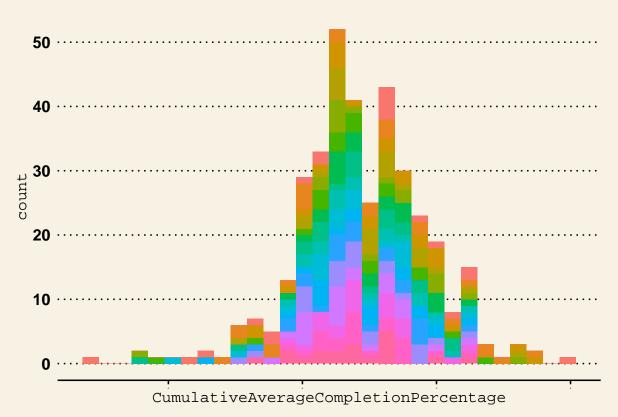


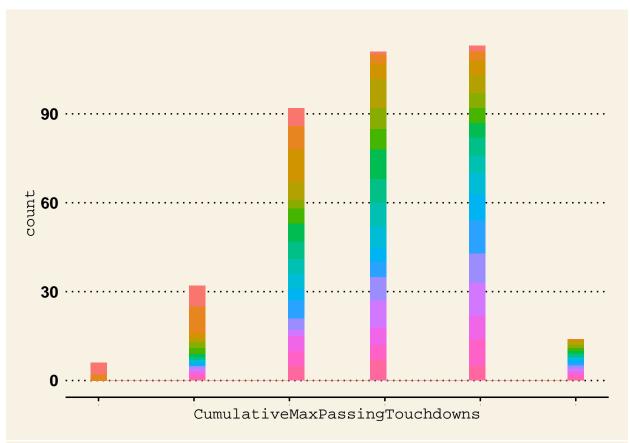


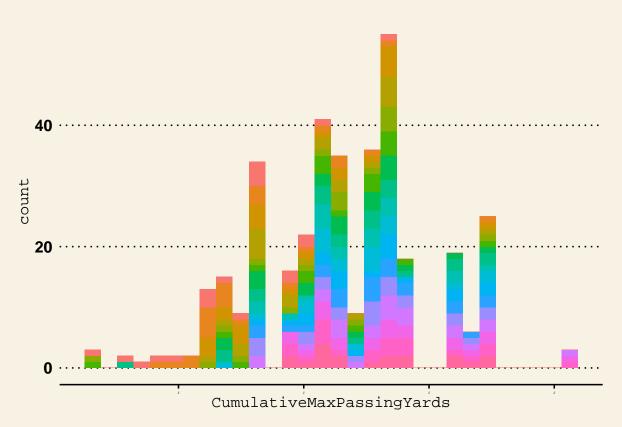


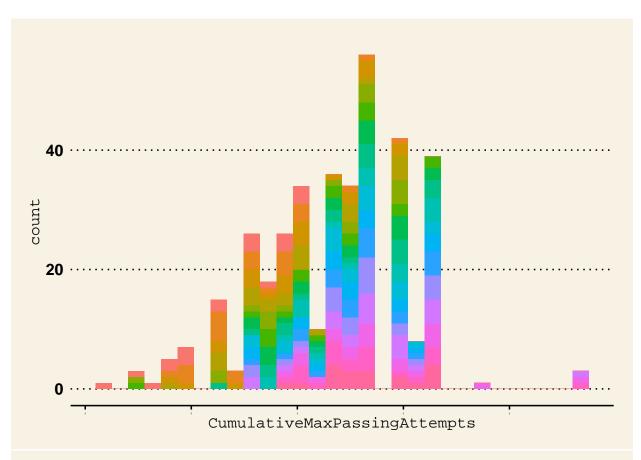


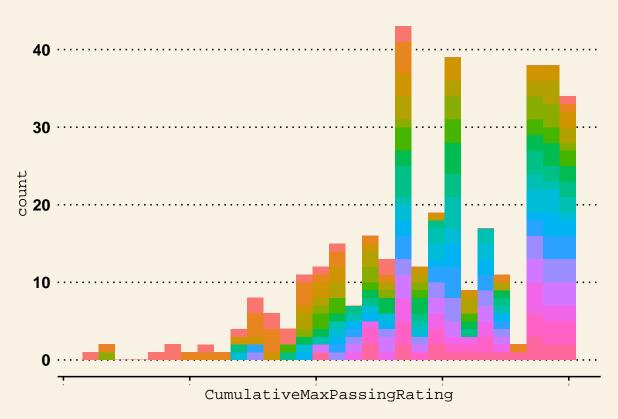


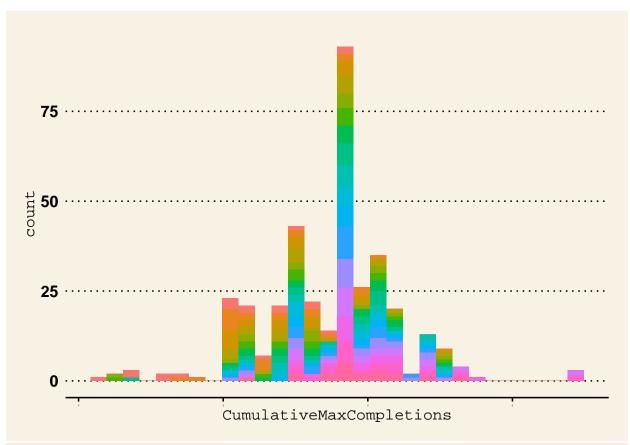


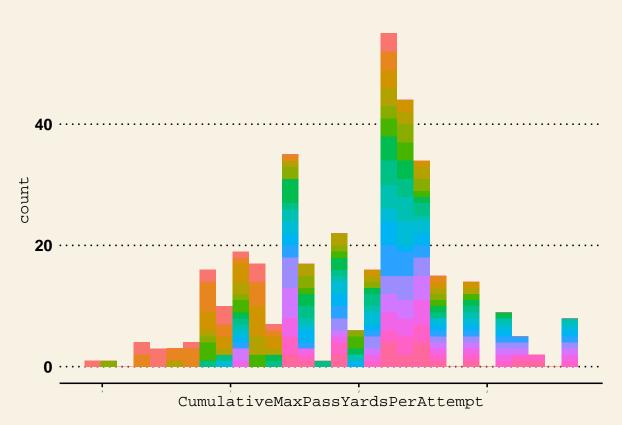


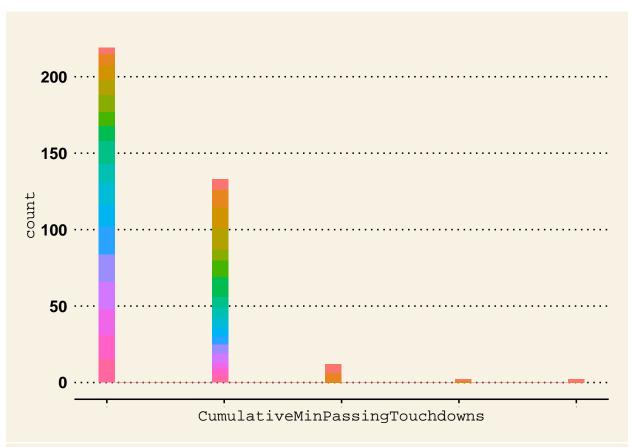


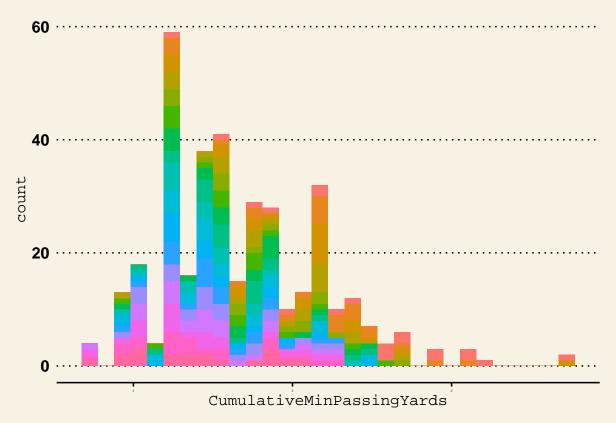


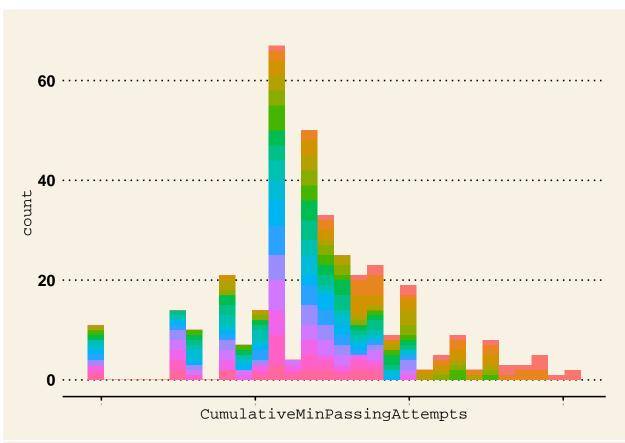


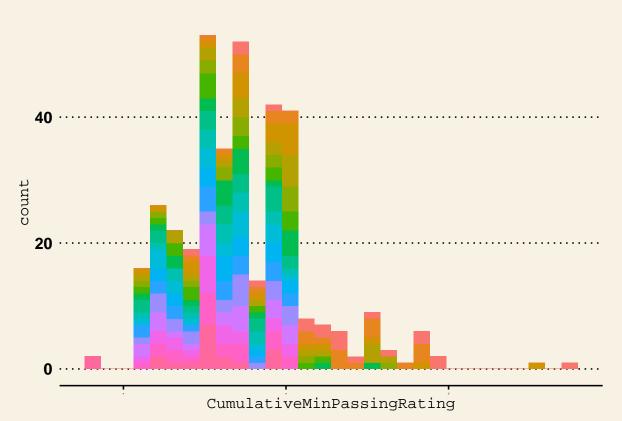


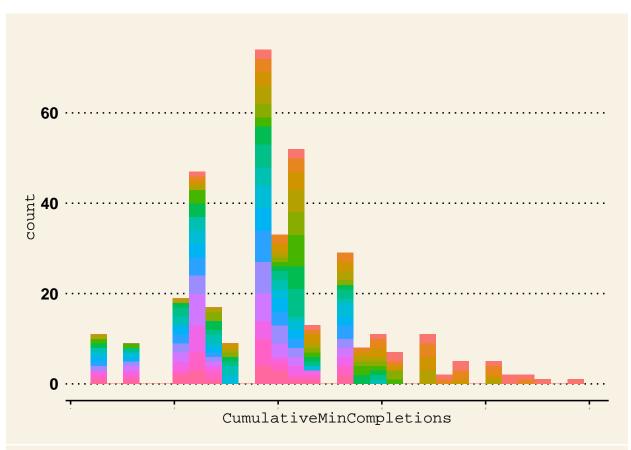


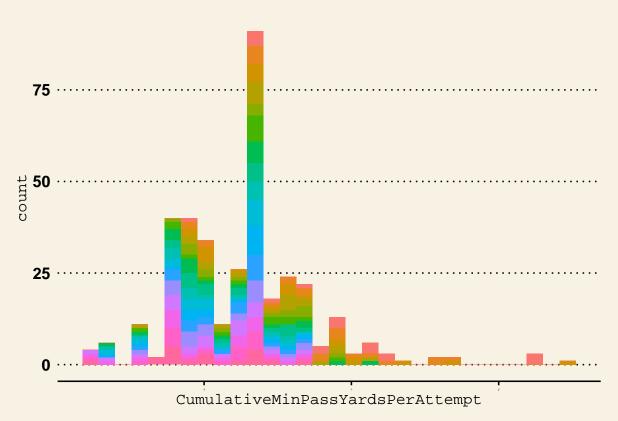






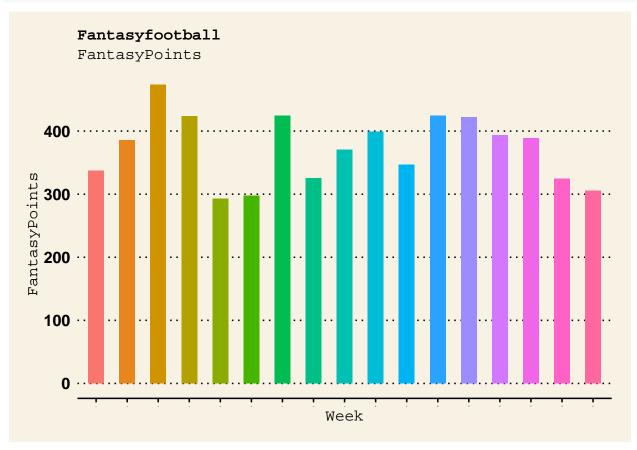


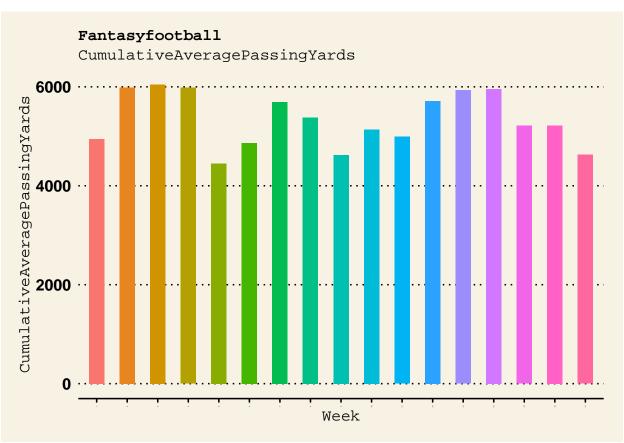


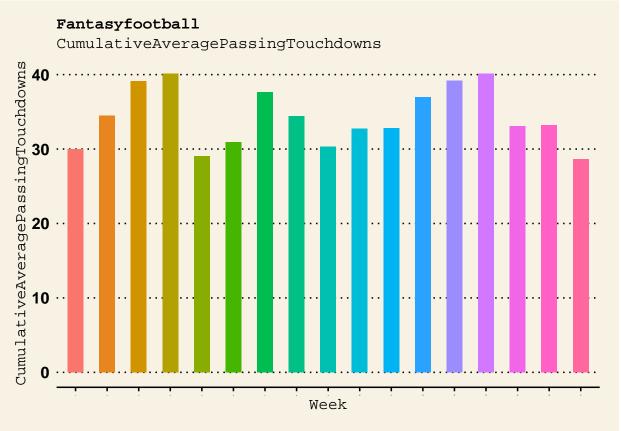


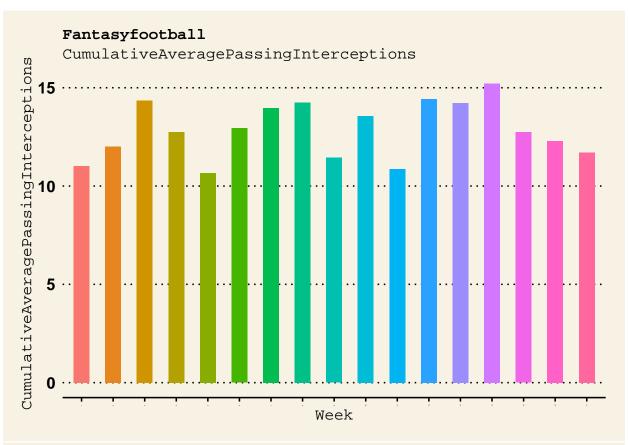
8.5 Bar plots Derived Feature set

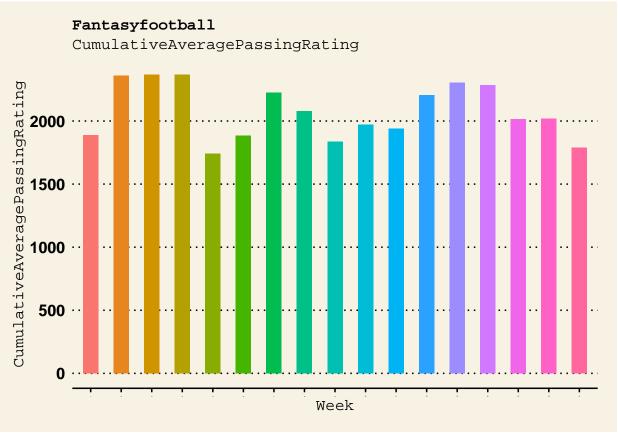
```
for(p in 2:20){
    bar_plot <- eda_derived %>%
                 ggplot(aes_string(x="Week",
                                   y=names(eda_derived[p]),
                                   fill="Week",group="Week"))+
                 ggtitle(names(eda_derived[p]))+
                 geom_bar(stat="identity", width=.5, show.legend = FALSE)+
                 xlab("Week")+
                 ylab(names(eda_derived[p]))+
                 labs(title="Fantasyfootball",
                      subtitle=names(eda_derived[p]),
                      aption="Source: Fantasyfootball")+
                  theme_wsj()+
                  theme(plot.title
                                     = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
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                        axis.text.x = element_text(angle=65, vjust=0.6,size=1),
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           print(bar_plot)
}
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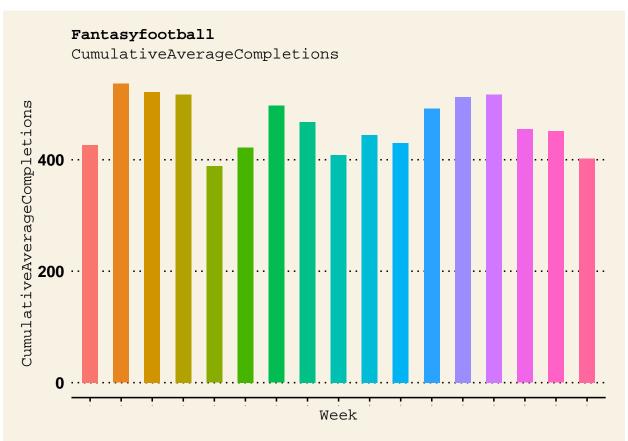


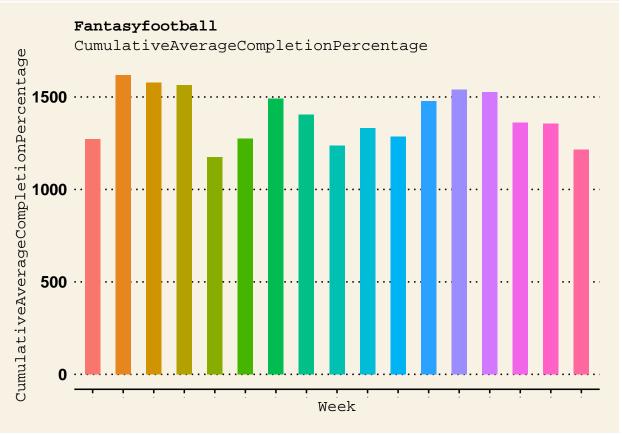




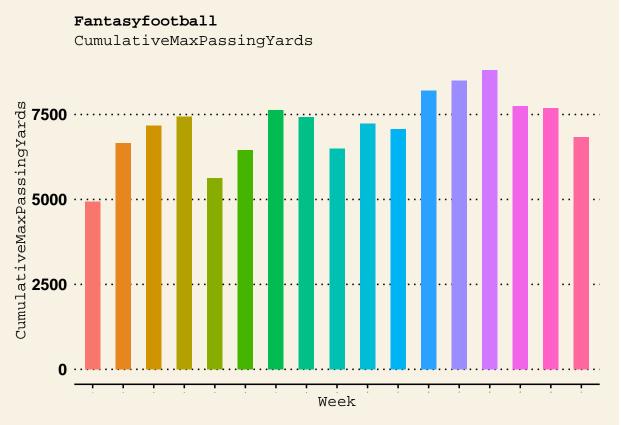


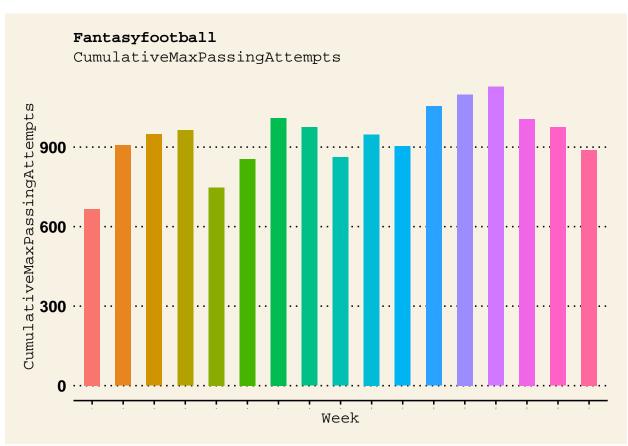


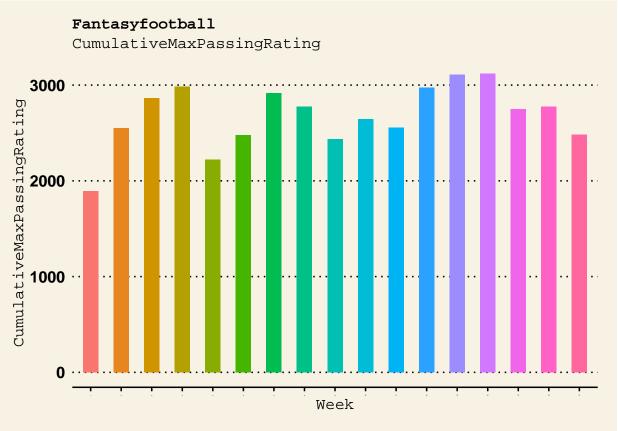


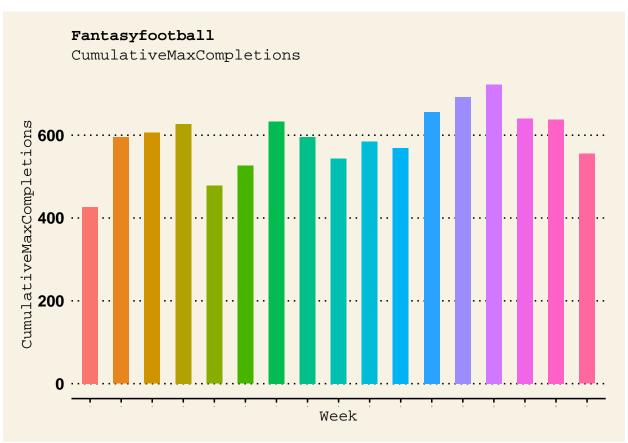




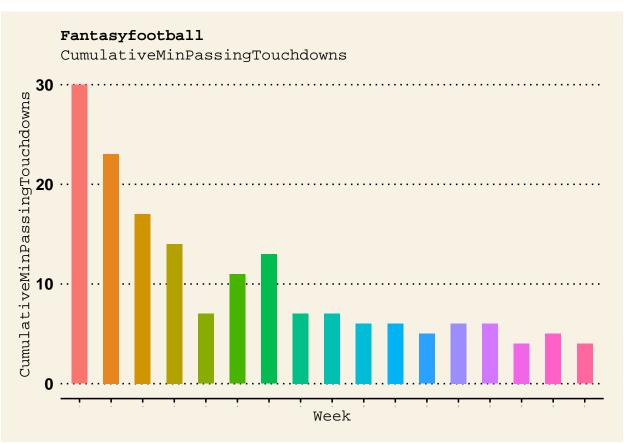


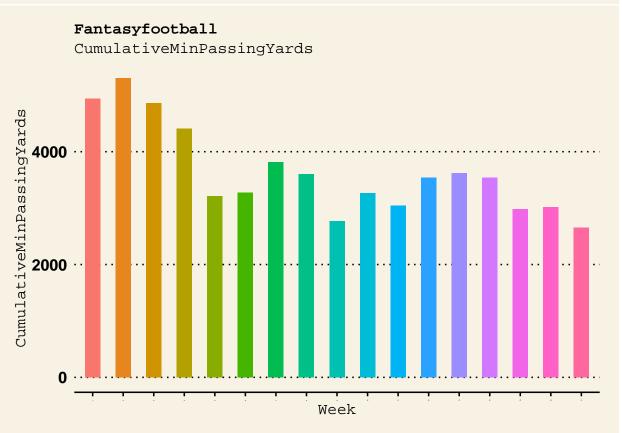


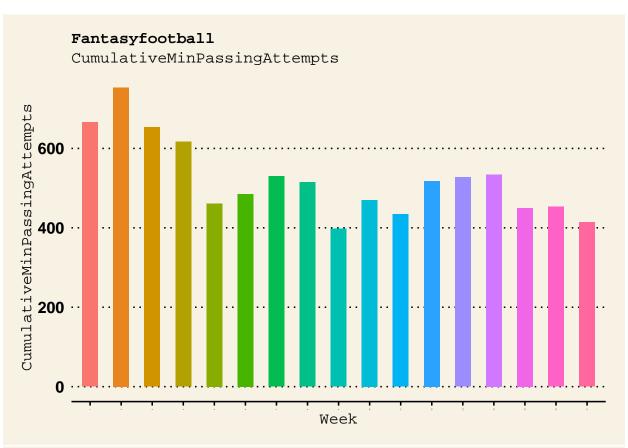




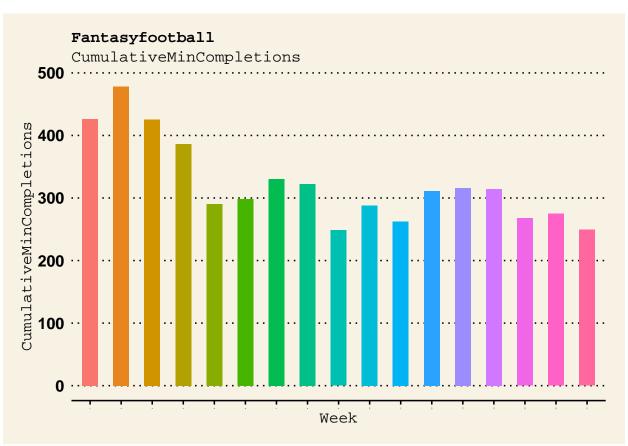


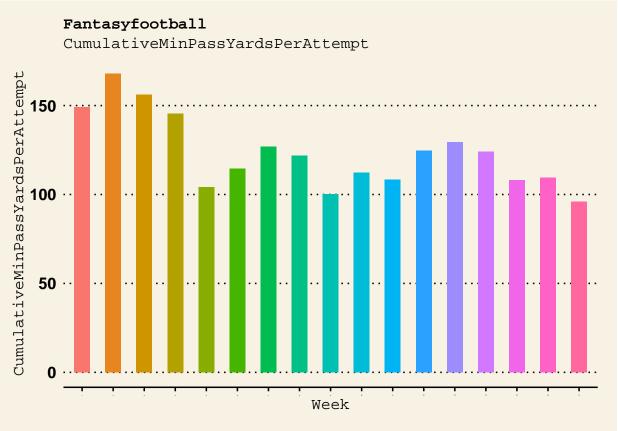










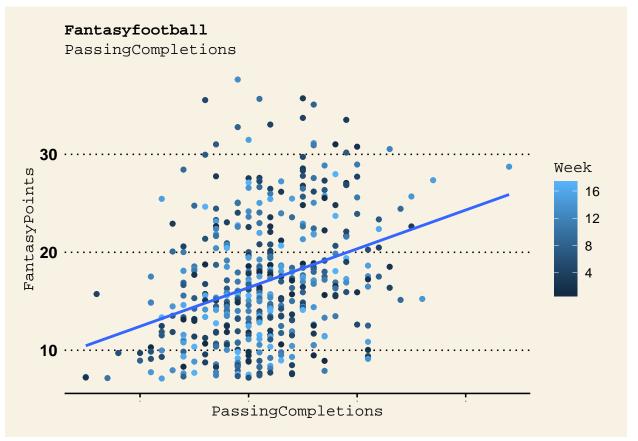


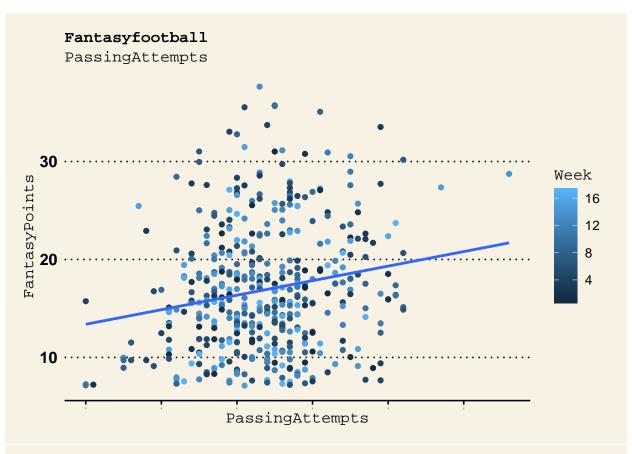
9: Scatterplots

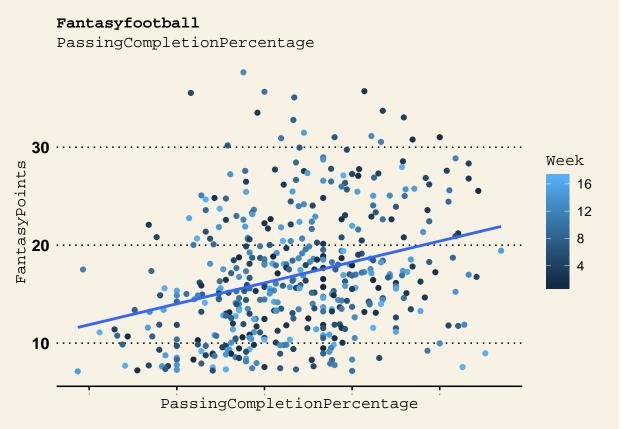
We are trying to capture what the NEXT value for fantasy points is likely to be - these are all going t current week since the fantasy score is a linear combination of the predictors for any given week. We need to shift the data before running these charts.

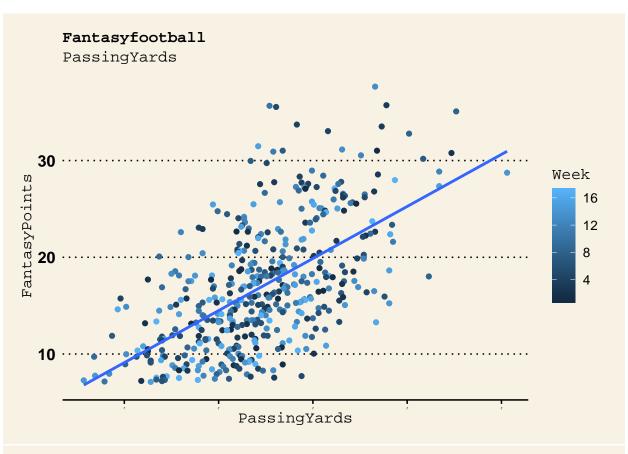
9.1 : Scatterplots for base features

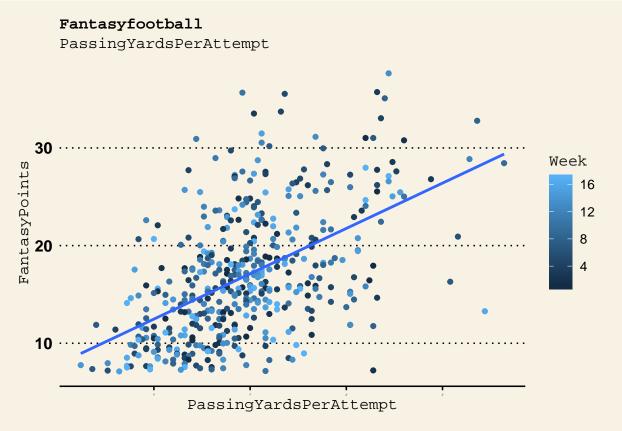
```
for (i in 3:15) {
  base_scatter <- eda_base %>%
                  ggplot(aes_string(y="FantasyPoints",x=names(eda_base[i]),color="as.numeric(Week)")) +
                  geom_point()+geom_smooth(method="lm",se=F)+
                  labs(title="Fantasyfootball",
                       subtitle=names(eda_base[i]),
                       aption="Source: Fantasyfootball")+
                  labs(color="Week")+
                  theme_wsj()+
                  theme(plot.title
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                        plot.subtitle = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                        axis.text.x = element_text(angle=65, vjust=0.6,size=1),
                                      = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
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    print(base_scatter)
```

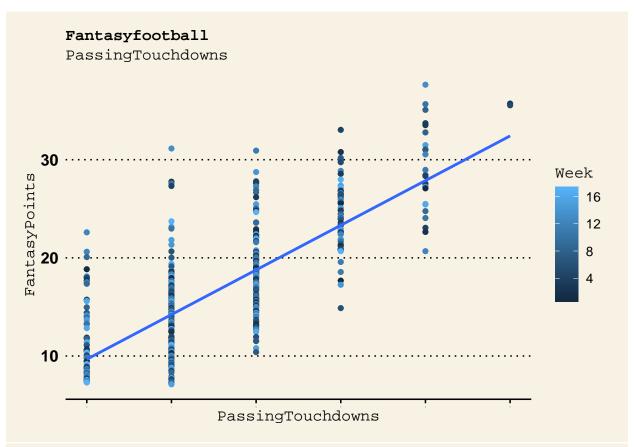


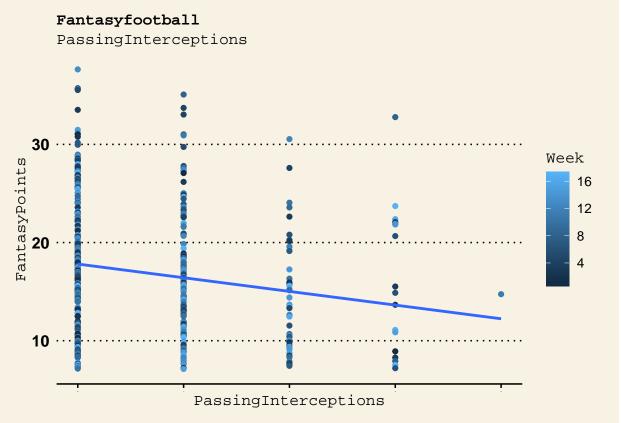


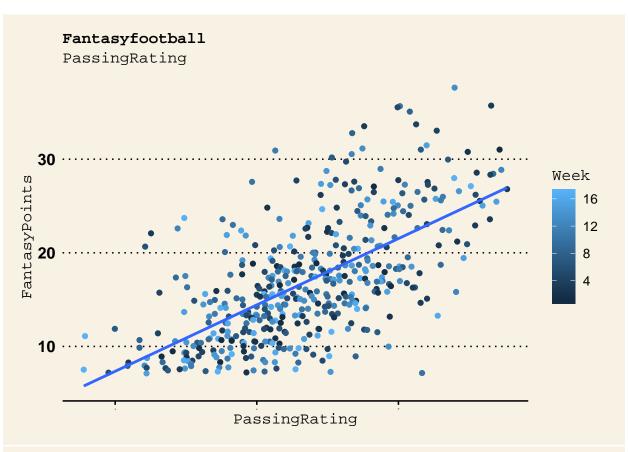


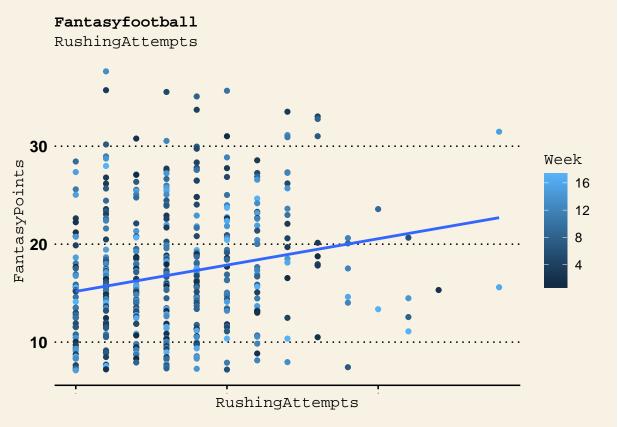


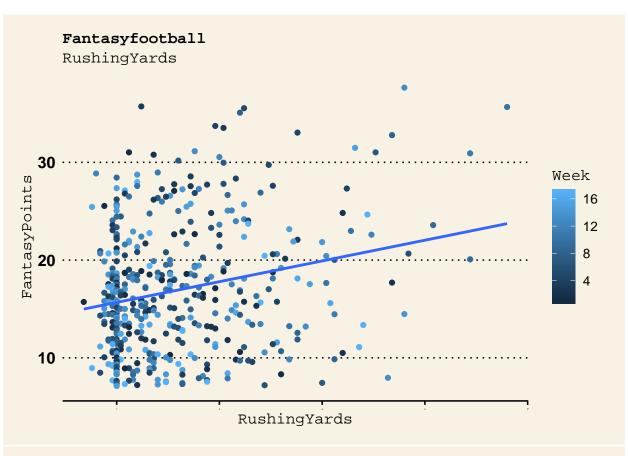


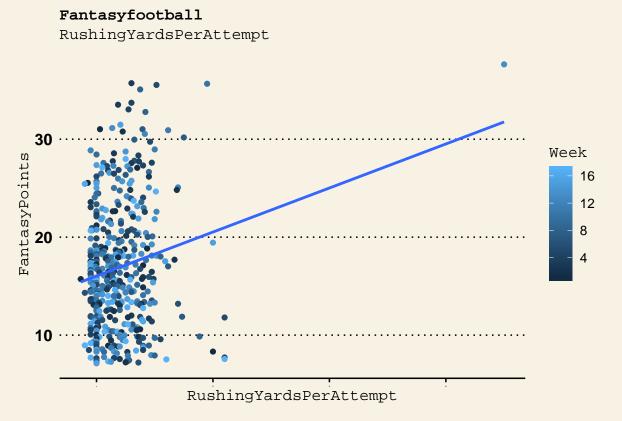


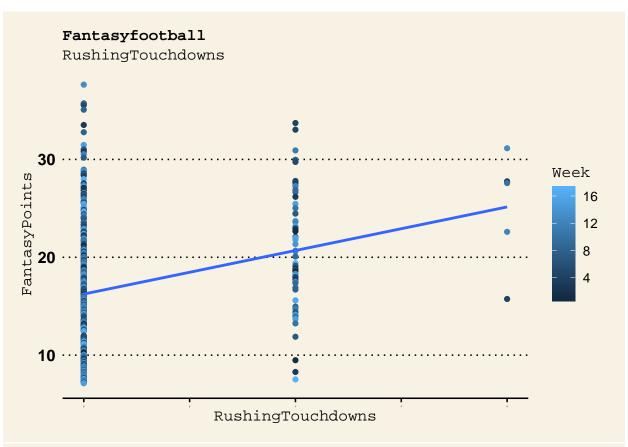


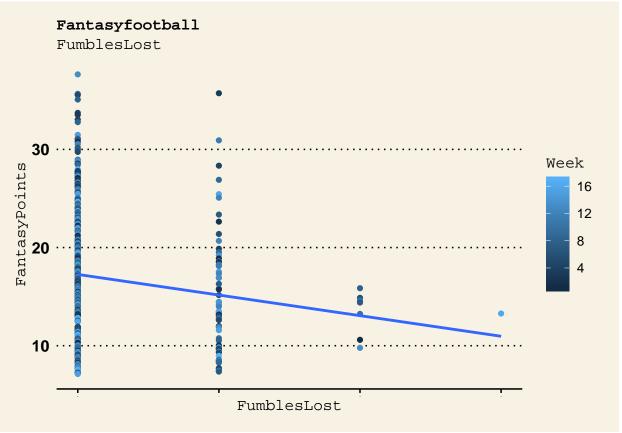






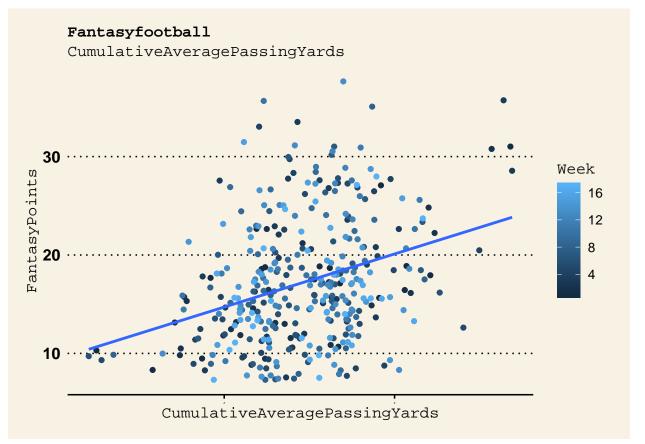


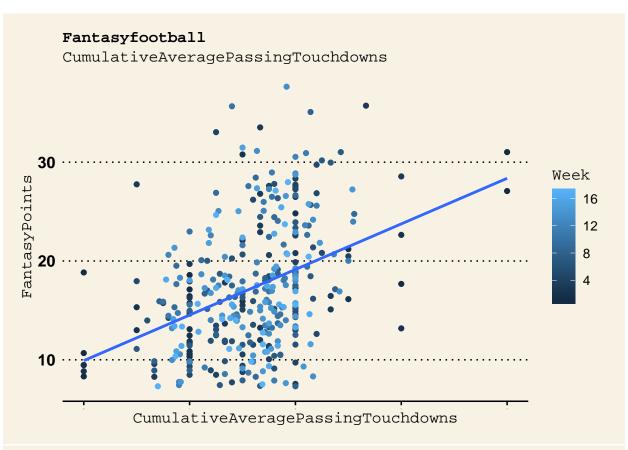


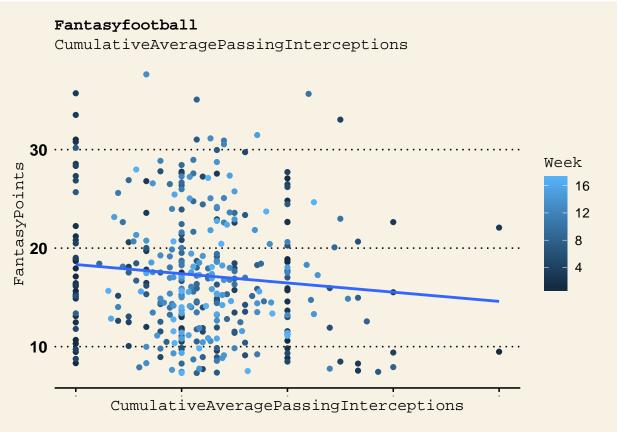


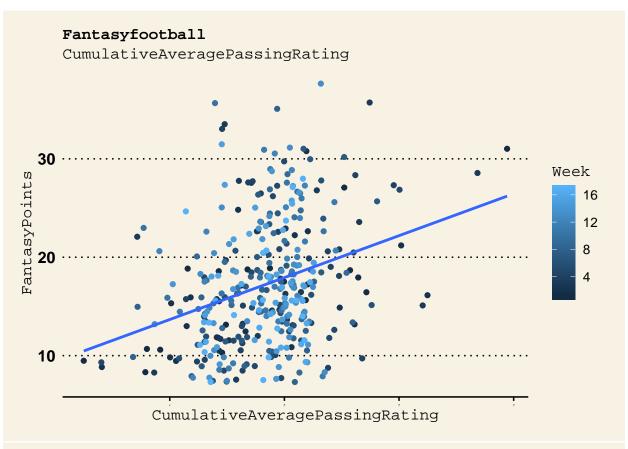
9.2 : Scatterplots for Derived features

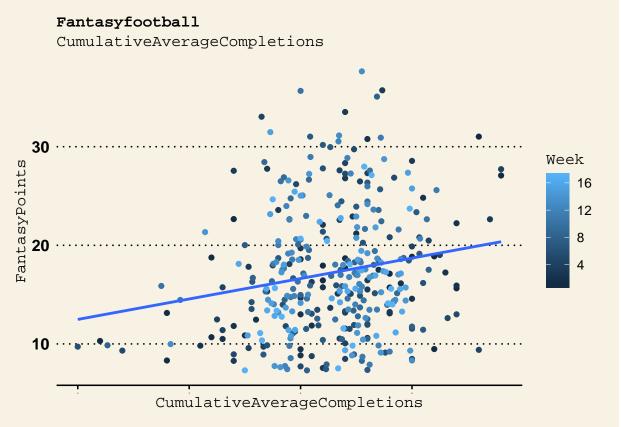
```
for (i in 3:20) {
  derived_scatter <- eda_derived %>%
                     ggplot(aes_string(y="FantasyPoints",x=names(eda_derived[i]),color="as.numeric(Week
                     geom_point()+
                     geom_smooth(method="lm",se=F)+
                     xlab(names(eda_derived[i]))+
                     ylab("FantasyPoints")+
                     labs(title="Fantasyfootball",
                          subtitle=names(eda_derived[i]),
                          aption="Source: Fantasyfootball")+
                     labs(color="Week")+
                     theme_wsj()+
                     theme(plot.title = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
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    print(derived_scatter)
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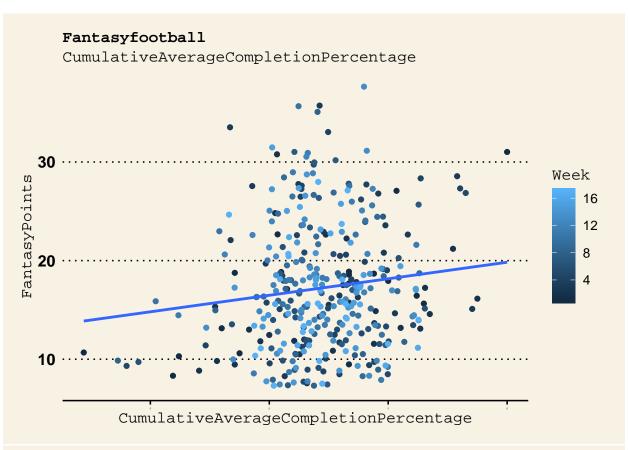


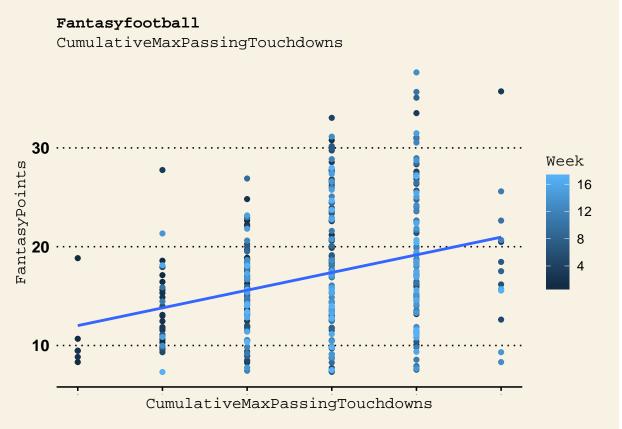


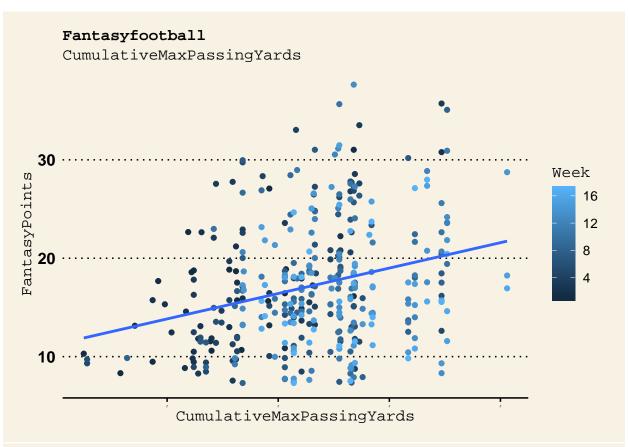


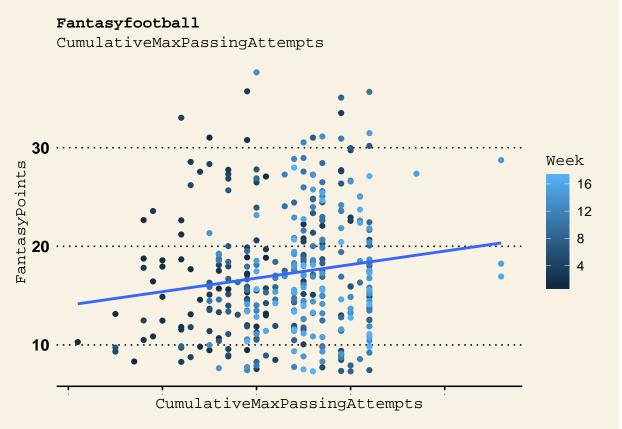


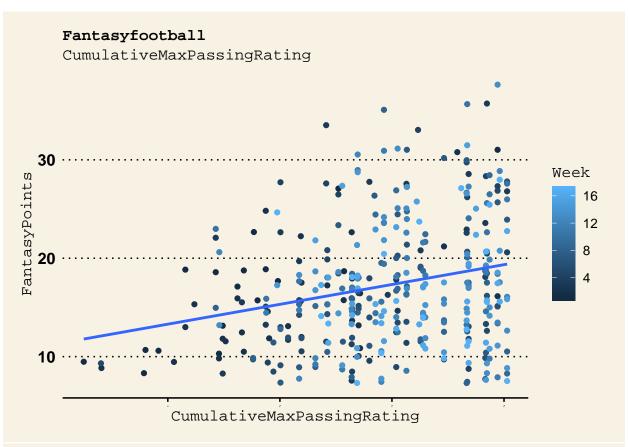


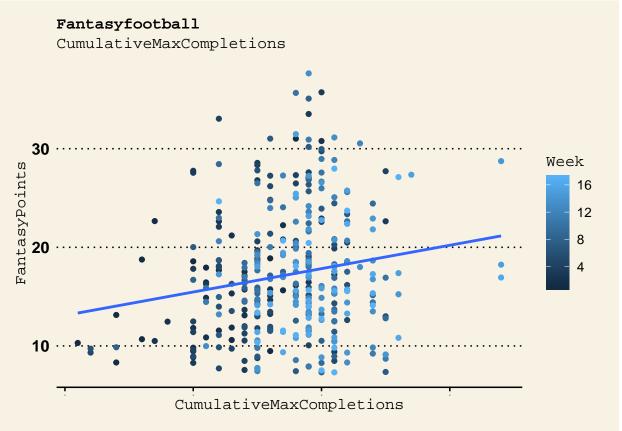


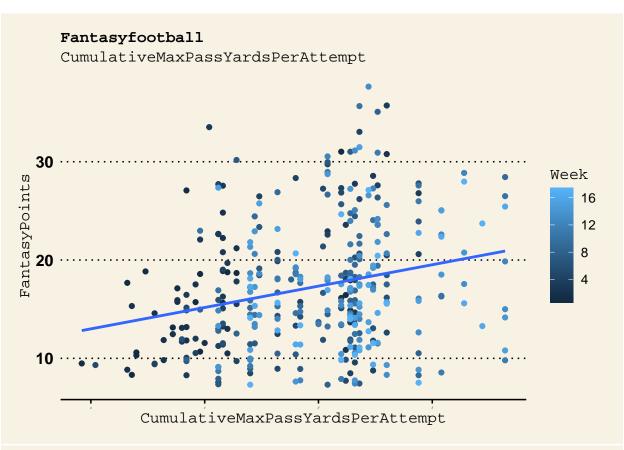


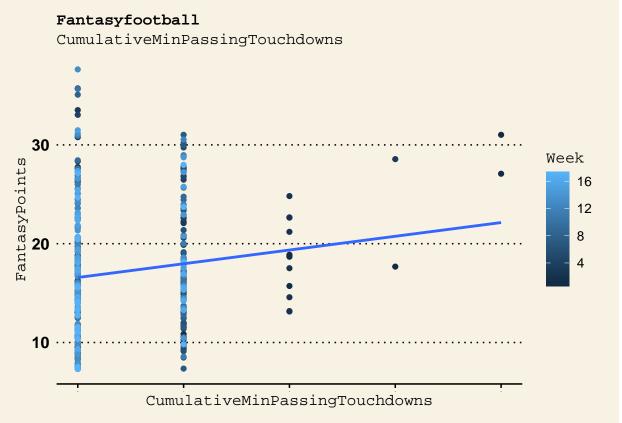


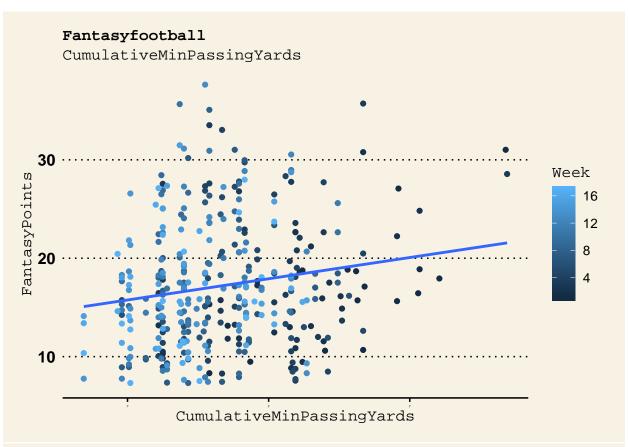


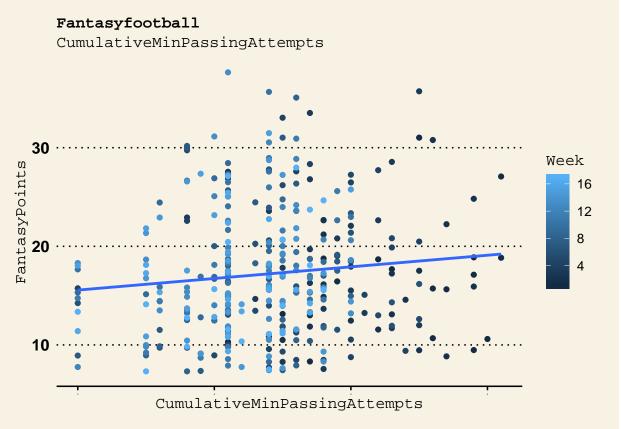


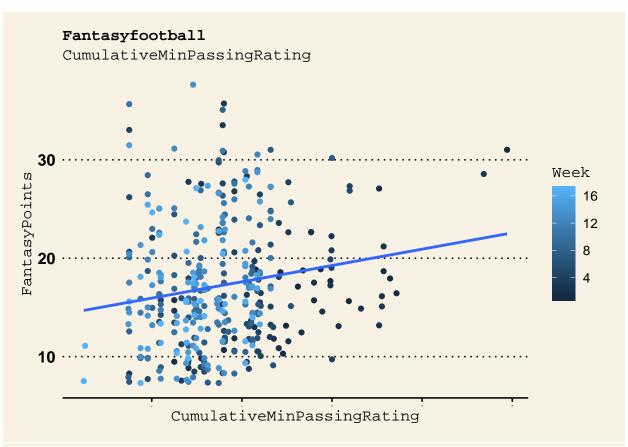


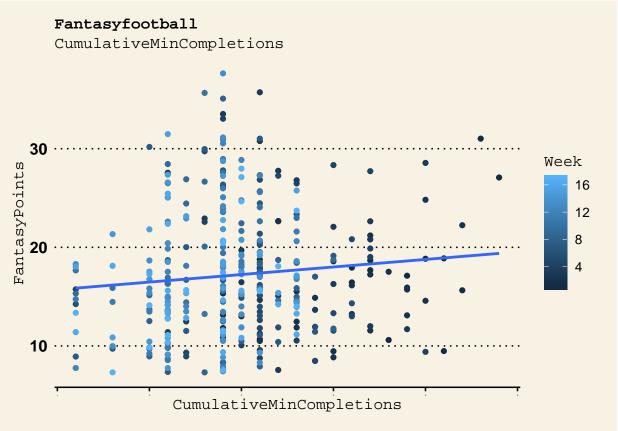


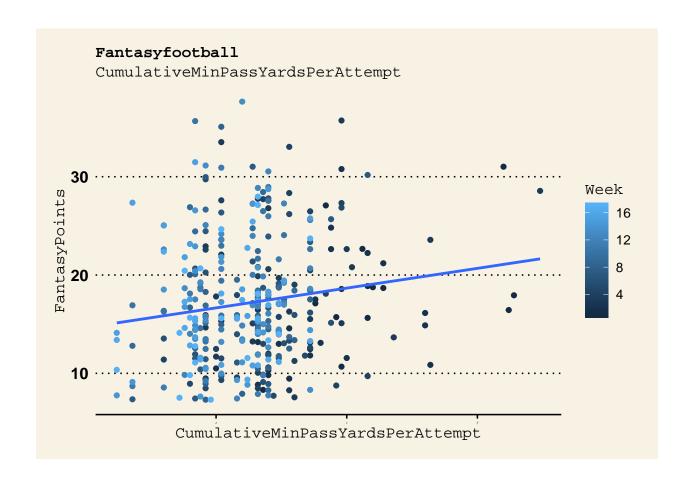








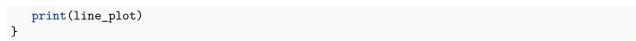


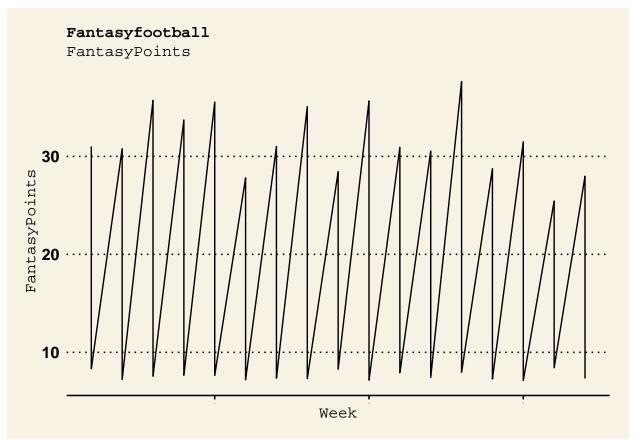


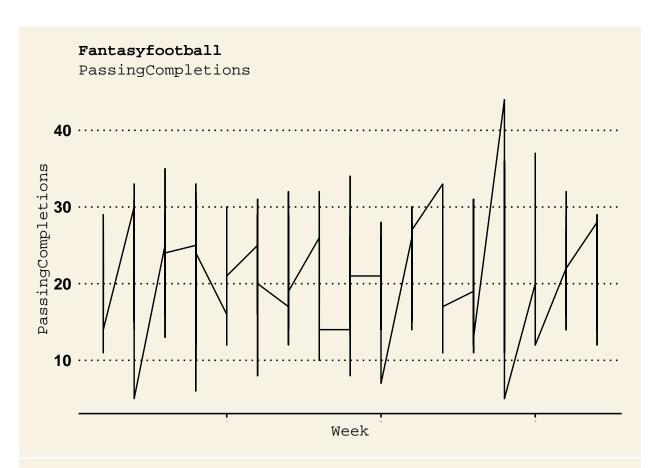
10: Line plots

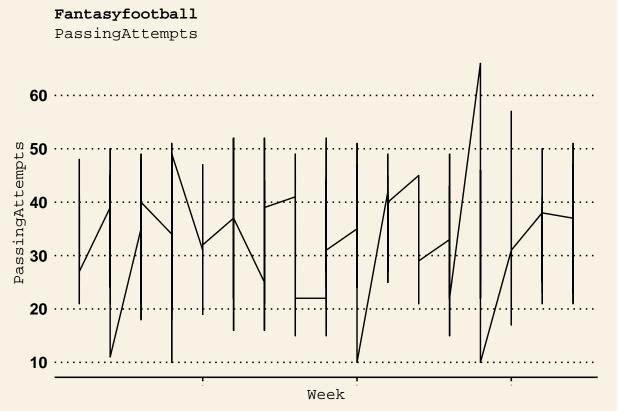
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\#\# 10.1 Base Features
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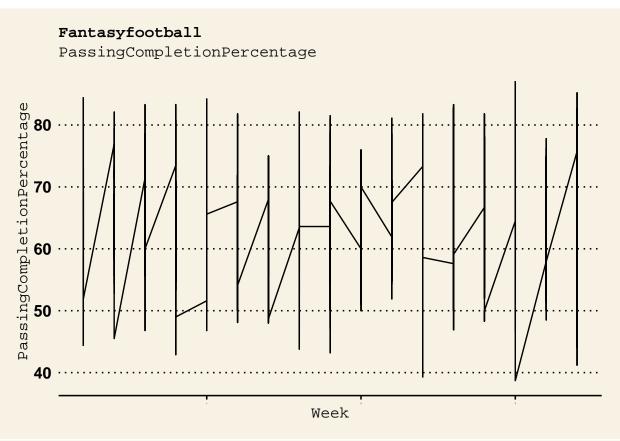
```
line_ds <- eda_base %>% group_by(Week) %>% arrange(Week)
for(p in 2:15){
  line_plot <- line_ds %>%
                 ggplot(aes_string(x="as.numeric(Week)",y=names(line_ds[p])))+
                 ggtitle(names(line_ds[p]))+
                 geom_line(show.legend = FALSE)+
                 xlab("Week")+
                 ylab(names(line_ds[p]))+
                 labs(title="Fantasyfootball",
                       subtitle=names(line_ds[p]),
                      aption="Source: Fantasyfootball")+
                 theme_wsj()+
                  theme(plot.title
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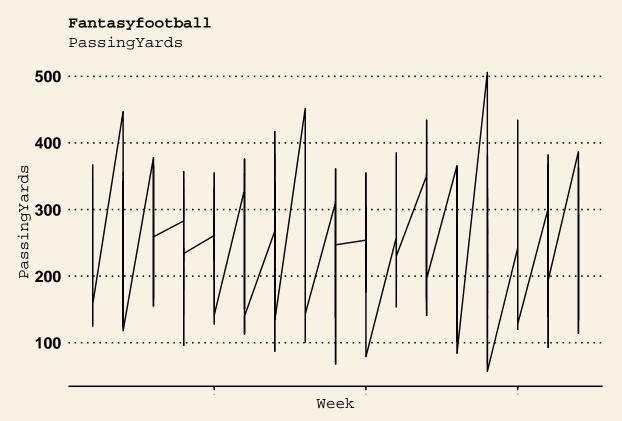


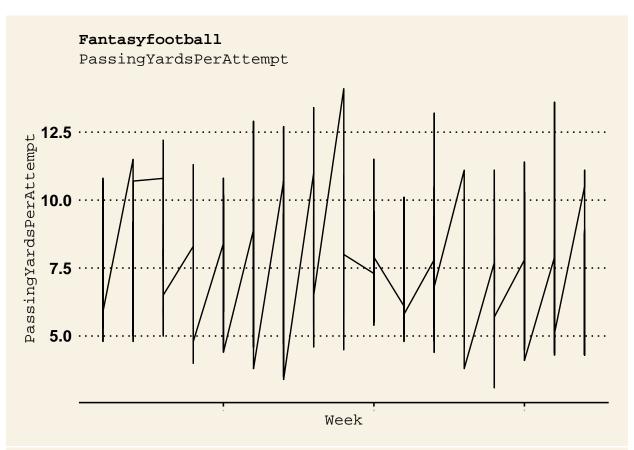


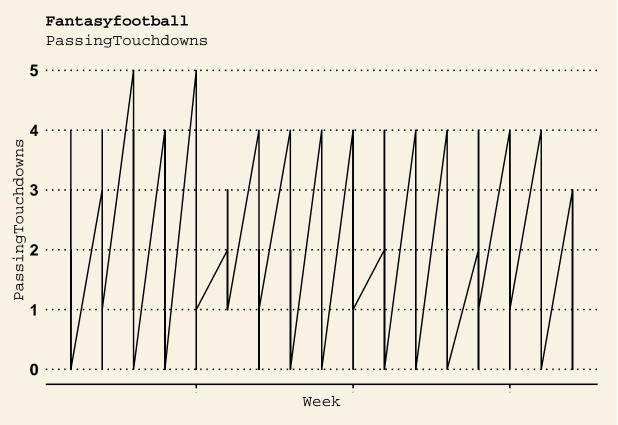


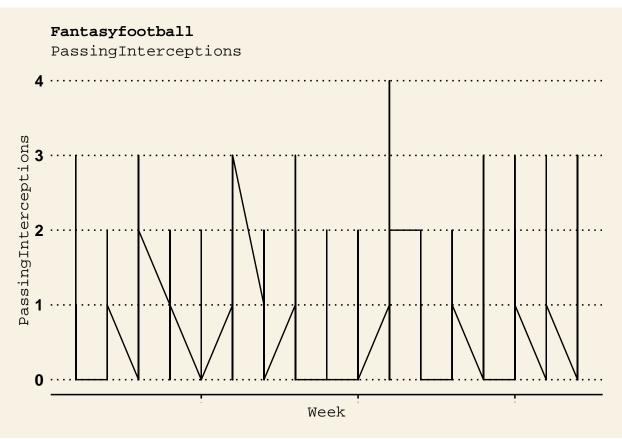


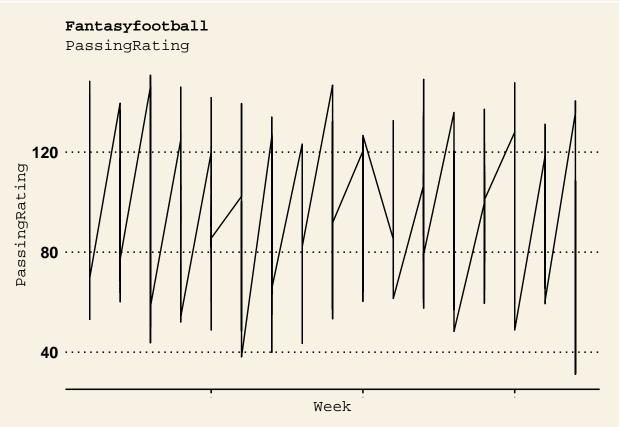


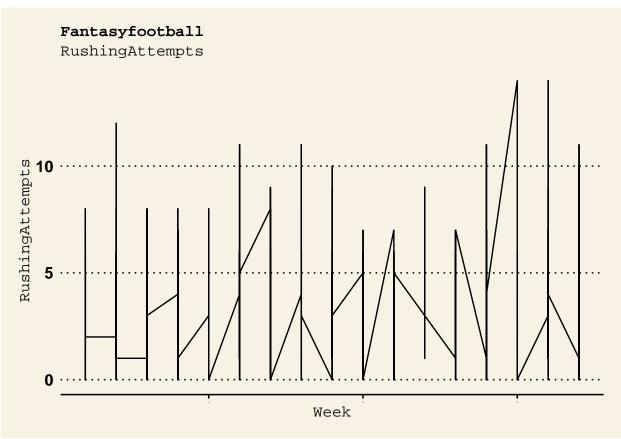


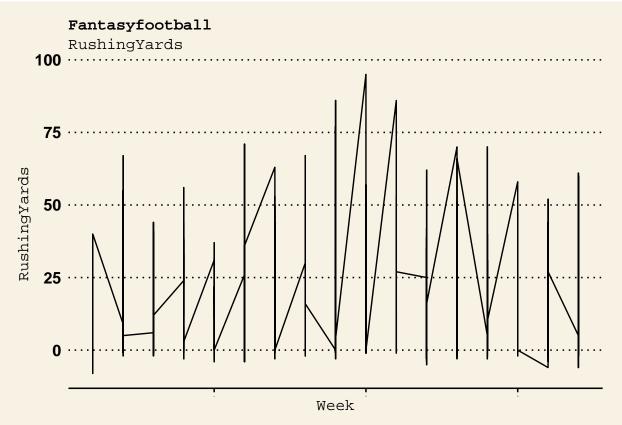


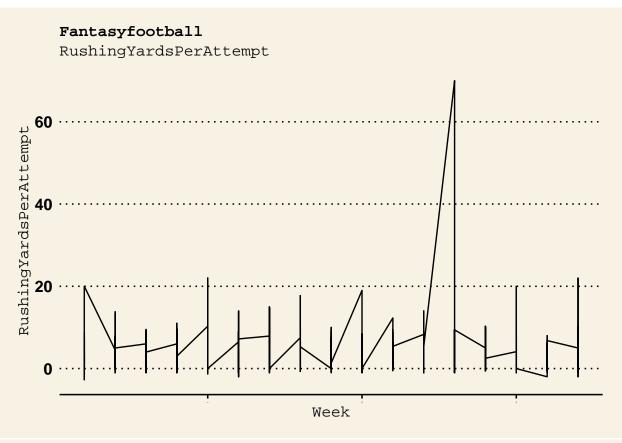


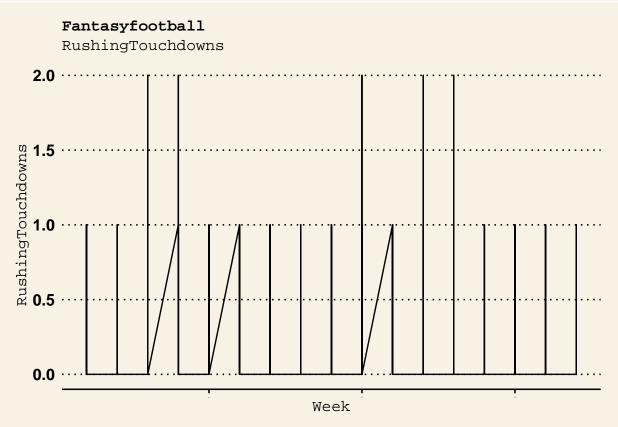


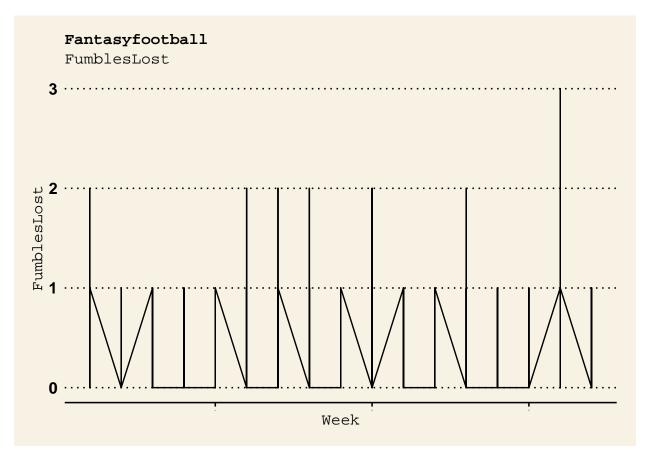












10.2 Derived Features

```
line_ds <- eda_derived %>% group_by(Week) %>% arrange(Week)
for(p in 2:20){
   line_plot <- line_ds %>%
                  ggplot(aes_string(x="as.numeric(Week)",y=names(line_ds[p])))+
                  ggtitle(names(line_ds[p]))+
                  geom_line(show.legend = FALSE)+
                 xlab("Week")+
                 ylab(names(line_ds[p]))+
                 labs(title="Fantasyfootball",
                       subtitle=names(line_ds[p]),
                       aption="Source: Fantasyfootball")+
                  theme_wsj()+
                  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                        plot.subtitle = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                        axis.text.x = element_text(angle=65, vjust=0.6, size=1),
                                     = element_text(size = rel(0.5)),
                        axis.title
                        legend.position = "right",
                        legend.direction ="vertical",
                        legend.title = element_text(size = rel(0.5)))
   print(line_plot)
}
```

