STAT 331 Project

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1 Summary

This project is aimed at exploring the relationship between healthy male single-fetus birth weight and some explanatory variables based on a given dataset containing information about 1236 healthy male single-fetus births of women enrolled in the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan in the San Francisco/East Bay area between 1960-1967. The entire statistical analysis was performed in the following steps: data cleaning, imputation, pre-fitting data diagnostics, automated model selection, model diagnostics of two candidate models and discussion of the results of the chosen model. Through analysis of our final model, we concluded that the significant explanatory variables for healthy male single-fetus birth weight are: the length of the gestation period, the total number of previous pregnancies, the father's ethnicity, the mother's age, the mother's height and weight, whether the mother smoked during pregnancy and the number of cigarettes smoked per day by the mother when she was smoking.

2 Model Selection

2.1 Deal with NA's in fht, fwt and income:

To begin with, we had a look at the summary of the dataset (see A.1). It is obvious that father's height (fht), father's weight (fwt) and the family yearly income (income) contain "too many" NA's, meaning that if we include any of these three factors into our models, then it is probable that our models will be highly biased because there are too many unavailable data. Since we do not know why they are unavailable, any model including any of these three factors will not be representative of the *entire population*. Therefore, based on the given dataset, it is reasonable to remove these three variables (see A.2) and we acknowledge that we may be missing out on important covariates by doing this. After removing these three variables, we counted how many observations have NA's (see A.3). It turned out that there were only 119 observations containing NA's, which account for less than 10% of the entire dataset.

2.2 Creating the New Variable smoke_number:

We noticed that the three variables indicating 1) whether the mother smoked during pregnancy (smoke); 2) time since the mother quit smoking before pregnancy (time); 3) number of cigarettes smoked per day by the mother when she was smoking (number) are highly correlated with each other and are divided into too many categories. Therefore, we decided to create a new variable that could store all information from these three variables so that after we fit the models, we will get more meaningful coefficients.

First, we regrouped the variable *number* into four categories: never smoked, up to half a pack, half to full pack, and more than one pack (see A.4). Then, we regrouped the variable *smoke* in terms of the variable *time* so that the variable *smoke* can store information from both the original *smoke* and *time* (see A.5). After this, we realized that in total, there are 21 NA's in smoke and number. Thus, we removed the observations that have NA's in smoke and number (see A.6). At the end, we created a new variable named *smoke_number* which indicates when the mother quit smoking and how many cigarettes the mother smoked when she was smoking (see A.7), where we created new categories: Never smoked, Smoked more than half and pack but quit before pregnancy, Smoke more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy, Smoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy, Still smokes half to full pack, Still smokes more than one pack, and Still smokes up to half a pack. And now that we have a new variable, we could throw out the original *smoke*, *time* and *number* (see A.8).

2.3 Create the New Variable: BMI

We realized that Body Mass Index (BMI) combines information mother's height(mht) and mother's weight(mwt), and is a better representation of the mother's health status than just height and weight separately (see A.9). After this, we removed the original variables mht and mwt (see A.10).

2.4 Imputing the Variables mother's ethnicity (meth) and father's ethnicity(feth)

First we realized that there are subcategories in each variable that account for a very small portion of the entire observations, such as the subcategories *mixed* and *other*. Therefore, we decided to combine them to a new variable *other* for each of meth and feth (see A.11). After this, we realized that there are NA's in both feth and meth; besides, we checked that the majority of parents have the same ethnicity (see A.12). Plus, there is only a small number of observations that have NA's in meth and feth. Hence, for the missing NA's in meth and feth, it is reasonable to replace them with the corresponding ethnicity of the other parent (see A.14).

2.5 Factor all Categorical Variables

We converted all categorical variables into factors. (see A.13).

2.6 Deal with observations that contain NA's

At this point, we noted that there are still NA's in some observations. As mentioned in Section 1.1, totally there were only 119 observations containing NA's. Since they account for less than 10% of the dataset, it is acceptable to remove them from the dataset without creating much biase (see A.15).

2.7 Pair Plots

Now that we have cleaned the dataset, we did pre-fitting data diagnostics. We constructed the pair plot of birth weight(wt) with other continuous numerical variables (see A.16). We noted that there might be a quadratic relation between birth weight (wt) and the length of the gestation period (gestation), which will be checked during future model selection.

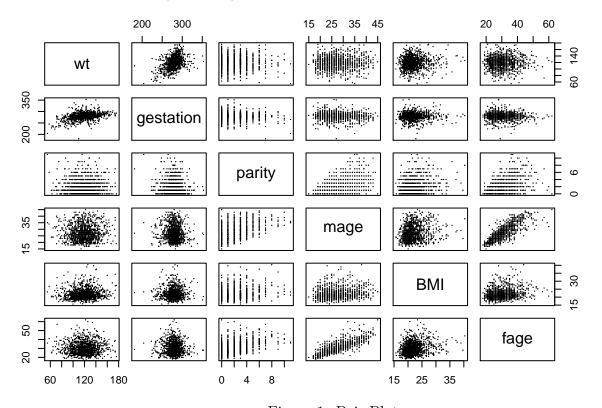


Figure 1: Pair Plot

2.8 Automated Model Selection

We constructed our minimal and maximal models for automated model selection (see A.17), where in the maximal model, we removed some interaction effect since they do not give meaningful coefficients but we added main effects. Then, we ran the forward, backward and stepwise selection (see A.18). By comparing the models generated by the above selections (see A.19), it turned out that backward and stepwise selection produced the same model; thus, we decided to keep the models generated by forward selection and stepwise selection for closer inspection.

3 Model Diagnostics

3.1 Different Residual Plots, Influences and Leverages for M1(foward selection) and M2(stepwise selection)

We plotted the ordinary residuals, standardized residuals, PRESS residuals and DIFFITS residuals against the predicted values and against the leverages for both M1 and M2. Then, we plotted the QQ-plot for both M1 and M2.

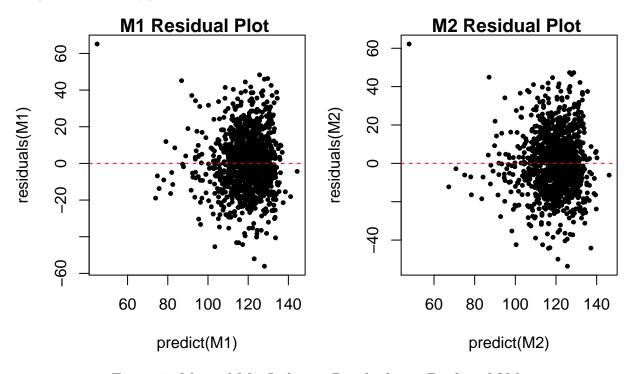


Figure 2: M1 and M2 Ordinary Residuals vs. Predicted Values

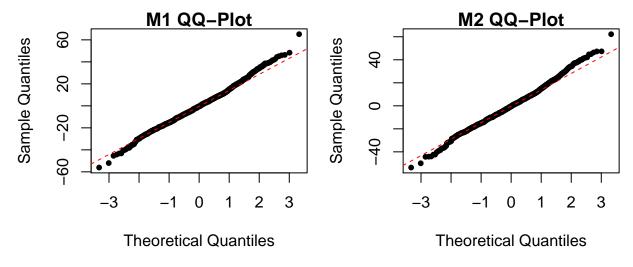


Figure 3: M1 and M2 QQ-plots

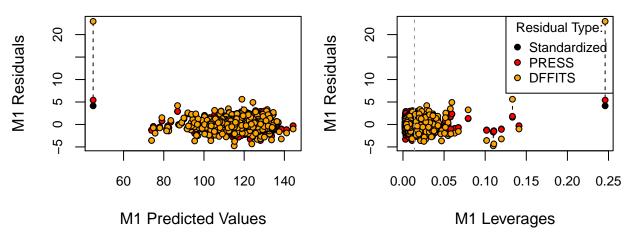


Figure 4: Predicted Value vs Residuals and Leverages for M1 and M2

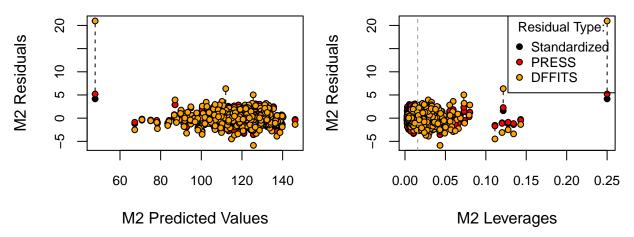


Figure 5: Predicted Value vs Residuals and Leverages for M1 and M2

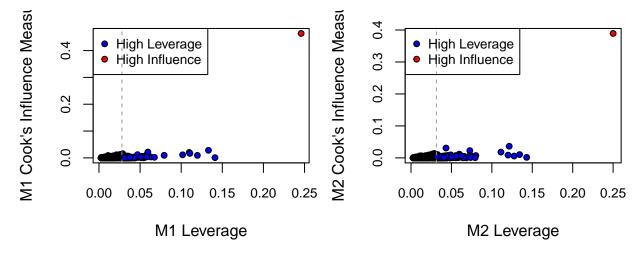


Figure 6: Cook's Distance vs Leverage

3.2 Cross-validation

We ran the cross-validation for both M1(Mfwd) and M2(Mstep) (see A.24), We produced boxplots for root mean square prediction error(rPMSE), and we calculated the Akaike Information Criterion(AIC) and produced the boxplots for PRESS statistics (see A.26)

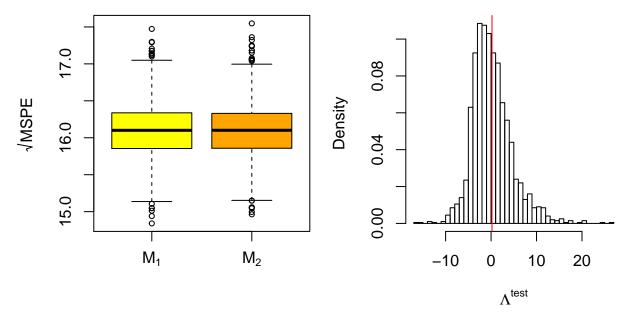


Figure 7: Cross-validation model comparison results. Left: Root mean square prediction error (rMSPE). Right: Out-of-sample likelihood ratio statistic.

Based on the graphs, it could be seen that, for the two candidate models, different residual plots, influence and leverages (Figures 2-6) did not show a big difference; however, it was the boxplots for root mean square prediction error(rPMSE) and the Akaike Information of the two models that showed us M2(stepwise model) is the better one (Figure 7 and 8). Hence, we decided to choose the stepwise model, Mstep, as our final model (see A.28)

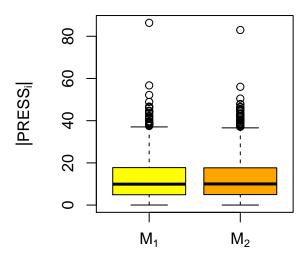


Figure 8: Boxplot of squared PRESS statistics for models M1 and M2.

```
Pr(>|t|)
##
      parameter estimates standard errors
                                              t-value
## 1
            -3.267585e+02
                              9.325777e+01 -3.5038209 4.766252e-04
## 2
             2.605378e+00
                              5.246369e-01
                                            4.9660585 7.888145e-07
## 3
             1.053998e+00
                              3.078874e-01
                                            3.4233237 6.408301e-04
##
                              1.474451e+00 -2.9175988 3.597365e-03
            -4.301856e+00
## 5
             7.309917e+00
                              2.497848e+00
                                            2.9264857 3.496932e-03
## 6
            -3.748702e+00
                              2.873201e+00 -1.3047127 1.922571e-01
## 7
            -6.489434e+00
                              3.006977e+00 -2.1581254 3.112878e-02
                              2.137877e+00
                                           1.1224491 2.619106e-01
## 8
             2.399658e+00
## 9
            -1.266005e+01
                              1.899566e+00 -6.6647072 4.140941e-11
## 10
            -9.227012e+00
                              1.365056e+00 -6.7594387 2.217798e-11
                              1.239694e+00 -3.6437227 2.809560e-04
## 11
            -4.517099e+00
## 12
             1.380406e+00
                              2.816424e+00 0.4901272 6.241393e-01
## 13
            -7.505960e+00
                              1.287695e+00 -5.8289902 7.273708e-09
## 14
                              2.799532e+00 -3.3366040 8.757549e-04
            -9.340931e+00
## 15
            -1.098299e+00
                              3.099624e+00 -0.3543331 7.231556e-01
## 16
            -3.631931e-03
                              8.296689e-04 -4.3775667 1.311593e-05
## 17
             1.501133e-02
                              5.260930e-03 2.8533613 4.405072e-03
            -2.468958e-02
                              8.925108e-03 -2.7663060 5.762201e-03
## 18
##
    [1] "(Intercept)"
##
        "gestation"
##
    [3]
        "parity"
##
    [4]
        "mage"
##
        "BMI"
        "smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy"
##
##
        "smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy"
##
        "smoke numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy"
    [9] "smoke numberStill smokes half to full pack"
##
```

```
## [10] "smoke_numberStill smokes more than one pack"
## [11] "smoke_numberStill smokes up to half a pack"
## [12] "fethMexican"
## [13] "fethAfrican-American"
## [14] "fethAsian"
## [15] "fethOther"
## [16] "I(gestation^2)"
## [17] "gestation:mage"
## [18] "gestation:BMI"
```

4 Discussion

4.1 Results

4.1.1 Significant Factors:

The most significant factors influencing birth weight of healthy single fetus males in this CHDS sample are: the length of the gestation period, the total number of previous pregnancies, the father's ethnicity, the mother's age, the mother's height and weight, whether the mother smoked during pregnancy and the number of cigarettes smoked per day by the mother when she was smoking.

4.1.2 Coefficients with High p-values:

There are some coefficients with *high p-values* retained in our model, such as fethMexican, fethOther and Smoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy.

For the coefficients related to ethnicities (fethMexican and fethOther), note that the majority observations in the given dataset have ethnicity *Caucasian*, thus, other ethnicities only account for a small portion of the entire dataset. So, even if in reality these coefficients are significant to the birth weight of a single-fetus male, they might not be revealed by this given dataset. Hence, we decided to retain them in our model.

For the coefficient about smoking (Smoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy), note that all the other coefficients about smoking are shown to be significant in our model, and they are all about smoking during pregnancy. We decided to retain the coefficient Smoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy in our model so that it shows a contrast with other coefficients about smoking, and it would be more obvious to see that smoking during pregnancy has a really significant influence on the birth weight of a single-fetus male.

4.2 Recommendation

Based on our result, it is shown that, compared to the birth weight of a single-fetus male whose mother never smoked, the expected birth weight of a single-fetus male whose mother

smoked but quit during pregnancy or smoked throughout pregnancy is less. Thus, we recommend that mothers should refrain from smoking during pregnancy and maintain a normal or higher than normal BMI (i.e. BMI above 18.5) to reduce the likelihood of low birth weight if they are expecting to give birth to a healthy single-fetus male.

4.3 Deficiency

At the beginning, we threw out three columns containing too many NA's; next, we threw out close to 10% of the entire observations which contain NA's in any columns. After this, we imputed missing mother's ethnicity (meth) and father's ethnicity (feth) by matching misssing ethnicity in one parent with the one of the other parent. Every step above was well justified, but there is still possibility that our model could be biased.

Another deficiency worth mentioning is that our model is based on this given dataset which dates back to 1960s, and "an algorithm is only as good as its inputs". Even though our model reveals all significant factors, when given another dataset obtained in the 21st century, we might be able to obtain a different model with more or less significant factors.

A R code

A.1 Summary of the dataset

```
getwd() # make sure that the file is in the working directory
```

[1] "/Users/FrancisHan/Documents/STAT 331/Project"

```
# load the data as a data.frame
birth <- read.csv(file = "chds_births.csv")

# summary of data
summary(birth)</pre>
```

```
##
                                           parity
                       gestation
                                                               meth
          wt
##
    Min.
           : 55.0
                     Min.
                             :148.0
                                       Min.
                                               : 0.000
                                                         Min.
                                                                 : 0.000
##
    1st Qu.:108.8
                     1st Qu.:272.0
                                       1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                         1st Qu.: 0.000
    Median :120.0
                     Median :280.0
                                       Median : 1.000
                                                         Median : 3.000
##
##
    Mean
           :119.6
                     Mean
                             :279.3
                                       Mean
                                              : 1.932
                                                         Mean
                                                                 : 3.129
    3rd Qu.:131.0
                     3rd Qu.:288.0
                                       3rd Qu.: 3.000
                                                         3rd Qu.: 7.000
            :176.0
                             :353.0
                                              :13.000
##
    Max.
                     Max.
                                       Max.
                                                         Max.
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##
                     NA's
                             :13
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##
                           med
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                                                              mwt
         mage
##
    Min.
           :15.00
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                             :0.000
                                       Min.
                                               :53.00
                                                        Min.
                                                                : 87.0
##
    1st Qu.:23.00
                     1st Qu.:2.000
                                       1st Qu.:62.00
                                                        1st Qu.:114.8
    Median :26.00
                     Median :2.000
                                       Median :64.00
                                                        Median :125.0
##
##
    Mean
           :27.26
                     Mean
                             :2.917
                                       Mean
                                              :64.05
                                                        Mean
                                                                :128.6
    3rd Qu.:31.00
                     3rd Qu.:4.000
                                       3rd Qu.:66.00
                                                        3rd Qu.:139.0
##
    Max.
            :45.00
                     Max.
                             :7.000
                                       Max.
                                               :72.00
                                                        Max.
                                                                :250.0
##
    NA's
            :2
                     NA's
                             : 1
                                       NA's
                                               :22
                                                        NA's
                                                                :36
##
         feth
                                             fed
                                                               fht
                            fage
    Min.
           : 0.000
##
                      Min.
                              :18.00
                                        Min.
                                                :0.000
                                                         Min.
                                                                 :60.0
##
    1st Qu.: 0.000
                       1st Qu.:25.00
                                        1st Qu.:2.000
                                                         1st Qu.:68.0
    Median : 3.000
                      Median :29.00
                                                         Median:71.0
                                        Median :4.000
##
##
    Mean
           : 3.154
                      Mean
                              :30.35
                                        Mean
                                                :3.127
                                                         Mean
                                                                 :70.2
##
    3rd Qu.: 7.000
                      3rd Qu.:34.00
                                        3rd Qu.:5.000
                                                         3rd Qu.:72.0
                              :62.00
                                                :7.000
##
    Max.
           :10.000
                      Max.
                                        Max.
                                                         Max.
                                                                 :78.0
##
    NA's
            :31
                      NA's
                              :7
                                        NA's
                                                :13
                                                         NA's
                                                                 :492
##
         fwt
                         marital
                                           income
                                                             smoke
##
                             :0.000
    Min.
           :110.0
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                                       Min.
                                               :0.000
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                                                        1st Qu.:0.0000
##
    1st Qu.:155.0
                     1st Qu.:1.000
                                       1st Qu.:2.000
##
    Median :170.0
                     Median :1.000
                                       Median :3.000
                                                        Median :1.0000
```

```
## Mean
         :171.2
                    Mean
                         :1.038
                                    Mean
                                           :3.701
                                                    Mean
                                                           :0.8018
   3rd Qu.:185.0
                    3rd Qu.:1.000
                                    3rd Qu.:5.000
                                                    3rd Qu.:1.0000
##
## Max.
          :260.0
                    Max.
                           :5.000
                                    Max.
                                           :9.000
                                                    Max.
                                                           :3.0000
##
   NA's
           :499
                                    NA's
                                           :124
                                                    NA's
                                                           :10
                        number
##
        time
                    Min.
## Min.
           :0.0000
                            :0.00
   1st Qu.:0.0000
                    1st Qu.:0.00
##
                    Median:1.00
## Median :1.0000
## Mean
          :0.9625
                    Mean
                            :1.76
   3rd Qu.:1.0000
                     3rd Qu.:3.00
##
## Max.
          :9.0000
                     Max.
                            :8.00
                            :21
## NA's
                     NA's
          :10
```

A.2

```
# throw out fht, fwt and income
birth <- birth[,-c(12, 13, 15)]</pre>
```

A.3 Check how many observations contain NA's

```
n <- length(birth$wt) # number of rows
count <- 0 # initialize count of rows with at least one NA
for (ii in 1:n) {
   if(sum(is.na(birth[ii,])) >= 1) {
      count = count + 1
   }
}
total_NA_rows <- count
total_NA_rows</pre>
```

[1] 119

A.4 Regroup the variable number

```
# create new descriptive groups for number of cigarettes smoked per day
num2 <- birth$number
# new categories for variable number</pre>
```

```
numnames <- c("never smoked", "up to half a pack", "half to full pack", "more than one p
for(ii in 0:9) {
   if(ii==0) {
      num2[num2 == ii] <- numnames[1]
   }
   if(0 < ii & ii <= 2) {
      num2[num2 == ii] <- numnames[2]
   }
   if(2 < ii & ii <= 4) {
      num2[num2 == ii] <- numnames[3]
   } else {
      num2[num2 == ii] <- numnames[4]
   }
}</pre>
birth$number <- num2 # replace in dataset
```

A.5 Regroup the variable smoke in terms of time

```
# combine smoke and time into a single variable smoke (relabelling smoke):
# create categories for new variables
newnames <- c("Never Smoked", "Still Smokes",</pre>
               "Smoked but quit during pregnancy",
               "Smoked but quit before pregnancy")
# extract the corresponding columns
smoke <- birth$smoke</pre>
n <- length(smoke) # number of observations</pre>
newsmoke <- rep(NA, n)
for (ii in 1:n) {
  if (is.na(smoke[ii])) {
    newsmoke[ii] <- NA
  }
  else {
    for (jj in 0:3) {
      if (smoke[ii] == jj) {
        newsmoke[ii] <- newnames[jj+1]</pre>
      }
```

```
}
birth$smoke <- newsmoke</pre>
```

A.6 Remove observations containing NA's in smoke and number

```
# locate the observations that have NA's in smoke
ind_smoke <- NA
for (ii in 1:length(birth$smoke)) {
  if (is.na(birth$smoke[ii])) {
    ind_smoke <- c(ind_smoke, ii)</pre>
  }
ind_smoke <- ind_smoke[2:length(ind_smoke)]</pre>
# locate the observations that have NA's in number
ind number <- NA
for (ii in 1:length(birth$number)) {
  if (is.na(birth$number[ii])) {
    ind number <- c(ind number, ii)</pre>
  }
ind_number <- ind_number[2:length(ind_number)]</pre>
# Throw out the observations that have NA's in smoke and number
# note that observations that have NA's in smoke also have NA's in number
remove_smoke <- ind_number</pre>
birth <- birth[-remove_smoke,]</pre>
```

A.7 Create the new variable smoke_number

```
# create a new variable to combine smoke and number
# note that nobody is in the category "Smoked up to half a pack but quit during pregnature
smoke_number <- birth$smoke
for (ii in 1:(length(birth$smoke))) {
   if (smoke_number[ii] != "Never Smoked") {
     if (birth$number[ii] == "up to half a pack") {
      if (smoke_number[ii] == "Smoked but quit before pregnancy") {
        smoke_number[ii] <- "Smoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy"</pre>
```

```
else {smoke number[ii] <- "Still smokes up to half a pack"}</pre>
    }
    else if (birth$number[ii] == "half to full pack") {
      if (smoke number[ii] == "Smoked but quit before pregnancy") {
        smoke_number[ii] <- "Smoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy"</pre>
      }
      else if (smoke_number[ii] == "Smoked but quit during pregnancy") {
        smoke_number[ii] <- "Smoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy"</pre>
      }
      else {smoke_number[ii] <- "Still smokes half to full pack"}</pre>
    else {
      if (smoke_number[ii] == "Smoked but quit before pregnancy") {
        smoke_number[ii] <- "Smoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy"</pre>
      }
      else if (smoke_number[ii] == "Smoked but quit during pregnancy") {
        smoke_number[ii] <- "Smoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy"</pre>
      }
      else {smoke number[ii] <- "Still smokes more than one pack"}</pre>
    }
  }
}
# factor the new variable smoke_number
birth$smoke_number <- factor(smoke_number)</pre>
```

A.8 Remove the original smoke, time and number

```
# Remove the original smoke, time and number
birth <- birth[,-c(13, 14, 15)]</pre>
```

A.9 BMI

```
# Combine mht and mwt to create a new variable BMI
# BMI is called Body Mass Index, which is calculated by weight in kg / height^2 in m
# Convert mht and mwt to standard metric
lbs_to_kg <- 0.453592
birth$mwt <- lbs_to_kg * birth$mwt
inch_to_meter <- 0.0254</pre>
```

```
birth$mht <- inch_to_meter * birth$mht

# Create BMI variable

mht <- birth$mht

mwt <- birth$mwt

BMI <- mwt / mht^2
birth$BMI <- BMI</pre>
```

A.10

```
# throw out mht and mwt
birth <- birth[,-c(7, 8)]</pre>
```

A.11

```
# Combine other and mixed in feth and call it other
for (ii in 1:length(birth$feth)) {
    if (!is.na(birth$feth[ii])) {
        if(birth$feth[ii] == 10) {
            birth$feth[ii] <- 9
        }
    }
}

# Combine other and mixed in meth and call it other
for (ii in 1:length(birth$meth)) {
    if (!is.na(birth$meth[ii])) {
        if (birth$meth[ii] == 10) {
            birth$meth[ii] <- 9
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

A.12

```
# Want to count how many rows have meth=feth
count.eth <- 0
for (ii in 1:length(birth$meth)) {</pre>
```

```
if ((is.na(birth$feth[ii])==FALSE) & is.na(birth$meth[ii])==FALSE){
   if (birth$meth[ii]<=5) {
      count.eth <- count.eth+1
      }
   }
   else {
      if (birth$meth[ii]==birth$feth[ii]){
       count.eth <- count.eth+1
      }
   }
}
count.eth <- count.eth+1
}</pre>
```

[1] 1125

A.13 Factor all categorical variables

A.13.1 meth

```
# convert categorical variables to factors

# convert meth to non-numeric categorical variable
meth2 <- birth$meth
length(meth2)</pre>
```

[1] 1215

```
# "levels" of variable meth
methnames <- c("Caucasian", "Mexican", "African-American", "Asian", "Other")
# assign "Caucasian" level to values less than or equal to 5
# otherwise assign levels based on order in methnames vector
for(ii in 0:9) {
   if(ii<=5){
      meth2[meth2 == ii] <- "Caucasian"
   } else {
      meth2[meth2 == ii] <- methnames[ii-4]
   }
}
meth2 <- factor(meth2, levels = methnames) # order levels based on methnames
levels(meth2)</pre>
```

A.13.2 med

A.13.3 feth

```
# convert feth to categorical variables
feth2 <- birth$feth
# "levels" of variable feth
fethnames <- c("Caucasian", "Mexican", "African-American", "Asian", "Other")
# assign "Caucasian" level to values less than or equal to 5
# otherwise assign levels based on order in fethnames vector
for(ii in 0:9) {
   if(ii<=5){
      feth2[feth2 == ii] <- "Caucasian"
   } else {
      feth2[feth2 == ii] <- fethnames[ii-4]
   }
}
feth2 <- factor(feth2, levels = fethnames) # order levels based on methnames
levels(feth2)</pre>
```

```
## [1] "Caucasian" "Mexican" "African-American" "Asian"
## [5] "Other"

birth$feth <- feth2 # replace in dataset</pre>
```

A.13.4 fed

A.13.5 marital

A.14 Imputing meth and feth

```
# we assume fathers and mothers have the same ethnicity background
# based on the majority of the dataset
# deal with the NA's in meth
for (ii in 1:length(birth$meth)) {
   if(is.na(birth$meth)[ii]) {
     birth$meth[ii] <- birth$feth[ii]
   }
}
# deal with the NA's in feth
for (ii in 1:length(birth$feth)) {
   if(is.na(birth$feth)[ii]) {
     birth$feth[ii] <- birth$meth[ii]
   }
}</pre>
```

A.15

```
# locate the observations that have NA's in gestation
ind gestation <- NA
for (ii in 1:length(birth$gestation)) {
  if (is.na(birth$gestation[ii])) {
    ind_gestation <- c(ind_gestation, ii)</pre>
  }
ind gestation <- ind gestation[2:length(ind gestation)]</pre>
# locate the observations that have NA's in mage
ind mage <- NA
for (ii in 1:length(birth$mage)) {
  if (is.na(birth$mage[ii])) {
    ind_mage <- c(ind_mage, ii)</pre>
  }
ind_mage <- ind_mage[2:length(ind_mage)]</pre>
# locate the observations that have NA's in med
ind med \leftarrow NA
for (ii in 1:length(birth$med)) {
  if (is.na(birth$med[ii])) {
    ind_med <- c(ind_med, ii)</pre>
 }
```

```
ind med <- ind med[2:length(ind med)]</pre>
# locate the observations that have NA's in fage
ind fage <- NA
for (ii in 1:length(birth$fage)) {
  if (is.na(birth$fage[ii])) {
    ind_fage <- c(ind_fage, ii)</pre>
  }
ind_fage <- ind_fage[2:length(ind_fage)]</pre>
# locate the observations that have NA's in fed
ind fed <- NA
for (ii in 1:length(birth$fed)) {
  if (is.na(birth$fed[ii])) {
    ind_fed <- c(ind_fed, ii)</pre>
  }
}
ind fed <- ind fed[2:length(ind fed)]</pre>
# locate the observations that have NA's in marital
ind_marital <- NA
for (ii in 1:length(birth$marital)) {
  if (is.na(birth$marital[ii])) {
    ind_marital <- c(ind_marital, ii)</pre>
  }
ind marital <- ind marital[2:length(ind marital)]</pre>
# locate the observations that have NA's in BMI
ind BMI <- NA
for (ii in 1:length(birth$BMI)) {
  if (is.na(birth$BMI[ii])) {
    ind_BMI <- c(ind_BMI, ii)</pre>
  }
}
ind BMI <- ind BMI[2:length(ind BMI)]</pre>
missing <- c(ind_gestation, ind_mage, ind_BMI, ind_marital, ind_fage, ind_fed, ind_med)
missing
##
   [1]
               89
                     93
                              239
                                    636 690 723 861 944 952 1172 390 419
                                                                                     39
                          98
```

```
## [16]
          42
                85
                    102
                          110
                               113
                                     152
                                          157
                                                183
                                                     191
                                                           202
                                                                227
                                                                      304
                                                                           328
                                                                                 343
                                                                                      351
## [31]
               390
                    429
                          433
                                                     513
                                                           634
                                                                639
                                                                      682
                                                                           737
                                                                                      830
         354
                               466
                                     467
                                          470
                                                496
                                                                                 746
## [46]
         856
               864
                    994 1025 1157 1170 1195
                                                  9
                                                     255
                                                           285
                                                                529
                                                                      692
                                                                           788
                                                                                 835
                                                                                      923
## [61] 1060
                42
                    207
                          247
                               434
                                     470
                                          521
                                                549
                                                     600
                                                           652
                                                                887 1060 1146 1204
                                                                                      652
```

```
# remove missing observations

# first remove duplicated numbers in the missing list
m <- length(missing)
new_missing <- NA
for (ii in 1:m) {
   if (missing[ii] %in% new_missing == FALSE) {
      new_missing <- c(new_missing, missing[ii])
   }
}
new_missing <- new_missing[2:length(new_missing)]

# display the indexes of all observations with NA's
new_missing</pre>
```

```
[1]
                      93
##
            4
                89
                           98
                                239
                                     636
                                           690
                                                 723
                                                      861
                                                            944
                                                                 952 1172
                                                                             390
                                                                                  419
                                                                                         39
## [16]
           42
                85
                     102
                          110
                                113
                                      152
                                           157
                                                 183
                                                      191
                                                            202
                                                                  227
                                                                       304
                                                                             328
                                                                                  343
                                                                                        351
## [31]
         354 429
                     433
                          466
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                                      470
                                           496
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                                                      634
                                                            639
                                                                  682
                                                                       737
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                                                                                  830
                                                                                        856
## [46]
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                                             9
                                                 255
                                                      285
                                                            529
                                                                  692
                                                                       788
                                                                             835
                                                                                  923 1060
## [61]
                     434
                          521
         207
               247
                                549
                                     600
                                           652
                                                 887 1146 1204
```

```
# remove observations containing NA's
birth <- birth[-new_missing,]</pre>
```

A.16 Pair Plot

A.17 Max and min modes

```
# Minimal model
MO \leftarrow lm(wt \sim 1, data = birth)
summary(M0)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = wt ~ 1, data = birth)
## Residuals:
                1Q Median
##
       Min
                                 3Q
                                        Max
## -64.431 -11.431
                     0.569 11.569 56.569
##
## Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 119.4306
                            0.5437
                                      219.7
                                             <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 18.4 on 1144 degrees of freedom
# new maximal model
Mmaxnew <- lm(wt ~ (.-fed - med - feth - meth - marital - smoke number)^2
              + smoke number + feth + meth + fed + med + marital
              + I(gestation<sup>2</sup>), data = birth)
summary(Mmaxnew)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = wt ~ (. - fed - med - feth - meth - marital - smoke number)^2 +
##
       smoke_number + feth + meth + fed + med + marital + I(gestation^2),
##
       data = birth)
##
## Residuals:
                1Q Median
       Min
                                 3Q
                                        Max
## -47.156 -9.645 -0.550
                             8.983 54.341
##
## Coefficients:
                                                                          Estimate
## (Intercept)
                                                                        -3.236e+02
## gestation
                                                                         2.726e+00
## parity
                                                                         1.055e+01
## mage
                                                                        -4.468e+00
## fage
                                                                        -1.549e+00
```

```
## BMT
                                                                          6.619e+00
## smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy -3.545e+00
## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy -6.201e+00
## smoke numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                          2.377e+00
## smoke numberStill smokes half to full pack
                                                                         -1.278e+01
## smoke numberStill smokes more than one pack
                                                                         -8.921e+00
                                                                         -4.125e+00
## smoke numberStill smokes up to half a pack
## fethMexican
                                                                          1.589e+00
## fethAfrican-American
                                                                         -6.140e-01
## fethAsian
                                                                         -8.330e+00
## fethOther
                                                                          2.850e+00
## methMexican
                                                                          1.211e+00
## methAfrican-American
                                                                         -6.731e+00
## methAsian
                                                                         -2.062e-01
## methOther
                                                                         -3.822e+00
## fedmiddle school
                                                                          1.861e+00
## fedhigh school
                                                                          2.444e+00
## fedhigh school + trade
                                                                          3.959e+00
## fedhigh school + some college
                                                                          1.182e+00
## fedcollege grad
                                                                          1.825e+00
## fedtrade school
                                                                          2.514e+00
## fedhigh school unclear
                                                                         -1.219e+01
## medmiddle school
                                                                         -8.535e-01
## medhigh school
                                                                          1.697e+00
## medhigh school + trade
                                                                          1.987e+00
## medhigh school + some college
                                                                          2.090e+00
## medcollege grad
                                                                          9.685e-01
## medhigh school unclear
                                                                         -1.246e+00
## maritallegally separated
                                                                         -1.286e+00
## maritaldivorced
                                                                          1.498e+01
## maritalnever married
                                                                         -6.737e+00
## I(gestation^2)
                                                                         -3.980e-03
                                                                         -2.202e-02
## gestation:parity
## gestation:mage
                                                                          1.093e-02
## gestation:fage
                                                                          7.967e-03
## gestation:BMI
                                                                         -2.522e-02
                                                                         -3.202e-02
## parity:mage
## parity:fage
                                                                          7.605e-03
## parity:BMI
                                                                         -1.118e-01
## mage:fage
                                                                         -5.154e-03
## mage:BMI
                                                                          6.586e-02
                                                                         -2.228e-02
## fage:BMI
                                                                         Std. Error
##
                                                                          9.833e+01
## (Intercept)
## gestation
                                                                          5.459e-01
```

```
5.108e+00
## parity
                                                                          2.960e+00
## mage
## fage
                                                                          2.746e+00
## BMI
                                                                          2.838e+00
## smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                          2.912e+00
## smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy
                                                                          3.061e+00
## smoke numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                          2.176e+00
## smoke numberStill smokes half to full pack
                                                                          1.951e+00
## smoke numberStill smokes more than one pack
                                                                          1.410e+00
## smoke numberStill smokes up to half a pack
                                                                          1.268e+00
## fethMexican
                                                                          4.545e+00
## fethAfrican-American
                                                                          4.826e+00
## fethAsian
                                                                          5.645e+00
## fethOther
                                                                          4.092e+00
## methMexican
                                                                          4.486e+00
## methAfrican-American
                                                                          4.915e+00
## methAsian
                                                                          5.486e+00
## methOther
                                                                          3.706e+00
## fedmiddle school
                                                                          3.341e+00
## fedhigh school
                                                                          3.307e+00
                                                                          4.207e+00
## fedhigh school + trade
                                                                          3.426e+00
## fedhigh school + some college
## fedcollege grad
                                                                          3.510e+00
## fedtrade school
                                                                          1.613e+01
## fedhigh school unclear
                                                                          7.798e+00
## medmiddle school
                                                                          4.372e+00
## medhigh school
                                                                          4.296e+00
## medhigh school + trade
                                                                          4.706e+00
## medhigh school + some college
                                                                          4.387e+00
                                                                          4.488e+00
## medcollege grad
## medhigh school unclear
                                                                          7.757e+00
## maritallegally separated
                                                                          4.323e+00
## maritaldivorced
                                                                          1.121e+01
## maritalnever married
                                                                          8.137e+00
                                                                          9.052e-04
## I(gestation^2)
                                                                          1.554e-02
## gestation:parity
## gestation:mage
                                                                          1.006e-02
## gestation:fage
                                                                          9.157e-03
## gestation:BMI
                                                                          9.582e-03
## parity:mage
                                                                          7.773e-02
## parity:fage
                                                                          6.571e-02
## parity:BMI
                                                                          8.975e-02
                                                                          1.327e-02
## mage:fage
## mage:BMI
                                                                          4.599e-02
## fage:BMI
                                                                          4.030e-02
```

| ## (Intercept) -3.291 ## gestation 4.994 ## parity 2.065 ## fage -1.509 ## fage -1.509 ## fage -0.564 ## BMI 2.332 ## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy -1.217 ## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy -2.026 ## smoke_numberStmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy -2.026 ## smoke_numberStill smokes half to full pack -6.552 ## smoke_numberStill smokes more than one pack -6.552 ## smoke_numberStill smokes up to half a pack ## fethMexican -0.350 ## fethAfrican-American -1.476 ## fethOther -0.696 ## methMexican -1.476 ## fethOther -1.031 ## methAfrican-American -1.369 ## methAfrican-American -1.369 ## methOther -1.031 ## fedhigh school + trade -1.031 ## fethigh school + trade -1.031 ## fethigh school unclear -1.563 ## medmiddle school -0.196 ## medmiddle school unclear -1.563 ## medmiddle school unclear -1.563 ## medhigh school + trade -0.422 ## medhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medhigh school unclear -0.197 ## medhigh school unclear -0.196 ## medhigh school unclear -0.197 ## medhigh school unclear -0.196 ## medhigh school unclear -0.196 ## medhigh school unclear -0.197 ## meditallever married -0.828 ## arritallever married -0.828 ## arritallever married -0.828 ## maritallever married -0.828 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage -0.870 | ## | | t value |
|--|-----|--|---------|
| ## gestation | *** | (Intercept) | |
| ## parity | | - | |
| ## mage | | | |
| ## fage ## BMI 2.332 ## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy ## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy ## smoke_numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy ## smoke_numberStill smokes half to full pack ## smoke_numberStill smokes more than one pack ## smoke_numberStill smokes more than one pack ## smoke_numberStill smokes up to half a pack ## fethMexican ## fethAfrican-American ## fethAsian ## fethAsian ## methMexican ## methMexican ## methAsian ## methOther ## methGilde school ## fedhigh school + trade ## fedhigh school + trade ## fedhigh school unclear ## fedhigh school ## medhigh school ## maritallegally separated ## maritallegally separated ## maritallegaliy separated ## maritallegaliy separated ## maritallegaliy separated ## I (gestation 2) ## gestation:parity ## gestation:mage ## gestation:mage ## gestation:mage ## gestation:mage ## gestation:mage | | - · · · | |
| ## BMI ## BMI ## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy | | | |
| ## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy | | | |
| ## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy | ## | smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy | -1.217 |
| ## smoke_numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy ## smoke_numberStill smokes half to full pack ## smoke_numberStill smokes more than one pack ## smoke_numberStill smokes more than one pack ## smoke_numberStill smokes up to half a pack ## fethMexican ## fethMexican ## fethAfrican-American ## fethAfrican-American ## methMexican ## methMexican ## methMexican ## methAfrican-American ## methAfrican-American ## methOther ## methOther ## methOther ## methOther ## methOther ## fedmiddle school ## feddigh school + trade ## feddigh school + some college ## fedtrade school ## fedtrade school ## fedtrade school ## fedtrade school ## medhigh school unclear ## medmiddle school ## medhigh school + trade ## medhigh school + trade ## medhigh school trade ## medhigh school unclear ## medhigh school + trade ## medhigh school + some college ## medhigh school - o.195 ## medhigh school - o.195 ## medhigh school + some college ## medhigh school unclear ## medhigh school - o.216 ## medhigh school - o.216 ## medhigh school unclear ## mednigh school unclear | | | -2.026 |
| ## smoke_numberStill smokes more than one pack | ## | | |
| ## smoke_numberStill smokes up to half a pack | ## | smoke_numberStill smokes half to full pack | -6.552 |
| ## fethMexican | ## | smoke_numberStill smokes more than one pack | -6.327 |
| ## fethAfrican-American | ## | smoke_numberStill smokes up to half a pack | -3.254 |
| ## fethAsian | ## | fethMexican | 0.350 |
| ## fethOther 0.696 ## methMexican 0.270 ## methAfrican-American -1.369 ## methAsian -0.038 ## methOther -1.031 ## fedmiddle school 0.557 ## fedhigh school + trade 0.941 ## fedhigh school + trade 0.941 ## fedcollege grad 0.520 ## fedhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medmiddle school 0.395 ## medhigh school + trade 0.426 ## medhigh school + trade 0.422 ## medhigh school + trade 0.426 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## methigh school unclear -0.161 ## maritallegally separated -0.297 ## maritaldivorced 1.336 ## maritalnever married -0.828 ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | ## | fethAfrican-American | -0.127 |
| ## methMexican 0.270 ## methAfrican-American -1.369 ## methAsian -0.038 ## methOther -1.031 ## fedmiddle school 0.557 ## fedhigh school 0.739 ## fedhigh school + trade 0.941 ## fedcollege grad 0.520 ## fedtrade school 0.156 ## fedhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medhigh school 0.395 ## medhigh school + trade 0.426 ## medhigh school + some college 0.476 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## methigh school unclear -0.161 ## methigh school unclear -0.161 ## maritallegally separated -0.297 ## maritalleycred 1.336 ## maritalnever married -0.828 ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | ## | fethAsian | -1.476 |
| ## methAfrican-American -1.369 ## methAsian -0.038 ## methOther -1.031 ## fedmiddle school 0.557 ## fedhigh school 0.739 ## fedhigh school + trade 0.941 ## fedcollege grad 0.345 ## fedtrade school 0.156 ## fedhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medmiddle school 0.395 ## medhigh school + trade 0.422 ## medhigh school + some college 0.476 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## methigh school unclear -0.161 ## maritallegally separated -0.297 ## maritalnever married -0.828 ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | ## | fethOther | 0.696 |
| ## methAsian -0.038 ## methOther -1.031 ## fedmiddle school 0.557 ## fedhigh school 0.739 ## fedhigh school + trade 0.941 ## fedcollege grad 0.345 ## fedtrade school 0.156 ## fedhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medmiddle school -0.195 ## medhigh school + trade 0.422 ## medhigh school + some college 0.476 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## medhigh school unclear -0.161 ## maritallegally separated -0.297 ## maritalnever married -0.828 ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | | | 0.270 |
| ## methOther -1.031 ## fedmiddle school 0.557 ## fedhigh school 0.739 ## fedhigh school + trade 0.941 ## feddligh school + some college 0.345 ## fedcollege grad 0.520 ## fedhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medmiddle school -0.195 ## medhigh school + trade 0.422 ## medhigh school + trade 0.476 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## medhigh school unclear -0.161 ## maritallegally separated -0.297 ## maritalnever married -0.828 ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | ## | methAfrican-American | -1.369 |
| ## fedmiddle school 0.557 ## fedhigh school 0.739 ## fedhigh school + trade 0.941 ## fedhigh school + some college 0.345 ## fedcollege grad 0.520 ## fedhigh school 0.156 ## fedhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medmiddle school 0.395 ## medhigh school + trade 0.422 ## medhigh school + some college 0.476 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## methigh school unclear -0.161 ## maritallegally separated -0.297 ## maritalnever married -0.828 ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | | | |
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| ## fedhigh school + trade 0.941 ## fedhigh school + some college 0.345 ## fedcollege grad 0.520 ## fedtrade school 0.156 ## fedhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medmiddle school -0.195 ## medhigh school 0.395 ## medhigh school + trade 0.422 ## medhigh school + some college 0.476 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## medhigh school unclear -0.161 ## maritallegally separated -0.297 ## maritallegally separated -0.828 ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | | | |
| ## fedhigh school + some college ## fedcollege grad ## fedtrade school ## fedhigh school unclear ## medmiddle school ## medhigh school ## medhigh school + trade ## medhigh school + some college ## medollege grad ## medollege grad ## medhigh school unclear ## medhigh school unclear ## maritallegally separated ## maritallegally separated ## maritalnever married ## I(gestation^2) ## gestation:parity ## gestation:mage ## 1.086 | | | |
| ## fedcollege grad 0.520 ## fedtrade school 0.156 ## fedhigh school unclear -1.563 ## medmiddle school -0.195 ## medhigh school 0.395 ## medhigh school + trade 0.422 ## medcollege grad 0.216 ## medhigh school unclear -0.161 ## maritallegally separated -0.297 ## maritalnever married -0.828 ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
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| ## medhigh school + some college ## medcollege grad | | | |
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| ## maritalnever married -0.828 ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | | | |
| ## I(gestation^2) -4.397 ## gestation:parity -1.417 ## gestation:mage 1.086 | | | |
| <pre>## gestation:parity ## gestation:mage</pre> -1.417 ## gestation:mage | | | |
| ## gestation:mage 1.086 | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| ## gestation:BMI -2.632 | | | |
| ## parity:mage -0.412 | | | |
| ## parity:fage 0.116 | | | |
| ## parity:BMI -1.245 | | | |

```
-0.388
## mage:fage
## mage:BMI
                                                                           1.432
## fage:BMI
                                                                          -0.553
##
                                                                         Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                                                          0.00103 **
## gestation
                                                                         6.87e-07 ***
## parity
                                                                          0.03920 *
## mage
                                                                          0.13148
## fage
                                                                          0.57295
## BMI
                                                                          0.01988 *
## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                          0.22382
## smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy
                                                                          0.04304 *
## smoke numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                          0.27495
## smoke numberStill smokes half to full pack
                                                                         8.70e-11 ***
## smoke numberStill smokes more than one pack
                                                                         3.63e-10 ***
## smoke numberStill smokes up to half a pack
                                                                          0.00117 **
## fethMexican
                                                                          0.72674
## fethAfrican-American
                                                                          0.89879
## fethAsian
                                                                          0.14030
## fethOther
                                                                          0.48637
## methMexican
                                                                          0.78726
## methAfrican-American
                                                                          0.17112
## methAsian
                                                                          0.97003
## methOther
                                                                          0.30272
## fedmiddle school
                                                                          0.57768
## fedhigh school
                                                                          0.46001
## fedhigh school + trade
                                                                          0.34697
## fedhigh school + some college
                                                                          0.73015
                                                                          0.60330
## fedcollege grad
                                                                          0.87618
## fedtrade school
## fedhigh school unclear
                                                                          0.11843
## medmiddle school
                                                                          0.84526
## medhigh school
                                                                          0.69284
## medhigh school + trade
                                                                          0.67297
## medhigh school + some college
                                                                          0.63387
## medcollege grad
                                                                          0.82918
## medhigh school unclear
                                                                          0.87242
## maritallegally separated
                                                                          0.76616
## maritaldivorced
                                                                          0.18193
## maritalnever married
                                                                          0.40792
## I(gestation^2)
                                                                         1.20e-05 ***
## gestation:parity
                                                                          0.15685
## gestation:mage
                                                                          0.27753
## gestation:fage
                                                                          0.38446
## gestation:BMI
                                                                          0.00861 **
```

```
0.68048
## parity:mage
## parity:fage
                                                                       0.90788
## parity:BMI
                                                                       0.21331
## mage:fage
                                                                       0.69773
## mage:BMI
                                                                       0.15236
## fage:BMI
                                                                       0.58048
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 15.72 on 1098 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.2992, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2698
## F-statistic: 10.19 on 46 and 1098 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
beta.maxnew <- coef(Mmaxnew)</pre>
names(beta.maxnew)[is.na(beta.maxnew)]
## character(0)
anyNA(coef(Mmaxnew))
## [1] FALSE
```

A.18 AMS

```
# Automated Model Selection
# Forward selection
system.time({ # time the calculation
 Mfwd <- step(object = MO, # starting point model</pre>
               scope = list(lower = MO, upper = Mmaxnew), # smallest and largest model
               direction = "forward",
               trace = FALSE) # trace prints out information
})
##
     user system elapsed
     0.118 0.007 0.124
##
# Backward elimination
system.time({
 Mback <- step(object = Mmaxnew, # starting point model</pre>
                scope = list(lower = MO, upper = Mmaxnew),
                direction = "backward", trace = FALSE)
})
```

```
##
     user system elapsed
##
     0.296 0.023
                     0.320
# Stepwise selection
Mstart <- lm(wt ~ ., data = birth)</pre>
system.time({
  Mstep <- step(object = Mstart,</pre>
                scope = list(lower = MO, upper = Mmaxnew),
                direction = "both", trace = FALSE)
})
##
      user system elapsed
##
     0.431 0.043
                     0.474
```

A.19 Mfwd, Mback and Mstep

A.20 M1 and M2 Ordinary Residuals vs. Prediected Values

```
# Figure 2
# plot setup
cex <- .8
pch <- 20
par(mfrow = c(1,2), mar = c(4,4,1,1))</pre>
```

```
# assign new name to Mfwd and Mstep
M1 <- Mfwd
M2 <- Mback
# residuals for M1 and M2
res1 <- residuals(M1)
res2 <- residuals(M2)
# extract sigma.hat for both M1 and M2
sigma.hat1 <- sigma(M1)</pre>
sigma.hat2 <- sigma(M2)</pre>
# plot ordinary residuals for M1
plot(predict(M1), residuals(M1), pch = pch, cex = cex, col = "black",
     main = "M1 Residual Plot ")
abline(h = 0, col = "red", lty = 2) # horizontal line
# plot ordinary residuals for M2
plot(predict(M2), residuals(M2), pch = pch, cex = cex, col = "black",
     main = "M2 Residual Plot ")
abline(h = 0, col = "red", lty = 2) # horizontal line
```

A.21 M1 and M2 QQ-plots

```
# Figure 3
# plot setup
cex <- .8
pch <- 16
par(mfrow = c(1,2), mar = c(4,4,1,1))

# QQ-plot for M1
qqnorm(res1, main = "M1 QQ-Plot", cex = cex, pch = pch)
qqline(res1, col = "red", lty = 2)

# QQ-plot for M2
qqnorm(res2, main = "M2 QQ-Plot", cex = cex, pch = pch)
qqline(res2, col = "red", lty = 2)</pre>
```

A.22 M1 and M2 Predicted Value vs Residuals and Leverages

```
# Figure 4 and Figure 5
# plot setup
cex <- .8
pch <- 16
par(mfrow = c(1,2), mar = c(4,4,1,1))
# Predicted Value vs Residuals and Leverages for M1
h1 <- hatvalues(M1) # HAT Matrix
stan.res1 <- res1/sigma.hat1 # Standardized residuals for M1
# PRESS residuals
press1 <- res1/(1-h1)
# DFFITS residuals
dfts1 <- dffits(M1) # the R way
# standardize each of these such that they are identical at the average leverage value
p1 <- length(coef(M1))
n1 \leftarrow nobs(M1)
hbar1 <- p1/n1 # average leverage
press1 <- press1*(1-hbar1)/sigma.hat1 # at h1 = hbar1, press1 = stan.res1</pre>
dfts1 <- dfts1*(1-hbar1)/sqrt(hbar1) # at h1 = hbar1, dfts1 = stan.res1
# plot all residuals
# against predicted values
plot(predict(M1), rep(0, length(predict(M1))), type = "n", # empty plot to get the axis
     ylim = range(stan.res1, press1, dfts1), cex.axis = cex,
     xlab = "M1 Predicted Values", ylab = "M1 Residuals")
# dotted line connecting each observations residuals for better visibility
segments(x0 = predict(M1),
         y0 = pmin(stan.res1, press1, dfts1),
         y1 = pmax(stan.res1, press1, dfts1),
         lty = 2)
points(predict(M1), stan.res1, pch = 21, bg = "black", cex = cex)
points(predict(M1), press1, pch = 21, bg = "red", cex = cex)
points(predict(M1), dfts1, pch = 21, bg = "orange", cex = cex)
# against leverages
plot(h1, rep(0, length(predict(M1))), type = "n", cex.axis = cex,
     ylim = range(stan.res1, press1, dfts1),
     xlab = "M1 Leverages", ylab = "M1 Residuals")
segments(x0 = h1,
         y0 = pmin(stan.res1, press1, dfts1),
```

```
y1 = pmax(stan.res1, press1, dfts1),
         lty = 2)
points(h1, stan.res1, pch = 21, bg = "black", cex = cex)
points(h1, press1, pch = 21, bg = "red", cex = cex)
points(h1, dfts1, pch = 21, bg = "orange", cex = cex)
abline(v = hbar1, col = "grey60", lty = 2)
legend("topright", legend = c("Standardized", "PRESS", "DFFITS"),
       pch = 21, pt.bg = c("black", "red", "orange"), title = "Residual Type:",
       cex = cex, pt.cex = cex)
# Figure 5
# Predicted Value vs Residuals and Leverages for M2
h2 <- hatvalues(M2) # HAT Matrix for M2
stan.res2 <- res1/sigma.hat2 # Standardized residuals for M2
# PRESS residuals
press2 <- res2/(1-h2)
# DFFITS residuals
dfts2 <- dffits(M2)</pre>
# standardize each of these such that they are identical at the average leverage value
p2 <- length(coef(M2))
n2 \leftarrow nobs(M2)
hbar2 <- p2/n2 # average leverage
press2 <- press2*(1-hbar2)/sigma.hat2 # at h = hbar2, press2 = stan.res
dfts2 \leftarrow dfts2*(1-hbar2)/sqrt(hbar2) # at h = hbar2, dfts2 = stan.res
# plot all residuals
par(mfrow = c(1,2), mar = c(4,4,1,1))
# against predicted values
plot(predict(M2), rep(0, length(predict(M2))), type = "n", # empty plot to get the axis
     ylim = range(stan.res2, press2, dfts2), cex.axis = cex,
     xlab = "M2 Predicted Values", ylab = "M2 Residuals")
# dotted line connecting each observations residuals for better visibility
segments(x0 = predict(M2),
         y0 = pmin(stan.res2, press2, dfts2),
         y1 = pmax(stan.res2, press2, dfts2),
         lty = 2)
points(predict(M2), stan.res2, pch = 21, bg = "black", cex = cex)
points(predict(M2), press2, pch = 21, bg = "red", cex = cex)
points(predict(M2), dfts2, pch = 21, bg = "orange", cex = cex)
# against leverages
plot(h2, rep(0, length(predict(M2))), type = "n", cex.axis = cex,
```

A.23 M1 and M2 Cook's Distance vs Leverage

```
# Figure 6
# plot setup
cex <- .8
pch <- 20
par(mfrow = c(1,2), mar = c(4,4,1,1))
# cook's distance vs. leverage for M1
D1 <- cooks.distance(M1)
# flag some of the points
infl.ind1 <- which.max(D1) # top influence point
lev.ind1 <- h1 > 2*hbar1 # leverage more than 2x the average
clrs1 <- rep("black", len = n1)</pre>
clrs1[lev.ind1] <- "blue"</pre>
clrs1[infl.ind1] <- "red"</pre>
plot(h1, D1, xlab = "M1 Leverage", ylab = "M1 Cook's Influence Measure",
     pch = 21, bg = clrs1, cex = cex, cex.axis = cex)
p1 <- length(coef(M1))
n1 <- nrow(birth)</pre>
hbar1 <- p1/n1 # average leverage
abline(v = 2*hbar1, col = "grey60", lty = 2) # 2x average leverage
legend("topleft", legend = c("High Leverage", "High Influence"), pch = 21,
       pt.bg = c("blue", "red"), cex = cex, pt.cex = cex)
# cook's distance vs. leverage for M2
D2 <- cooks.distance(M2)
# flag some of the points
```

A.24 Cross-Validation

```
# models to compare
M1 <- Mfwd
M2 <- Mstep
Mnames <- expression(M[FWD], M[STEP])</pre>
# Cross-validation setup
nreps <- 2e3 # number of replications</pre>
ntot <- nrow(birth) # total number of observations</pre>
ntrain <- 500 # size of training set
ntest <- ntot-ntrain # size of test set</pre>
mspe1 <- rep(NA, nreps) # sum-of-square errors for each CV replication
mspe2 <- rep(NA, nreps)
logLambda <- rep(NA, nreps) # log-likelihod ratio statistic for each replication
system.time({
  for(ii in 1:nreps) {
    if(ii\\daggeu400 == 0) message("ii = ", ii)
    # randomly select training observations
    train.ind <- sample(ntot, ntrain) # training observations</pre>
    # refit the models on the subset of training data; ?update for details!
    M1.cv <- update(M1, subset = train.ind)</pre>
    M2.cv <- update(M2, subset = train.ind)</pre>
    # out-of-sample residuals for both models
    # that is, testing data - predictions with training parameters
    M1.res <- birth$wt[-train.ind] -</pre>
      predict(M1.cv, newdata = birth[-train.ind,])
    M2.res <- birth$wt[-train.ind] -</pre>
      predict(M2.cv, newdata = birth[-train.ind,])
```

```
# mean-square prediction errors
    mspe1[ii] <- mean(M1.res^2)</pre>
    mspe2[ii] <- mean(M2.res^2)</pre>
    # out-of-sample likelihood ratio
    M1.sigma <- sqrt(sum(resid(M1.cv)^2)/ntrain) # MLE of sigma
    M2.sigma <- sqrt(sum(resid(M2.cv)^2)/ntrain)</pre>
    # since res = y - pred, dnorm(y, pred, sd) = <math>dnorm(res, 0, sd)
    logLambda[ii] <- sum(dnorm(M1.res, mean = 0, sd = M1.sigma, log = TRUE))
    logLambda[ii] <- logLambda[ii] -</pre>
      sum(dnorm(M2.res, mean = 0, sd = M2.sigma, log = TRUE))
  }
})
## ii = 400
## ii = 800
## ii = 1200
## ii = 1600
## ii = 2000
##
      user system elapsed
             0.531 14.142
##
  13.607
```

A.25 M1 and M2 rPMSE

A.26 AIC for M1 and M2

```
# Akaike Information Criterion
# calculate the values AIC1 and AIC2
AIC1 <- AIC(M1)
AIC2 <- AIC(M2)
# display the results
AIC <- c(AIC1, AIC2)
AIC
## [1] 9576.488 9571.468
# display results for both AIC and PRESS
disp <- rbind(AIC = c(AIC1, AIC2),</pre>
              PRESS = c(sum(press1^2), sum(press2^2)))
colnames(disp) <- Mnames</pre>
disp # both metrics favor M2
##
             M[FWD]
                       M[STEP]
## AIC
           9576.488
                      9571.468
## PRESS 290492.304 289392.399
```

A.27 PRESS statistics

A.28 Final candidate model: Mstep

summary(Mstep)

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = wt ~ gestation + parity + mage + feth + smoke_number +
       BMI + I(gestation^2) + gestation:mage + gestation:BMI, data = birth)
##
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q
                                 3Q
                    Median
                                        Max
                    -0.418
                                     62.229
   -53.636 -10.070
                              9.184
##
## Coefficients:
                                                                           Estimate
## (Intercept)
                                                                         -3.268e+02
## gestation
                                                                          2.605e+00
## parity
                                                                          1.054e+00
## mage
                                                                         -4.302e+00
## fethMexican
                                                                          1.380e+00
## fethAfrican-American
                                                                         -7.506e+00
## fethAsian
                                                                         -9.341e+00
## fethOther
                                                                         -1.098e+00
## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy -3.749e+00
## smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy -6.489e+00
## smoke numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                          2.400e+00
## smoke_numberStill smokes half to full pack
                                                                         -1.266e+01
## smoke numberStill smokes more than one pack
                                                                         -9.227e+00
## smoke numberStill smokes up to half a pack
                                                                         -4.517e+00
## BMI
                                                                          7.310e+00
## I(gestation^2)
                                                                         -3.632e-03
                                                                          1.501e-02
## gestation:mage
                                                                         -2.469e-02
## gestation:BMI
##
                                                                         Std. Error
                                                                          9.326e+01
## (Intercept)
## gestation
                                                                          5.246e-01
## parity
                                                                          3.079e-01
                                                                          1.474e+00
## mage
## fethMexican
                                                                          2.816e+00
## fethAfrican-American
                                                                          1.288e+00
## fethAsian
                                                                          2.800e+00
## fethOther
                                                                          3.100e+00
## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy 2.873e+00
```

```
## smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy
                                                                         3.007e+00
## smoke numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                         2.138e+00
## smoke_numberStill smokes half to full pack
                                                                         1.900e+00
## smoke numberStill smokes more than one pack
                                                                         1.365e+00
## smoke numberStill smokes up to half a pack
                                                                         1.240e+00
## BMI
                                                                         2.498e+00
## I(gestation^2)
                                                                         8.297e-04
                                                                         5.261e-03
## gestation:mage
## gestation:BMI
                                                                         8.925e-03
##
                                                                        t value
## (Intercept)
                                                                         -3.504
## gestation
                                                                          4.966
## parity
                                                                          3.423
                                                                         -2.918
## mage
## fethMexican
                                                                          0.490
## fethAfrican-American
                                                                         -5.829
## fethAsian
                                                                         -3.337
## fethOther
                                                                         -0.354
## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                         -1.305
## smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy
                                                                         -2.158
## smoke numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                          1.122
## smoke numberStill smokes half to full pack
                                                                         -6.665
## smoke numberStill smokes more than one pack
                                                                         -6.759
## smoke numberStill smokes up to half a pack
                                                                         -3.644
## BMI
                                                                          2.926
## I(gestation^2)
                                                                         -4.378
## gestation:mage
                                                                          2.853
## gestation:BMI
                                                                         -2.766
##
                                                                        Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                                                        0.000477 ***
## gestation
                                                                        7.89e-07 ***
## parity
                                                                        0.000641 ***
## mage
                                                                        0.003597 **
## fethMexican
                                                                        0.624139
## fethAfrican-American
                                                                        7.27e-09 ***
                                                                        0.000876 ***
## fethAsian
## fethOther
                                                                        0.723156
## smoke_numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit before pregnancy 0.192257
## smoke numberSmoked more than half a pack but quit during pregnancy 0.031129 *
## smoke numberSmoked up to half a pack but quit before pregnancy
                                                                        0.261911
## smoke numberStill smokes half to full pack
                                                                        4.14e-11 ***
## smoke numberStill smokes more than one pack
                                                                        2.22e-11 ***
## smoke numberStill smokes up to half a pack
                                                                        0.000281 ***
## BMI
                                                                        0.003497 **
## I(gestation^2)
                                                                        1.31e-05 ***
```

```
## gestation:mage
## gestation:BMI
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 15.68 on 1127 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.2849, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2741
## F-statistic: 26.42 on 17 and 1127 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16</pre>
```