

Homework 8
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```
# Load packages
library(BayesFactor)
library(BEST)
library(car)
```

Question 1

```
# create a subset dataframe from mtcars
myCars <- data.frame(mtcars[, 1:6])
```

Question 2

```
# create and interpret a bivariate correlation matrix
cor(myCars, method = "pearson")
```

```
##           mpg          cyl          disp          hp          drat          wt
## mpg    1.0000000 -0.8521620 -0.8475514 -0.7761684  0.6811719 -0.8676594
## cyl   -0.8521620  1.0000000  0.9020329  0.8324475 -0.6999381  0.7824958
## disp  -0.8475514  0.9020329  1.0000000  0.7909486 -0.7102139  0.8879799
## hp    -0.7761684  0.8324475  0.7909486  1.0000000 -0.4487591  0.6587479
## drat   0.6811719 -0.6999381 -0.7102139 -0.4487591  1.0000000 -0.7124406
## wt    -0.8676594  0.7824958  0.8879799  0.6587479 -0.7124406  1.0000000
```

```
# cyl, disp, hp, and wt all have negative correlations with mpg. There
# might be multicollinearity between these variables because they are
# also correlated with each other. The drat variable, on the other hand,
# has a positive correlation with mpg.
```

Question 3

```
# run a multiple regression on myCars
carsOut <- lm(formula = mpg ~ wt + hp,
              data = mtcars)
```

```
# summarize the model results
summary(carsOut)
```

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##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ wt + hp, data = mtcars)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -3.941  -1.600  -0.182   1.050   5.854
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  37.22727    1.59879   23.285  < 2e-16 ***
```


Question 7

```
# install the car package
# install.packages("car")
# library(car)

# read help on vif
help(vif)

## starting httpd help server ... done

# the vif is a way to look at how much one of the variables is contributing
# to the error in a model. Using this could help narrow down a set of
# features
# that are optimal for the model. if the vif is very high for a particular
# variable it may indicate that there is multicollinearity and so either
# that variable will need to be removed altogether or combined with the
# variable
# that it is related with to make one combined variable.
```

Question 8

```
# run vif on the results of the model from exercise 2
vif(carsOut)

##          wt          hp
## 1.766625 1.766625

# run a vif on the results of a model that uses all predictor variables
vif(lm(formula = mpg ~ .,
       data = mtcars))

##          cyl          disp          hp          drat          wt          qsec          vs
## am
## 15.373833 21.620241  9.832037  3.374620 15.164887  7.527958  4.965873
## 4.648487
##          gear          carb
## 5.357452  7.908747

# a number of variables have a vif of greater than 5 which means that they
# are causing variance inflation. The variables that have a vif of greater
# than 5 should either be removed or combined with another variable.
```