# Basketball Wins and Beating the Odds

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## **Abstract:**

The NBA has been the fastest accelerating professional sports network over the past decade, with much assistance from a strong prevalence on social media as well as a focus on a handful of stars. With this increased popularity, comes increased activity in the gambling industry. The sports gambling industry is a titan in Las Vegas, with every game having multiple avenues to wager and millions of dollars at stake. Our goal in this study is to help examine the relationships between rapidly stabilizing performance metrics for basketball teams, and simulate the business conducted in this industry. These stabilizing metrics involve field goal rates, which are percentages. The goal being that these rates are relatively stable quickly in a season, so the rest of the season could be predicted with reasonable accuracy. While most modern gambling is done on a line, ultimately playoff performance and victories are the largest individual pots of money available - especially in basketball which has a hyper-focus on playoffs and championships (with star players even opting not to play during the regular season in order to be as ready for the playoffs as possible).

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# Background

Basketball is one of the largest sports in the world and needs very little introduction. Household names include Michael Jordan, Lebron James and so on. However, the interesting things about the game of basketball is how little the rules of point generation and the game itself have changed over time. While the rules of how shots can come about might be different, the same shot which would be worth three points in 2002 is still worth three in 2020. Teams like the Moneyball A's of 2002 have started mathematically optimizing their offense with more and more advanced statistics, proving that even a low-budget sports team can compete based on nothing but advanced understanding of the game itself. These changes to the game exacerbate but do not invalidate the premise that our metrics measure what is the same event independent of the year.

And these metrics are very much a part of the current NBA. The Dallas Mavericks were the most efficient offense in the history of basketball despite having only two notable players who are widely considered inferior to many other players in the league. James Harden of the Houston Rockets has refined his game to almost a parody of the current NBA in which he only takes shots with the highest expected returns. Some teams are slower to follow suit, but ultimately the meta in which a game takes place is not a variable we consider, since we are looking only at performance. If someone only takes shots of higher return, or if someone is more apt at making them, these will already be reflected in the variables and as such any strategies are accounted for. Basketball, like other sports, is inherently noisy, and it's also very easy to predict a victor of a game post-hoc (the team with the most number of points, which is a statistic by definition, is always classified as the winner) so it is important to only include variables which are more likely to be static, but also likely to have a predictable variance. The variables we selected are the ones we considered to be the variables which fit this description as well as possible.

# Variable Introduction and Definitions

For those unfamiliar with advanced basketball analysis, or even basketball in general, the actual metrics we use need to be introduced. In essence, a team with possession of the basketball can attempt a shot with two points, or a shot with a higher degree of difficulty worth three. There are also fouls which can sometimes result in a number of free throws being made, each worth one point. The metrics most readily available and relevant for these are free throw percentage, 3 point percentage and field goal percentage. While field goal percentage includes all non-free throw shots, this is sufficient information to infer the percentage of two pointers, thus encompassing all ways in which the ball is scored. We also include, for reference, the total number of assists (passes made before a successful field goal) and rebounds (the total number of times a ball is recovered after a missed attempt). Through this, we believe we have a very good picture of the performance of a 5 man squad of players.

Basketball has a very deserved reputation of being a superstar centric league. As such, with the very safe and correct assumption that superstars tend to start games, we needed to have a metric to help describe the team as a whole, and have done so by splitting these metrics for both the whole team, as well as the bench (giving us the information we need to determine starter performance through the most readily available metrics). Every metric is applied to the bench as well as the team as a whole. Finally, these same metrics are given to the both the away team and home team.

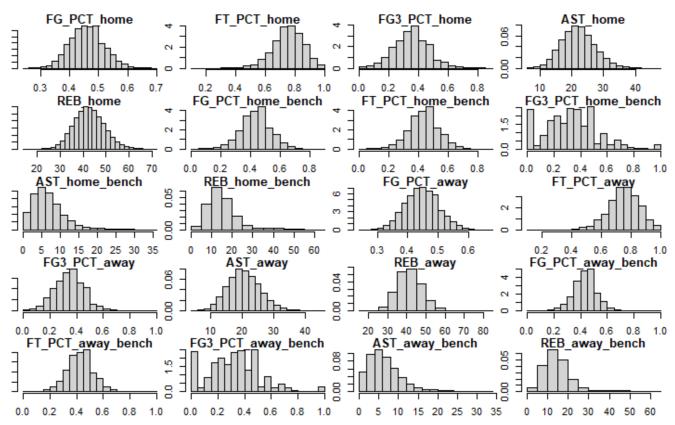
Variable Name	Description
FG_PCT_home	Field Goal Percentage for the Home Team
FT_PCT_home	Free Throw Percentage for the Home Team
FG3_PCT_home	Three Pointer Percentage for the Home Team
AST_home	Total Assists for the Home Team
REB_home	Total Rebounds for the Home Team
FG_PCT_home_bench	Field Goal Percentage for the Home Team Bench
FT_PCT_home_bench	Free Throw Percentage for the Home Team Bench
FG3_PCT_home_bench	Three Pointer Percentage for the Home Team Bench
AST_home_bench	Total Assists for the Home Team Bench
REB_home_bench	Total Rebounds for the Home Team Bench
FG_PCT_away	Field Goal Percentage for the Away Team
FT_PCT_away	Free Throw Percentage for the Away Team
FG3_PCT_away	Three Pointer Percentage for the Away Team
AST_away	Total Assists for the Away Team
REB_away	Total Rebounds for the Away Team
FG_PCT_away_bench	Field Goal Percentage for the Away Team Bench
FT_PCT_away_bench	Free Throw Percentage for the Away Team Bench
FG3_PCT_away_bench	Three Pointer Percentage for the Away Team Bench
AST_away_bench	Total Assists for the Away Team Bench
REB_away_bench	Total Rebounds for the Away Team Bench

# Preprocessing of the Predictors

As noted earlier, the sort of 'basketball meta' has changed. We noticed one thing almost immediately with the data: sometimes there would be instances of teams which did not have a field goal attempt, usually a three pointer, from any bench player. As such the rate would necessarily be undefined. These games were removed from the dataset and we believe it to be a safe removal because the game has, in essence, changed permanently and while there might be a freak game once a decade which somehow would fall under this category, it is entirely unlikely. The data points are not likely to be something replicated for anything in the future and thus could safely be removed for purposes of predictive analytics.

## Investigating the Predictors

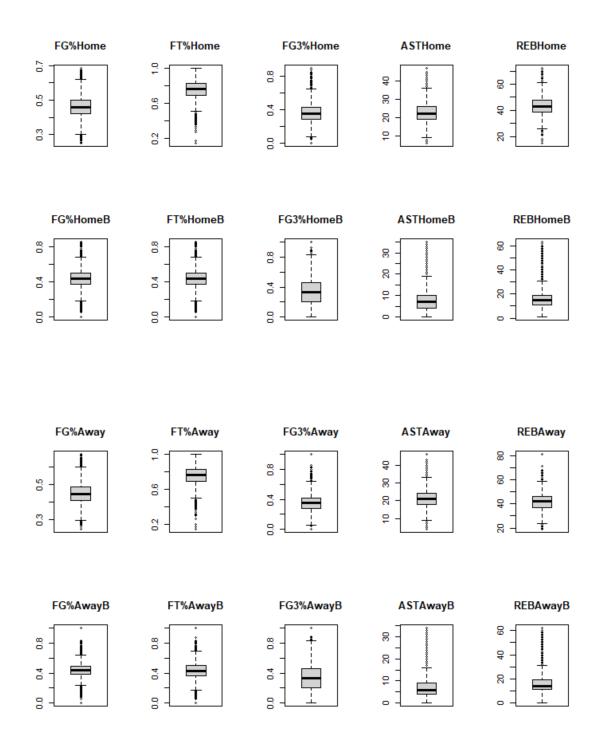
#### Skewness



Looking at our data we can see that there tends to be skew in mostly every rate variable, and some slight skew in some of the counting variables (Rebounds and Assists). Getting rid of the skew is important, so we will be using a box-cox transformation. Our skewness values are as follows:

FG_PCT_home	FT_PCT_home	FG3_PCT_home	AST_home	REB_home
0.09720	-0.38088	0.06136	0.26080	0.17325
FG_PCT_home_bench	FT_PCT_home_bench	FG3_PCT_home_bench	AST_home_bench	REB_home_bench
-0.11784	-0.11784	0.38447	1.52803	1.76064
FG_PCT_away	FT_PCT_away	FG3_PCT_away	AST_away	REB_away
0.08157	-0.37296	0.08576	0.25408	0.21852
FG_PCT_away_bench	FT_PCT_away_bench	FG3_PCT_away_bench	AST_away_bench	REB_away_bench
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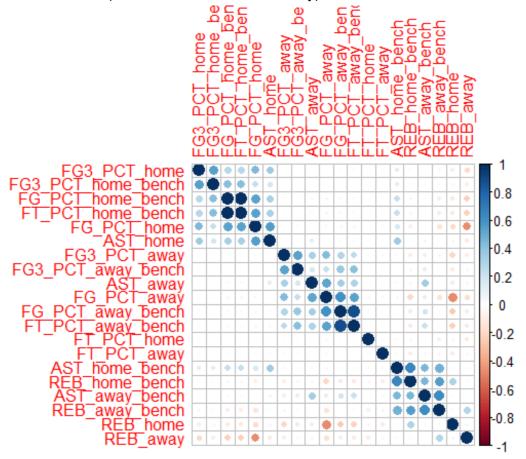
## **Outliers**



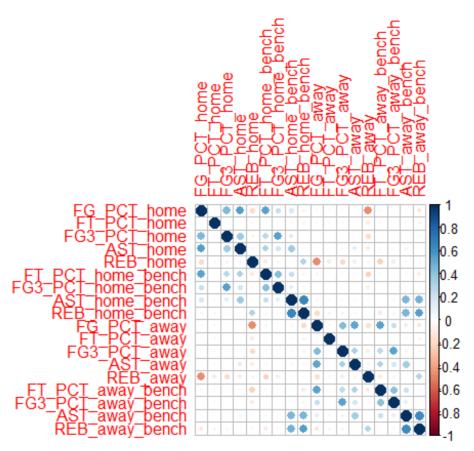
Since many of our predictors contain outliers, we decided to use a Spatial Sign transformation.

## Correlations

A correlation plot of the 20 predictors was created to examine any relationship between predictors. In essence, many of the variables are measuring the ability to put a basketball into a basketball hoop, so there is a high possibility that there is correlation between variables. Our initial guess was correct, as there was a correlation between two pairs of variables (one for home and one for away):



It makes sense that there is a correlation between free throws and two pointers for the bench, since both are considered to be "easier" shots. The inability to make a free throw is something that superstars only tend to exhibit, and only by survivor bias (bench players who cannot make free throws are likely not going to be basketball players for much longer). These were removed at a threshold of 0.85, which seems high, but part of what makes this data so neat is that there is very strong independence between our variables. Of encouraging note: the higher field goal percentages for the home team and away team leads to a lower rebound count. This is entirely expected. Our units aren't the same, with rebounds being a count and scoring being rates.



This final plot gets rid of all heavy correlations. We do see some instances where there are blocks of concentrated localized correlations, however PCA analysis suggests that we would need 17 out of our 18 variables for 95% of the variance. This is only slightly better than suggesting each variable has an equal, independent contribution to the variance and thus the simpler model is just to include all variables as they are.

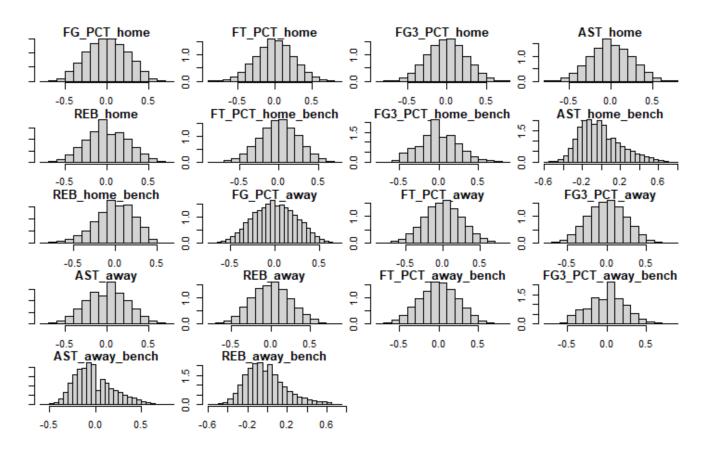
## **Transformations**

#### Skewness

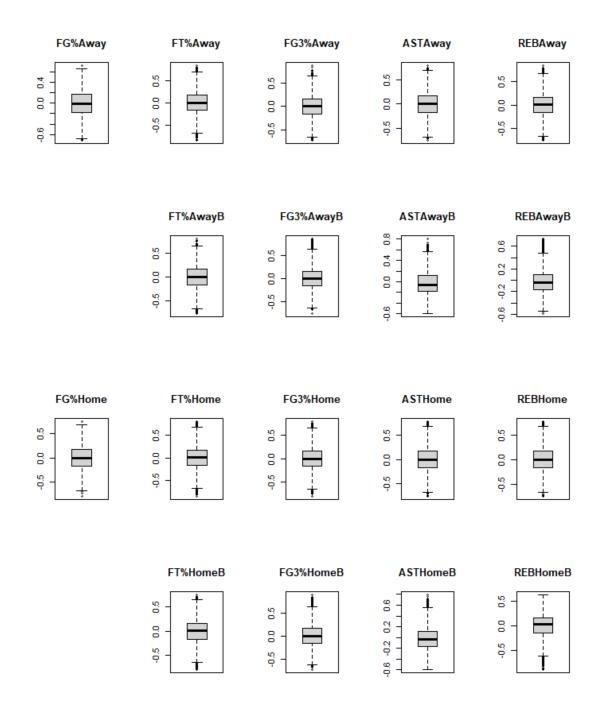
In order to account for the skewness, we applied a handful of transformations to the data. These include:

- Box-Cox transformations
- Center
- Scale
- Spatial sign transformations

Below are the resulting graphs post-transformation.

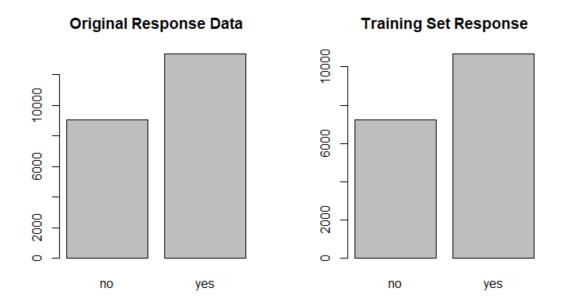


#### **Outliers**



Note that the two highly correlated predictors were removed from our data and are not included in these plots. The spatial sign transformations showed some improvement on the outliers but there are still several present.

# Splitting of the Data



The actual question we are trying to answer is "does the home team win this game?" With such a large dataset, we can expect a fair training set data partition to resemble the original response training set. One thing to note, for some people, is that the home teams do tend to win their games more often than the away teams. This is shown in our data here, and it is why the frequency of "no" is smaller than the frequency of "yes". This home field advantage is automatically accounted for by us defining the classification as whether or not the home team wins, so there are no significant issues on that front. Defining our classification as such will not hamper any predictive abilities in any way. It is clear that the response is imbalanced and therefore stratified random sampling has been used when splitting the data into a training and a testing set. 80% of each outcome is used in the training set leaving 20% from each outcome to be used as the test set.

# **Model Fitting**

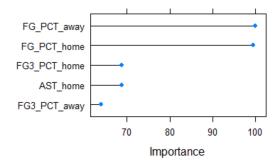
## Overview of Models

Model		Training			Testing			
		ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy
	LDA	0.9238	0.8032	0.8685	0.9215	0.7979	0.8670	0.8391
Linear	Logistic	0.9240	0.7927	0.8755	0.9212	0.7874	0.8737	0.8388
Models	PLSDA	0.9233	0.7991	0.8708	0.9215	0.7957	0.8696	0.8388
	Penalized	0.9236	0.7883	0.8775	0.9210	0.7841	0.8790	0.8406
	FDA	0.9231	0.7940	0.8717	0.9200	0.7929	0.8722	0.8402
	KNN	0.9096	0.7676	0.8656	0.9078	0.7570	0.8737	0.8266
	MDA	0.9238	0.8032	0.8685	0.9215	0.7979	0.8670	0.8391
Non-Linear	Naive Bayes	0.8993	0.7836	0.8375	0.8953	0.7786	0.8396	0.8150
Models	Neural Net	0.9252	0.7971	0.8749	0.9201	0.7874	0.8737	0.8388
	QDA	0.9216	0.8000	0.8677	0.9178	0.7902	0.8670	0.8359
	RDA	0.9242	0.8037	0.8693	0.9214	0.7962	0.8700	0.8402
	SVM	0.9254	0.7929	0.8781	0.9214	0.7885	0.8794	0.8426

The majority of our models are nearly identical in terms of the area under the curve (ROC). Since we plan to use our model for predicting the winner of a game, it is hard to decide on a model based on Sensitivity or Specificity since it is equally important to be able to correctly predict when the home team will win and to be able to correctly predict when they won't. Therefore, we used a combination of ROC and Accuracy as the deciding factor for picking the strongest model. The optimal model was Support Vector Machine with a Radial kernel.

# Variable Importance

Field Goal percentage was the most important variable in our model.



# Appendix I - Supplemental Output

#### **Linear Models**

#### **Linear Discriminant Analysis**

No tuning parameters available.

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity
0.9238	0.8032	0.8685	0.9215	0.7979	0.8670

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Linear Discriminant Analysis
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17923 samples
18 predictor
2 classes: 'no', 'yes'
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No pre-processing

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%) Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ... Resampling results:

ROC Sens Spec 0.9237587 0.8032468 0.8685051

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference Prediction no yes no 1445 355 yes 366 2314

Accuracy : 0.8391

95% CI: (0.828, 0.8497)

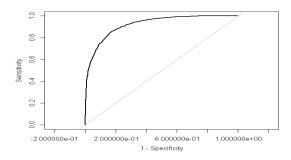
No Information Rate : 0.5958 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16

Kappa : 0.6655

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.7096

Sensitivity: 0.7979 Specificity: 0.8670 Pos Pred Value : 0.8028 Neg Pred Value : 0.8634 Prevalence : 0.4042 Detection Rate : 0.3225

Detection Prevalence : 0.4018
Balanced Accuracy : 0.8324



#### Logistic Model

No tuning parameters available.

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity
0.9240	0.7927	0.8755	0.9212	0.7874	0.8737

Generalized Linear Model

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17923 samples
18 predictor
2 classes: 'no', 'yes'
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No pre-processing

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%) Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ... Resampling results:

ROC Sens Spec 0.923951 0.792667 0.8755339

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

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Accuracy : 0.8388

95% CI: (0.8277, 0.8495)

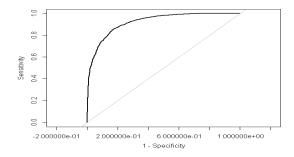
No Information Rate : 0.5958 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2e-16

Kappa: 0.664

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.08026

Sensitivity: 0.7874
Specificity: 0.8737
Pos Pred Value: 0.8088
Neg Pred Value: 0.8583
Prevalence: 0.4042
Detection Rate: 0.3183

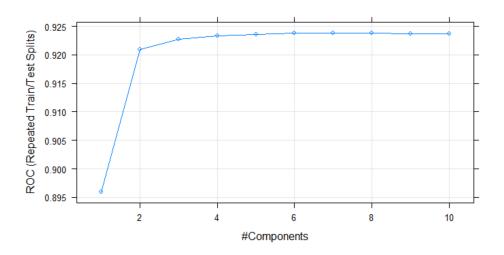
Detection Prevalence: 0.3935 Balanced Accuracy: 0.8306



## Partial Least Squares Discriminant Analysis

Optimal tuning parameter determined to be ncomp = 6.

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity
0.9238	0.8017	0.8696	0.9215	0.7951	0.8685



Partial Least Squares

17923 samples

18 predictor

2 classes: 'no', 'yes'

Pre-processing: centered (18), scaled (18)

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%)

Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ...

Resampling results across tuning parameters:

ncomp	ROC	Sens	Spec
1	0.8959895	0.7602650	0.8464893
2	0.9209689	0.7979901	0.8671263
3	0.9227784	0.8017670	0.8672911
4	0.9233907	0.8006184	0.8704983
5	0.9236089	0.8012811	0.8692994
6	0.9237686	0.8017007	0.8696441
7	0.9237682	0.8018112	0.8695541
8	0.9237602	0.8017449	0.8697190
9	0.9237596	0.8018112	0.8697190
10	0.9237591	0.8017891	0.8697490

ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value. The final value used for the model was ncomp = 6.

#### Confusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference

Prediction no yes no 1440 351 yes 371 2318

Accuracy : 0.8388

95% CI: (0.8277, 0.8495)

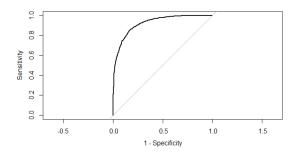
No Information Rate : 0.5958 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16

Kappa : 0.6648

Mcnemar's Test P-Value : 0.4795

Sensitivity: 0.7951 Specificity: 0.8685 Pos Pred Value: 0.8040 Neg Pred Value: 0.8620 Prevalence: 0.4042 Detection Rate: 0.3214

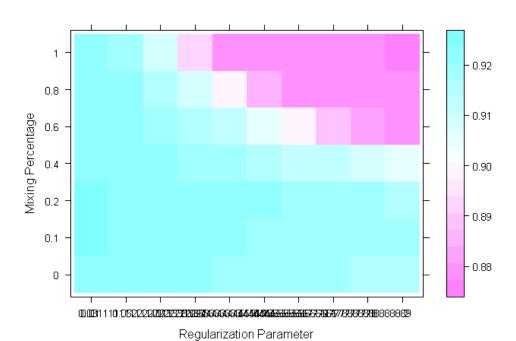
Detection Prevalence: 0.3998
Balanced Accuracy: 0.8318



## Penalized Logistic Model

Optimal tuning parameter determined to be alpha = 0.1 and lambda = 0.01.

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity
0.9236	0.7883	0.8775	0.9210	0.7841	0.8790



ROC (Repeated Train/Test Splits)

#### glmnet

17923 samples
18 predictor
2 classes: 'no', 'yes'

Pre-processing: centered (18), scaled (18)

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%)

Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ...

Resampling results across tuning parameters:

alpha	lambda	ROC	Sens	Spec
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0.0	0.03111111	0.9225352	0.77753727	0.8816336
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0.0	0.07333333	0.9204410	0.75814467	0.8875384
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                  0.8799891
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      0.15777778
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                            0.32795141 0.9788535
1.0
      0.17888889 0.8779859 0.09976808 0.9976920
1.0
      0.20000000 0.8772011 0.00000000 1.0000000
```

ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.

The final values used for the model were alpha = 0.1 and lambda = 0.01.

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

#### Reference

Prediction no yes no 1420 323 yes 391 2346

Accuracy : 0.8406

95% CI: (0.8296, 0.8512)

No Information Rate : 0.5958 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2e-16

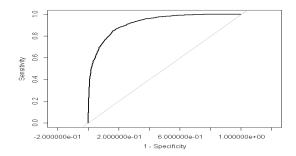
Kappa : 0.6671

Mcnemar's Test P-Value : 0.01216

Sensitivity: 0.7841 Specificity: 0.8790 Pos Pred Value: 0.8147 Neg Pred Value: 0.8571 Prevalence: 0.4042

Detection Rate: 0.3170

Detection Prevalence: 0.3891
Balanced Accuracy: 0.8315

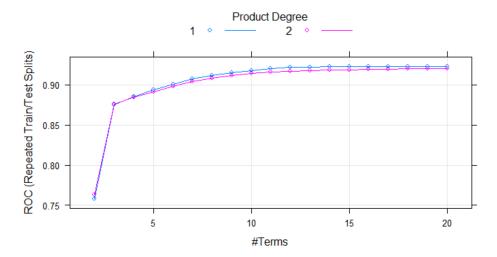


## Non-Linear Models

## Flexible Discriminant Analysis

Optimal tuning parameter determined to be degree = 1 and nprune = 20.

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity
0.9231	0.7940	0.8717	0.9200	0.7929	0.8722



#### Flexible Discriminant Analysis

17923 samples 18 predictor 2 classes: 'no', 'yes'

#### No pre-processing

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%) Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ... Resampling results across tuning parameters:

degree	nprune	ROC	Sens	Spec
1	2	0.7577698	0.5476532	0.8007044
1	3	0.8756177	0.7055770	0.8533833
1	4	0.8852846	0.7271342	0.8583439
1	5	0.8935862	0.7447156	0.8600225
1	6	0.9008201	0.7551629	0.8605920
1	7	0.9074994	0.7645058	0.8665118
1	8	0.9120742	0.7714854	0.8697490
1	9	0.9154680	0.7773827	0.8718321
1	10	0.9177731	0.7819989	0.8734807
1	11	0.9205387	0.7865710	0.8724166

1	12	0.9217537	0.7905025	0.8731660
1	13	0.9223628	0.7911651	0.8736306
1	14	0.9227483	0.7923136	0.8730461
1	15	0.9229373	0.7929100	0.8726115
1	16	0.9229863	0.7931309	0.8722368
1	17	0.9230477	0.7935505	0.8718172
1	18	0.9230737	0.7935284	0.8718172
1	19	0.9231192	0.7939481	0.8716223
1	20	0.9231339	0.7939923	0.8716673
2	2	0.7632577	0.5478962	0.8093518
2	3	0.8757286	0.7046935	0.8557063
2	4	0.8842348	0.7184318	0.8624803
2	5	0.8917904	0.7239094	0.8682203
2	6	0.8984005	0.7338487	0.8718321
2	7	0.9040159	0.7426394	0.8757287
2	8	0.9086624	0.7525787	0.8772874
2	9	0.9118844	0.7542131	0.8810491
2	10	0.9145671	0.7597791	0.8821731
2	11	0.9159703	0.7593374	0.8833271
2	12	0.9172109	0.7641524	0.8822031
2	13	0.9180492	0.7707344	0.8784564
2	14	0.9186236	0.7736057	0.8777070
2	15	0.9187471	0.7715516	0.8789209
2	16	0.9193123	0.7744451	0.8790408
2	17	0.9197451	0.7743125	0.8800150
2	18	0.9201997	0.7744230	0.8800150
2	19	0.9204008	0.7739150	0.8806145
2	20	0.9204689	0.7747764	0.8801199

ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.

The final values used for the model were degree = 1 and nprune = 20.

#### Confusion Matrix and Statistics

## Reference

Prediction no yes no 1436 341 yes 375 2328

Accuracy: 0.8402

95% CI: (0.8291, 0.8508)

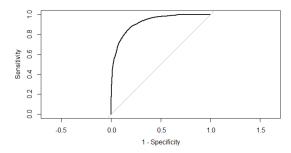
No Information Rate : 0.5958 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16

Kappa : 0.6672

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.2175

Sensitivity: 0.7929 Specificity: 0.8722 Pos Pred Value: 0.8081 Neg Pred Value: 0.8613 Prevalence: 0.4042 Detection Rate: 0.3205

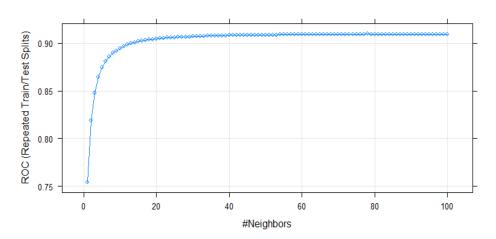
Detection Prevalence: 0.3967
Balanced Accuracy: 0.8326



#### **KNN Model**

Optimal tuning parameter determined to be k=78 neighbors.

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity
0.9096	0.7676	0.8656	0.9078	0.7570	0.8737



k-Nearest Neighbors

17923 samples

18 predictor

2 classes: 'no', 'yes'

Pre-processing: centered (18), scaled (18)

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%)

Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ...

Resampling results across tuning parameters:

k	ROC	Sens	Spec
1	0.7544786	0.7223854	0.7865717
2	0.8187145	0.7163335	0.7841289
3	0.8477390	0.7475870	0.8223754
4	0.8644812	0.7460188	0.8205021
5	0.8744421	0.7575925	0.8392207
6	0.8813693	0.7578134	0.8379318
7	0.8859895	0.7651905	0.8457400
8	0.8895664	0.7637327	0.8452154
9	0.8919757	0.7671784	0.8487973
10	0.8945271	0.7669575	0.8480779
11	0.8964476	0.7692766	0.8523342
12	0.8983844	0.7678189	0.8524691
13	0.8997468	0.7711982	0.8550618

14 0.9007528 0.7702264 0.8558112 0.9016075 0.7712424 0.8580592 15 0.9023409 0.8576845 16 0.7708227 0.9029368 0.8583739 17 0.7717062 18 0.9036282 0.7716400 0.8581641 0.9041921 0.7715737 0.8598277 19 20 0.9046852 0.7718388 0.8591982 0.9051125 21 0.7718388 0.8602173 22 0.9055084 0.7698067 0.8592432 0.9057445 0.7715737 23 0.8605620 24 0.9059661 0.7711099 0.8600974 25 0.9061812 0.7720155 0.8607718 0.7704694 26 0.9064244 0.8601574 27 0.9064563 0.7717725 0.8599925 0.9066286 0.7713528 28 0.8593331 29 0.9067877 0.7711982 0.8597227 0.9069543 0.7702706 0.8597078 30 31 0.9071829 0.7709553 0.8599176 32 0.9073221 0.7704694 0.8605320 33 0.9074112 0.7706019 0.8608318 34 0.9075586 0.7701822 0.8616411 0.9077360 0.7700939 0.8616561 35 0.9078714 0.7700276 0.8620157 36 0.9079970 0.7706902 0.8624653 37 38 0.9081036 0.7709553 0.8624653 39 0.9082136 0.7715958 0.8630049 0.9082819 0.7708890 40 0.8632746 41 0.9084541 0.7718167 0.8630798 42 0.9085077 0.7707344 0.8629599 43 0.9085840 0.7707565 0.8628400 0.9086648 44 0.7712424 0.8628850 45 0.9087278 0.7706461 0.8627801 0.9088122 0.7700276 0.8629299 46 47 0.9088582 0.7717062 0.8628100 48 0.9087910 0.7703368 0.8628850 49 0.9088364 0.7708669 0.8631098 50 0.9088067 0.7703368 0.8633646 0.9087646 0.7702264 0.8629899 51 52 0.9087672 0.7704473 0.8625553 53 0.9088114 0.7705577 0.8630948 0.9089008 54 0.7698951 0.8628100 0.9089562 0.7698730 0.8630798 55 0.9089584 0.7698509 0.8639341 56 57 0.9089751 0.7693650 0.8638142 58 0.9090386 0.7698288 0.8635294 59 0.9090597 0.7699393 0.8643687 60 0.9091305 0.7692104 0.8643237 0.9092248 61 0.7695859 0.8646384

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                         0.8650281
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                         0.8661072
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                         0.8662570
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ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value. The final value used for the model was k = 78.

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference Prediction no yes no 1376 342

#### yes 435 2327

Accuracy : 0.8266

95% CI: (0.8152, 0.8375)

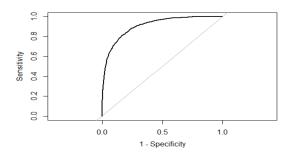
No Information Rate : 0.5958
P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16

Kappa : 0.6369

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.0009652

Sensitivity: 0.7598
Specificity: 0.8719
Pos Pred Value: 0.8009
Neg Pred Value: 0.8425
Prevalence: 0.4042

Detection Rate: 0.3071
Detection Prevalence: 0.3835
Balanced Accuracy: 0.8158



#### Mixture Discriminant Analysis

Optimal tuning parameter determined to be subclasses = 1

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC Sensitivity Specif		Specificity
0.9238	0.8032	0.8685	0.9215	0.7979	0.8670

Mixture Discriminant Analysis

17923 samples

18 predictor

2 classes: 'no', 'yes'

No pre-processing

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%)

Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ...

Resampling results across tuning parameters:

subclasses	ROC	Sens	Spec
1	0.9237587	0.8032468	0.8685051
2	0.9235575	0.8029818	0.8698689
3	0.9226769	0.8041745	0.8658674

ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value.

The final value used for the model was subclasses = 1.

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference

Prediction no yes no 1445 355 yes 366 2314

Accuracy : 0.8391

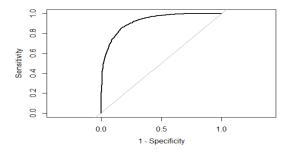
95% CI: (0.828, 0.8497)

No Information Rate : 0.5958 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16

Kappa : 0.6655

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.7096

Sensitivity: 0.7979 Specificity: 0.8670 Pos Pred Value: 0.8028 Neg Pred Value: 0.8634 Prevalence: 0.4042
Detection Rate: 0.3225
Detection Prevalence: 0.4018
Balanced Accuracy: 0.8324



#### Naive-Bayes

No tuning parameters available.

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity
0.8993	0.7836	0.8375	0.8953	0.7786	0.8396

Naive Bayes

17923 samples

18 predictor

2 classes: 'no', 'yes'

No pre-processing

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%)

Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ...

Resampling results:

ROC Sens Spec

0.8992646 0.7835892 0.8374972

Tuning parameter 'fL' was held constant at a value of 2 of TRUE Tuning parameter 'adjust' was held constant at a value of TRUE

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference

Prediction no yes no 1410 428 yes 401 2241

Accuracy: 0.815

95% CI: (0.8033, 0.8262)

No Information Rate : 0.5958 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16

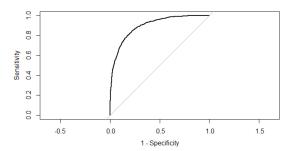
Kappa: 0.6167

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.3665

Sensitivity: 0.7786 Specificity: 0.8396 Pos Pred Value : 0.7671 Neg Pred Value : 0.8482 Prevalence: 0.4042 Detection Rate: 0.3147

Detection Prevalence: 0.4103

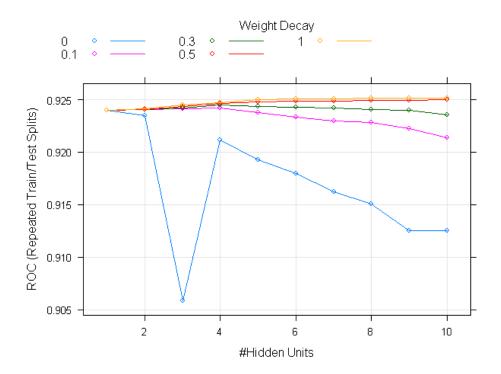
Balanced Accuracy: 0.8091



#### **Neural Network**

#### Optimal tuning parameter determined to be

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity
0.9252	0.7971	0.8749	0.9201	0.7874	0.8737



#### Neural Network

17923 samples

18 predictor

2 classes: 'no', 'yes'

No pre-processing

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%)

Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ...

Resampling results across tuning parameters:

size	decay	ROC	Sens	Spec
1	0.0	0.9239532	0.7946328	0.8743350
1	0.1	0.9239548	0.7973716	0.8724766
1	0.3	0.9239524	0.7985422	0.8718471
1	0.5	0.9239563	0.7990723	0.8717272
1	1.0	0.9239560	0.7993153	0.8713825
2	0.0	0.9234613	0.7952071	0.8741851

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2
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            0.9240719 0.7973495 0.8734058
     0.3
2
            0.9240680 0.7971728
                                 0.8733608
2
     0.5
            0.9240370 0.7969078 0.8735407
2
     1.0
            0.9241509 0.7959580
                                 0.8732109
     0.0
3
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            0.9241554 0.7935947
                                 0.8745747
3
     0.3
            0.9242312 0.7969078
                                 0.8735706
            0.9243642 0.7978575 0.8737954
3
     0.5
     1.0
3
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            0.9211478 0.7945445 0.8725515
     0.1
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                                 0.8741102
     0.3
            0.9244645 0.7952733 0.8735556
4
     0.5
            0.9246702 0.7960464 0.8741401
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     1.0
            0.9247364 0.7966427
                                 0.8745448
5
     0.0
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     0.1
            0.9237944 0.7951408 0.8737205
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     0.1
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6
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     0.5
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     1.0
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9
     0.3
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                                 0.8747396
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            0.9251501 0.7969520
                                 0.8750244
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ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value. The final values used for the model were size = 9 and decay = 1.

#### Confusion Matrix and Statistics

#### Reference

Prediction no yes no 1426 337 yes 385 2332

Accuracy : 0.8388

95% CI: (0.8277, 0.8495)

No Information Rate : 0.5958
P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2e-16

Kappa: 0.664

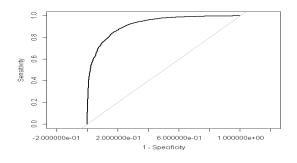
Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.08026

Sensitivity: 0.7874 Specificity: 0.8737 Pos Pred Value: 0.8088 Neg Pred Value: 0.8583 Prevalence: 0.4042

Detection Rate: 0.3183
Detection Prevalence: 0.3935

Balanced Accuracy: 0.8306

'Positive' Class: no



## **Quadratic Discriminant Analysis**

No tuning parameters available.

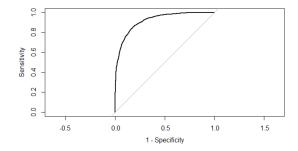
Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	y ROC Sensitivity S		Specificity
0.9216	0.8000	0.8677	0.9178	0.7902	0.8670

Quadratic Discriminant Analysis

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17923 samples
  18 predictor
   2 classes: 'no', 'yes'
No pre-processing
Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%)
Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ...
Resampling results:
 ROC
            Sens Spec
 0.9216154 0.8
                  0.8667066
Confusion Matrix and Statistics
         Reference
Prediction no yes
      no 1431 355
      yes 380 2314
              Accuracy : 0.8359
                95% CI: (0.8248, 0.8467)
   No Information Rate: 0.5958
   P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16
                 Kappa: 0.6586
Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.376
           Sensitivity: 0.7902
           Specificity: 0.8670
        Pos Pred Value: 0.8012
        Neg Pred Value: 0.8589
            Prevalence: 0.4042
        Detection Rate: 0.3194
  Detection Prevalence: 0.3987
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Balanced Accuracy: 0.8286

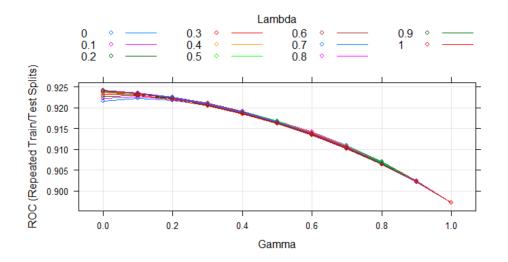
# 'Positive' Class : no



# Regularized Discriminant Analysis

Optimal tuning parameter determined to be gamma = 0 and lambda = 0.7.

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	ty ROC Sensitivity S		Specificity
0.9242	0.8037	0.8693	0.9214	0.7962	0.8700



Regularized Discriminant Analysis

17923 samples
18 predictor

2 classes: 'no', 'yes'

No pre-processing

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%) Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ... Resampling results across tuning parameters:

gamma	lambda	ROC	Sens	Spec
0.0	0.0	0.9216154	0.8000000	0.8667066
0.0	0.1	0.9222730	0.8014357	0.8675009
0.0	0.2	0.9228286	0.8024517	0.8682653
0.0	0.3	0.9233050	0.8032027	0.8687898
0.0	0.4	0.9236842	0.8039757	0.8694043
0.0	0.5	0.9239619	0.8042187	0.8691195
0.0	0.6	0.9241319	0.8040420	0.8691795
0.0	0.7	0.9241935	0.8036886	0.8693293
0.0	0.8	0.9241581	0.8037769	0.8694043
0.0	0.9	0.9240158	0.8036444	0.8689697
0.0	1.0	0.9237587	0.8032468	0.8685051
0.1	0.0	0.9222105	0.8018112	0.8663769

0.1	0.1	0.9226298	0.8026505	0.8668415
0.1	0.2	0.9229827	0.8033131	0.8675159
0.1	0.3	0.9232624	0.8036886	0.8681004
0.1	0.4	0.9234734	0.8041966	0.8682503
0.1	0.5	0.9236000	0.8036002	0.8683402
0.1	0.6	0.9236481	0.8039315	0.8683102
0.1	0.7	0.9236275	0.8034235	0.8680555
0.1	0.8	0.9235415	0.8030260	0.8676208
0.1	0.9	0.9233808	0.8024075	0.8669015
0.1	1.0	0.9231449	0.8013694	0.8665717
0.2	0.0	0.9217962	0.8019437	0.8643387
0.2	0.1	0.9220657	0.8015903	0.8647134
0.2	0.2	0.9222802	0.8019437	0.8651930
0.2	0.3	0.9224431	0.8020099	0.8654627
0.2	0.4	0.9225456	0.8025621	0.8655077
0.2	0.5	0.9225933	0.8028493	0.8656276
0.2	0.6	0.9225847	0.8026726	0.8656725
0.2	0.7	0.9225240	0.8019879	0.8652829
0.2	0.8	0.9224089	0.8017449	0.8648033
0.2	0.9	0.9222395	0.8017443	0.8645935
0.2	1.0	0.9222393	0.8013094	0.8643933
0.3	0.0	0.9206964	0.8012369	0.8617010
0.3	0.1	0.9208663	0.8011044	0.8624204
0.3	0.2	0.9209884	0.8013694	0.8623754
0.3	0.3	0.9210704	0.8012590	0.8627201
0.3	0.4	0.9211130	0.8012590	0.8629899
0.3	0.5	0.9211052	0.8007068	0.8628100
0.3	0.6	0.9210682	0.8004638	0.8625253
0.3	0.7	0.9209809	0.7997570	0.8622405
0.3	0.8	0.9208561	0.7987852	0.8617460
0.3	0.9	0.9206917	0.7981226	0.8618659
0.3	1.0	0.9204754	0.7972391	0.8615661
0.4	0.0	0.9190320	0.7986306	0.8594380
0.4	0.1	0.9191293	0.7985202	0.8595129
0.4	0.2	0.9191897	0.7984539	0.8594380
0.4	0.3	0.9192221	0.7981447	0.8594230
0.4	0.4	0.9192175	0.7977029	0.8594530
0.4	0.5	0.9191837	0.7967311	0.8594680
0.4	0.6	0.9191181	0.7963777	0.8593181
0.4	0.7	0.9190215	0.7954500	0.8591982
0.4	0.8	0.9188876	0.7952954	0.8592581
0.4	0.9	0.9187288	0.7948758	0.8591982
0.4	1.0	0.9185369	0.7944119	0.8593631
0.5	0.0	0.9168573	0.7965323	0.8559610
0.5	0.1	0.9168955	0.7965102	0.8559311
0.5	0.2	0.9169125	0.7960685	0.8562158
0.5	0.3	0.9169081	0.7956709	0.8561709
0.5	0.4	0.9168737	0.7949862	0.8564406

0.5	0.5	0.9168248	0.7946991	0.8568153
0.5	0.6	0.9167401	0.7939923	0.8569352
0.5	0.7	0.9166411	0.7932634	0.8569352
0.5	0.8	0.9165145	0.7926670	0.8572199
0.5	0.9	0.9163594	0.7920265	0.8576695
0.5	1.0	0.9161907	0.7915185	0.8578644
0.6	0.0	0.9141568	0.7924903	0.8521544
0.6	0.1	0.9141504	0.7921590	0.8525141
0.6	0.2	0.9141325	0.7919602	0.8526789
0.6	0.3	0.9140981	0.7915848	0.8528587
0.6	0.4	0.9140431	0.7914743	0.8528587
0.6	0.5	0.9139789	0.7911872	0.8529786
0.6	0.6	0.9138972	0.7910326	0.8531135
0.6	0.7	0.9137948	0.7912755	0.8534283
0.6	0.8	0.9136819	0.7911872	0.8536081
0.6	0.9	0.9135518	0.7907013	0.8537280
0.6	1.0	0.9134056	0.7901712	0.8540427
0.7	0.0	0.9108934	0.7895969	0.8492619
0.7	0.1	0.9108637	0.7891993	0.8492619
0.7	0.2	0.9108245	0.7893760	0.8494417
0.7	0.3	0.9107749	0.7890226	0.8495766
0.7	0.4	0.9107201	0.7888901	0.8495167
0.7	0.5	0.9106509	0.7890447	0.8495466
0.7	0.6	0.9105694	0.7891773	0.8496516
0.7	0.7	0.9104792	0.7889343	0.8496665
0.7	0.8	0.9103794	0.7884705	0.8496516
0.7	0.9	0.9102721	0.7883600	0.8495766
0.7	1.0	0.9101495	0.7880287	0.8492919
0.8	0.0	0.9070260	0.7866593	0.8452154
0.8	0.1	0.9069890	0.7864384	0.8449906
0.8	0.2	0.9069407	0.7863280	0.8450206
0.8	0.3	0.9068902	0.7863501	0.8448558
0.8	0.4	0.9068344	0.7863280	0.8446909
0.8	0.5	0.9067717	0.7862617	
0.8	0.6	0.9067046	0.7860629	
0.8	0.7	0.9066322	0.7859304	
0.8	0.8	0.9065559	0.7861734	0.8442563
0.8	0.9	0.9064760	0.7861955	0.8441813
0.8	1.0	0.9063932	0.7861292	0.8441214
0.9	0.0	0.9024751	0.7812921	0.8411990
0.9	0.1	0.9024392	0.7815130	0.8409442
0.9	0.2	0.9024031	0.7818222	0.8407194
0.9	0.3	0.9023686	0.7821093	0.8405845
0.9	0.4	0.9023324	0.7823302	0.8404496
0.9	0.5	0.9022944	0.7826615	0.8401499
0.9	0.6	0.9022552	0.7831695	0.8398951
0.9	0.7	0.9022120	0.7836113	0.8397752
0.9	0.8	0.9021689	0.7838100	0.8394605

0.9	0.9	0.9021231	0.7842518	0.8391907
0.9	1.0	0.9020723	0.7846273	0.8390259
1.0	0.0	0.8971342	0.7759470	0.8371525
1.0	0.1	0.8971358	0.7765213	0.8367179
1.0	0.2	0.8971373	0.7773385	0.8361933
1.0	0.3	0.8971396	0.7778023	0.8356538
1.0	0.4	0.8971416	0.7785091	0.8352042
1.0	0.5	0.8971440	0.7788625	0.8347246
1.0	0.6	0.8971463	0.7794368	0.8343499
1.0	0.7	0.8971482	0.7799227	0.8337804
1.0	0.8	0.8971504	0.7805411	0.8332409
1.0	0.9	0.8971521	0.7811154	0.8328662
1.0	1.0	0.8971537	0.7814688	0.8324166

ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value. The final values used for the model were gamma = 0 and lambda = 0.7.

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

#### Reference

Prediction no yes no 1442 347 yes 369 2322

Accuracy : 0.8402

95% CI : (0.8291, 0.8508)

No Information Rate : 0.5958 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16

Kappa : 0.6675

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.4326

Sensitivity: 0.7962 Specificity: 0.8700

Pos Pred Value: 0.8060

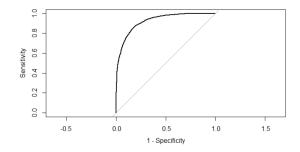
Neg Pred Value: 0.8629

Prevalence: 0.4042

Detection Rate: 0.3219
Detection Prevalence: 0.3993

Balanced Accuracy: 0.8331

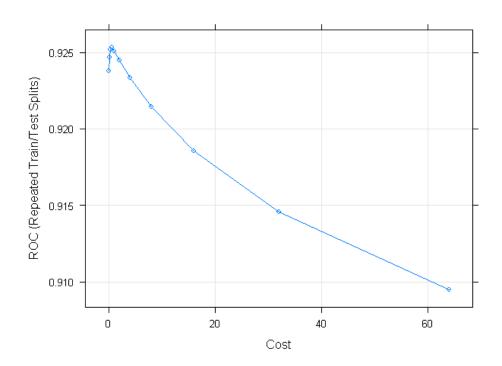
'Positive' Class: no



# **Support Vector Machines**

Optimal tuning parameter determined to be sigma = 0.019949 and C = 0.5.

Training			Testing		
ROC	Sensitivity	Specificity	y ROC Sensitivity Sp		Specificity
0.9254	0.7929	0.8781	0.9214	0.7885	0.8794



Support Vector Machines with Radial Basis Function Kernel

17923 samples

18 predictor

2 classes: 'no', 'yes'

Pre-processing: centered (18), scaled (18)

Resampling: Repeated Train/Test Splits Estimated (25 reps, 75%)

Summary of sample sizes: 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, 13443, ...

Resampling results across tuning parameters:

С	ROC	Sens	Spec
0.0625	0.9237790	0.7948537	0.8754440
0.1250	0.9246563	0.7956930	0.8760135
0.2500	0.9251801	0.7942352	0.8765830
0.5000	0.9253520	0.7929100	0.8781117
1.0000	0.9250767	0.7914301	0.8796103

```
2.00000.92445770.78789620.88046464.00000.92335560.78314740.88184348.00000.92145670.77815570.882772616.00000.91853150.77482050.881408832.00000.91455910.77300940.878920964.00000.90945300.76976260.8750094
```

Tuning parameter 'sigma' was held constant at a value of 0.019949 ROC was used to select the optimal model using the largest value. The final values used for the model were sigma = 0.019949 and C = 0.5.

Confusion Matrix and Statistics

#### Reference

Prediction no yes no 1428 322 yes 383 2347

Accuracy : 0.8426

95% CI: (0.8316, 0.8532)

No Information Rate : 0.5958 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2e-16

Kappa : 0.6715

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.02384

Sensitivity: 0.7885

Specificity: 0.8794

Pos Pred Value : 0.8160

Neg Pred Value : 0.8597

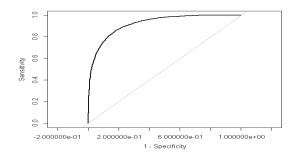
Prevalence: 0.4042

Detection Rate: 0.3187

Detection Prevalence: 0.3906

Balanced Accuracy: 0.8339

'Positive' Class : no



# Appendix II - R Code

# # Processing #

```
data<-read.csv('bballdata.csv')</pre>
str(data)
# Separate Predictors and Response from non-used variables
temp <- data[,-c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,14,20,21,27)]
# Coerce Predictors to be Numeric.
temp$FG3_PCT_home_bench <- as.character(temp$FG3_PCT_home_bench)</pre>
temp$FT_PCT_away_bench <- as.character(temp$FT_PCT_away_bench)</pre>
temp$FG3_PCT_away_bench <- as.character(temp$FG3_PCT_away_bench)</pre>
temp$FG3_PCT_home_bench <- as.numeric(temp$FG3_PCT_home_bench)</pre>
temp$FT_PCT_away_bench <- as.numeric(temp$FT_PCT_away_bench)</pre>
temp$FG3_PCT_away_bench <- as.numeric(temp$FG3_PCT_away_bench)</pre>
str(temp)
# Remove missing observations
row.has.na <- apply(temp, 1, function(x){any(is.na(x))})</pre>
sum(row.has.na)
temp <- temp[!row.has.na,]</pre>
table(is.na(temp)) #Verify removal of rows containing NA
# Separate Predictors from Response
pred <- temp[,-21]</pre>
response <- factor(temp[,21])</pre>
levels(response) = c('no', 'yes')
plot(response) #slightly unbalanced
# Histograms
library(psych)
multi.hist(pred, density=FALSE); #Histograms
library(e1071)
print(skewValues <- apply(pred, 2, skewness)) #Skewness Values</pre>
# Outliers
par(mfrow=c(2,5))
boxplot(pred$FG_PCT_home, main="FG%Home")
boxplot(pred$FT_PCT_home, main="FT%Home")
boxplot(pred$FG3_PCT_home, main="FG3%Home")
boxplot(pred$AST home, main="ASTHome")
boxplot(pred$REB_home, main="REBHome")
boxplot(pred$FG_PCT_home_bench, main="FG%HomeB") ## Removed correlation
boxplot(pred$FT_PCT_home_bench, main="FT%HomeB")
```

```
boxplot(pred$FG3_PCT_home_bench, main="FG3%HomeB")
boxplot(pred$AST_home_bench, main="ASTHomeB")
boxplot(pred$REB_home_bench, main="REBHomeB")
boxplot(pred$FG_PCT_away, main="FG%Away")
boxplot(pred$FT_PCT_away, main="FT%Away")
boxplot(pred$FG3_PCT_away, main="FG3%Away")
boxplot(pred$AST_away, main="ASTAway")
boxplot(pred$REB_away, main="REBAway")
boxplot(pred$FG_PCT_away_bench, main="FG%AwayB") ## Removed correlation
boxplot(pred$FT_PCT_away_bench, main="FT%AwayB")
boxplot(pred$FG3_PCT_away_bench, main="FG3%AwayB")
boxplot(pred$AST_away_bench, main="ASTAwayB")
boxplot(pred$REB_away_bench, main="REBAwayB")
# Correlation - Remove predictors with very high correlation
library(corrplot)
library(caret)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
correlations <- cor(pred)</pre>
corrplot(correlations, order = 'hclust') #Correlation Plot
print(highCorr <- findCorrelation(correlations, cutoff = .85))</pre>
pred <- pred[,-highCorr] #removed two predictors</pre>
# Apply Transformations
cleanup <- preProcess(pred,method=c("BoxCox","center","scale", "spatialSign"))</pre>
predictors <- predict(cleanup,pred)</pre>
# Histograms After Transformations
library(psych)
multi.hist(predictors, density=FALSE); #Histograms
library(e1071)
print(skewValues <- apply(predictors, 2, skewness)) #Skewness Values</pre>
# Outliers After Transformations
par(mfrow=c(2,5))
boxplot(predictors$FG_PCT_home, main="FG%Home")
boxplot(predictors$FT_PCT_home, main="FT%Home")
boxplot(predictors$FG3_PCT_home, main="FG3%Home")
boxplot(predictors$AST_home, main="ASTHome")
boxplot(predictors$REB_home, main="REBHome")
boxplot(predictors$FG_PCT_home_bench, main="FG%HomeB") ## Removed for correlation
boxplot(predictors$FT_PCT_home_bench, main="FT%HomeB")
boxplot(predictors$FG3_PCT_home_bench, main="FG3%HomeB")
boxplot(predictors$AST_home_bench, main="ASTHomeB")
boxplot(predictors$REB_home_bench, main="REBHomeB")
boxplot(predictors$FG_PCT_away, main="FG%Away")
boxplot(predictors$FT_PCT_away, main="FT%Away")
boxplot(predictors$FG3_PCT_away, main="FG3%Away")
```

```
boxplot(predictors$AST_away, main="ASTAway")
boxplot(predictors$REB_away, main="REBAway")
boxplot(predictors$FG_PCT_away_bench, main="FG%AwayB") ## Removed for correlation
boxplot(predictors$FT_PCT_away_bench, main="FT%AwayB")
boxplot(predictors$FG3_PCT_away_bench, main="FG3%AwayB")
boxplot(predictors$AST_away_bench, main="ASTAwayB")
boxplot(predictors$REB_away_bench, main="REBAwayB")
```

# # Training/Testing Split #

```
set.seed(314)
trainingRows <- createDataPartition(response, p = .80, list= FALSE)
#separate the data by injury with 80% training and 20% testing.
trP <- predictors[trainingRows, ]
trR <- response[trainingRows]
teP <- predictors[-trainingRows, ]
teR <- response[-trainingRows]</pre>
```

### # Linear Methods #

```
ctrl <- trainControl(method = "LGOCV",</pre>
                     summaryFunction = twoClassSummary,
                     classProbs = TRUE,
                     savePredictions = TRUE)
###### Linear Discriminant Analysis ######
set.seed(314)
LDAFull <- train(trP, trR ,
                 method = "lda",
                 metric = "ROC",
                 trControl = ctrl)
LDAFull
## LDA Test Confusion
pred = predict(LDAFull, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## LDA Test ROC
pred = predict(LDAFull, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
```

```
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
##### Logistic Regression #####
set.seed(314)
logistic <- train(trP, trR ,</pre>
                  method = "glm",
                  metric = "ROC",
                  trControl = ctrl)
logistic
## Logistic Test Confusion
pred = predict(logistic, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## Logistic Test ROC
pred = predict(logistic, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
###### Partial Least Squares Discriminant Analysis #####
set.seed(314)
plsFit2 <- train(trP, trR,
                 method = "pls",
                 tuneGrid = expand.grid(.ncomp = 1:10),
                 preProc = c("center", "scale"),
                 metric = "ROC",
                 trControl = ctrl)
plsFit2
plot(plsFit2)
## PLS Test Confusion
pred = predict(plsFit2, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## PLS Test ROC
pred = predict(plsFit2, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
```

```
##### Penalized Model #####
glmnGrid \leftarrow expand.grid(.alpha = c(0, .1, .2, .4, .6, .8, 1),
                         .lambda = seq(.01, .2, length = 10))
set.seed(314)
glmnTuned <- train(trP,trR,</pre>
                   method = "glmnet",
                   tuneGrid = glmnGrid,
                   preProc = c("center", "scale"),
                   metric = "ROC",
                   trControl = ctrl)
glmnTuned
plot(glmnTuned, plotType = "level")
## GLMN Test Confusion
pred = predict(glmnTuned, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## GLMN Test ROC
pred = predict(glmnTuned, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
```

## # Non-Linear Methods #

```
## FDA Test Confusion
pred = predict(fdaTuned, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## FDA Test ROC
pred = predict(fdaTuned, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
###### KNN Method ######
library(caret)
set.seed(314)
knnFit <- train(x = trP,</pre>
                y = trR,
                method = "knn",
                metric = "ROC",
                preProc = c("center", "scale"),
                tuneGrid = data.frame(.k = 1:80),
                trControl = ctrl)
knnFit
plot(knnFit)
## KNN Test Confusion
pred = predict(knnFit, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## KNN Test ROC
pred = predict(knnFit, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
##### MDA Method #####
set.seed(314)
mdaFit <- train(x = trP,</pre>
                y = trR,
                method = "mda",
                metric = "ROC",
                tuneGrid = expand.grid(.subclasses = 1:3),
```

```
trControl = ctrl)
mdaFit
## MDA Test Confusion
pred = predict(mdaFit, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## MDA Test ROC
pred = predict(mdaFit, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
###### Naive Bayes Method ######
library(klaR)
set.seed(314)
nbFit <- train( x = trP,</pre>
                y = trR,
                method = "nb",
                metric = "ROC",
                tuneGrid = data.frame(.fL = 2,.usekernel = TRUE,.adjust = TRUE),
                trControl = ctrl)
nbFit
## NB Test Confusion
pred = predict(nbFit, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## NB Test ROC
pred = predict(nbFit, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
##### Neural Net Method #####
nnetGrid < expand.grid(.size = 1:10, .decay = c(0, .1, .3, .5, 1))
maxSize <- max(nnetGrid$.size)</pre>
numWts <- (maxSize * (18 + 1) + (maxSize+1)*2)
set.seed(314)
nnetFit <- train(x = trP,</pre>
                 y = trR,
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method = "nnet",
                 metric = "ROC",
                 tuneGrid = nnetGrid,
                 trace = FALSE,
                 maxit = 2000,
                 MaxNWts = numWts,
                 trControl = ctrl)
nnetFit
plot(nnetFit)
## NNet Test Confusion
pred = predict(nnetTune, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## NNet Test ROC
pred = predict(nnetTune, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
###### QDA Method #####
set.seed(314)
qdaFit <- train(x = trP,
                y = trR,
                method = "qda",
                metric = "ROC",
                trControl = ctrl)
qdaFit
## QDA Test Confusion
pred = predict(qdaFit, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## ODA Test ROC
pred = predict(qdaFit, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
###### RDA Method ######
set.seed(314)
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rdaGrid <- expand.grid(.gamma = seq(0, 1, length = 11),
                        .lambda = seq(0, 1, length = 11))
rdaFit <- train(x = trP,
                y = trR,
                method = "rda",
                metric = "ROC",
                tuneGrid = rdaGrid,
                trControl = ctrl)
rdaFit
plot(rdaFit)
## RDA Test Confusion
pred = predict(rdaFit, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
## RDA Test ROC
pred = predict(rdaFit, teP, type = "prob")
test.roc = roc(response = teR,
               predictor = pred$yes,
               levels = rev(levels(teR)))
plot(test.roc, legacy.axes = TRUE)
print(auc(test.roc))
###### SVMR Method #####
library(kernlab)
library(caret)
sigmaRangeReduced <- sigest(as.matrix(trP))</pre>
svmRGridReduced <- expand.grid(.sigma = sigmaRangeReduced[1],</pre>
                                .C = 2^{(seq(-4, 6))}
set.seed(314)
svmRModel <- train(x = trP,</pre>
                   y = trR,
                   method = "svmRadial",
                   metric = "ROC",
                   preProc = c("center", "scale"),
                   tuneGrid = svmRGridReduced,
                   fit = FALSE,
                   trControl = ctrl)
svmRModel
plot(svmRModel)
## SVMR Test Confusion
pred = predict(svmRModel, teP)
test.conf = confusionMatrix(pred, teR)
print(test.conf)
```

# # Variable Imporance for Optimal Model #

```
library(caret)
plot(varImp(svmRModel), 5, main="SVMR Predictor Importance")
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