Feature Selection

Background

Selected molecular descriptors from the Dragon chemoinformatics application were used to predict bioconcentration factors for 779 chemicals in order to evaluate QSAR (Quantitative Structure Activity Relationship). This dataset was obtained from the UCI machine learning repository.

The dataset consists of 779 observations of 10 attributes. Below is a brief description of each feature and the response variable (logBCF) in our dataset:

```
    nHM - number of heavy atoms (integer)
    piPC09 - molecular multiple path count (numeric)
    PCD - difference between multiple path count and path count (numeric)
    X2Av - average valence connectivity (numeric)
    MLOGP - Moriguchi octanol-water partition coefficient (numeric)
    ON1V - overall modified Zagreb index by valence vertex degrees (numeric)
    N.072 - Frequency of RCO-N
    N-X=X fragments (integer)
    B02[C-N] - Presence/Absence of C-N atom pairs (binary)
    F04[C-O] - Frequency of C-O atom pairs (integer)
    logBCF - Bioconcentration Factor in log units (numeric)
```

Fitting a Full Model

A multiple linear regression with the variable logBCF as the response and the other variables as predictors was fit. The summaryt for this model can be seen below:

```
model1 = lm(logBCF~.,data=trainData)
summary(model1)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logBCF ~ ., data = trainData)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                3Q
                                        Max
  -3.2577 -0.5180 0.0448
                           0.5117
                                    4.0423
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                0.001422
                           0.138057
                                      0.010 0.99179
## (Intercept)
## nHM
                0.137022
                           0.022462
                                      6.100 1.88e-09 ***
## piPC09
                0.031158
                           0.020874
                                      1.493 0.13603
## PCD
                0.055655
                           0.063874
                                      0.871
                                             0.38391
## X2Av
               -0.031890
                           0.253574
                                     -0.126
                                             0.89996
## MLOGP
                           0.034211 14.793 < 2e-16 ***
                0.506088
```

```
## ON1V
               0.140595
                          0.066810
                                     2.104 0.03575 *
              -0.073334
## N.072
                          0.070993
                                    -1.033
                                           0.30202
## B02.C.N.
              -0.158231
                          0.080143
                                    -1.974
                                            0.04879 *
## F04.C.O.
              -0.030763
                          0.009667
                                    -3.182 0.00154 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.7957 on 614 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.6672, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6623
## F-statistic: 136.8 on 9 and 614 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Using a 95% confidence level, it can be seen that the regression coefficients associated with the variables nHM, MLOGP, ON1V, B02.C.N., and F04.C.O. are significant. Using a 99% confidence level, it can be seen that the regression coefficients associated with the variables nHM, MLOGP, and F04.C.O. are significant.

For this model, Mallow's Cp is 10, AIC is 1497.477, and BIC is 1546.274.

```
set.seed(100)
Cp(model1,S2=summary(model1)$sigma^2)[1]

## [1] 10
AIC(model1, k=2)

## [1] 1497.477
AIC(model1, k=log(nrow(trainData)))

## [1] 1546.274
```

A new model with only the variables which coefficients were found to be statistically significant at the 99% confident level was fit.

```
set.seed(100)
model2 = lm(logBCF~nHM+MLOGP+F04.C.O.,data=trainData)
anova(model2,model1)
## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: logBCF ~ nHM + MLOGP + F04.C.O.
## Model 2: logBCF ~ nHM + piPCO9 + PCD + X2Av + MLOGP + ON1V + N.072 + B02.C.N. +
##
       F04.C.O.
##
     Res.Df
               RSS Df Sum of Sq
                                     F Pr(>F)
## 1
        620 400.51
## 2
        614 388.70
                         11.809 3.109 0.00523 **
## Signif. codes:
                   0 '***, 0.001 '**, 0.01 '*, 0.05 '.', 0.1 ', 1
```

As it can be seen above, the p-value associated with the Partial F-test comparing the reduced model (model2) and the full model (model1) is 0.00523, which is significant at a 99% confidence level and therefore it can be concluded that some additional predictors in model1 are significantly associated with the response. Given this understanding, retaining the full model (model1) would be preferred. It should be noted however, that selecting variables based on the statistical significance of individual coefficients is bad practice as it ignores the possible presence of multicollinearity between the predictor variables.

Model Selection

Mallow's Cp

A model was fit with the lowest Mallow's Cp value. The model summary can be seen below:

```
set.seed(100)
out = leaps(trainData[1:9], trainData$logBCF , method='Cp')
nrow(out$which)
## [1] 79
out = leaps(trainData[1:9], trainData$logBCF , method='Cp',nbest=1)
cbind(as.matrix(out$which), out$Cp)
##
     1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
## 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 58.596851
## 2 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 17.737801
## 3 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 15.184626
## 4 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 9.495041
## 5 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 7.240754
## 6 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 6.116174
## 7 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 6.831852
## 8 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 8.015816
## 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 10.000000
best.model = which(out$Cp==min(out$Cp))
cbind(as.matrix(out$which), out$Cp)[best.model,]
##
                            3
                                              5
                                                       6
## 1.000000 1.000000 0.000000 0.000000 1.000000 0.000000 1.000000 1.000000
## 1.000000 6.116174
names(trainData[c(as.matrix(out$which)[best.model,])][-7])
## [1] "nHM"
                  "piPC09"
                                                   "B02.C.N." "F04.C.O."
                             "MLOGP"
                                        "ON1V"
model3 = lm(logBCF~nHM+piPCO9+MLOGP+ON1V+BO2.C.N.+FO4.C.O.,data=trainData)
summary(model3)
##
## lm(formula = logBCF ~ nHM + piPC09 + MLOGP + ON1V + B02.C.N. +
##
       F04.C.O., data = trainData)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
## -3.2364 -0.5234 0.0421 0.5196 4.1159
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
                                      0.360 0.71911
               0.035785
                          0.099454
## nHM
               0.124086
                          0.019083
                                      6.502 1.63e-10 ***
## piPC09
               0.042167
                           0.014135
                                     2.983
                                            0.00297 **
## MLOGP
                          0.029434
                                    17.956
               0.528522
                                            < 2e-16 ***
## ON1V
               0.098099
                           0.055457
                                     1.769
                                            0.07740 .
## B02.C.N.
               -0.160204
                           0.073225
                                    -2.188
                                            0.02906 *
## F04.C.O.
               -0.028644
                           0.009415
                                    -3.042 0.00245 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.7951 on 617 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.666, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6628
## F-statistic: 205.1 on 6 and 617 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

There are 6 variables included in the model with the lowest Mallow's Cp value, which are nHM, piPC09, MLOGP, ON1V", B02.C.N., and F04.C.O.. The summary for the model using these variables can be seen above.

Backwards Stepwise Regression

Backward stepwise regression was performed using BIC. The minimum model was a model with only an intercept, and the full model to be *model1*. The model summary can be seen below:

```
AIC=-231
## Start:
## logBCF ~ nHM + piPC09 + PCD + X2Av + MLOGP + ON1V + N.072 + B02.C.N. +
##
       F04.C.O.
##
##
              Df Sum of Sq
                               RSS
                                        AIC
## - X2Av
                     0.010 388.71 -237.417
               1
## - PCD
                     0.481 389.18 -236.662
               1
## - N.072
               1
                     0.676 389.38 -236.350
## - piPC09
                     1.411 390.11 -235.173
               1
## - B02.C.N.
                     2.468 391.17 -233.484
               1
## - ON1V
                     2.804 391.51 -232.949
                            388.70 -230.997
## <none>
## - F04.C.O.
                     6.410 395.11 -227.226
               1
## - nHM
               1
                    23.557 412.26 -200.718
                   138.539 527.24 -47.211
## - MLOGP
               1
##
## Step: AIC=-237.42
## logBCF ~ nHM + piPC09 + PCD + MLOGP + ON1V + N.072 + B02.C.N. +
##
       F04.C.O.
##
```

```
Df Sum of Sq
                           RSS
## - PCD
                    0.517 389.23 -243.025
              1
## - N.072
                    0.667 389.38 -242.783
## - piPC09
                   1.423 390.14 -241.574
              1
## - BO2.C.N. 1
                    2.510 391.22 -239.838
## - ON1V
                    2.915 391.63 -239.192
              1
## <none>
                          388.71 -237.417
## - F04.C.O. 1
                   6.491 395.21 -233.520
                  25.431 414.15 -204.309
## - nHM
              1
## - MLOGP
              1 146.081 534.80 -44.772
##
## Step: AIC=-243.02
## logBCF ~ nHM + piPC09 + MLOGP + ON1V + N.072 + B02.C.N. + F04.C.O.
##
##
             Df Sum of Sq
                            RSS
                                     AIC
## - N.072
              1
                   0.813 390.04 -248.159
## - B02.C.N. 1
                    2.099 391.33 -246.105
## - ON1V
             1
                    2.412 391.64 -245.606
## <none>
                          389.23 -243.025
## - F04.C.O. 1
                   6.088 395.32 -239.776
## - piPC09 1
                  6.203 395.43 -239.594
## - nHM
              1 27.541 416.77 -206.800
## - MLOGP
              1 181.833 571.06 -10.264
## Step: AIC=-248.16
## logBCF ~ nHM + piPC09 + MLOGP + ON1V + B02.C.N. + F04.C.O.
             Df Sum of Sq
                           RSS
                                     AIC
## - ON1V
             1 1.978 392.02 -251.438
## - B02.C.N. 1
                  3.026 393.07 -249.773
## <none>
                          390.04 -248.159
## - piPC09
              1
                  5.626 395.67 -245.659
## - F04.C.O. 1
                  5.851 395.89 -245.304
## - nHM
              1 26.728 416.77 -213.236
              1 203.819 593.86
## - MLOGP
                                 7.728
##
## Step: AIC=-251.44
## logBCF ~ nHM + piPC09 + MLOGP + B02.C.N. + F04.C.O.
##
             Df Sum of Sq
                            RSS
                                     AIC
## - B02.C.N. 1 2.693 394.72 -253.602
## - F04.C.O. 1
                    3.902 395.92 -251.695
                          392.02 -251.438
## <none>
                   7.252 399.27 -246.437
## - piPC09
              1
## - nHM
              1 25.197 417.22 -219.003
## - MLOGP
              1 247.006 639.03 47.031
##
## Step: AIC=-253.6
## logBCF ~ nHM + piPC09 + MLOGP + F04.C.O.
##
##
             Df Sum of Sq
                           RSS
                                     AIC
## <none>
                          394.72 -253.602
## - F04.C.O. 1
                    4.868 399.58 -252.390
## - piPC09 1
                    5.798 400.51 -250.939
```

```
## - nHM 1 26.847 421.56 -218.977
## - MLOGP 1 302.931 697.65 95.359
```

summary(model4)

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logBCF ~ nHM + piPC09 + MLOGP + F04.C.O., data = trainData)
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               1Q Median
                               3Q
                                      Max
  -3.2611 -0.5126 0.0517
                           0.5353
                                   4.3488
##
## Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                   -0.111 0.91150
## (Intercept) -0.008695
                          0.078196
## nHM
               0.114029
                          0.017574
                                     6.489 1.78e-10 ***
## piPC09
               0.041119
                          0.013636
                                     3.015 0.00267 **
## MLOGP
               0.566473
                          0.025990
                                   21.796 < 2e-16 ***
## F04.C.O.
              -0.022104
                          0.008000 -2.763 0.00590 **
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.7985 on 619 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.662, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6599
## F-statistic: 303.1 on 4 and 619 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

In model4, there are four variables, all of which are significant at the 99% confidence level.

Forwards Stepwise Regression

Forward stepwise selection was performed with AIC. The minimum model to be the model with only an intercept, and the full model to be *model1*. The model summary can be seen below:

```
## Start: AIC=393.14
## logBCF ~ 1
##
##
              Df Sum of Sq
                                RSS
                                        AIC
                    738.32
## + MLOGP
                             429.60 -228.94
               1
## + nHM
                    255.66
                            912.25
                                     240.98
               1
                    220.90 947.02
## + piPC09
               1
                                     264.31
## + PCD
                    150.75 1017.17
               1
                                     308.90
## + B02.C.N.
               1
                    139.23 1028.68
                                     315.93
## + N.072
               1
                     43.55 1124.37
                                     371.43
## + ON1V
               1
                     27.76 1140.16
                                     380.13
## + F04.C.O. 1
                     20.79 1147.13
                                     383.93
## <none>
                            1167.92 393.14
```

```
## + X2Av
          1 2.45 1165.46 393.83
##
## Step: AIC=-228.94
## logBCF ~ MLOGP
##
             Df Sum of Sq
                            RSS
                                    AIC
                 27.1327 402.47 -267.65
## + nHM
             1
## + BO2.C.N. 1
                  4.1778 425.42 -233.04
## + F04.C.O. 1
                  4.1526 425.45 -233.00
## + X2Av
            1
                   3.2819 426.32 -231.72
## + ON1V
              1
                   2.3664 427.23 -230.38
## <none>
                          429.60 -228.94
## + piPC09 1
                  1.0443 428.55 -228.46
## + N.072
              1
                   0.2481 429.35 -227.30
## + PCD
                   0.1198 429.48 -227.11
              1
##
## Step: AIC=-267.65
## logBCF ~ MLOGP + nHM
##
##
             Df Sum of Sq
                            RSS
## + piPC09
              1
                  2.88247 399.58 -270.13
## + F04.C.O. 1
                1.95225 400.51 -268.68
## + B02.C.N. 1 1.93200 400.53 -268.65
                          402.47 -267.65
## <none>
## + PCD
              1 1.23679 401.23 -267.57
## + N.072
              1 0.40989 402.06 -266.29
## + ON1V
              1 0.33115 402.13 -266.16
## + X2Av
              1 0.11836 402.35 -265.83
##
## Step: AIC=-270.13
## logBCF ~ MLOGP + nHM + piPC09
##
             Df Sum of Sq
                            RSS
                                    AIC
                4.8680 394.72 -275.78
## + F04.C.O. 1
## + B02.C.N. 1
                 3.6597 395.92 -273.88
             1 1.4631 398.12 -270.42
## + N.072
## <none>
                          399.58 -270.13
## + X2Av
              1
                   0.5349 399.05 -268.97
## + ON1V
              1
                   0.0065 399.58 -268.14
## + PCD
                   0.0001 399.58 -268.13
              1
##
## Step: AIC=-275.78
## logBCF ~ MLOGP + nHM + piPC09 + F04.C.O.
##
             Df Sum of Sq
                            RSS
## + BO2.C.N. 1
                 2.69326 392.02 -278.06
## + ON1V
              1
                  1.64544 393.07 -276.39
## <none>
                          394.72 -275.78
## + N.072
              1
                1.06163 393.65 -275.46
## + X2Av
              1
                0.51804 394.20 -274.60
## + PCD
                 0.07778 394.64 -273.91
              1
##
## Step: AIC=-278.06
## logBCF ~ MLOGP + nHM + piPC09 + F04.C.O. + B02.C.N.
```

```
##
##
           Df Sum of Sq
                            RSS
                                    AIC
## + ON1V
                1.97807 390.04 -279.21
                         392.02 -278.06
## <none>
## + N.072
            1
                0.37905 391.64 -276.66
## + X2Av
            1
                0.12543 391.90 -276.25
## + PCD
                0.00000 392.02 -276.06
            1
##
## Step: AIC=-279.21
## logBCF ~ MLOGP + nHM + piPC09 + F04.C.O. + B02.C.N. + ON1V
                            RSS
##
           Df Sum of Sq
                                    AIC
## <none>
                         390.04 -279.21
                0.81306 389.23 -278.51
## + N.072
## + PCD
                0.66238 389.38 -278.27
            1
## + X2Av
            1
                0.02794 390.02 -277.26
```

summary (model5)

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logBCF ~ MLOGP + nHM + piPC09 + F04.C.O. + B02.C.N. +
##
       ON1V, data = trainData)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                3Q
                                       Max
##
   -3.2364 -0.5234 0.0421
                            0.5196
                                    4.1159
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)
               0.035785
                           0.099454
                                      0.360
                                             0.71911
## MLOGP
                0.528522
                           0.029434
                                     17.956
                                             < 2e-16 ***
## nHM
                0.124086
                           0.019083
                                      6.502 1.63e-10 ***
                                      2.983
## piPC09
                0.042167
                           0.014135
                                             0.00297 **
               -0.028644
                           0.009415
                                     -3.042
## F04.C.O.
                                             0.00245 **
## BO2.C.N.
               -0.160204
                           0.073225
                                     -2.188
                                             0.02906 *
## ON1V
                0.098099
                           0.055457
                                      1.769 0.07740 .
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.7951 on 617 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.666, Adjusted R-squared:
## F-statistic: 205.1 on 6 and 617 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

model5 has 6 variables while model4 only has 4 variables, with the variables B02.C.N. and ON1V being the difference between these two models.

Model Comparison

The model with the best Adjusted R^2 and AIC value is *model3*, while *model4* has the best BIC value. This discrepancy makes sense, however, since the BIC penalizes the most for model complexity and *model4* is the simplest model of those tested. When this complexity is not penalized more, it can be seen that *model3*

accounts for the most variability in the response explained by the model. Notably, the Mallow's Cp value for all three models were the same distance from the number of variables in each respective model, which does not provide much information regarding the best model by this criteria.

```
set.seed(100)
paste('Adj R^2:','model1:',
  summary(model1)$adj.r.squared,'model3:',
  summary(model3)$adj.r.squared,'model4:',
  summary(model4)$adj.r.squared)
## [1] "Adj R^2: model1: 0.662302680014831 model3: 0.662786417109309 model4: 0.659850397065386"
paste("Mallow's Cp:", 'model1:',
  Cp(model1, S2=summary(model1)$sigma^2), 'model3:',
  Cp(model3, S2=summary(model3)$sigma^2), 'model4:',
 Cp(model4, S2=summary(model4)$sigma^2))
## [1] "Mallow's Cp: model1: 10.0000000000001 model3: 7.00000000000011 model4: 5"
paste("# of Variables:",'model1:',
  length(model1$coefficients)-1,
  length(model3$coefficients)-1,
  length(model4$coefficients)-1)
## [1] "# of Variables: model1: 9 6 4"
paste("AIC:",'model1:',
  AIC(model1, k=2), 'model3:',
  AIC(model3, k=2), 'model4:',
  AIC(model4, k=2))
## [1] "AIC: model1: 1497.47653274345 model3: 1493.62347413487 model4: 1497.05236356401"
paste("BIC:",'model1:',
  AIC(model1, k=log(nrow(trainData))), 'model3:',
  AIC(model3, k=log(nrow(trainData))), 'model4:',
  AIC(model4, k=log(nrow(trainData))))
```

[1] "BIC: model1: 1546.27418679551 model3: 1529.11267708182 model4: 1523.66926577422"

The model with the best Adjusted R^2 and AIC value is model3, while model4 has the best BIC value. This discrepancy makes sense, however, since the BIC penalizes the most for model complexity and model4 is the simplest model of those tested. When this complexity is not penalized more, it can be seen that model3 accounts for the most variability in the response explained by the model. Notably, the Mallow's Cp value for all three models were the same distance from the number of variables in each respective model, which does not provide much information regarding the best model by this criteria.

Ridge Regression

Ridge regression was performed on the training set while finding the lambda value that minimizes the cross-validation error using 10 fold CV.

```
## [1] 0.108775
```

The value of coefficients at the optimum lambda value can be seen below:

```
set.seed(100)
coef(ridge, ridge$lambda.min)
```

```
## 10 x 1 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"
##
## (Intercept) 0.13841426
## nHM
                0.14391877
## piPC09
                0.03735762
## PCD
                0.08235334
## X2Av
               -0.06901352
## MLOGP
                0.44403655
## ON1V
                0.15770114
## N.072
               -0.09683534
## B02.C.N.
               -0.20919397
## F04.C.O.
               -0.03177144
```

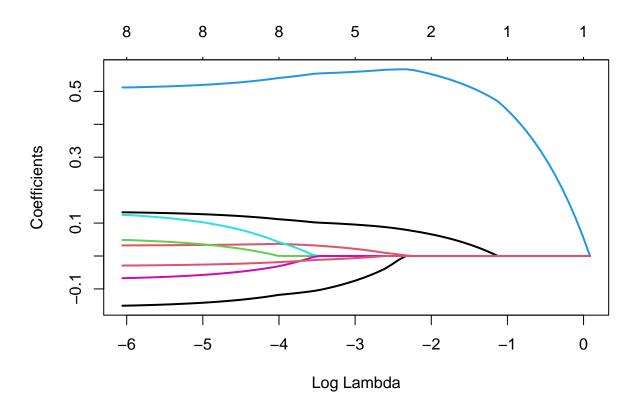
There were 9 variables selected, which is all the predictors possible. This is the expected result, however, as Ridge Regression is not used for variable selection as it only regularizes the regression coefficients. Given this, it would not be expected that any variables would not be selected.

Lasso Regression

Lasso regression was performed on the training set while finding the lambda value that minimizes the cross-validation error using 10 fold CV.

```
## [1] 0.007854436
```

A plot the regression coefficient path can be seen below:



There were 8 variables selected, which were NHM, piPC09, PCD, MLOGP, ON1V, N.072, B02.C.N., and F04.C.O..

```
set.seed(100)
coef(lasso.cv,lasso.cv$lambda.min)
```

```
## 10 x 1 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"
##
## (Intercept)
                0.02722838
## nHM
                0.12543866
## piPC09
                0.03387665
## PCD
                0.03194878
## X2Av
## MLOGP
                0.52174346
## ON1V
                0.09633951
## N.072
               -0.05487196
## B02.C.N.
               -0.13961811
## F04.C.O.
               -0.02535576
```

Elastic Net

Elastic Net regression was performed on the training set while finding the lambda value that minimizes the cross-validation error using 10 fold CV.

```
## [1] 0.0207662
```

There were 8 variables selected again, which were the same as from the LASSO model.

```
set.seed(100)
coef(elastic,elastic$lambda.min)
```

```
## 10 x 1 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"
##
## (Intercept) 0.04903516
## nHM
                0.12397290
## piPC09
                0.03470891
## PCD
                0.03060034
## X2Av
## MLOGP
                0.51776470
## ON1V
                0.08901088
## N.072
               -0.05236840
## BO2.C.N.
               -0.14155538
## F04.C.O.
               -0.02420217
```

Model comparison

Predictions were made on the test data set and the performance of each model was compared using mean squared error. The results can be seen below:

```
set.seed(100)
mean((testData[[10]]-pred.1)^2)

## [1] 0.5839296

mean((testData[[10]]-pred.4)^2)

## [1] 0.5742198

mean((testData[[10]]-pred.ridge[,1])^2)
```

```
## [1] 0.5877835
```

```
mean((testData[[10]]-pred.lasso[,1])^2)

## [1] 0.5790832

mean((testData[[10]]-pred.elastic[,1])^2)
```

[1] 0.578275

According to the MSPE calcualted on the test data set, model using backward stepwise regression with BIC (model 4) performed the best.