1 Testing

We implemented testing functions for each method to ensure that each function takes proper inputs and returns desired outputs. Each method functions properly when tested using small data sets. In order to test the functionality of our genetic algorithm, we employed a larger, more realistic data set. We compared the models selected using our genetic algorithim with a well-known model selection method, the stepwise model selection using AIC, implemented in R in the `stepAIC` function available in the `MASS` package.

This data set was obtained from surveys about how video games affect grades. There are 15 variables in the data set – NOTE TO YANG: LIST THE VARIABLES, E.G. time to XXX (time), location of XXX (where) – and the dependent variable is grade.

The following results are obtained using our genetic algorithim.

```
data <- read.table("../data/video.txt", header = TRUE, quote = "\"")
ga <- select_model(data,
                   yvar = "grade",
                   pop_size = nrow(data)*2,
                   num_max_iterations = 50,
                   model = "glm",
                   glm_family = "gaussian")
```

```
res <- summary(ga)

## Model 1 :
##  grade ~ where + freq + busy + sex + home + math
##  AIC = 157.6
##  ------------------------------------------------
## Model 2 :
##  grade ~ freq + educ + sex + home + math
##  AIC = 158.2
##  ------------------------------------------------
## Model 3 :
##  grade ~ freq + busy + sex + home + math
##  AIC = 158.3
##  ------------------------------------------------
## Model 4 :
##  grade ~ where + freq + busy + sex + home + math + own
##  AIC = 158.4
##  ------------------------------------------------
## Model 5 :
##  grade ~ where + freq + busy + sex + home + math + email
##  AIC = 158.6
##  ------------------------------------------------
```

The following results are obtained using the `stepAIC` function.

```
library(MASS)
mod <- glm(grade ~ ., data = data)
res_step <- stepAIC(mod)

## Start:  AIC=167.2
## grade ~ time + like + where + freq + busy + educ + sex + age +
##     home + math + work + own + cdrom + email
##
##         Df Deviance AIC
## - age    1     23.6 165
## - where  1     23.6 166
## - time   1     23.6 166
## - like   1     23.7 166
## - educ   1     23.8 166
## - cdrom  1     23.8 166
## - work   1     23.9 166
## - email  1     23.9 167
## - busy   1     23.9 167
## <none>         23.6 167
## - math   1     24.2 168
## - own    1     24.2 168
## - freq   1     24.6 169
## - home   1     25.8 174
## - sex    1     27.4 179
##
## Step:  AIC=165.3
## grade ~ time + like + where + freq + busy + educ + sex + home +
##     math + work + own + cdrom + email
##
##         Df Deviance AIC
## - where  1     23.7 164
## - time   1     23.7 164
## - like   1     23.8 164
## - educ   1     23.8 164
## - cdrom  1     23.8 164
## - work   1     23.9 165
## - busy   1     24.0 165
## - email  1     24.0 165
## <none>         23.6 165
## - math   1     24.2 166
## - own    1     24.3 166
## - freq   1     24.6 167
## - home   1     25.9 172
## - sex    1     27.5 178
```

```
##
## Step:  AIC=163.7
## grade ~ time + like + freq + busy + educ + sex + home + math +
##     work + own + cdrom + email
##
##         Df Deviance AIC
## - like   1     23.9 162
## - cdrom  1     23.9 162
## - busy   1     24.0 163
## - time   1     24.0 163
## - work   1     24.0 163
## - educ   1     24.1 164
## - math   1     24.2 164
## <none>         23.7 164
## - email  1     24.2 164
## - own    1     24.4 165
## - freq   1     24.8 166
## - home   1     26.1 170
## - sex    1     27.9 177
##
## Step:  AIC=162.4
## grade ~ time + freq + busy + educ + sex + home + math + work +
##     own + cdrom + email
##
##         Df Deviance AIC
## - cdrom  1     24.1 161
## - time   1     24.2 162
## - work   1     24.2 162
## - busy   1     24.2 162
## - math   1     24.3 162
## - email  1     24.4 162
## - educ   1     24.4 162
## <none>         23.9 162
## - own    1     24.6 163
## - freq   1     25.0 164
## - home   1     26.2 169
## - sex    1     27.9 175
##
## Step:  AIC=161.2
## grade ~ time + freq + busy + educ + sex + home + math + work +
##     own + email
##
##         Df Deviance AIC
## - time   1     24.4 160
## - work   1     24.4 160
```

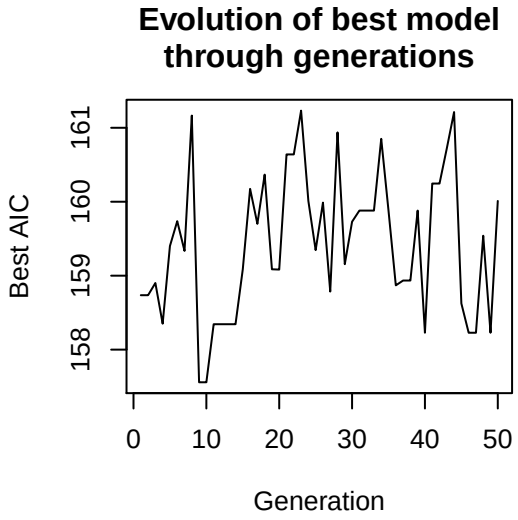
```
## - busy   1     24.5 161
## - math   1     24.5 161
## - educ   1     24.6 161
## <none>         24.1 161
## - email  1     24.6 161
## - own    1     24.7 162
## - freq   1     25.1 163
## - home   1     26.6 168
## - sex    1     28.6 175
##
## Step:  AIC=160.3
## grade ~ freq + busy + educ + sex + home + math + work + own +
##     email
##
##         Df Deviance AIC
## - work   1     24.7 160
## - busy   1     24.8 160
## - email  1     24.8 160
## - educ   1     24.9 160
## - math   1     24.9 160
## <none>         24.4 160
## - own    1     25.0 161
## - freq   1     25.6 163
## - home   1     27.1 168
## - sex    1     28.7 173
##
## Step:  AIC=159.6
## grade ~ freq + busy + educ + sex + home + math + own + email
##
##         Df Deviance AIC
## - email  1     25.1 159
## - busy   1     25.2 159
## - own    1     25.2 159
## - educ   1     25.2 159
## <none>         24.7 160
## - math   1     25.8 162
## - freq   1     25.9 162
## - home   1     27.3 167
## - sex    1     28.8 171
##
## Step:  AIC=159.2
## grade ~ freq + busy + educ + sex + home + math + own
##
##        Df Deviance AIC
## - own   1     25.5 159
```

```
## - educ  1     25.6 159
## - busy  1     25.6 159
## <none>        25.1 159
## - math  1     26.2 161
## - freq  1     26.3 161
## - home  1     27.8 166
## - sex   1     29.2 171
##
## Step:  AIC=158.6
## grade ~ freq + busy + educ + sex + home + math
##
##        Df Deviance AIC
## - busy  1     26.0 158
## - educ  1     26.0 158
## <none>        25.5 159
## - math  1     26.6 160
## - freq  1     26.7 161
## - home  1     27.8 164
## - sex   1     29.4 169
##
## Step:  AIC=158.2
## grade ~ freq + educ + sex + home + math
##
##        Df Deviance AIC
## <none>        26.0 158
## - freq  1     26.7 159
## - math  1     26.8 159
## - educ  1     27.4 161
## - home  1     28.4 164
## - sex   1     29.8 168
```

The best model found using genetic algorithim was: y $\sim$ where + freq + busy + sex + home + math, with an AIC of 157.56. This result is better than that of 158.23 that we obtained using the `stepAIC` function.

Finally, we plotted the best AIC for each generation to see how the best AIC has changed over generations.

```
par(cex = 0.8)
plot(ga)
```



From the plot, we can see that the best model was found at generation 9.