

Sta 325 Final Project

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```
library(readr)
library(dplyr)
library(tidyverse)
library(gridExtra)

flights <- read_csv("data/flights.csv")

## Warning: 1 parsing failure.
##   row      col      expected actual      file
## 1143 CANCELLATION_CODE 1/0/T/F/TRUE/FALSE      A 'data/flights.csv'

unique(flights$OP_CARRIER)

## [1] "AA" "DL" "B6" "AS"

unique(flights$DEST)

## [1] "LAX" "SFO" "SJC" "SAN" "PSP" "SMF" "OAK" "LGB" "ONT" "BUR"

class(flights$CARRIER_DELAY)

## [1] "numeric"

flights <- flights %>%
  mutate(CARRIER_DELAY = case_when(CARRIER_DELAY > 0 ~ 1,
                                     TRUE ~ 0),
         WEATHER_DELAY = case_when(WEATHER_DELAY > 0 ~ 1,
                                     TRUE ~ 0),
         NAS_DELAY = case_when(NAS_DELAY > 0 ~ 1,
                                TRUE ~ 0),
         SECURITY_DELAY = case_when(SECURITY_DELAY > 0 ~ 1,
                                     TRUE ~ 0),
         LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY = case_when(
           LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY > 0 ~ 1,
           TRUE ~ 0))

flights

## # A tibble: 2,044 x 34
##   YEAR MONTH DAY_OF_MONTH DAY_OF_WEEK FL_DATE   OP_CARRIER TAIL_NUM
##   <dbl> <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl> <date>     <chr>      <chr>
## 1  2020     1          1          3 2020-01-01 AA        N110AN
## 2  2020     1          2          4 2020-01-02 AA        N111ZM
## 3  2020     1          3          5 2020-01-03 AA        N108NN
## 4  2020     1          4          6 2020-01-04 AA        N102NN
## 5  2020     1          5          7 2020-01-05 AA        N113AN
```

```
## 6 2020 1 6 1 2020-01-06 AA N103NN
## 7 2020 1 7 2 2020-01-07 AA N113AN
## 8 2020 1 8 3 2020-01-08 AA N106NN
## 9 2020 1 9 4 2020-01-09 AA N102NN
## 10 2020 1 10 5 2020-01-10 AA N117AN
## # ... with 2,034 more rows, and 27 more variables: OP_CARRIER_FL_NUM <dbl>,
## # ORIGIN <chr>, ORIGIN_CITY_NAME <chr>, DEST <chr>, DEST_CITY_NAME <chr>,
## # CRS_DEP_TIME <dbl>, DEP_TIME <dbl>, DEP_DELAY <dbl>, TAXI_OUT <dbl>,
## # WHEELS_OFF <dbl>, WHEELS_ON <dbl>, TAXI_IN <dbl>, CRS_ARR_TIME <dbl>,
## # ARR_TIME <dbl>, ARR_DELAY <dbl>, CANCELLED <dbl>, CANCELLATION_CODE <lgl>,
## # DIVERTED <dbl>, CRS_ELAPSED_TIME <dbl>, ACTUAL_ELAPSED_TIME <dbl>,
## # AIR_TIME <dbl>, DISTANCE <dbl>, CARRIER_DELAY <dbl>, WEATHER_DELAY <dbl>,
## # NAS_DELAY <dbl>, SECURITY_DELAY <dbl>, LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY <dbl>
```

INDIVIDUAL PREDICTORS

Taxi Histograms

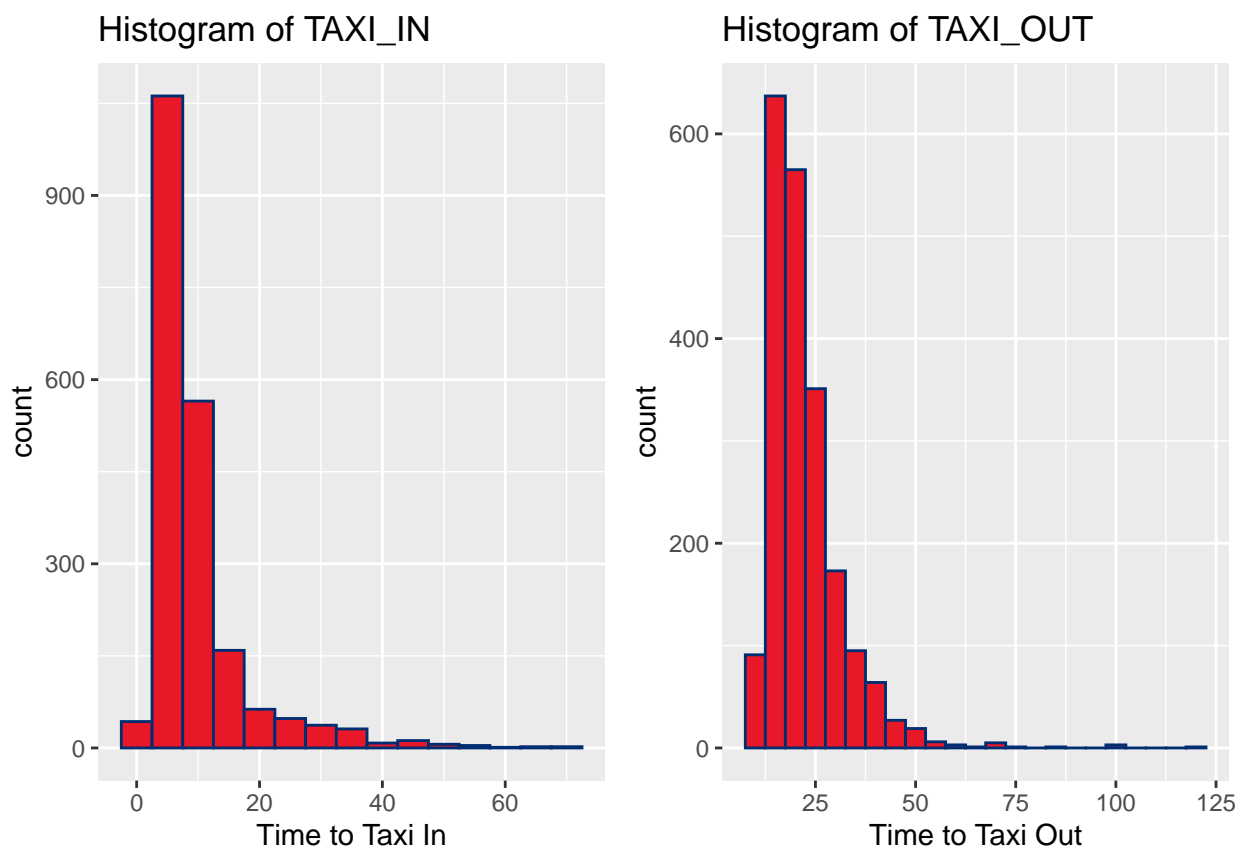
```
p00 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = TAXI_IN)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 5, fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +
  labs(x = "Time to Taxi In",
       title = "Histogram of TAXI_IN")

p01 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = TAXI_OUT)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 5, fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +
  labs(x = "Time to Taxi Out",
       title = "Histogram of TAXI_OUT")

grid.arrange(p00, p01, nrow = 1)
```

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Days of Month and Week

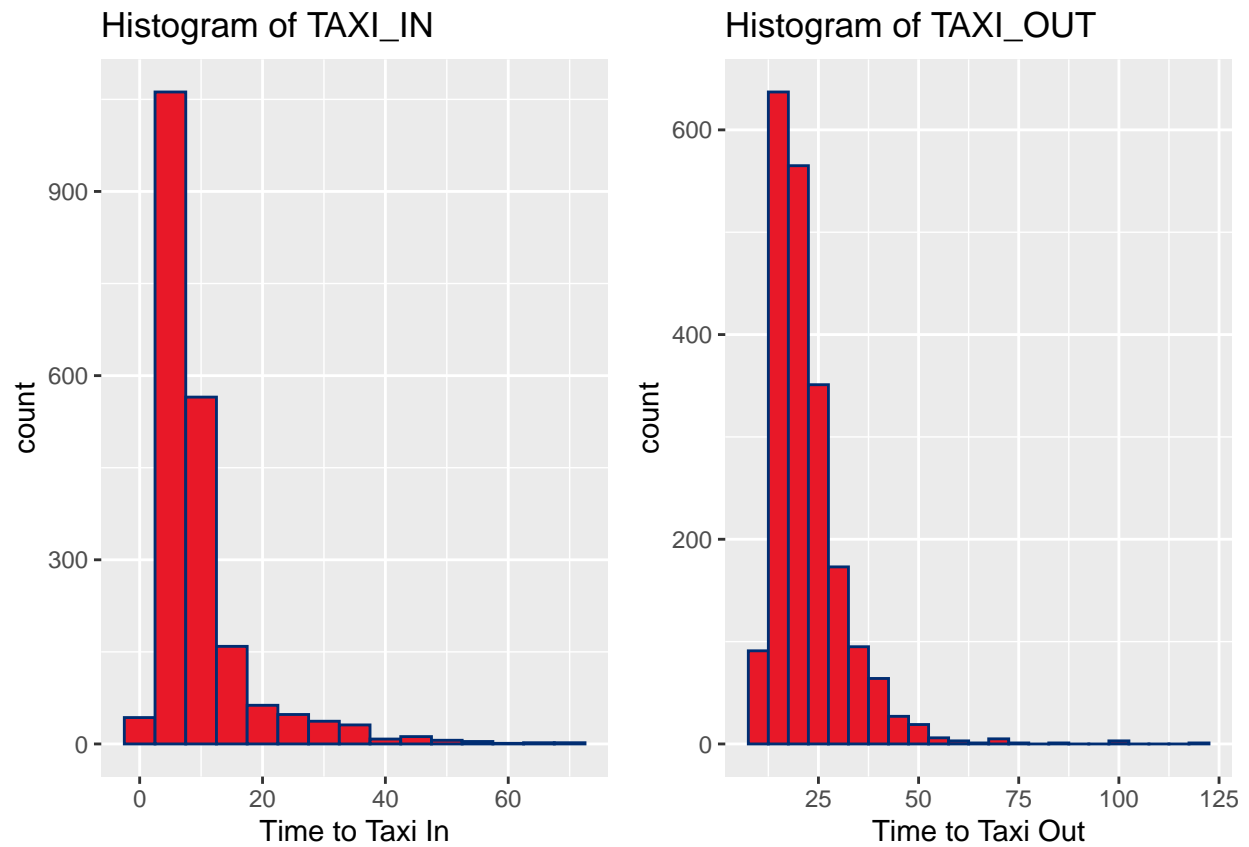
```
p02 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = DAY_OF_MONTH)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 1, fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +
  labs(x = "Days of Month",
       title = "Histogram of Days of Month")

p03 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = DAY_OF_WEEK)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 1, fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +
  labs(x = "Day of Week",
       title = "Histogram of Days of Week")

grid.arrange(p00, p01, nrow = 1)
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).
```

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```

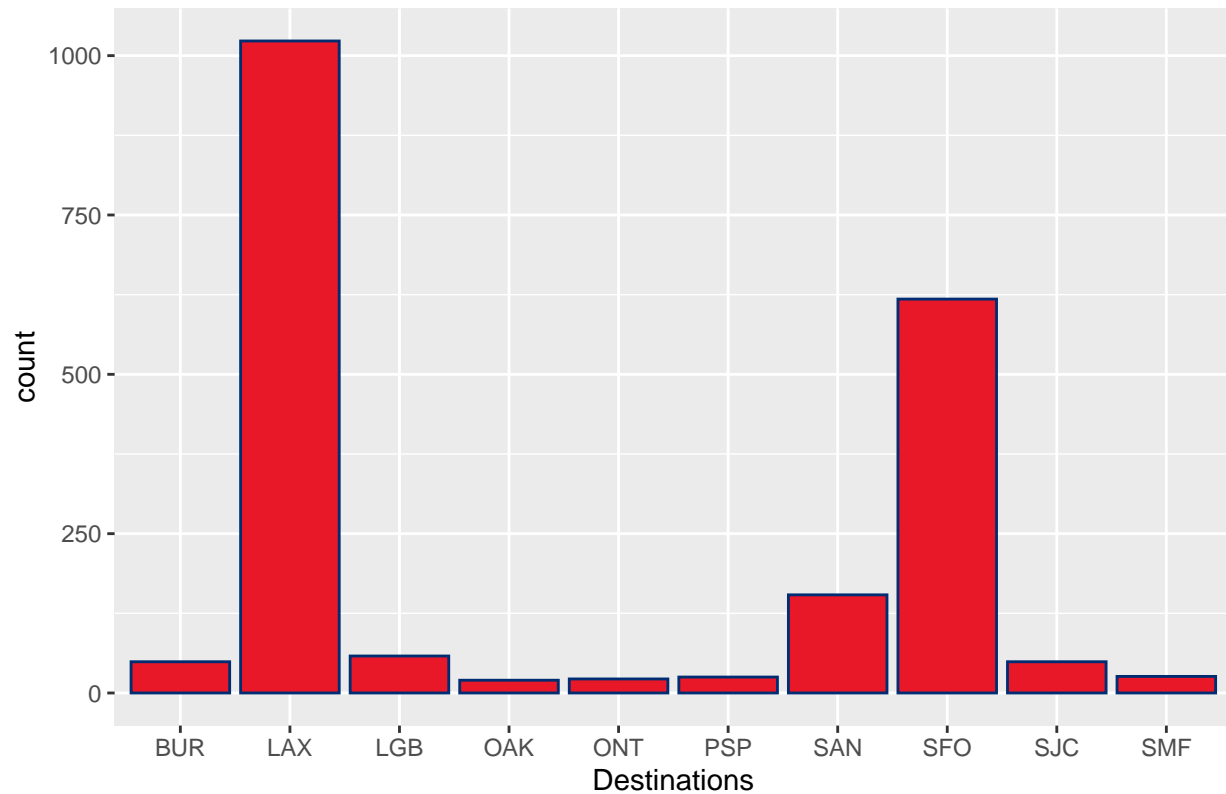


Destination Locations

Origin is all JFK, but we could consider the different destination locations.

```
ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = DEST)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +  
  labs(x = "Destinations",  
       title = "Bar Plot of Destinations")
```

Bar Plot of Destinations



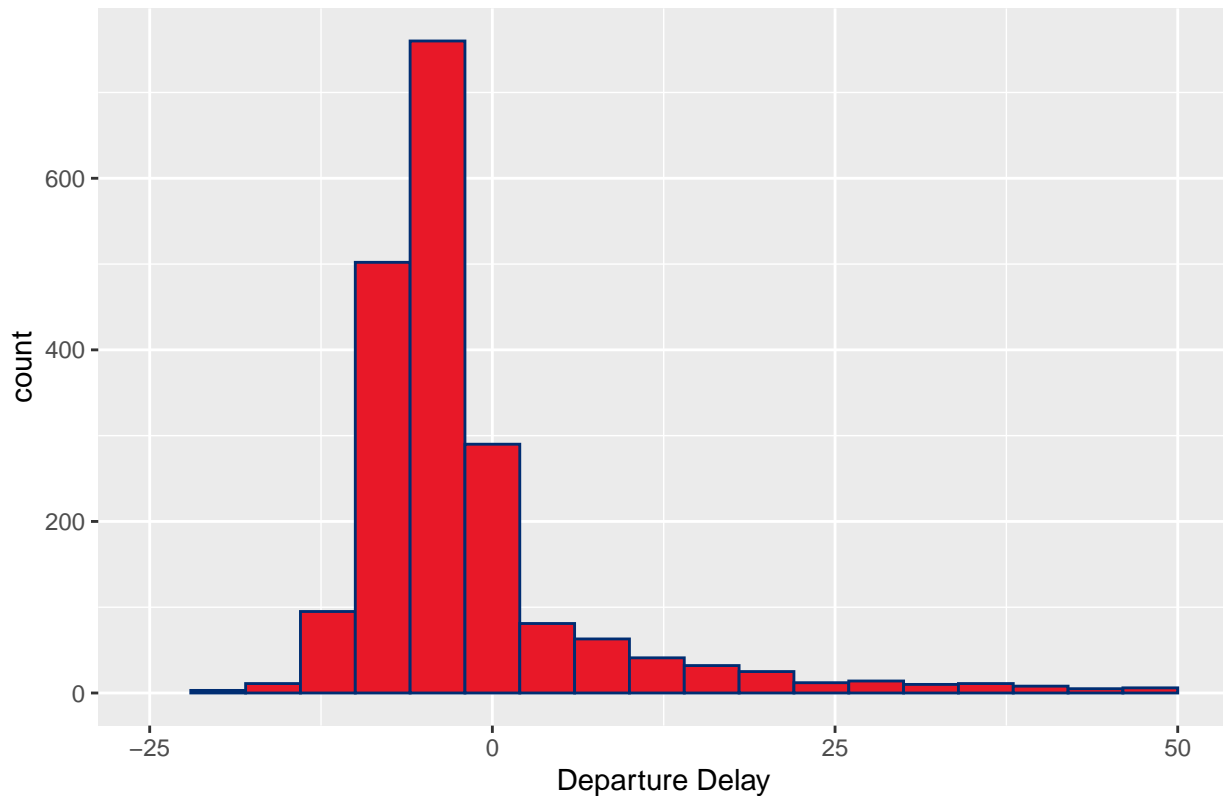
Depart Delay Histogram

```
ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = DEP_DELAY)) +  
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 4, fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +  
  xlim(-25, 50) +  
  labs(x = "Departure Delay",  
       title = "Histogram of DEP_DELAY")
```

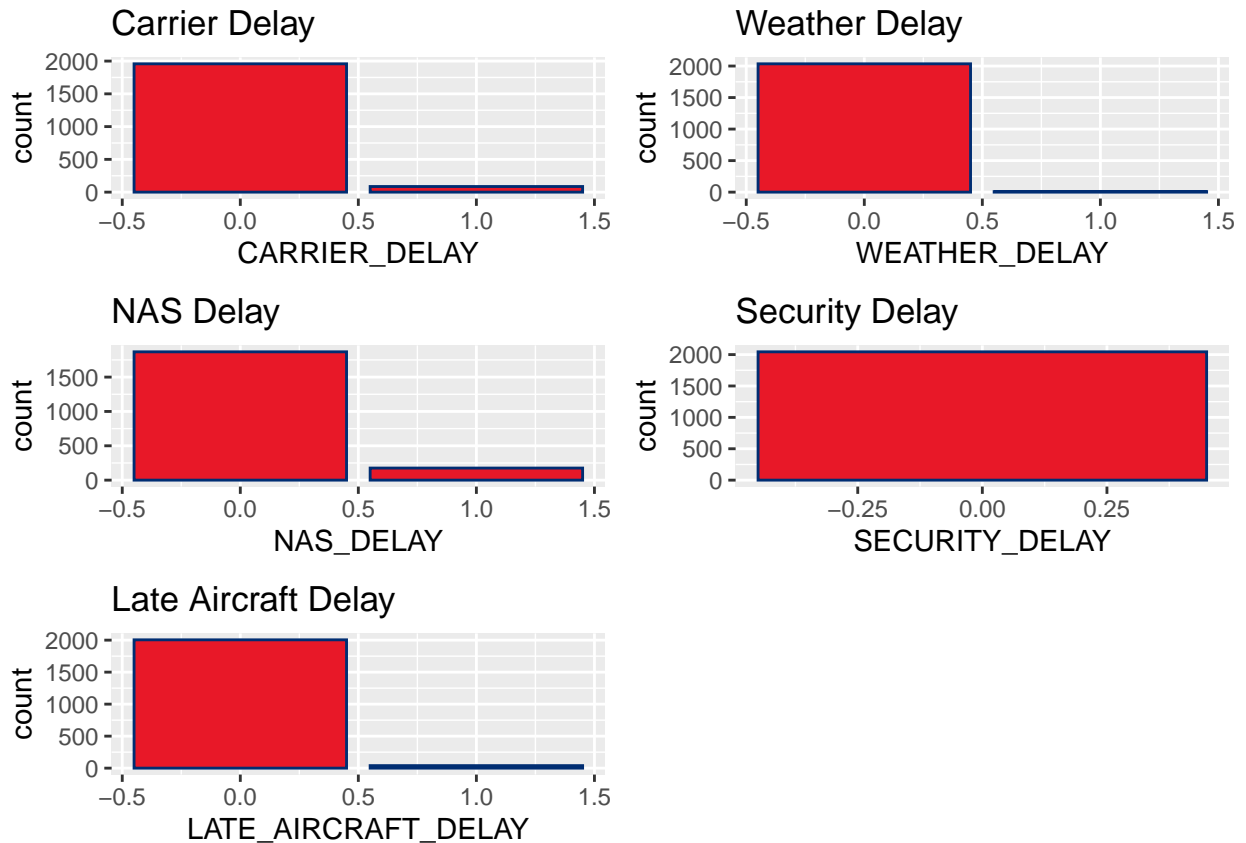
Warning: Removed 75 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).

Warning: Removed 1 rows containing missing values (geom_bar).

Histogram of DEP_DELAY



```
p1 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = CARRIER_DELAY)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +  
  labs(title = "Carrier Delay")  
  
p2 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = WEATHER_DELAY)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +  
  labs(title = "Weather Delay")  
  
p3 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = NAS_DELAY)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +  
  labs(title = "NAS Delay")  
  
p4 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = SECURITY_DELAY)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +  
  labs(title = "Security Delay")  
  
p5 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72") +  
  labs(title = "Late Aircraft Delay")  
  
grid.arrange(p1,p2,p3,p4,p5, nrow = 3)
```



From this EDA of the categorical variables, we probably should not perform analysis with `SECURITY_DELAY` since all of them are classified as 0.

```
flights %>%
  count(WEATHER_DELAY)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##   WEATHER_DELAY    n
##         <dbl> <int>
## 1             0  2035
## 2             1     9
```

Furthermore, only 9 flights are classified with a weather delay, so it may not be good for our model to include this as a variable for right now.

Overall, the categorical delay predictors I would think we could use are: Carrier Delay, NAS Delay, and Late Aircraft Delay

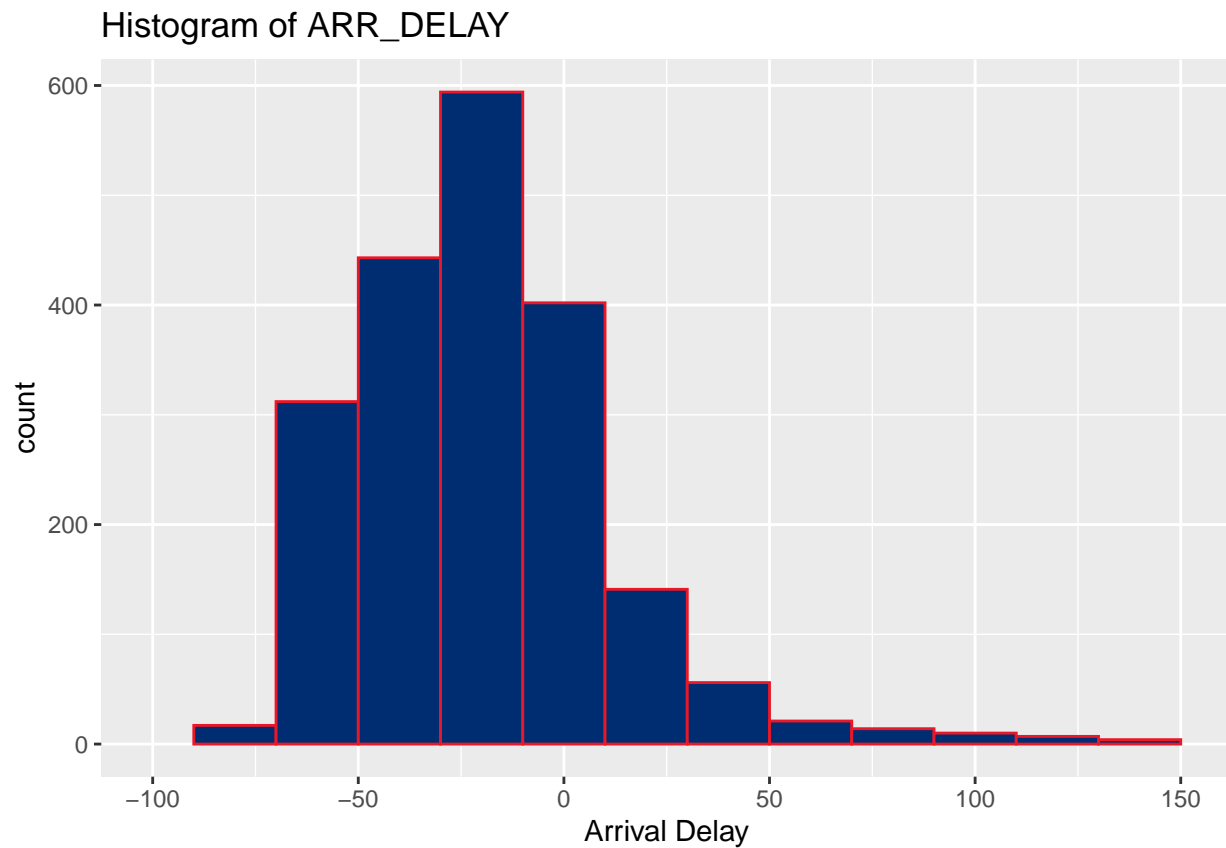
RESPONSE VARIABLE: ARRIVAL DELAY TIME

I just made it a different color so that when I scroll up to look at distributions I can easily tell the response from predictors (definitely can change at the end).

```
ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = ARR_DELAY)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 20, fill = "#002D72", color = "#E81828" ) +
  xlim(-100, 150) +
  labs(x = "Arrival Delay",
       title = "Histogram of ARR_DELAY")
```

```
## Warning: Removed 22 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing missing values (geom_bar).
```



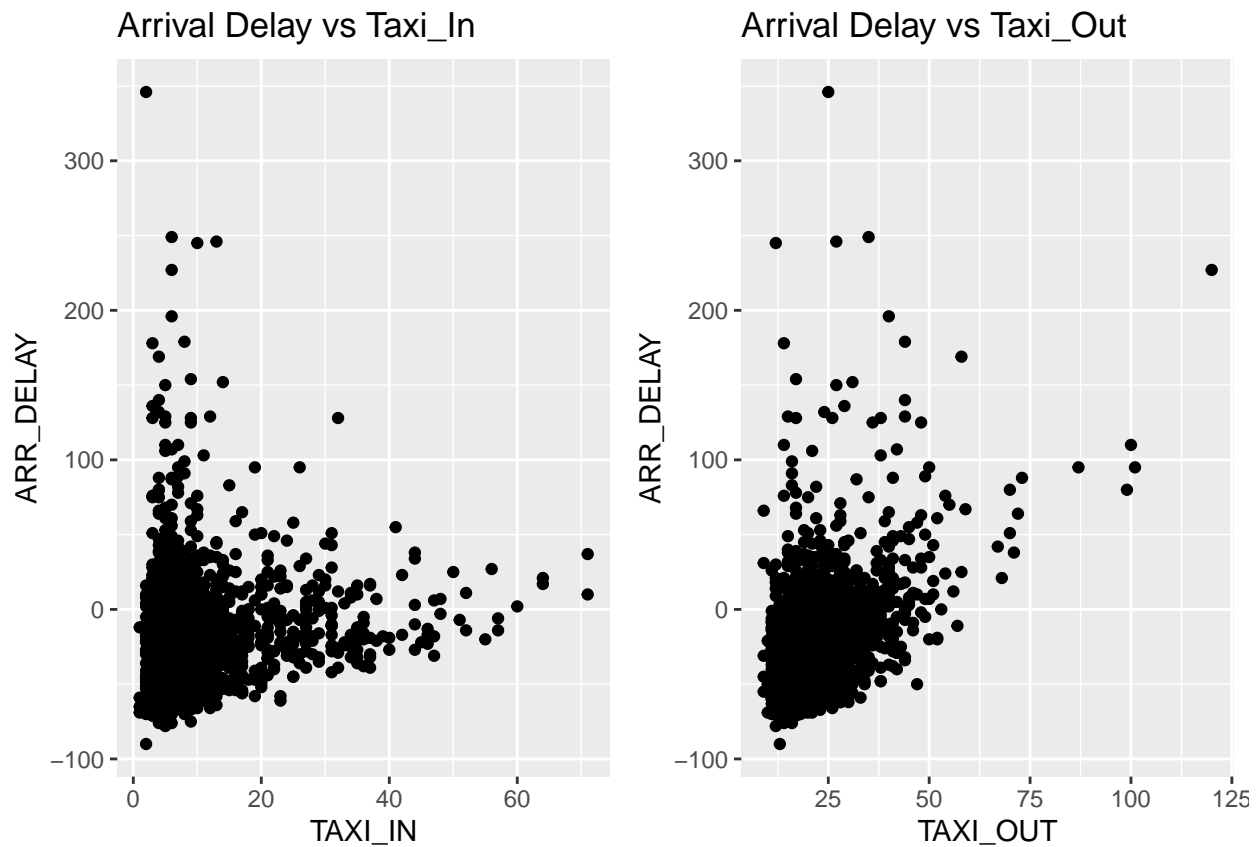
PREDICTORS VS RESPONSE

ARR_DELAY and TAXI_IN / TAXI_OUT

```
p6 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = TAXI_IN)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs Taxi_In")  
  
p7 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = TAXI_OUT)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs Taxi_Out")  
  
grid.arrange(p6,p7, nrow = 1)
```

```
## Warning: Removed 11 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```

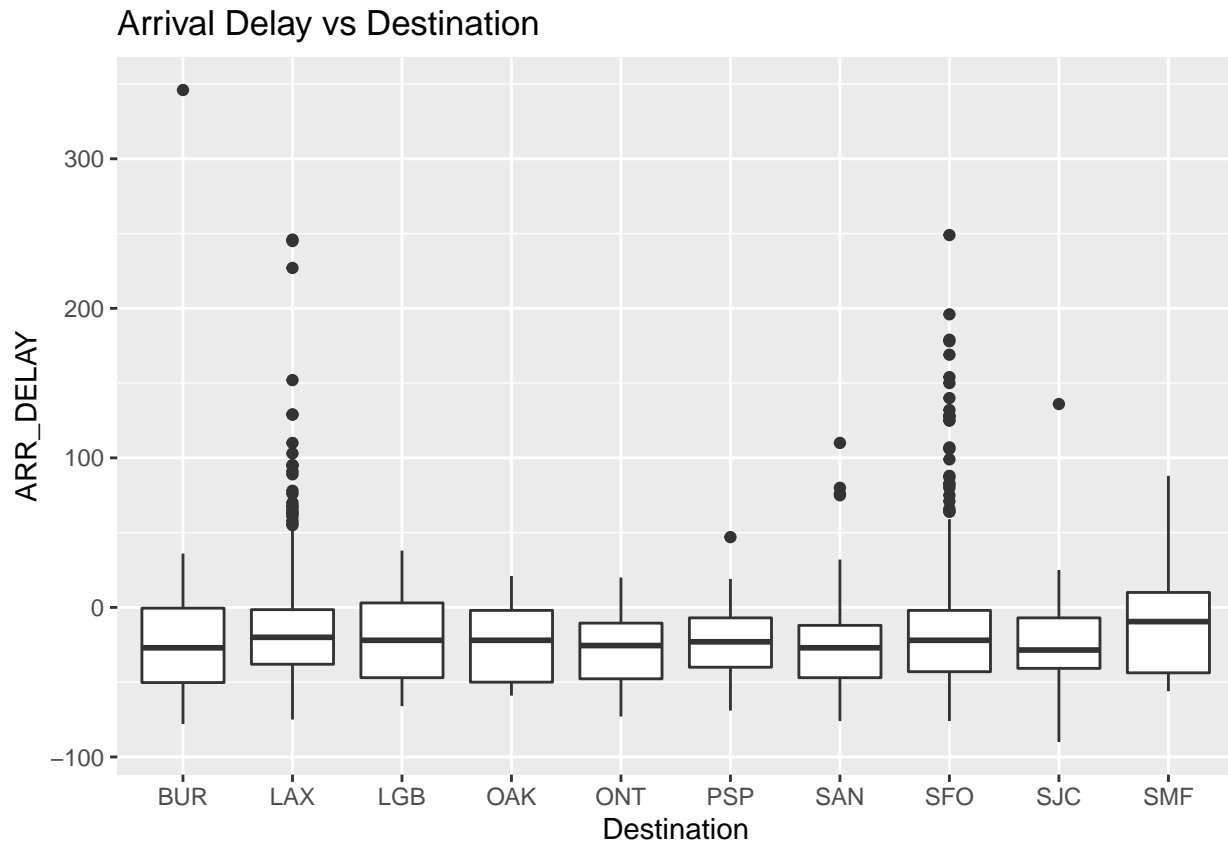
```
## Warning: Removed 11 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```

These plots above suggest that we may want to transform the variables at some point.

```
ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = DEST)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  labs(x = "Destination",  
       title = "Arrival Delay vs Destination")
```

Warning: Removed 11 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).



ARR_DELAY and DAY_OF_WEEK

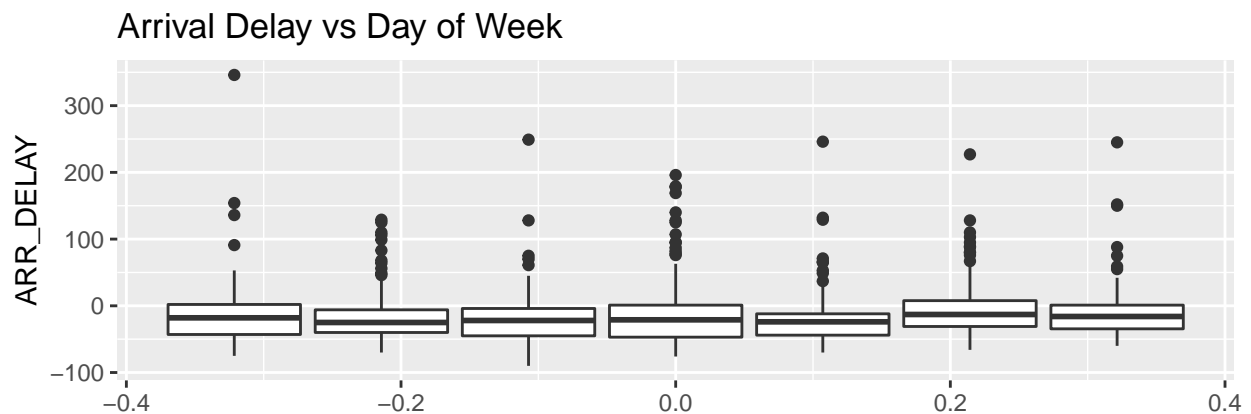
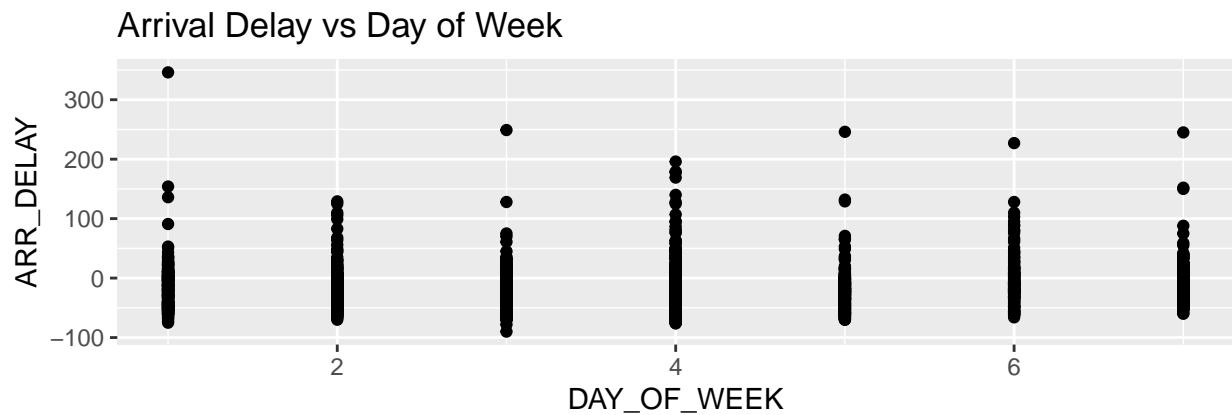
```
p8 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = DAY_OF_WEEK)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs Day of Week")

p9 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, group = DAY_OF_WEEK)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs Day of Week")

grid.arrange(p8,p9, nrow = 2)
```

```
## Warning: Removed 11 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```

```
## Warning: Removed 11 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).
```



ARR_DELAY and DAY_OF_MONTH

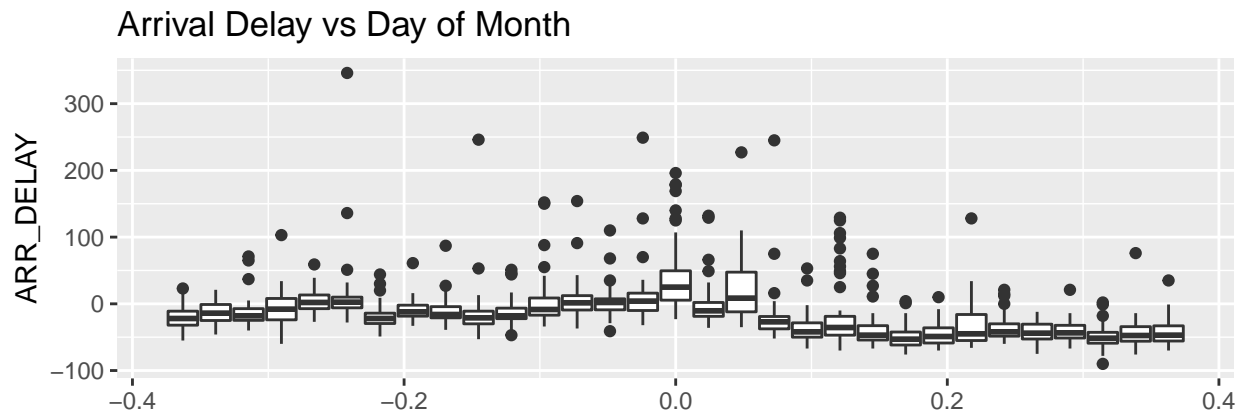
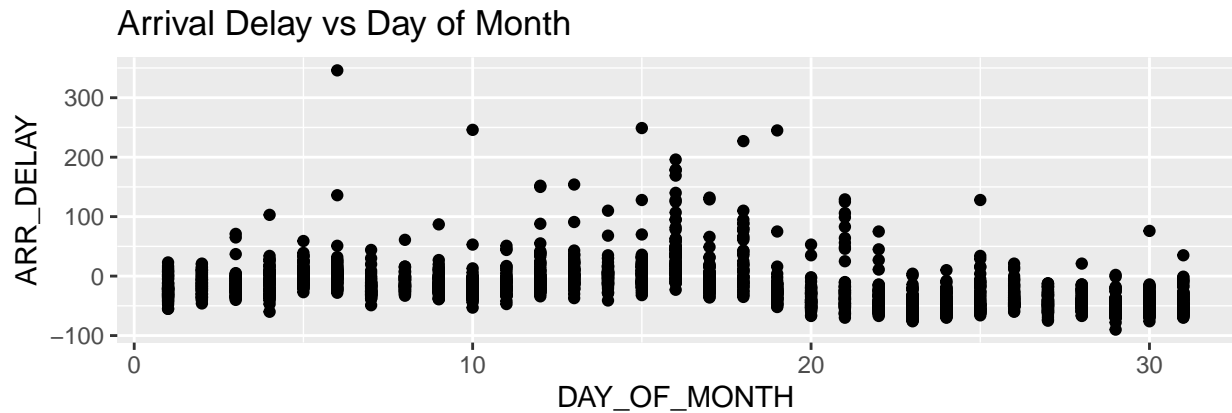
```
p10 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = DAY_OF_MONTH)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs Day of Month")

p11 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, group = DAY_OF_MONTH)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs Day of Month")

grid.arrange(p10, p11, nrow = 2)
```

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Warning: Removed 11 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).



LINEAR MODELS

Variables that I think we could explore: departure delay time, days of month, days of week, taxi-in, taxi-out, destination, Carrier Delay, NAS Delay, and Late Aircraft Delay.

Full Model

First, let's just fit a full linear model with all the variables we would like to explore.

```
full_model <- lm(ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH +
  DAY_OF_WEEK +
  TAXI_IN +
  TAXI_OUT +
  DEST +
  DEP_DELAY +
  CARRIER_DELAY +
  NAS_DELAY +
  LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY, data = flights)
```

```
summary(full_model)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + DAY_OF_WEEK + TAXI_IN +
##     TAXI_OUT + DEST + DEP_DELAY + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY +
##     LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY, data = flights)
##
```

```
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -45.272  -9.855  -1.160   9.038  47.085
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    -23.06202     2.38159  -9.683  <2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_MONTH     -1.34816     0.03581 -37.652  <2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_WEEK      -0.10808     0.16812  -0.643   0.5204
## TAXI_IN           0.58755     0.04106  14.309  <2e-16 ***
## TAXI_OUT          0.74925     0.03657  20.487  <2e-16 ***
## DESTLAX           0.69458     2.12940   0.326   0.7443
## DESTLGB           2.86719     2.80487   1.022   0.3068
## DESTOAK           0.69036     3.87894   0.178   0.8588
## DESTONT          -2.90918     3.68260  -0.790   0.4296
## DESTPSP          -3.04613     3.52845  -0.863   0.3881
## DESTSAN          -2.05384     2.36601  -0.868   0.3855
## DESTSFO           0.66839     2.14716   0.311   0.7556
## DESTSJC          -6.75916     2.98926  -2.261   0.0239 *
## DESTSMF           5.22127     3.48381   1.499   0.1341
## DEP_DELAY         0.92577     0.01658  55.847  <2e-16 ***
## CARRIER_DELAY    2.84882     1.87193   1.522   0.1282
## NAS_DELAY         32.57154     1.31617  24.747  <2e-16 ***
## LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY -1.36546     2.58424  -0.528   0.5973
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 14.29 on 2015 degrees of freedom
## (11 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8398, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8384
## F-statistic: 621.3 on 17 and 2015 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Select Model with AIC

```
library(MASS)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'MASS'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##      select
step_model <- stepAIC(full_model, trace = FALSE)
summary(step_model)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT +
##     DEST + DEP_DELAY + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY, data = flights)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -46.708  -9.916  -1.206   9.012  47.046
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
##           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -23.46377    2.29646 -10.217  <2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_MONTH -1.34746    0.03575 -37.691  <2e-16 ***
## TAXI_IN      0.58586    0.04100  14.290  <2e-16 ***
## TAXI_OUT     0.74758    0.03646  20.502  <2e-16 ***
## DESTLAX      0.69652    2.12839   0.327   0.744
## DESTLGB      2.85107    2.80358   1.017   0.309
## DESTOAK      0.65335    3.87739   0.169   0.866
## DESTONT     -2.92653    3.68135  -0.795   0.427
## DESTPSP     -3.07497    3.52673  -0.872   0.383
## DESTSAN     -2.07008    2.36509  -0.875   0.382
## DESTSFO      0.67879    2.14637   0.316   0.752
## DESTSJC     -6.74937    2.98824  -2.259   0.024 *
## DESTSMF      5.13431    3.47975   1.475   0.140
## DEP_DELAY    0.92217    0.01521  60.643  <2e-16 ***
## CARRIER_DELAY 2.86554    1.87104   1.532   0.126
## NAS_DELAY    32.56899    1.31525  24.763  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 14.28 on 2017 degrees of freedom
## (11 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8397, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8385
## F-statistic: 704.5 on 15 and 2017 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

The only variables that were removed were DAY_OF_WEEK and LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY. Let's continue using the step_model then.

Interactions

Because there are so many levels to Destination, I don't know if we should necessarily include an interaction with this categorical variable. My suggestion would be to find interactions with carrier_delay and nas_delay.

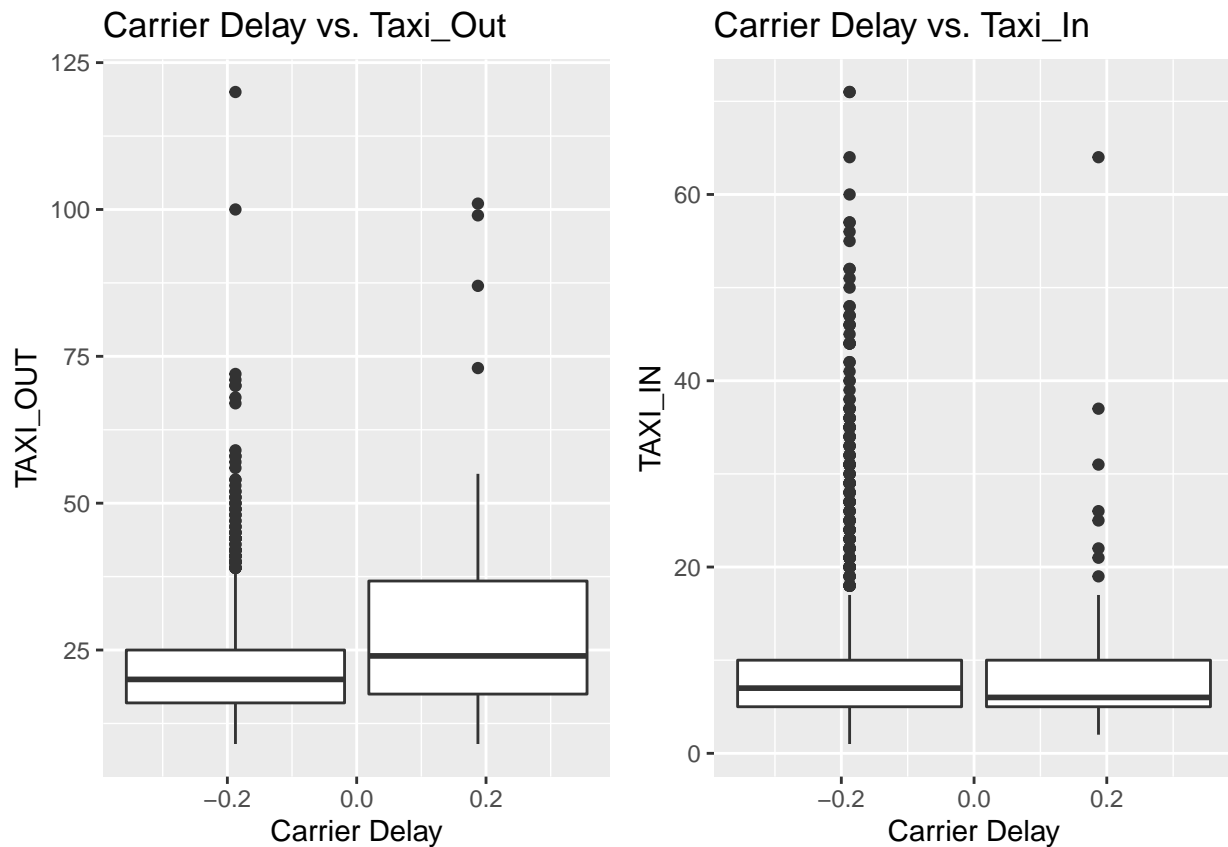
```
p12 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(group = CARRIER_DELAY, y = TAXI_OUT)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "Carrier Delay vs. Taxi_Out",
       x = "Carrier Delay")

p13 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(group = CARRIER_DELAY, y = TAXI_IN)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "Carrier Delay vs. Taxi_In",
       x = "Carrier Delay")

grid.arrange(p12, p13, nrow = 1)
```

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## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).
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## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).
```



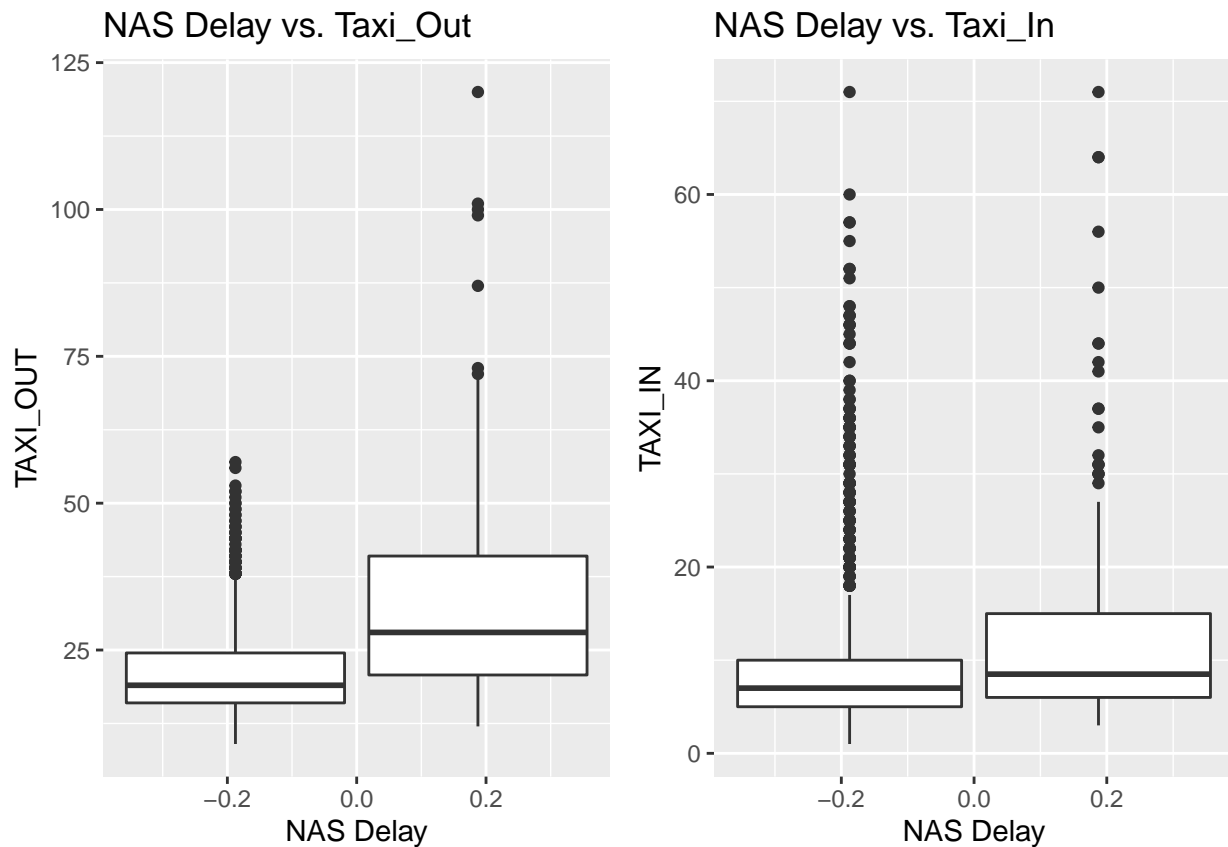
```
p14 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(group = NAS_DELAY, y = TAXI_OUT)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "NAS Delay vs. Taxi_Out",
        x = "NAS Delay")

p15 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(group = NAS_DELAY, y = TAXI_IN)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "NAS Delay vs. Taxi_In",
        x = "NAS Delay")

grid.arrange(p14, p15, nrow = 1)

## Warning: Removed 1 rows containing non-finite values (stat_boxplot).

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```



From what I'm seeing in the plots above, there could be an interaction between taxi_out and carrier_delay. There also seems to be an interaction between NAS delay and taxi_out as well as a possible one between NAS delay and taxi_in. Let's test these three interactions below.

```
# carrier vs taxi out
interaction1 <- lm(ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH +
  DAY_OF_WEEK +
  TAXI_IN +
  TAXI_OUT +
  DEST +
  DEP_DELAY +
  CARRIER_DELAY +
  NAS_DELAY +
  CARRIER_DELAY*TAXI_OUT, data = flights)

# nas vs taxi out
interaction2 <- lm(ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH +
  DAY_OF_WEEK +
  TAXI_IN +
  TAXI_OUT +
  DEST +
  DEP_DELAY +
  CARRIER_DELAY +
  NAS_DELAY +
  NAS_DELAY*TAXI_OUT, data = flights)

# nas vs taxi in
interaction3 <- lm(ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH +
```



```

DAY_OF_WEEK +
TAXI_IN +
TAXI_OUT +
DEST +
DEP_DELAY +
CARRIER_DELAY +
NAS_DELAY +
NAS_DELAY*TAXI_IN, data = flights)

```

```
anova(step_model, interaction1)
```

```

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT + DEST + DEP_DELAY +
##   CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY
## Model 2: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + DAY_OF_WEEK + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT +
##   DEST + DEP_DELAY + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + CARRIER_DELAY *
##   TAXI_OUT
##   Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq    F Pr(>F)
## 1    2017 411411
## 2    2015 411194  2    216.96 0.5316 0.5878

```

```
anova(step_model, interaction2)
```

```

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT + DEST + DEP_DELAY +
##   CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY
## Model 2: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + DAY_OF_WEEK + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT +
##   DEST + DEP_DELAY + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + NAS_DELAY *
##   TAXI_OUT
##   Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq    F Pr(>F)
## 1    2017 411411
## 2    2015 411252  2    159.04 0.3896 0.6774

```

```
anova(step_model, interaction3)
```

```

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT + DEST + DEP_DELAY +
##   CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY
## Model 2: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + DAY_OF_WEEK + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT +
##   DEST + DEP_DELAY + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + NAS_DELAY *
##   TAXI_IN
##   Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq    F  Pr(>F)
## 1    2017 411411
## 2    2015 408708  2    2703.1 6.6634 0.001305 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```

It actually seems that interaction3: NAS_DELAY and TAXI_IN is the only interaction that is statistically significant in predicting ARR_DELAY. Let's make this model our current model:

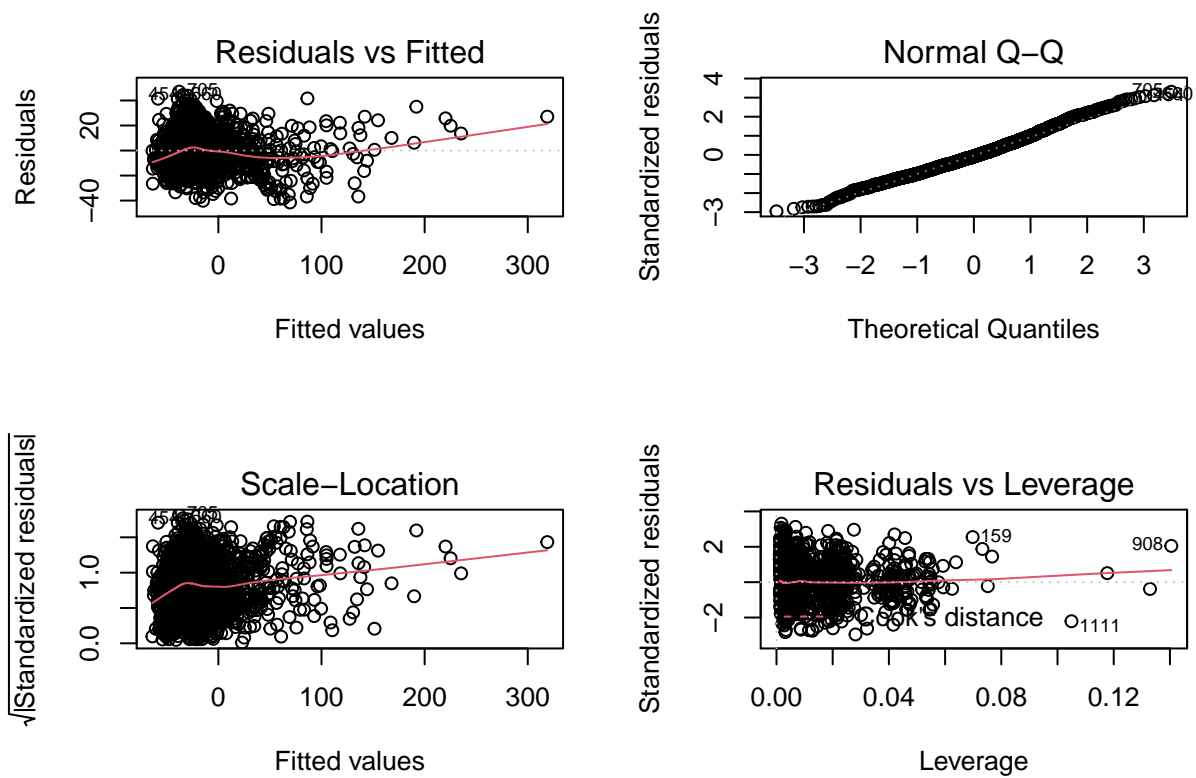
Final Linear Model

```
current_model <- interaction3

summary(current_model)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + DAY_OF_WEEK + TAXI_IN +
##     TAXI_OUT + DEST + DEP_DELAY + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY +
##     NAS_DELAY * TAXI_IN, data = flights)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -41.499  -9.698  -1.100   8.842  47.047
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   -23.16948    2.37418  -9.759 < 2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_MONTH    -1.35728    0.03577 -37.945 < 2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_WEEK     -0.08743    0.16753  -0.522 0.601810
## TAXI_IN         0.65452    0.04503  14.536 < 2e-16 ***
## TAXI_OUT        0.73937    0.03656  20.221 < 2e-16 ***
## DESTLAX         0.42359    2.12379   0.199 0.841929
## DESTLGB         2.58596    2.79668   0.925 0.355257
## DESTOAK         0.56652    3.86702   0.147 0.883541
## DESTONT        -2.83203    3.67121  -0.771 0.440551
## DESTPSP        -3.21114    3.51775  -0.913 0.361436
## DESTSAN        -2.08223    2.35848  -0.883 0.377412
## DESTSFO         0.37092    2.14204   0.173 0.862541
## DESTSJC        -7.02861    2.98091  -2.358 0.018475 *
## DESTSMF         4.87675    3.47087   1.405 0.160160
## DEP_DELAY       0.91791    0.01521  60.332 < 2e-16 ***
## CARRIER_DELAY  2.82439    1.86585   1.514 0.130252
## NAS_DELAY       37.14992    1.83308  20.266 < 2e-16 ***
## TAXI_IN:NAS_DELAY -0.35216    0.09814  -3.588 0.000341 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 14.24 on 2015 degrees of freedom
## (11 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8408, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8394
## F-statistic: 625.9 on 17 and 2015 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16

par(mfrow = c(2,2))
plot(current_model)
```



The diagnostic plots above suggest that this model decently satisfies the necessary conditions to assume a linear regression.