

# Sta 325 Final Project

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

flights <- read_csv("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

```
pTAXI_IN <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = TAXI_IN)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 5, fill = "#FFFF00", color = "#002D72", alpha = .7) +
  labs(x = "Time to Taxi In",
       y = "Frequency",
       title = "Histogram of TAXI_IN") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 10, hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
        axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))

# ggplot(train_data, mapping = aes(x = St2)) +
#   geom_histogram(binwidth = 2.5, fill = "#FFFF00", color = "#002D72", alpha = .7) +
#   labs(x = xlab(bquote('St2')),
#        y = "Frequency",
#        title = "Histogram of Stokes Number, Squared") +
#   theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 10, hjust = 0.5),
#         plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
#         axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
#         axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))

pTAXI_OUT <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = TAXI_OUT)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 5, fill = "#FFFF00", color = "#002D72", alpha = .7) +
  labs(x = "Time to Taxi Out",
       y = "Frequency",
       title = "Histogram of TAXI_OUT") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 10, hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
        axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))

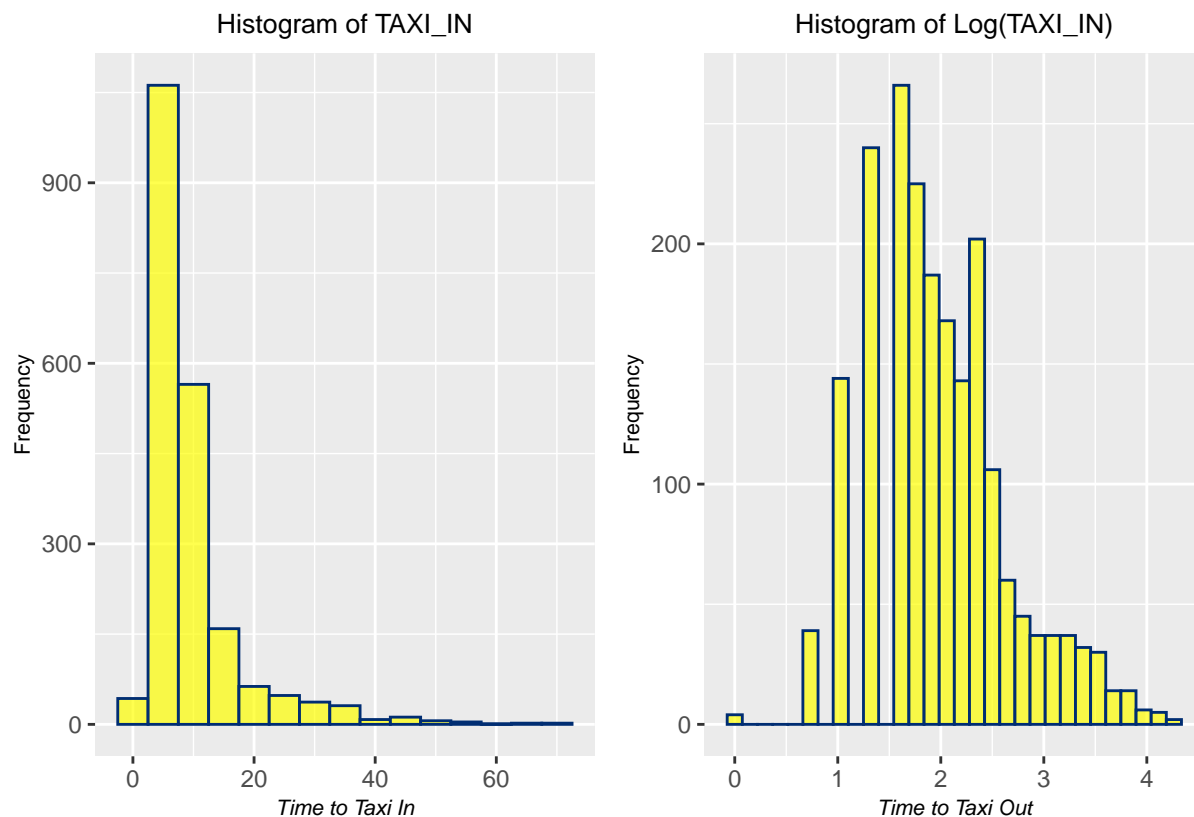
flights$log_TAXI_OUT <- log(flights$TAXI_OUT)
flights$log_TAXI_IN <- log(flights$TAXI_IN)
```

```
plog_TAXI_OUT <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = log_TAXI_OUT)) +
  geom_histogram(fill = "#FFFF00", color = "#002D72", alpha = .7) +
  labs(x = "Time to Taxi Out",
       y = "Frequency",
       title = "Histogram of log(TAXI_OUT)") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 10, hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
        axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))

plog_TAXI_IN <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = log_TAXI_IN)) +
  geom_histogram(fill = "#FFFF00", color = "#002D72", alpha = .7) +
  labs(x = "Time to Taxi Out",
       y = "Frequency",
       title = "Histogram of Log(TAXI_IN)") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 10, hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
        axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))

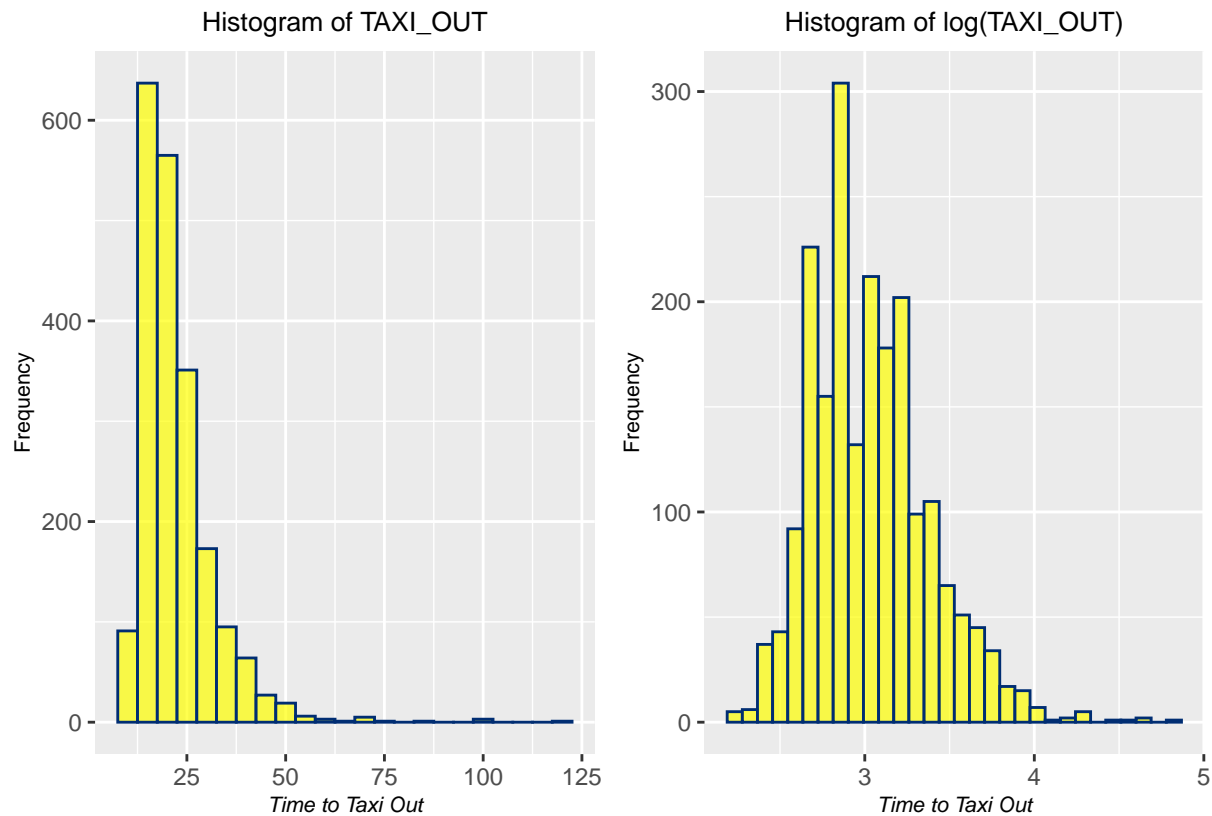
pTAXI_IN + plog_TAXI_IN
```

## `stat\_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



```
pTAXI_OUT + plog_TAXI_OUT
```

## `stat\_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

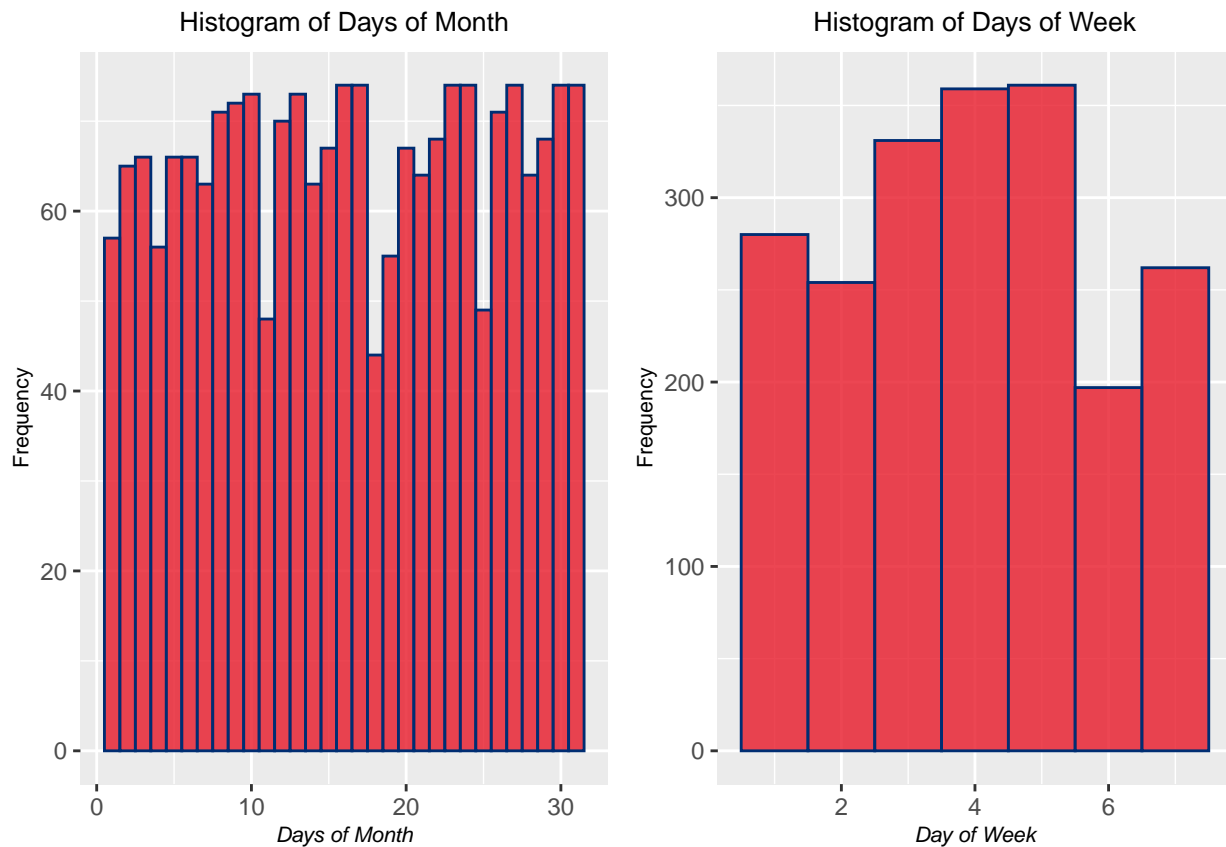


## Days of Month and Week

```
p02 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = DAY_OF_MONTH)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 1, fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72", alpha = .8) +
  labs(x = "Days of Month",
       y = "Frequency",
       title = "Histogram of Days of Month") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 10, hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
        axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))

p03 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = DAY_OF_WEEK)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 1, fill = "#E81828", color = "#002D72", alpha = .8) +
  labs(x = "Day of Week",
       y = "Frequency",
       title = "Histogram of Days of Week") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 10, hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
        axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))

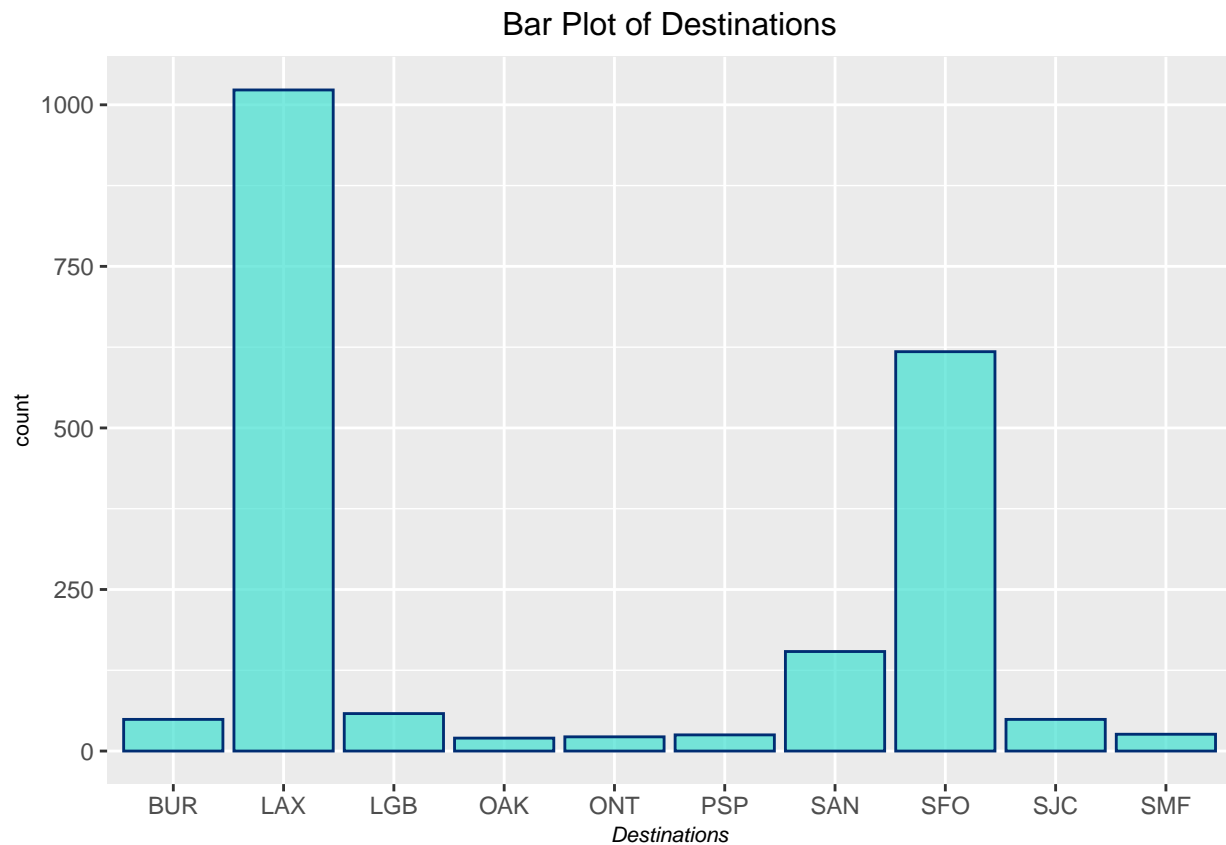
grid.arrange(p02, p03, nrow = 1)
```



## Destination Locations

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

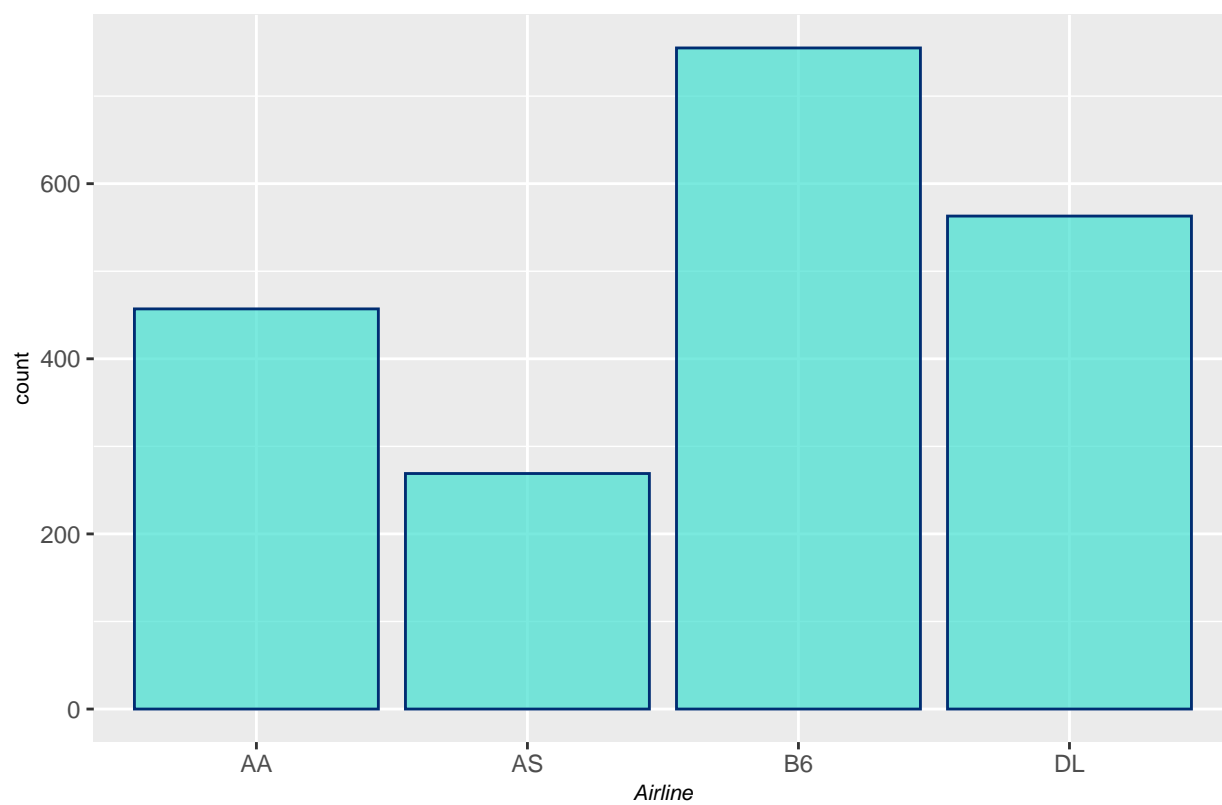
```
ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = DEST)) +
  geom_bar(fill = "#40E0D0", color = "#002D72", alpha = .7) +
  labs(x = "Destinations",
       title = "Bar Plot of Destinations") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 12, hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
        axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))
```



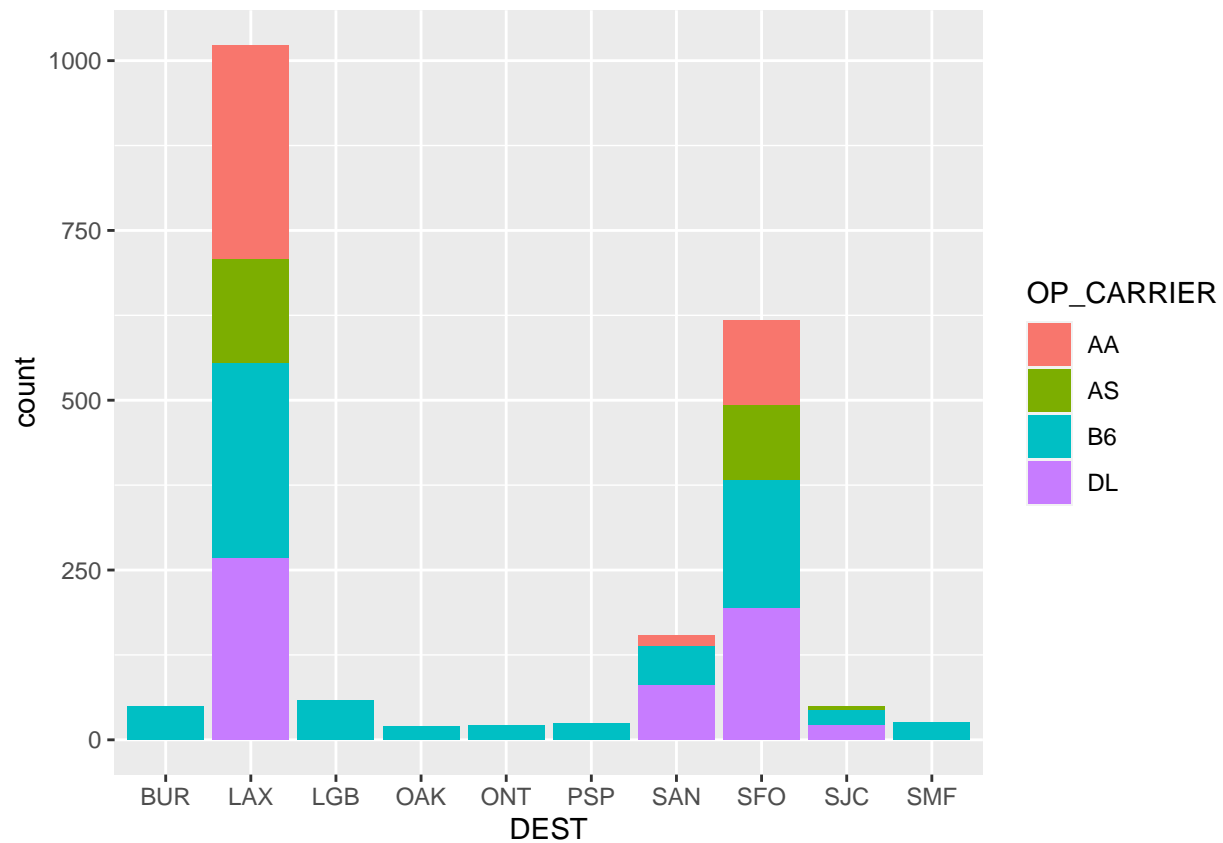
## Airlines

```
ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = OP_CARRIER)) +  
  geom_bar(fill = "#40E0D0", color = "#002D72", alpha = .7) +  
  labs(x = "Airline",  
       title = "Bar Plot of Airlines") +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 12, hjust = 0.5),  
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),  
        axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),  
        axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))
```

Bar Plot of Airlines



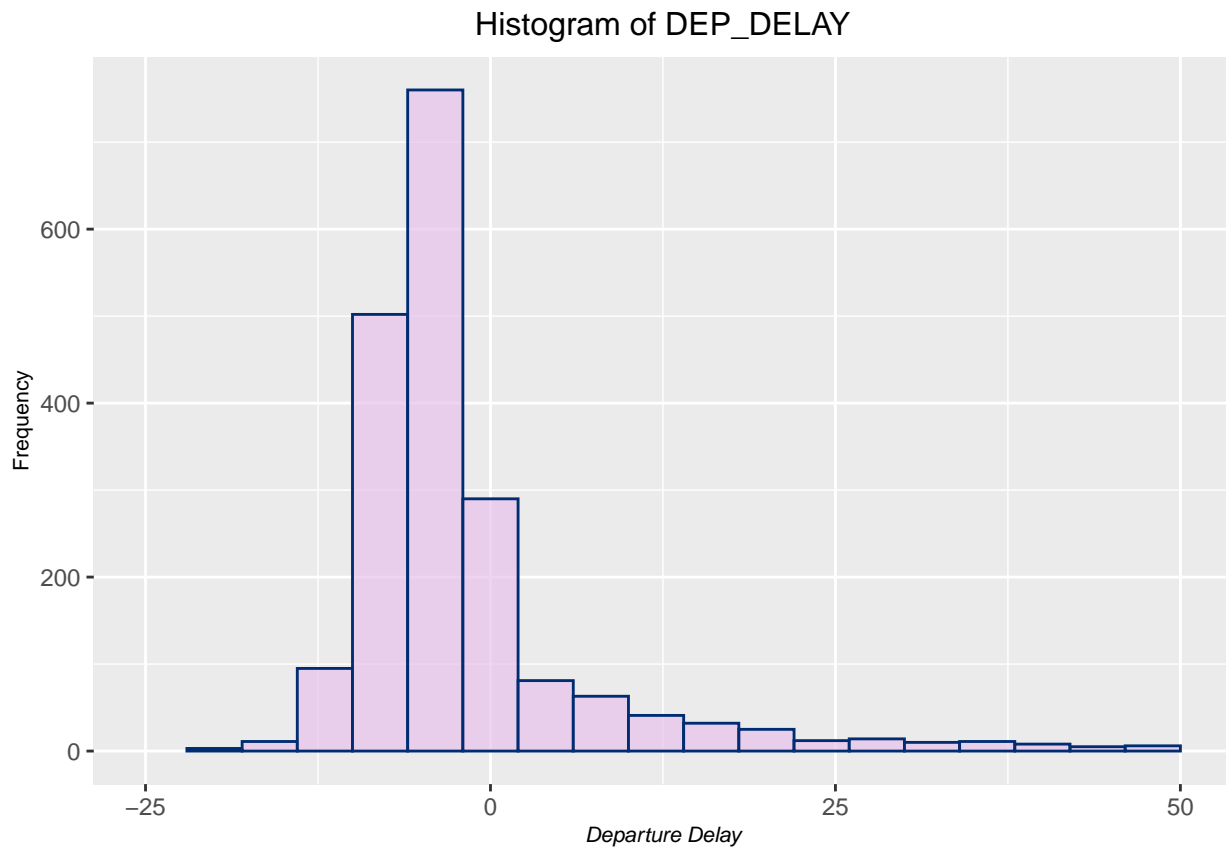
```
ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = DEST, fill = OP_CARRIER)) +  
  geom_bar()
```



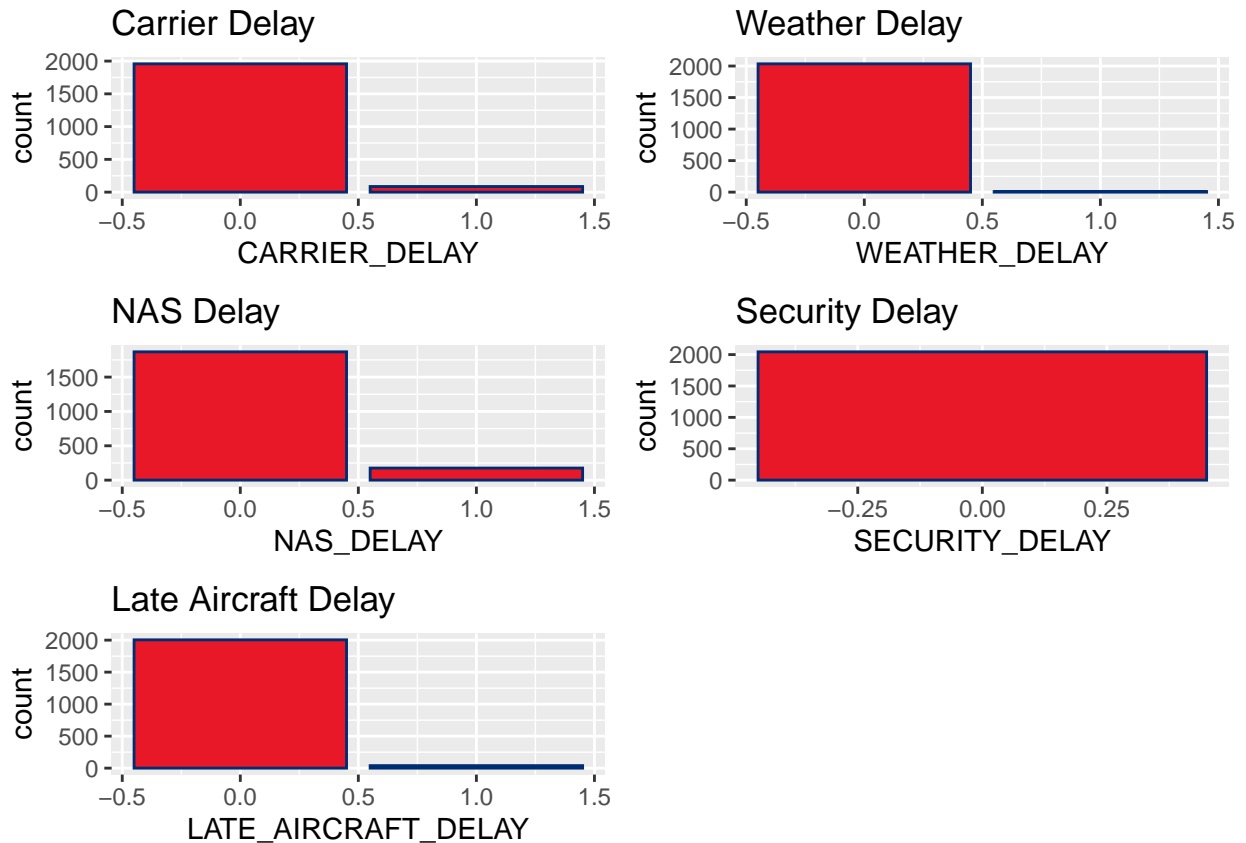
## Depart Delay Histogram

```
ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = DEP_DELAY)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 4, fill = "#e9c2ed", color = "#002D72", alpha = 0.7) +
  xlim(-25, 50) +
  labs(x = "Departure Delay",
       y = "Frequency",
       title = "Histogram of DEP_DELAY") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 12, hjust = 0.5),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
        axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))
```





```
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.

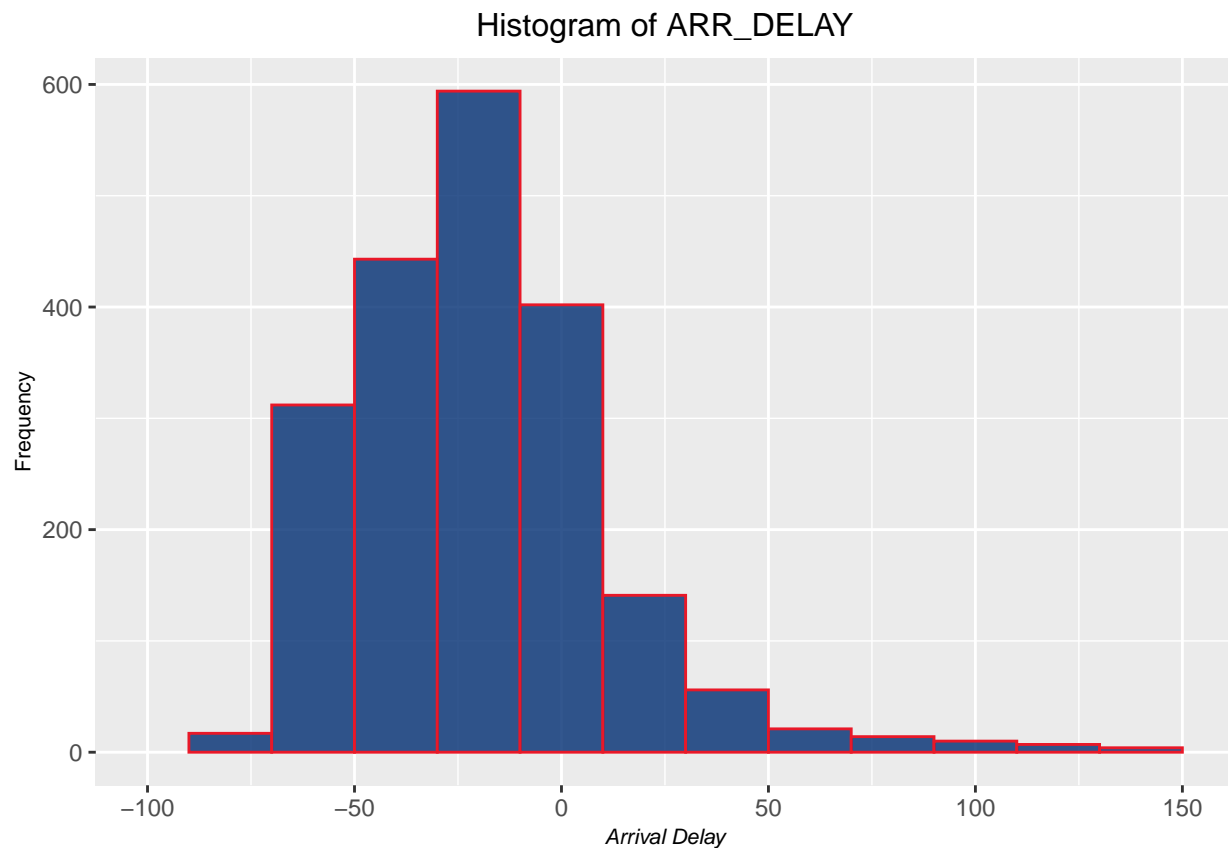
Overall, the categorical delay predictors I would think we could use are: Carrier Delay, NAS Delay, and Late Aircraft Delay

## 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", alpha = 0.8) +
  xlim(-100, 150) +
  labs(x = "Arrival Delay",
       y = "Frequency",
       title = "Histogram of ARR_DELAY") +
```

```
theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 12,hjust = 0.5),
      plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
      axis.title.x.bottom = element_text(size = 8, face = "italic"),
      axis.title.y.left = element_text(size = 8))
```



## PREDICTORS VS RESPONSE

### ARR\_DELAY and TAXI\_IN / TAXI\_OUT

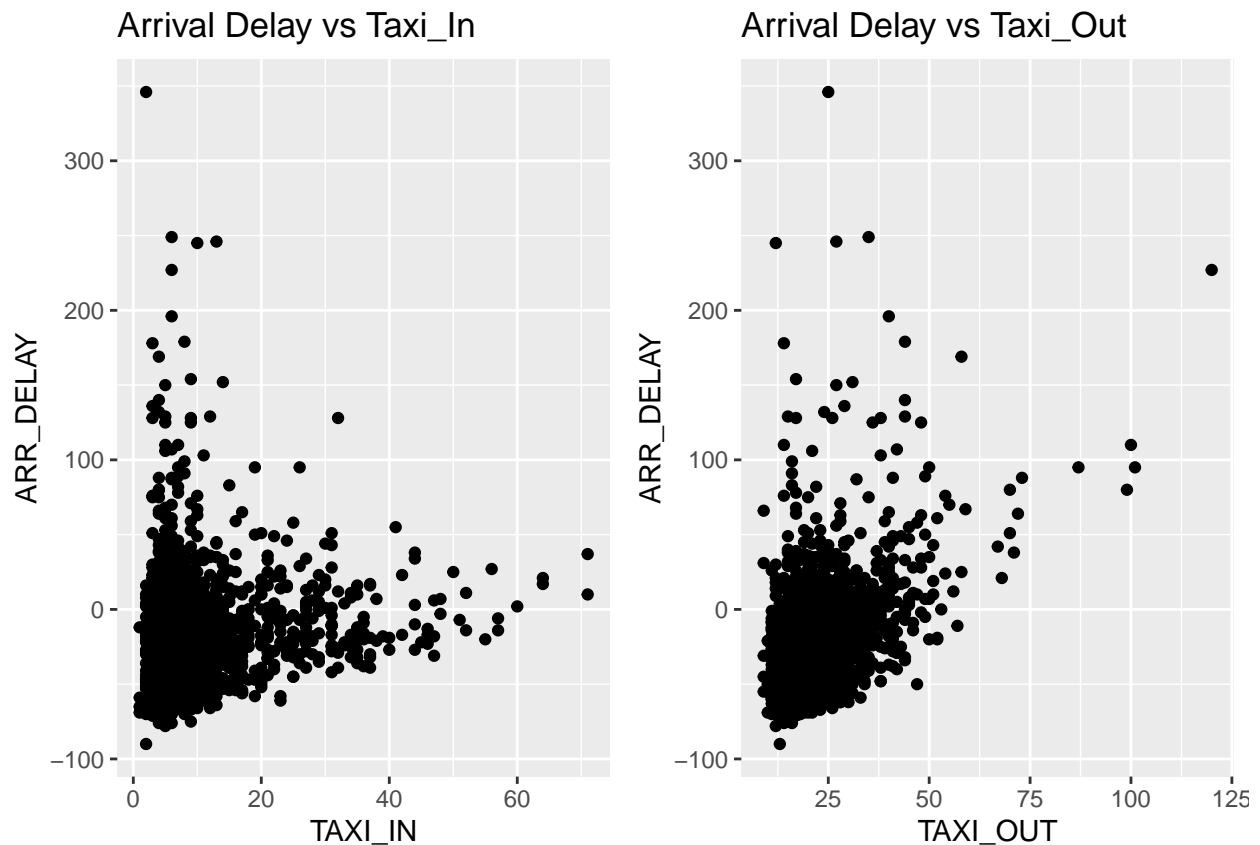
```
p6 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = TAXI_IN)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs Taxi_In")

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)
```

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

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

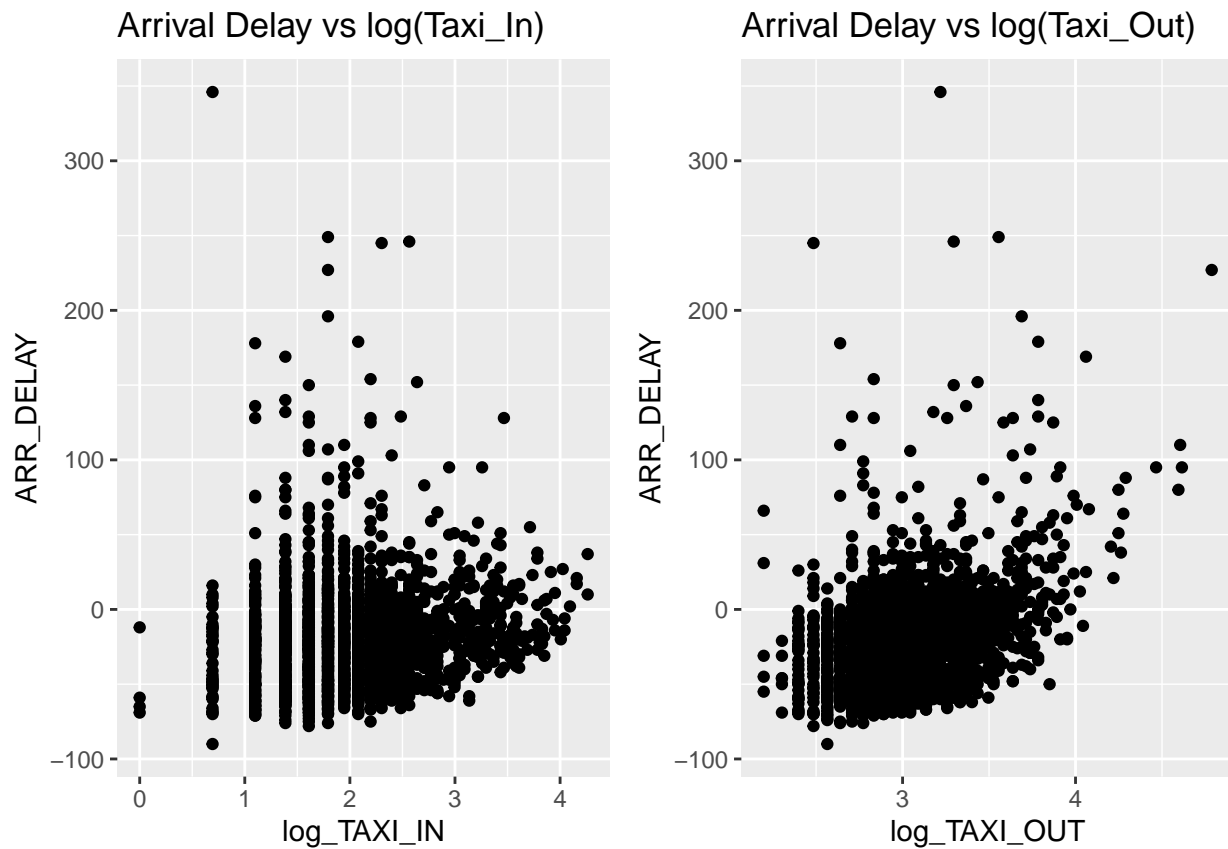


```
plog6 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = log_TAXI_IN)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs log(Taxi_In)")

plog7 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = log_TAXI_OUT)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs log(Taxi_Out)")
grid.arrange(plog6, plog7, nrow = 1)
```

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

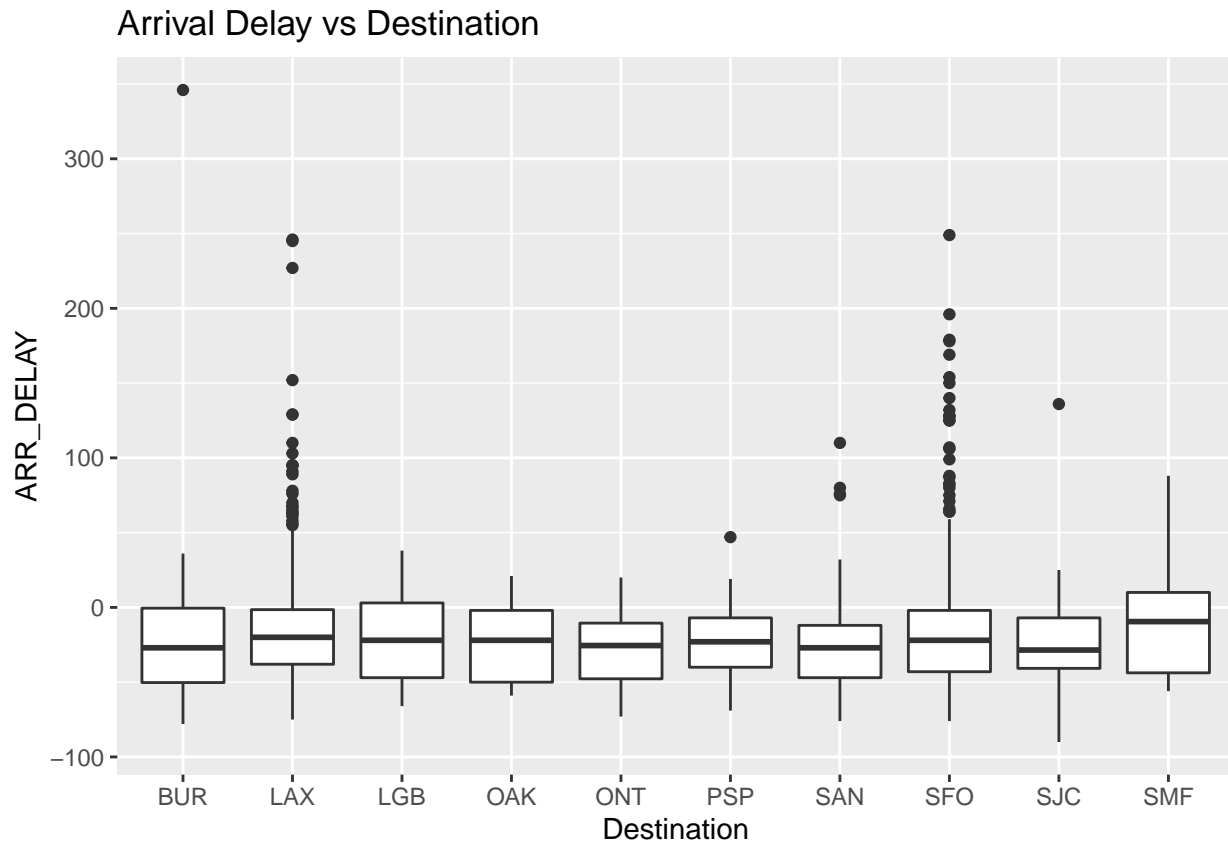
```
## Warning: Removed 11 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```



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

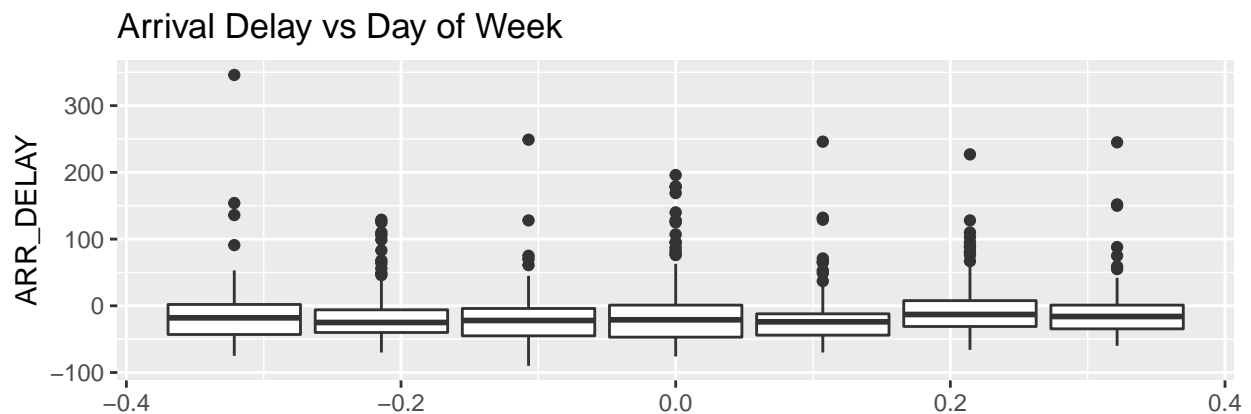
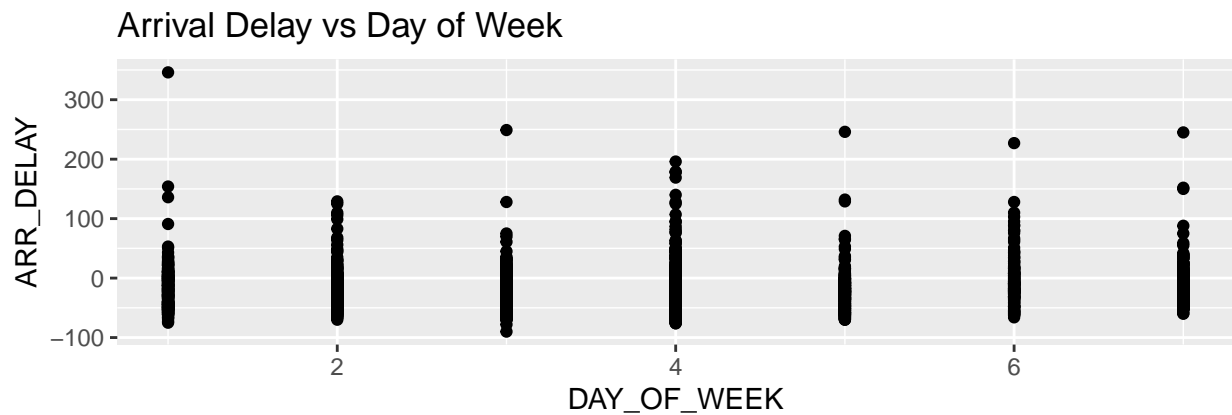
```
p8 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = DAY_OF_WEEK)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs Day of Week")

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

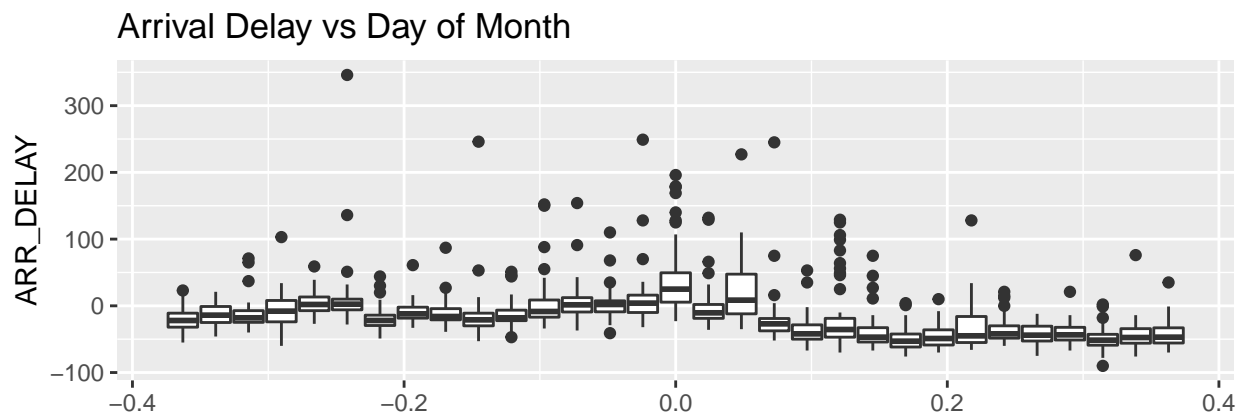
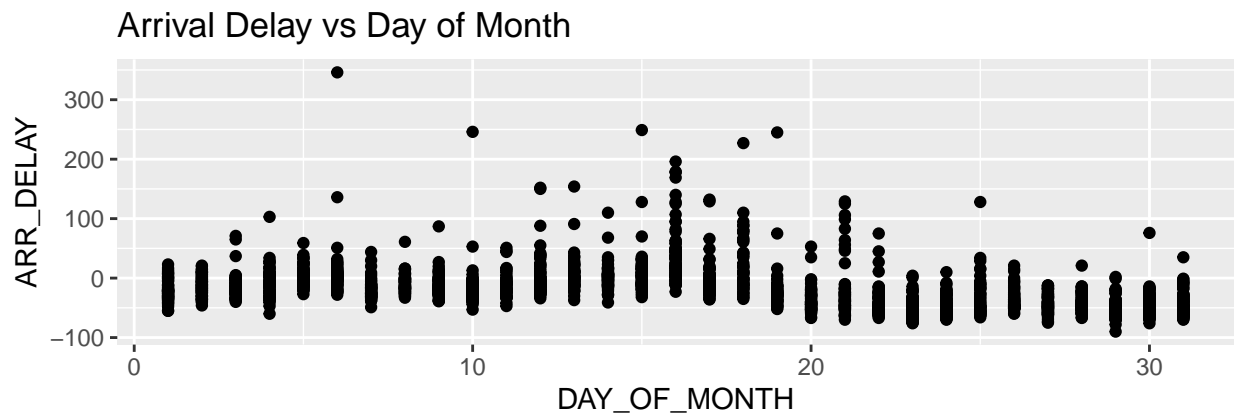
```
p10 <- ggplot(data = flights, aes(y = ARR_DELAY, x = DAY_OF_MONTH)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "Arrival Delay vs Day of Month")

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)
```

## Warning: Removed 11 rows containing missing values (geom\_point).

## Warning: Removed 11 rows containing non-finite values (stat\_boxplot).

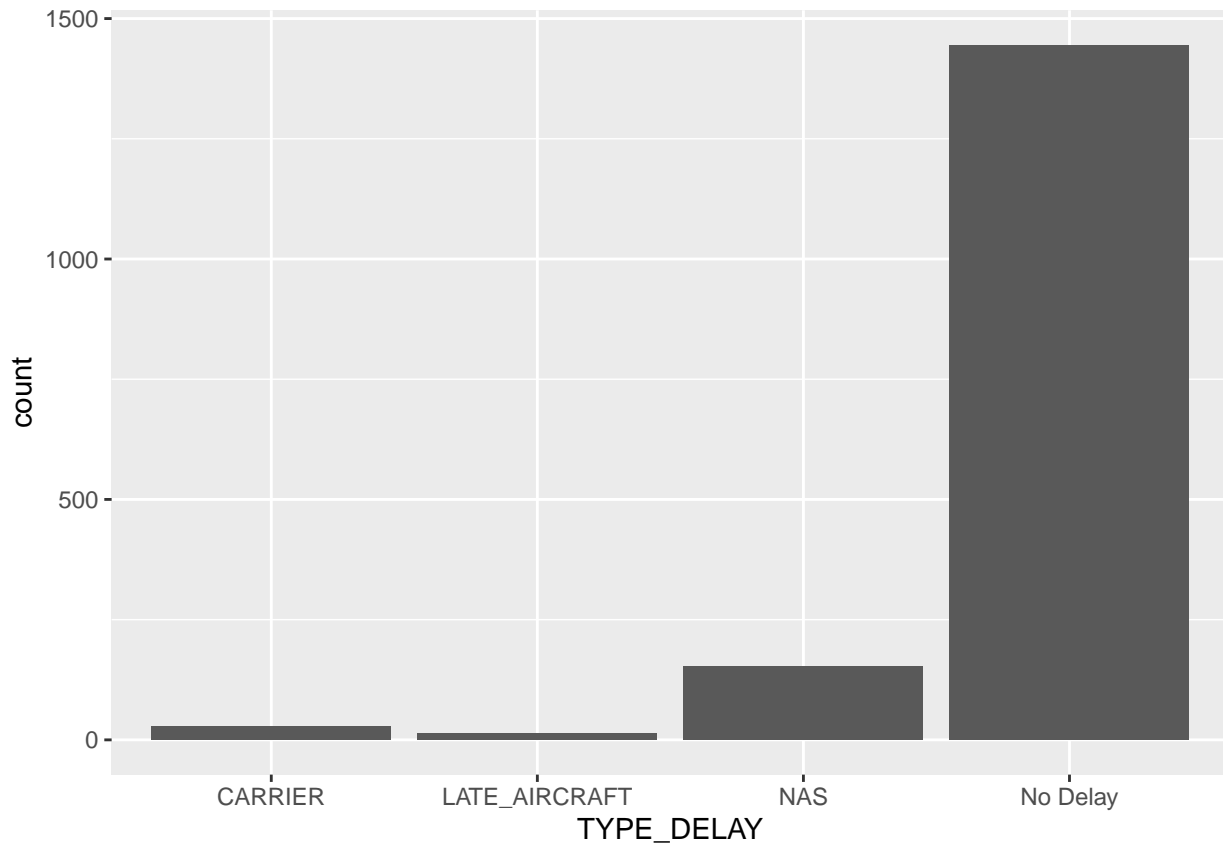


## Further Data Cleaning

```
# take only SFO/LAX since all 4 carriers fly there
flights <- flights %>%
  filter(DEST == "SFO" | DEST == "LAX") %>%
  mutate(TYPE_DELAY = case_when(NAS_DELAY == 1 ~ "NAS",
                                CARRIER_DELAY == 1 ~ "CARRIER",
                                LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY == 1 ~ "LATE_AIRCRAFT",
                                TRUE ~ "No Delay"))

ggplot(data = flights, aes(x = TYPE_DELAY)) +
  geom_bar()
```





```
unique(flights$TYPE_DELAY)
```

```
## [1] "No Delay"      "NAS"           "LATE_AIRCRAFT" "CARRIER"
```

## SPLITTING DATA

```
set.seed(1234)
flights <- flights %>%
  mutate(id = row_number())
train <- flights %>%
  sample_frac(0.8)
test <- anti_join(flights, train, by = "id")
```

## LINEAR MODELS

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

### Full Model

```
lm.01 <- lm(ARR_DELAY ~ DEP_DELAY + DAY_OF_WEEK + OP_CARRIER + DEST + CRS_DEP_TIME + CRS_ARR_TIME + log
#plot(lm.01)
#summary(lm.01)
```

```

library(MASS)

##
## Attaching package: 'MASS'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:patchwork':
##
##     area
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##     select
step_model <- stepAIC(lm.01, direction = "backward", trace = FALSE)
#summary(step_model)

lm.02 <- lm(ARR_DELAY ~ DEP_DELAY + OP_CARRIER + DEST + CRS_DEP_TIME + log_TAXI_OUT + log_TAXI_IN + TY
#summary(lm.02)
#anova(step_model, lm.02)

lm.03 <- lm(ARR_DELAY ~ DEP_DELAY + OP_CARRIER + DEST + CRS_DEP_TIME + log_TAXI_OUT + log_TAXI_IN + TY
#anova(lm.02, lm.03)

log_linear_model <- lm(ARR_DELAY ~ DEP_DELAY + OP_CARRIER + DEST + CRS_DEP_TIME + log_TAXI_OUT + log_T
anova(lm.03, log_linear_model)

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: ARR_DELAY ~ DEP_DELAY + OP_CARRIER + DEST + CRS_DEP_TIME + log_TAXI_OUT +
##     log_TAXI_IN + TYPE_DELAY + OP_CARRIER:DEST + DEST:log_TAXI_IN
## Model 2: ARR_DELAY ~ DEP_DELAY + OP_CARRIER + DEST + CRS_DEP_TIME + log_TAXI_OUT +
##     log_TAXI_IN + TYPE_DELAY + OP_CARRIER:DEST + DEST:log_TAXI_IN +
##     log_TAXI_OUT:DEP_DELAY
##   Res.Df    RSS Df Sum of Sq    F   Pr(>F)
## 1    1295 417435
## 2    1294 415006   1    2429.3 7.5745 0.006003 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

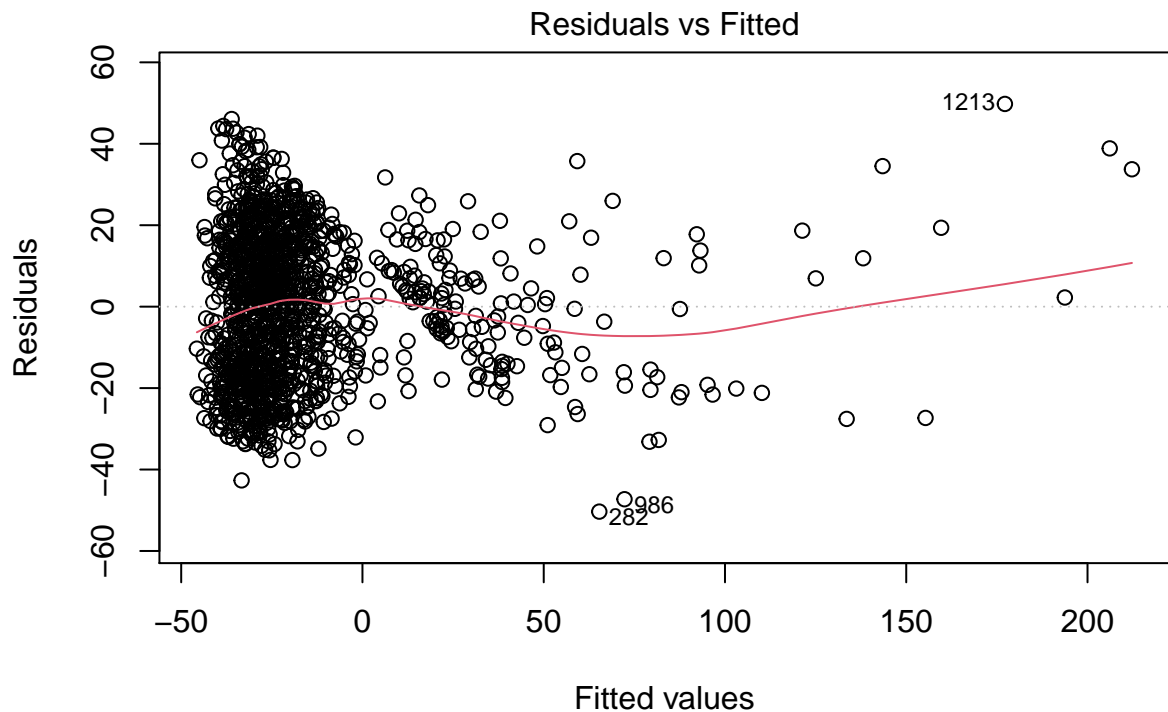
summary(log_linear_model)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ARR_DELAY ~ DEP_DELAY + OP_CARRIER + DEST + CRS_DEP_TIME +
##     log_TAXI_OUT + log_TAXI_IN + TYPE_DELAY + OP_CARRIER:DEST +
##     DEST:log_TAXI_IN + log_TAXI_OUT:DEP_DELAY, data = train)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -50.329 -14.930   0.958  13.682  49.785
##
## Coefficients:
##
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)

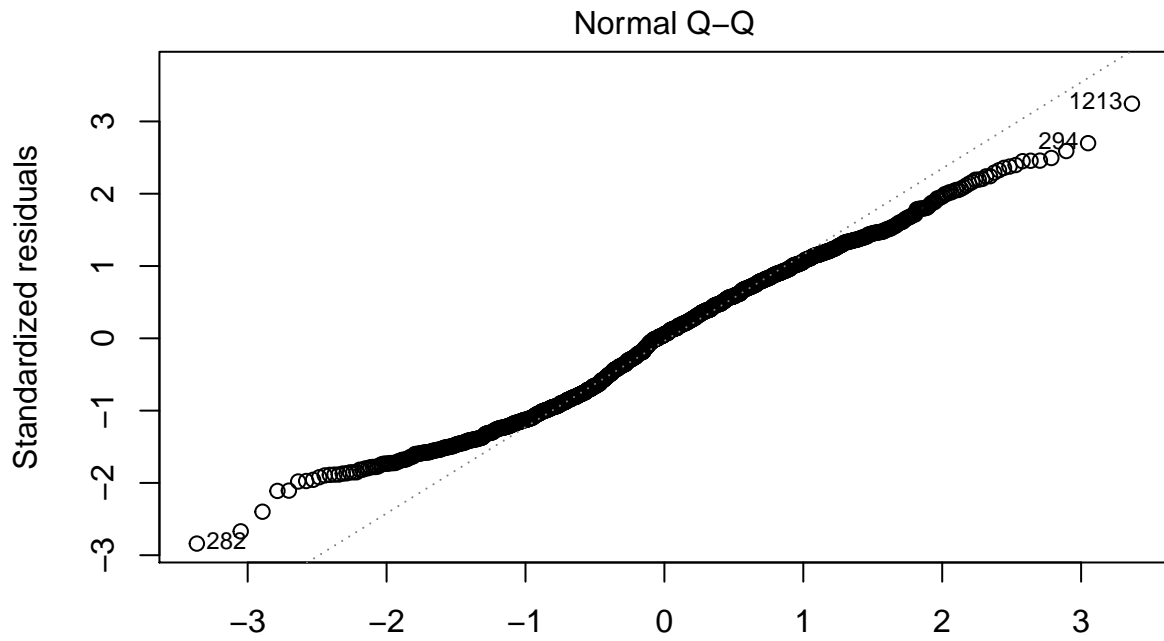
```

```
## (Intercept)          -79.875033    7.154618 -11.164 < 2e-16 ***
## DEP_DELAY            0.473110    0.147155  3.215 0.001336 **
## OP_CARRIERAS        -4.960311    2.061338 -2.406 0.016252 *
## OP_CARRIERB6         5.663369    1.662176  3.407 0.000676 ***
## OP_CARRIERDL        -2.355823    1.689398 -1.394 0.163414
## DESTSFO              7.590819    4.318505  1.758 0.079028 .
## CRS_DEP_TIME        -0.003717    0.001056 -3.522 0.000444 ***
## log_TAXI_OUT         20.280646    1.592782 12.733 < 2e-16 ***
## log_TAXI_IN           7.910495    1.054399  7.502 1.16e-13 ***
## TYPE_DELAYLATE_AIRCRAFT -4.298799    6.682903 -0.643 0.520174
## TYPE_DELAYNAS        23.936600    4.539529  5.273 1.57e-07 ***
## TYPE_DELAYNo Delay   -16.409905    4.460083 -3.679 0.000243 ***
## OP_CARRIERAS:DESTSFO  5.527479    3.284028  1.683 0.092589 .
## OP_CARRIERB6:DESTSFO -4.714933    2.847131 -1.656 0.097958 .
## OP_CARRIERDL:DESTSFO  0.359385    2.861596  0.126 0.900077
## DESTSFO:log_TAXI_IN   -4.397237    1.926591 -2.282 0.022628 *
## DEP_DELAY:log_TAXI_OUT 0.125352    0.045546  2.752 0.006003 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 17.91 on 1294 degrees of freedom
## (2 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.7213, Adjusted R-squared:  0.7178
## F-statistic: 209.3 on 16 and 1294 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

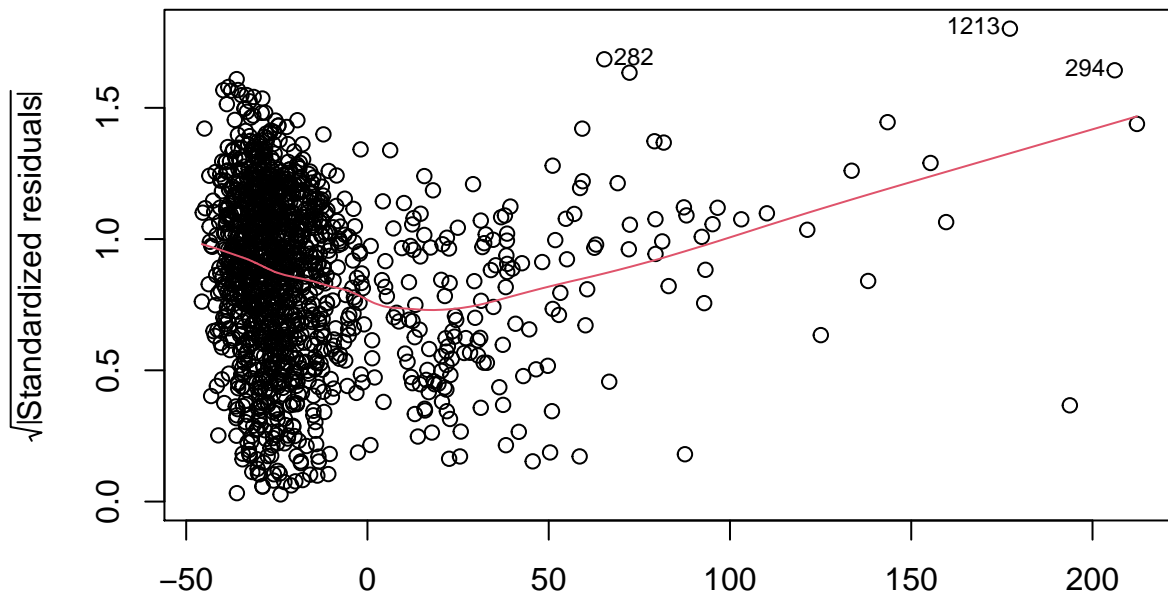
```
plot(log_linear_model)
```



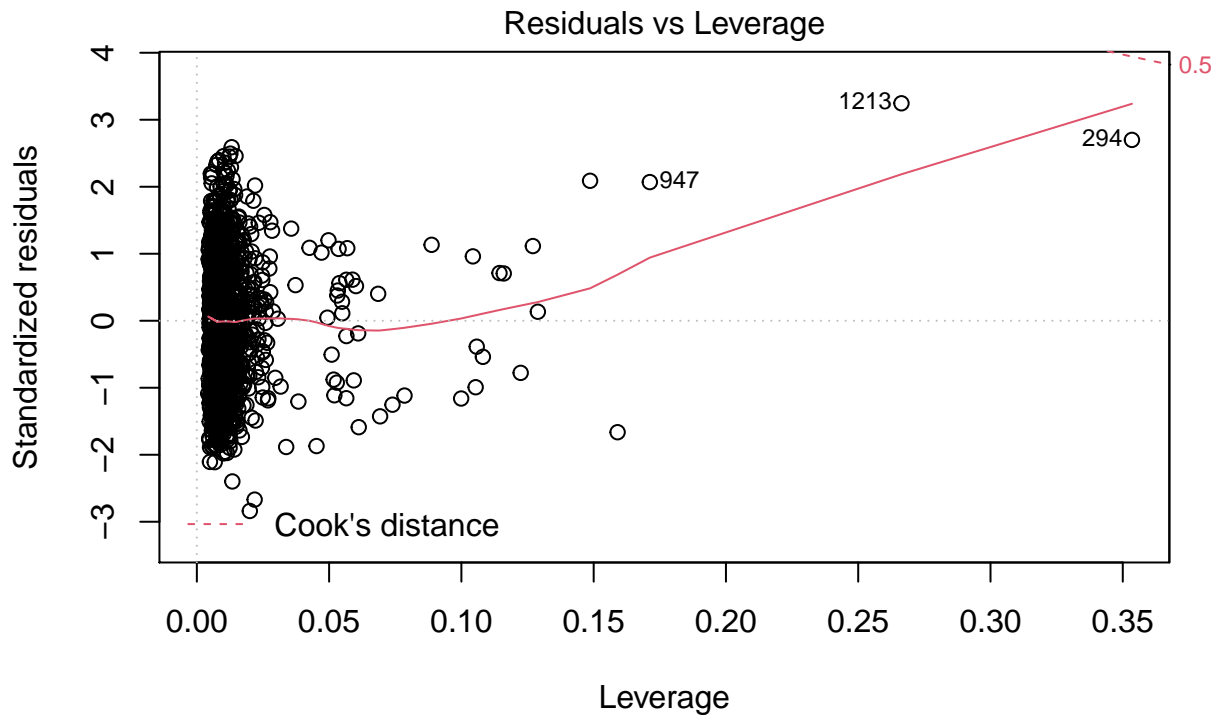
(ARR\_DELAY ~ DEP\_DELAY + OP\_CARRIER + DEST + CRS\_DEP\_TIME + log\_TAXI\_



(ARR\_DELAY ~ DEP\_DELAY + OP\_CARRIER + DEST + CRS\_DEP\_TIME + log\_TAXI\_  
Scale-Location



(ARR\_DELAY ~ DEP\_DELAY + OP\_CARRIER + DEST + CRS\_DEP\_TIME + log\_TAXI\_  
Scale-Location



(ARR\_DELAY ~ DEP\_DELAY + OP\_CARRIER + DEST + CRS\_DEP\_TIME + log\_TAXI\_

```
## SIGNIFICANT INTERACTIONS
#OP_CARRIER:DEST
#DEST:log_TAXI_IN
#CRS_DEP_TIME:DEST (***** makes zero intuitive sense - might not wanna do this)
#CRS_ARR_TIME:log_TAXI_IN
#log_TAXI_OUT:DEP_DELAY
```

```
#log_TAXI_OUT:CRS_DEP_TIME (verrrrrrry close to 0.05)
library(broom)
log_linear_preds <- predict(log_linear_model, test)
log_linear_MSE <- sum((log_linear_preds-test$ARR_DELAY)^2, na.rm=T)/328
log_linear_MSE
```

```
## [1] 364.8324
```

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 = train)

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 = train)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -41.659  -9.913  -1.229   9.243  46.780
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    -22.18852     1.58821  -13.971  <2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_MONTH     -1.28951     0.04418  -29.187  <2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_WEEK      -0.28103     0.20758   -1.354   0.1760
## TAXI_IN           0.55575     0.04785   11.615  <2e-16 ***
## TAXI_OUT          0.73768     0.04368   16.887  <2e-16 ***
## DESTSFO          -0.33517     0.82901   -0.404   0.6861
## DEP_DELAY         0.89165     0.02221   40.145  <2e-16 ***
## CARRIER_DELAY    2.30229     2.30029    1.001   0.3171
## NAS_DELAY        32.68992     1.54500   21.159  <2e-16 ***
## LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY 5.54853     3.24643    1.709   0.0877 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 14.11 on 1301 degrees of freedom
## (2 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8259, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8247
## F-statistic: 685.8 on 9 and 1301 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16

full_model_preds <- predict(full_model, test)
linear_MSE <- sum((full_model_preds-test$ARR_DELAY)^2, na.rm=T)/328
linear_MSE
```

```
## [1] 228.7795
```

## Select Model with AIC

```
library(MASS)
step_model <- stepAIC(full_model, trace = FALSE)
summary(step_model)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT +
##     DEP_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY, data = train)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -41.702 -10.034  -1.314   9.034  46.852
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    -23.31594     1.34840  -17.29  <2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_MONTH     -1.28947     0.04400  -29.30  <2e-16 ***
## TAXI_IN           0.55710     0.04637   12.01  <2e-16 ***
```

```
## TAXI_OUT          0.73506    0.04347    16.91    <2e-16 ***
## DEP_DELAY         0.89777    0.02100    42.76    <2e-16 ***
## NAS_DELAY         33.03098    1.50853    21.90    <2e-16 ***
## LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY 5.44580    3.24199     1.68    0.0932 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 14.12 on 1304 degrees of freedom
## (2 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8255, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8247
## F-statistic: 1028 on 6 and 1304 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.

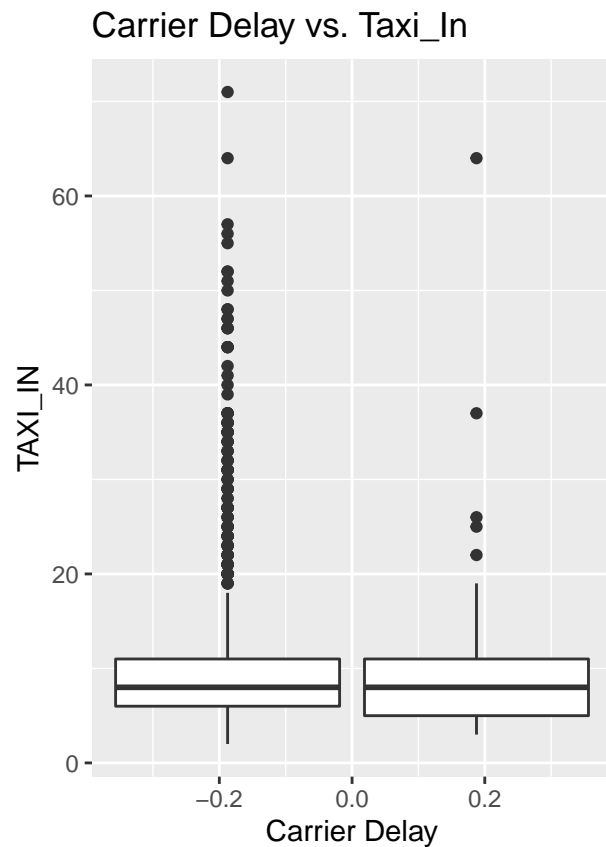
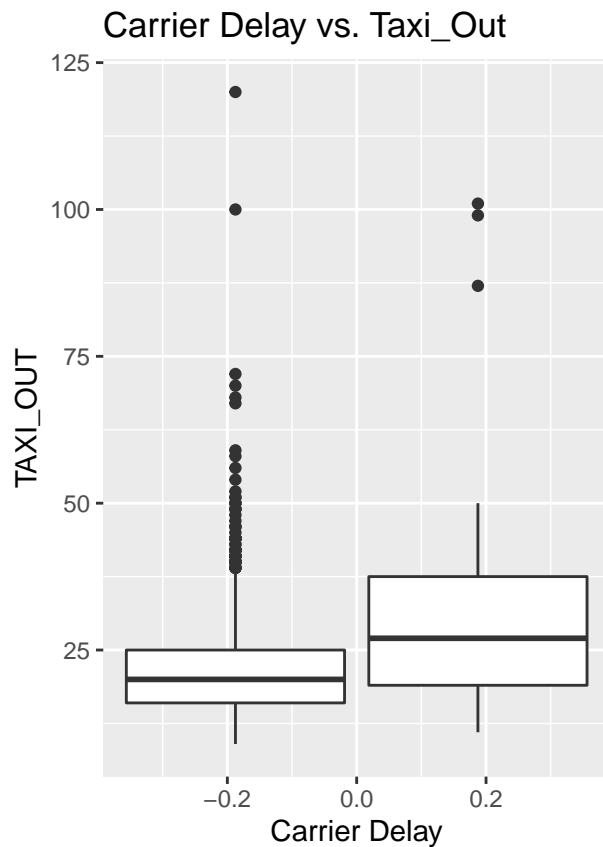
## Interactions

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 = train, aes(group = CARRIER_DELAY, y = TAXI_OUT)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "Carrier Delay vs. Taxi_Out",
       x = "Carrier Delay")

p13 <- ggplot(data = train, 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)
```

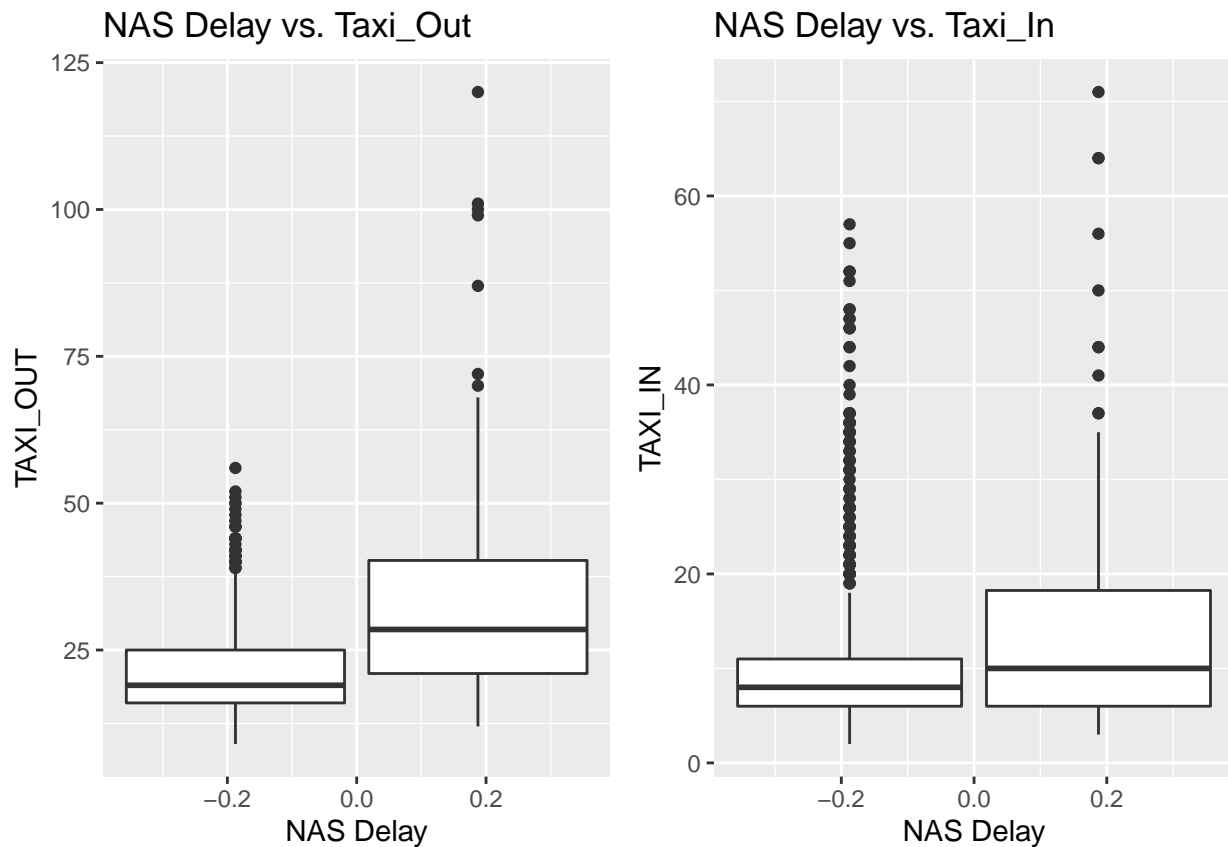


```
p14 <- ggplot(data = train, aes(group = NAS_DELAY, y = TAXI_OUT)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "NAS Delay vs. Taxi_Out",
       x = "NAS Delay")

p15 <- ggplot(data = train, 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)
```





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

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

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

```

DEST +
DEP_DELAY +
CARRIER_DELAY +
NAS_DELAY +
NAS_DELAY*TAXI_IN, data = train)

```

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

```

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT + DEP_DELAY + NAS_DELAY +
##   LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY
## Model 2: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + 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     1304 259813
## 2     1302 260081  2    -268.59

```

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

```

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT + DEP_DELAY + NAS_DELAY +
##   LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY
## Model 2: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + 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     1304 259813
## 2     1302 260101  2    -288.77

```

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

```

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT + DEP_DELAY + NAS_DELAY +
##   LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY
## Model 2: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + 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     1304 259813
## 2     1302 258380  2    1432.9 3.6103 0.02732 *
## ---
## 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)
```

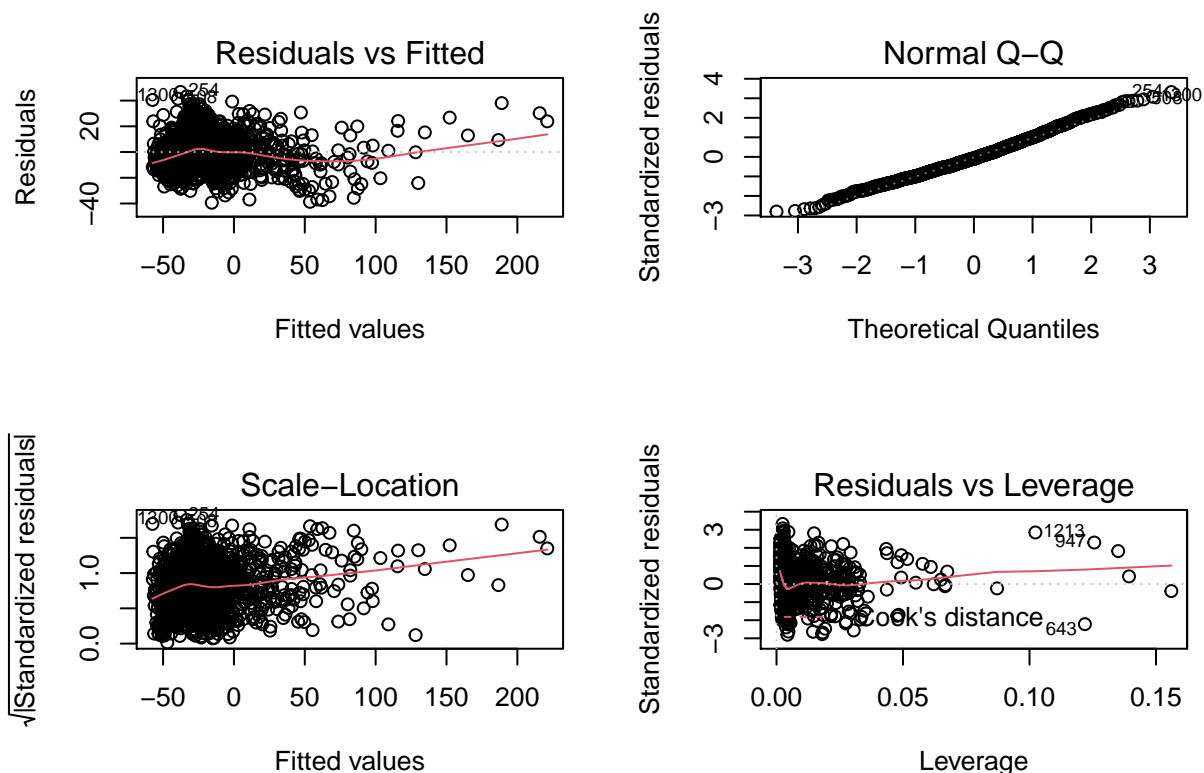
```

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT +

```

```
## DEST + DEP_DELAY + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + NAS_DELAY *
## TAXI_IN, data = train)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -39.388  -9.698  -1.216   8.983  46.729
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   -23.48832    1.41476  -16.602 < 2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_MONTH   -1.29353    0.04411  -29.322 < 2e-16 ***
## TAXI_IN         0.62691    0.05364   11.688 < 2e-16 ***
## TAXI_OUT        0.72130    0.04348   16.587 < 2e-16 ***
## DESTSFO       -0.39829    0.82704   -0.482  0.63019
## DEP_DELAY       0.90193    0.01975   45.666 < 2e-16 ***
## CARRIER_DELAY  2.63404    2.29653    1.147  0.25161
## NAS_DELAY      37.29871    2.17272   17.167 < 2e-16 ***
## TAXI_IN:NAS_DELAY -0.32214    0.10933   -2.946  0.00327 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 14.09 on 1302 degrees of freedom
## (2 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.8265, Adjusted R-squared:  0.8254
## F-statistic: 775.1 on 8 and 1302 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.

## Response (Box-Cox) Transformation

```
# library(EnvStats)
#
# bc_model <- boxcox(current_model, optimize = TRUE)
# bc_lambda <- bc_model$lambda
# bc_lambda
# plot(bc_model)

# add Box-Cox transform to data
# train_data <- train_data %>%
#   mutate(bc_R_moment_1 = ((R_moment_1^bc_lambda) - 1)/bc_lambda)
#
# hist(train_data$bc_R_moment_1)
```

## Test Error

```
lm_preds <- predict(current_model, test)
linear_model_MSE <- sum((test$ARR_DELAY - lm_preds)^2, na.rm=T)/328
linear_model_MSE
```

```
## [1] 220.1752
```

## GAM MODEL

### Initial Model

fit a gam model with numerical variables on a smoothing spline and including the interaction between NAS\_DELAY and TAXI\_IN

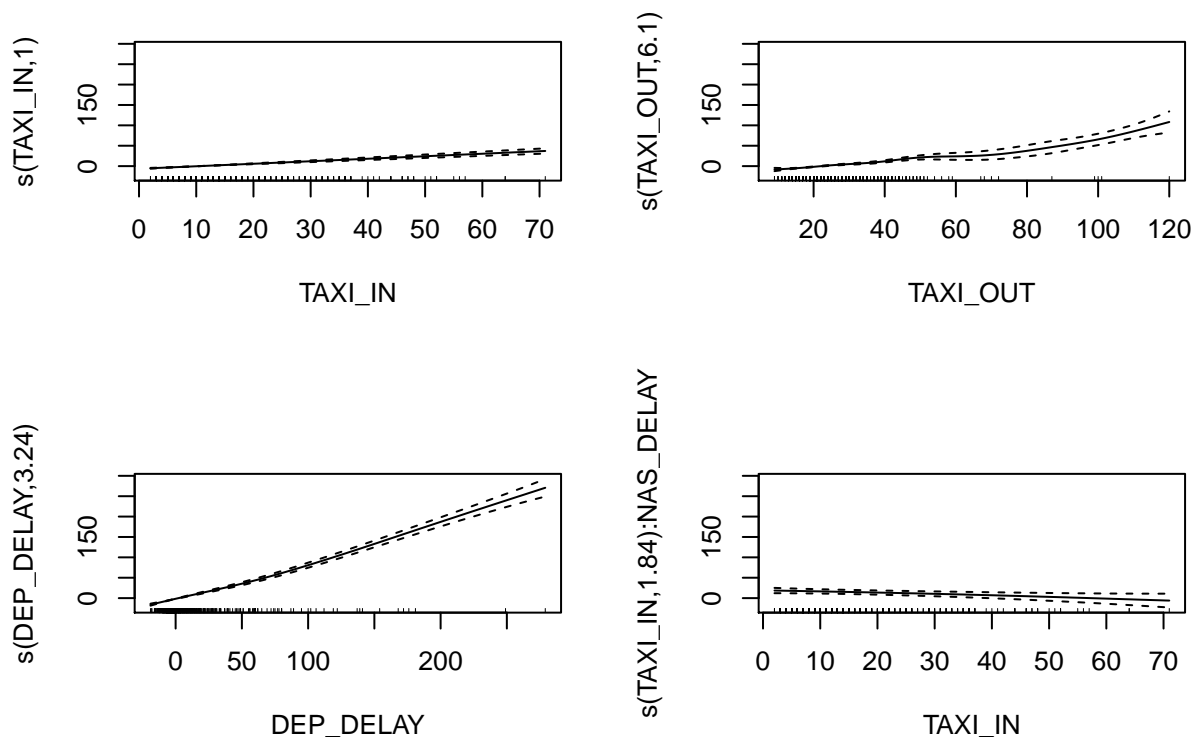
```
gam00 <- gam(ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH +
              DAY_OF_WEEK +
              s(TAXI_IN) +
              s(TAXI_OUT) +
              DEST +
              s(DEP_DELAY) +
              CARRIER_DELAY +
              NAS_DELAY +
              LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY +
              s(TAXI_IN, by = NAS_DELAY), data = train)

summary(gam00)

##
## Family: gaussian
## Link function: identity
##
## Formula:
## ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + DAY_OF_WEEK + s(TAXI_IN) + s(TAXI_OUT) +
##   DEST + s(DEP_DELAY) + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY +
##   s(TAXI_IN, by = NAS_DELAY)
##
```

```
## Parametric coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    1.73197    1.21228   1.429   0.1533
## DAY_OF_MONTH   -1.30430    0.04386 -29.736 < 2e-16 ***
## DAY_OF_WEEK    -0.25535    0.20508  -1.245   0.2133
## DESTSFO        -0.28562    0.82069  -0.348   0.7279
## CARRIER_DELAY  4.96143    2.33845   2.122   0.0341 *
## NAS_DELAY       18.45820    2.61969   7.046 2.99e-12 ***
## LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY 7.50690    3.25263   2.308   0.0212 *
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Approximate significance of smooth terms:
##              edf Ref.df      F p-value
## s(TAXI_IN)      1.000  1.000 134.59 < 2e-16 ***
## s(TAXI_OUT)      6.103  7.128  42.97 < 2e-16 ***
## s(DEP_DELAY)     3.240  4.019 393.06 < 2e-16 ***
## s(TAXI_IN):NAS_DELAY 1.839  2.099  18.12 5.65e-09 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Rank: 43/44
## R-sq.(adj) =  0.831   Deviance explained = 83.3%
## GCV = 195.4   Scale est. = 192.61    n = 1311
```

```
par(mfrow = c(2,2))
plot.gam(gam00, se=TRUE)
```



## Checking Linearity

TAXI\_IN and the interaction between NAS\_DELAY and TAXI\_IN may be linear

```
gam01 <- gam(ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH +
             DAY_OF_WEEK +
             TAXI_IN +
             s(TAXI_OUT) +
             DEST +
             s(DEP_DELAY) +
             CARRIER_DELAY +
             NAS_DELAY +
             LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY +
             TAXI_IN*NAS_DELAY, data = train)

anova(gam00, gam01, test = "F")
```

```
## Analysis of Deviance Table
##
## Model 1: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + DAY_OF_WEEK + s(TAXI_IN) + s(TAXI_OUT) +
##      DEST + s(DEP_DELAY) + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY +
##      s(TAXI_IN, by = NAS_DELAY)
## Model 2: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + DAY_OF_WEEK + TAXI_IN + s(TAXI_OUT) +
##      DEST + s(DEP_DELAY) + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY +
##      TAXI_IN * NAS_DELAY
##   Resid. Df Resid. Dev      Df Deviance      F Pr(>F)
## 1      1290.3      248917
## 2      1290.8      249038 -0.51093   -120.95 1.229 0.2267
```

based on anova test, the model with smoothing splines on TAXI\_IN and the interaction term is a better fit

## More Anova

DAY\_OF\_WEEK and DEST have very high p-values, so let's try an anova test without including them

```
gam02 <- gam(ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH +
             s(TAXI_IN) +
             s(TAXI_OUT) +
             s(DEP_DELAY) +
             CARRIER_DELAY +
             NAS_DELAY +
             LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY +
             s(TAXI_IN, by = NAS_DELAY), data = train)

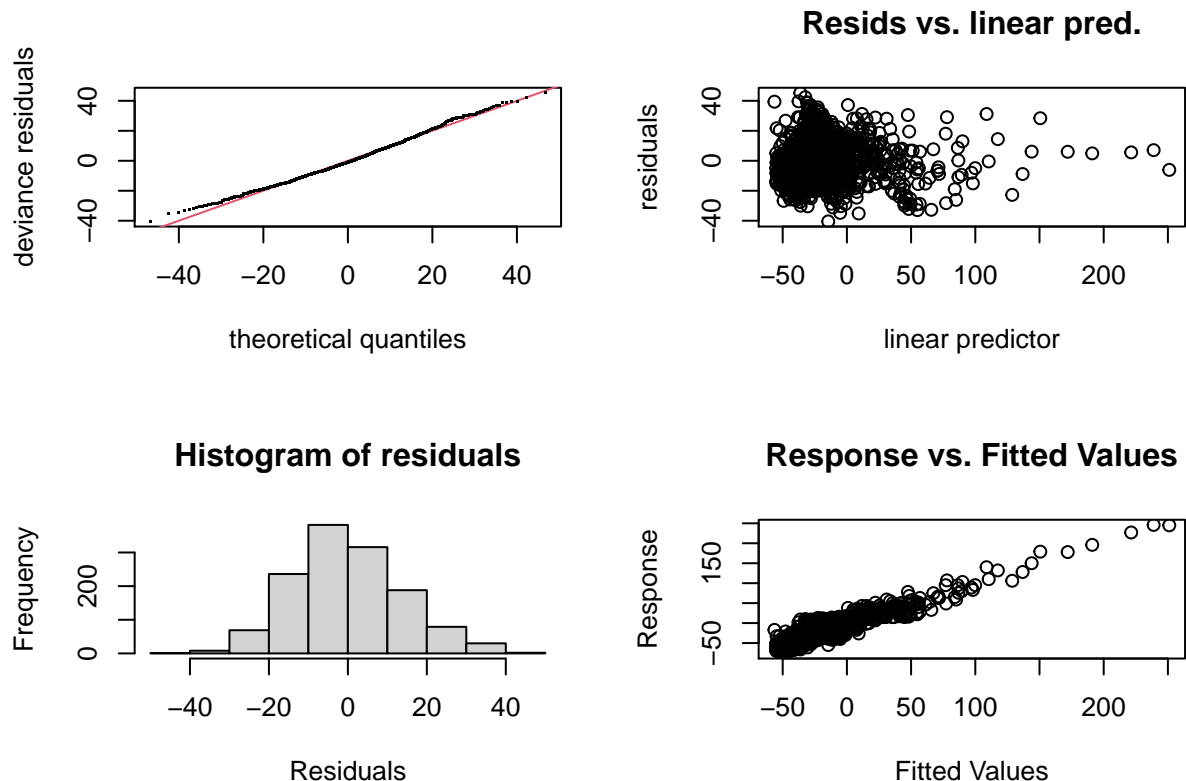
anova(gam00, gam02, test = "F")
```

```
## Analysis of Deviance Table
##
## Model 1: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + DAY_OF_WEEK + s(TAXI_IN) + s(TAXI_OUT) +
##      DEST + s(DEP_DELAY) + CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY +
##      s(TAXI_IN, by = NAS_DELAY)
## Model 2: ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH + s(TAXI_IN) + s(TAXI_OUT) + s(DEP_DELAY) +
##      CARRIER_DELAY + NAS_DELAY + LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY + s(TAXI_IN,
##      by = NAS_DELAY)
##   Resid. Df Resid. Dev      Df Deviance      F Pr(>F)
## 1      1290.3      248917
## 2      1292.2      249218 -1.9182   -300.41 0.8131 0.4393
```

based on the anova test, the model including DAY\_OF\_WEEK and DEST is a better fit

## Model Diagnostics

```
par(mfrow = c(2,2))
gam.check(gam00)
```



```
##
## Method: GCV   Optimizer: magic
## Smoothing parameter selection converged after 14 iterations.
## The RMS GCV score gradient at convergence was 6.788545e-06 .
## The Hessian was positive definite.
## Model rank =  43 / 44
##
## Basis dimension (k) checking results. Low p-value (k-index<1) may
## indicate that k is too low, especially if edf is close to k'.
##
##           k'   edf k-index p-value
## s(TAXI_IN)    9.00  1.00   0.97  0.090 .
## s(TAXI_OUT)    9.00  6.10   1.01  0.665
## s(DEP_DELAY)    9.00  3.24   0.96  0.035 *
## s(TAXI_IN):NAS_DELAY 10.00  1.84   0.97  0.130
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

## Test Error

```
gam_preds <- predict.gam(gam00, newdata = test)
gam_MSE <- sum((test$ARR_DELAY - gam_preds)^2, na.rm=T)/328
gam_MSE
```

```
## [1] 230.8748
```

## TREES

### Random Forests

```
library(tree)
```

```
## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'tree':  
##   method      from  
##   print.tree cli
```

```
library(randomForest)
```

```
## randomForest 4.6-14  
## Type rfNews() to see new features/changes/bug fixes.  
##  
## Attaching package: 'randomForest'  
##  
## The following object is masked from 'package:gridExtra':  
##  
##   combine  
##  
## The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':  
##  
##   margin  
##  
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':  
##  
##   combine
```

By default, randomForest() uses  $p/3$  variables when building a random forest of regression trees.

```
set.seed(1)  
rf.delay <- randomForest(Arr_Delay ~ Day_of_Month +  
                        Taxi_In +  
                        Taxi_Out +  
                        Dest +  
                        Dep_Delay +  
                        Carrier_Delay +  
                        NAS_Delay +  
                        NAS_Delay*Taxi_In,  
                        data = train, na.action = na.omit, importance = TRUE,  
                        ntree=10000)  
yhat.rf <- predict(rf.delay, newdata = test)  
rf.MSE <- sum((test$Arr_Delay - yhat.rf)^2, na.rm=T)/328  
rf.MSE
```

```
## [1] 226.2477
```

Using the importance() function, we can view the importance of each variable.

```
importance(rf.delay)
```

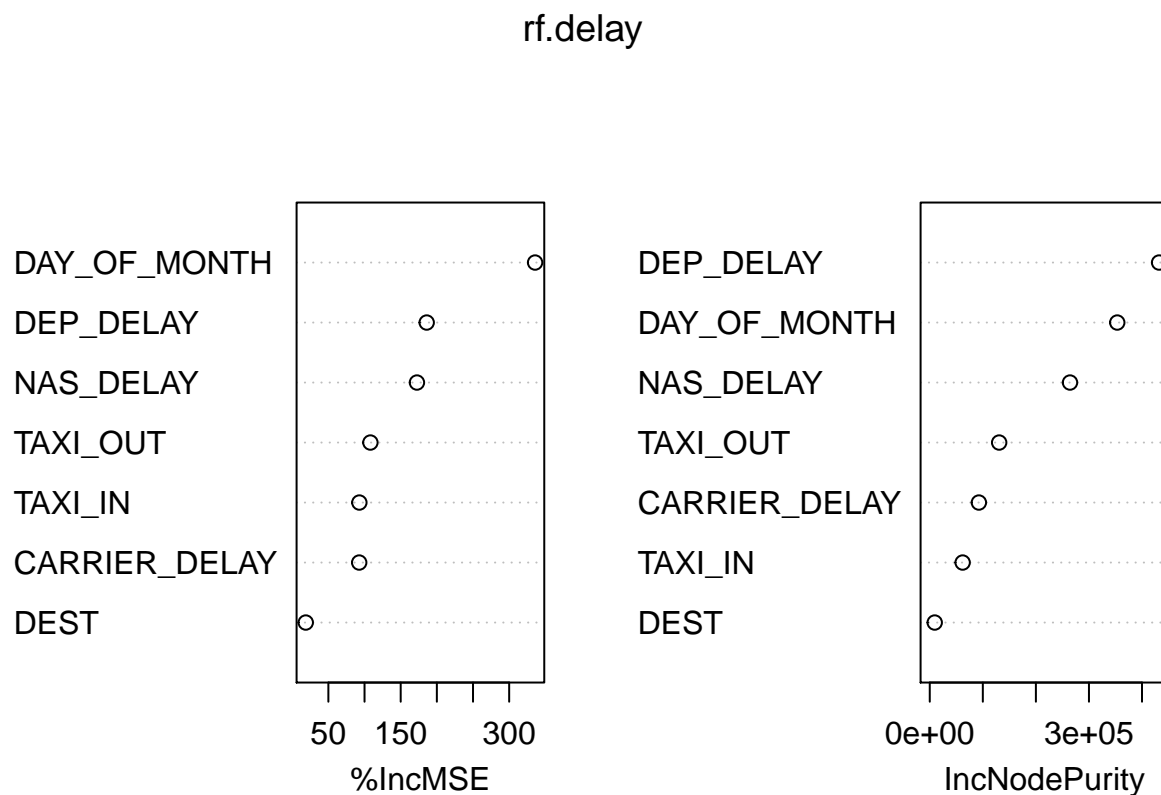
```
##           %IncMSE IncNodePurity  
## Day_of_Month 335.82531   353351.689  
## Taxi_In      92.84916    61971.876
```



```
## TAXI_OUT      108.10583    130801.387
## DEST          18.74716      9326.834
## DEP_DELAY     185.95953    432189.808
## CARRIER_DELAY 92.63830     92565.645
## NAS_DELAY     172.46317    264306.390
```

Two measures of variable importance are reported. The former is based on the mean decrease in accuracy in predictions on the out of bag samples when a given variable is excluded from the model. The latter is a measure of the total decrease in node impurity that results from splits over that variable, averaged over all trees (this was plotted in Figure 8.9 in the text). In the case of regression trees, the node impurity is measured by the training RSS and for classification trees by the deviance. Plots of these importance measures can be produced using the `varImpPlot()` function.

```
varImpPlot(rf.delay)
```



## 4. Boosting

Here we use the `gbm()` package, and within it the `gbm()` function, to fit boosted regression trees to the `train` data set. We run `gbm()` with the option `distribution = "gaussian"` since this is a regression problem. The argument `n.trees = 10000` indicates that we want 10000 trees, and the option `interaction.depth = 1` limits the depth of each tree.

```
library(gbm)
```

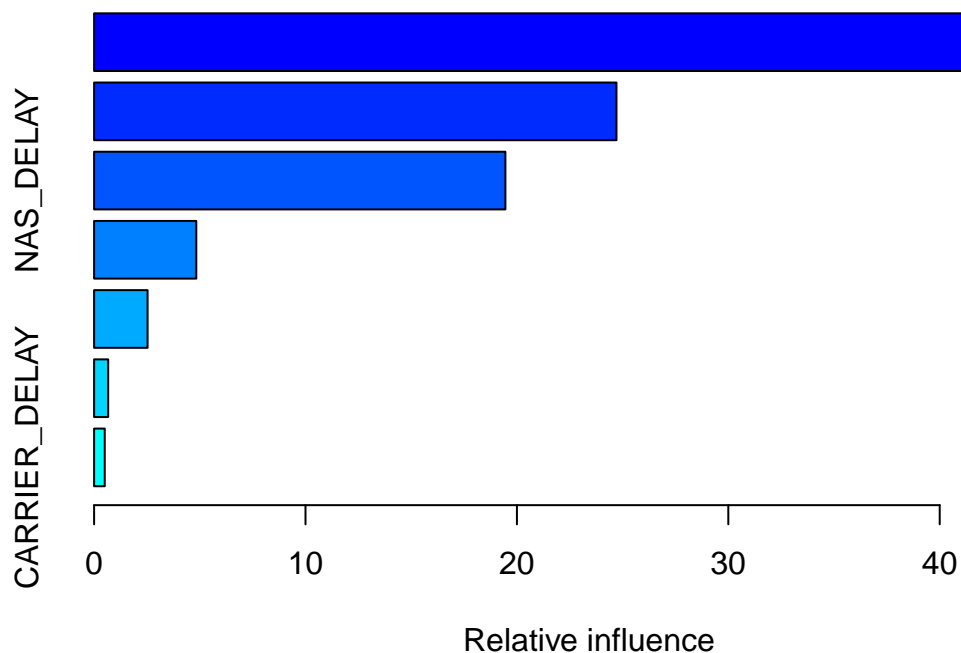
```
## Loaded gbm 2.1.8
```

```
set.seed(1)
train <- train %>%
  filter(!is.na(ARR_DELAY))
boost.delay <- gbm(ARR_DELAY ~ DAY_OF_MONTH +
  TAXI_IN +
```

```
TAXI_OUT +
DEP_DELAY +
CARRIER_DELAY +
NAS_DELAY +
LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY,
data = train, distribution = "gaussian",
n.trees=10000, interaction.depth=1, shrinkage=0.001, cv.folds=10)
```

The `summary()` function also provides a relative influence plot and also outputs the relative influence statistics.

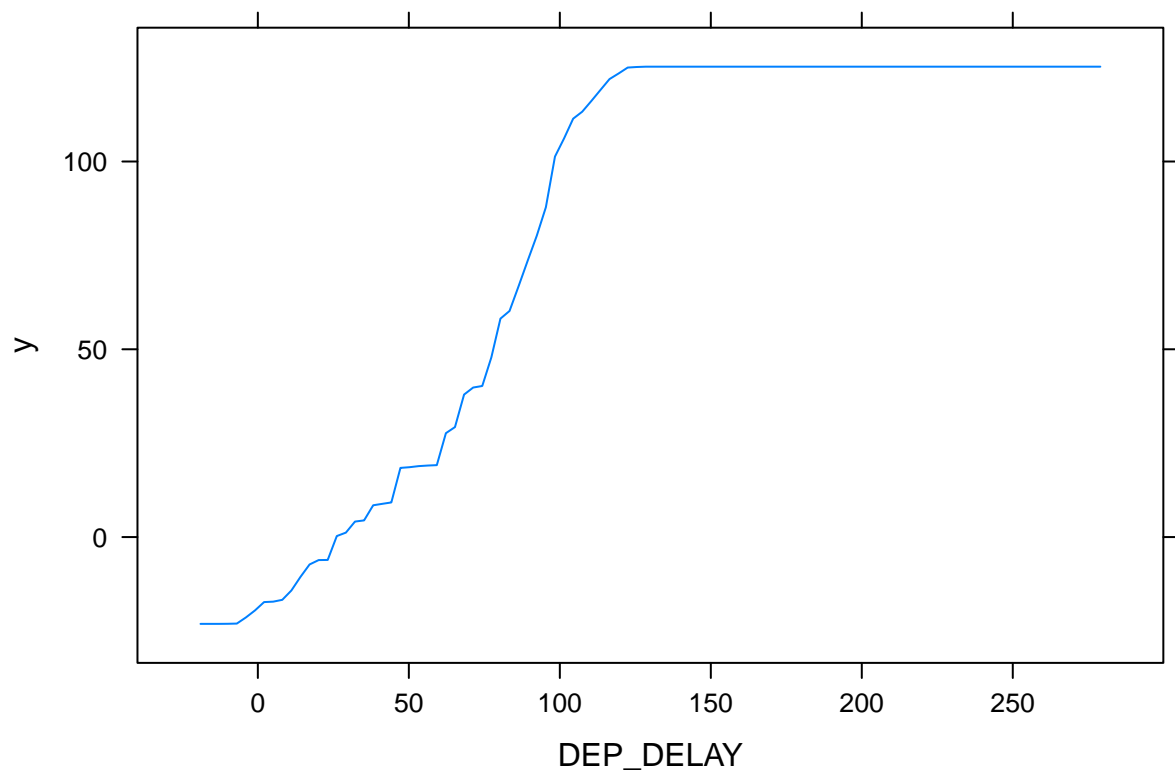
```
summary(boost.delay)
```



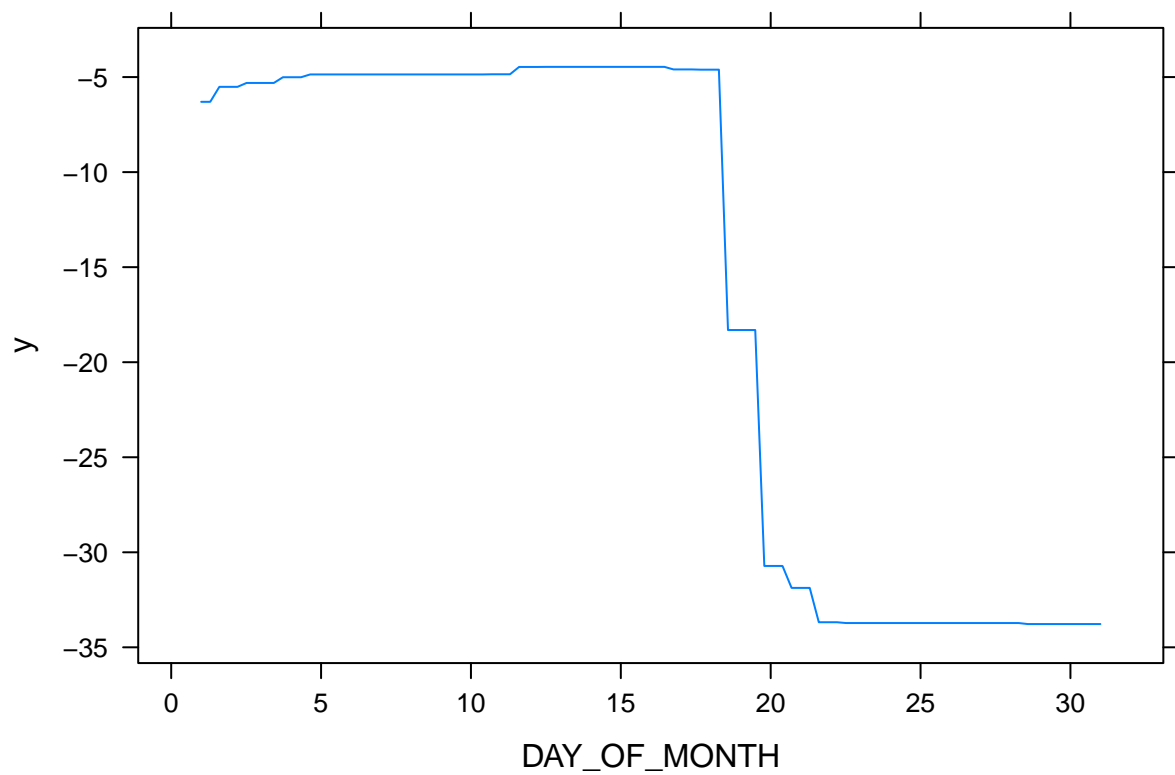
```
##              var    rel.inf
## DEP_DELAY      DEP_DELAY 47.3009936
## DAY_OF_MONTH   DAY_OF_MONTH 24.7097570
## NAS_DELAY      NAS_DELAY 19.4559168
## TAXI_OUT       TAXI_OUT  4.8341601
## TAXI_IN        TAXI_IN  2.5286463
## LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY 0.6666474
## CARRIER_DELAY CARRIER_DELAY 0.5038789
```

We see that `DEP_DELAY` and `DAY_OF_MONTH` are by far the most important variables. We can also produce *partial dependence plots* for these two variables. These plots illustrate the marginal effect of the selected variables on the response after *integrating* out the other variables.

```
par(mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(boost.delay, i = "DEP_DELAY")
```



```
plot(boost.delay, i = "DAY_OF_MONTH")
```



We now use the boosted model to predict ARR\_DELAY on the test set:

```

yhat.boost <- predict(boost.delay, newdata =test,
                      n.trees = 10000)
boost_MSE <- sum((test$ARR_DELAY-yhat.boost)^2)/328
boost_MSE #returning NA for some reason...

```

```
## [1] NA
```

The test MSE obtained is 11.8; similar to the test MSE for random forests and superior to that for bagging. If we want to, we can perform boosting with a different value of the shrinkage parameter  $\lambda$  in Equation 8.10. The default value is 0.001, but this is easily modified. Here, we take  $\lambda = 0.2$ .

```

# boost.boston <- gbm(medv~., data = Boston[train,],
#                      distribution = "gaussian", n.trees = 5000,
#                      interaction.depth = 4,
#                      shrinkage = 0.2,
#                      verbose =FALSE)
# yhat.boost <- predict(boost.boston, newdata = Boston[-train,],
#                      n.trees = 5000)
# mean((yhat.boost - boston.test)^2)

```