

# Apartment-Rent-Regression

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### 1. Preliminary and Exploratory

#### 1. Rename all variables

```
#Reading the file
lease_data_PR <- read.table(here("Apartment-Rent-Regression", "Rent.txt"),
                             header = TRUE, sep = ",")

#Converting it to dataframe.
lease_data_PR <- as.data.frame(lease_data_PR)
#Append PR initials to all variables in the dataframe
colnames(lease_data_PR) <- paste(colnames(lease_data_PR), "PR", sep = "_")
#Changing to factor
lease_data_PR <- as.data.frame(unclass(lease_data_PR), stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(lease_data_PR)

## 'data.frame':    1051 obs. of  9 variables:
## $ Prc_PR      : num  596 3130 2300 2840 2790 3230 2240 2030 1800 1600 ...
## $ Bed_PR      : int   3 2 1 1 4 3 1 3 4 1 ...
## $ floor_PR    : int   3 5 4 2 1 5 1 2 1 1 ...
## $ TotFloor_PR: int   4 7 6 4 2 5 4 4 5 4 ...
## $ Bath_PR     : int   4 2 2 1 3 2 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ Sqft_PR     : int   501 1275 982 2418 1655 1024 864 671 609 834 ...
## $ City_PR     : Factor w/ 3 levels "Blossomville",...: 1 3 2 3 3 2 3 1 2 3 ...
## $ Comp_PR     : Factor w/ 2 levels "Leaseflow","Rentopia": 1 2 1 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ Dist_PR     : num   10.6 1.4 6.8 0.4 5.3 0.5 3.5 3.6 1.4 4 ...

#Showing first results
head(lease_data_PR)
```

```
##   Prc_PR Bed_PR floor_PR TotFloor_PR Bath_PR Sqft_PR   City_PR   Comp_PR
## 1   596     3       3         4       4     501 Blossomville Leaseflow
## 2  3130     2       5         7       2    1275  Terranova  Rentopia
## 3  2300     1       4         6       2     982  Riverport Leaseflow
## 4  2840     1       2         4       1    2418  Terranova Leaseflow
## 5  2790     4       1         2       3    1655  Terranova  Rentopia
## 6  3230     3       5         5       2    1024  Riverport Leaseflow
```

```
## Dist_PR
## 1 10.6
## 2 1.4
## 3 6.8
## 4 0.4
## 5 5.3
## 6 0.5
```

## 2. Graphical and Exploratory Data Summaries

```
# Evaluating atypical errors
round(stat.desc(lease_data_PR),2)
```

```
##          Prc_PR  Bed_PR floor_PR TotFloor_PR Bath_PR  Sqft_PR City_PR
## nbr.val      1051.00 1051.00  1051.00    1051.00 1051.00   1051.00    NA
## nbr.null        0.00  0.00    0.00        0.00  0.00    0.00    NA
## nbr.na          0.00  0.00    0.00        0.00  0.00    0.00    NA
## min          -218.00  1.00    1.00        1.00  1.00    1.00    NA
## max           5810.00  4.00   10.00       10.00  4.00   3254.00    NA
## range         6028.00  3.00    9.00        9.00  3.00   3253.00    NA
## sum          2375179.70 2236.00  2388.00    4097.00 1701.00 1354839.00    NA
## median         2140.00  2.00    2.00        4.00  1.00   1231.00    NA
## mean          2259.92  2.13    2.27        3.90  1.62   1289.10    NA
## SE.mean         29.49  0.04    0.05        0.06  0.03    17.01    NA
## CI.mean.0.95     57.87  0.07    0.10        0.13  0.06    33.39    NA
## var           914096.29  1.37    2.77        4.33  0.96  304237.69    NA
## std.dev         956.08  1.17    1.66        2.08  0.98   551.58    NA
## coef.var         0.42  0.55    0.73        0.53  0.60    0.43    NA
##          Comp_PR Dist_PR
## nbr.val      NA 1051.00
## nbr.null      NA  1.00
## nbr.na        NA  0.00
## min           NA  0.00
## max           NA 21.00
## range         NA 21.00
## sum           NA 4319.60
## median        NA  3.50
## mean          NA  4.11
## SE.mean        NA  0.09
## CI.mean.0.95   NA  0.18
## var           NA  8.60
## std.dev        NA  2.93
## coef.var       NA  0.71
```

```
# Creating vector to names for each chart
names_variables_PR <- c("Monthly Rent",
                        "Number of bedrooms",
                        "Floor",
                        "Total number of floors in the building",
                        "Number of bathrooms",
                        "Size of the apartment",
                        "City",
```

```

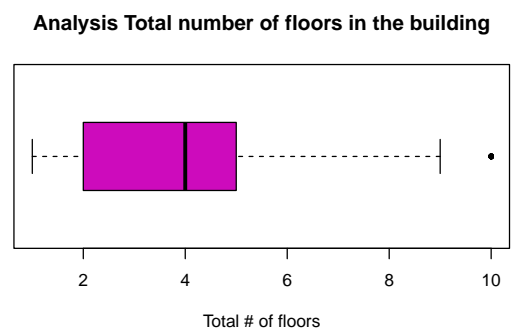
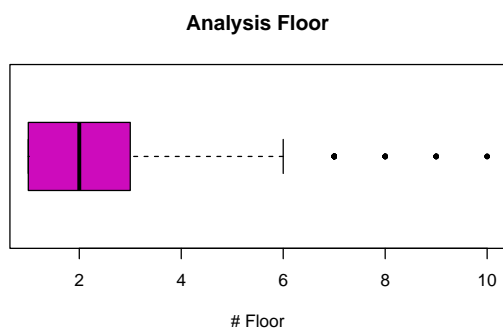
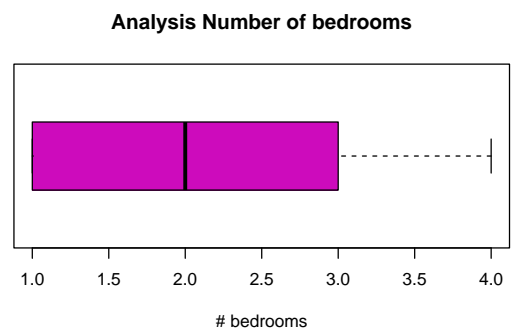
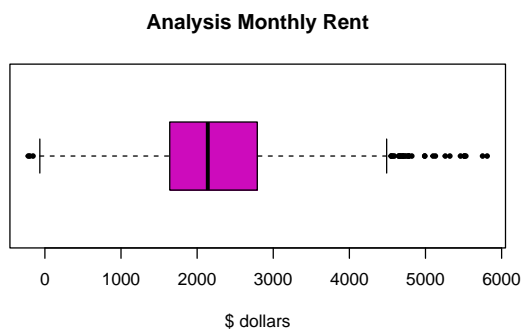
        "Leasing company",
        "Distance from the centre of town"
    )

# Creating x label for each chart
x_labels_PR <- c("$ dollars",
                "# bedrooms",
                "# Floor",
                "Total # of floors",
                "# bathrooms",
                "Size (Square feet)",
                "City",
                "Leasing company count",
                "in Km"
    )

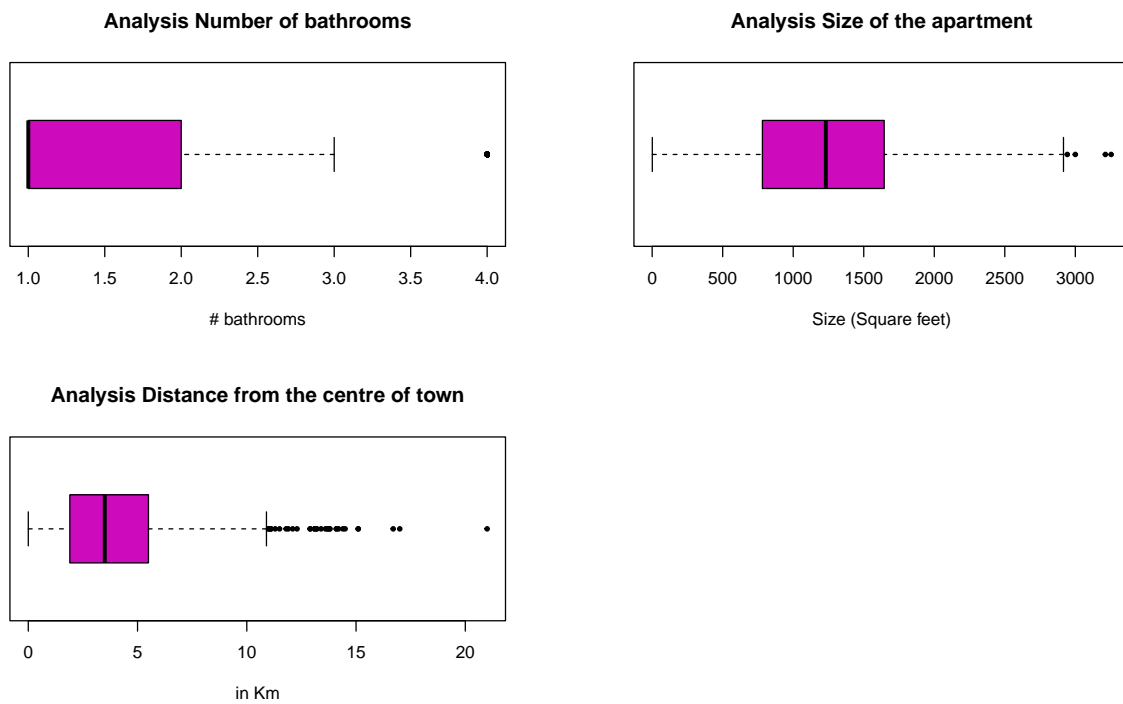
# Creating plots
par(mfrow=c(2,2))

for (i in 1:ncol(lease_data_PR)) {
  if (is.numeric(lease_data_PR[,i])) {
    boxplot(lease_data_PR[,i],
            main=paste("Analysis", names_variables_PR[i]),
            xlab=x_labels_PR[i],
            horizontal=TRUE,
            pch=20,
            col=6)
  }
}

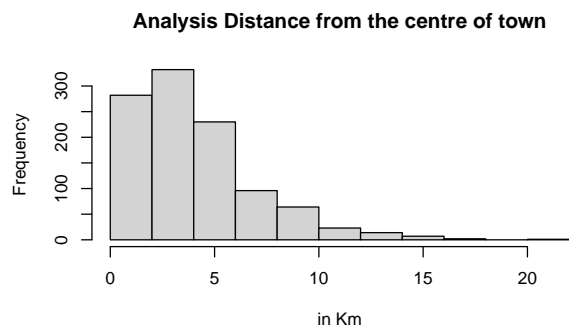
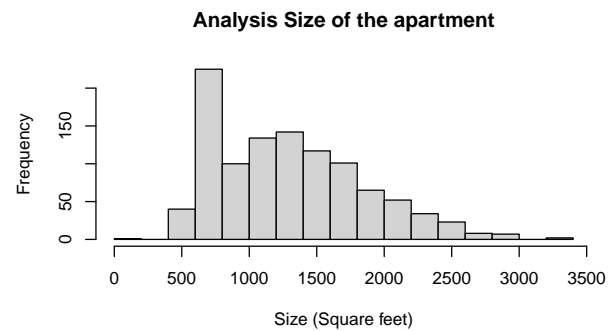
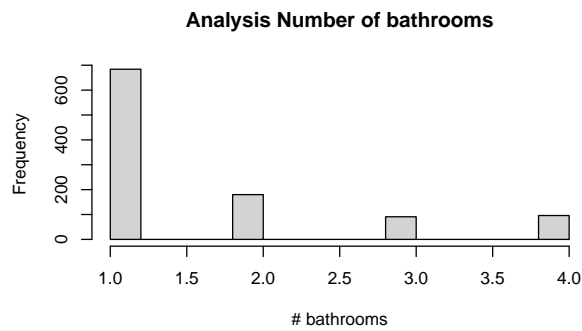
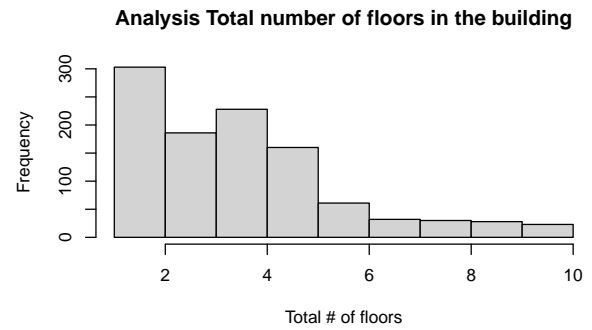
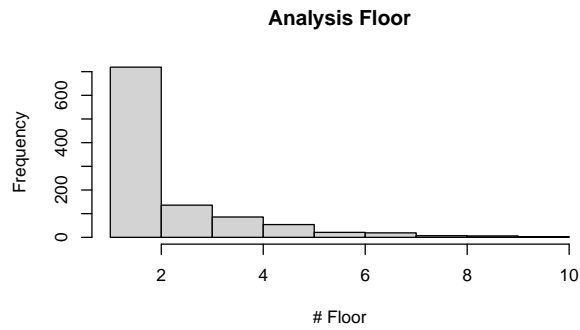
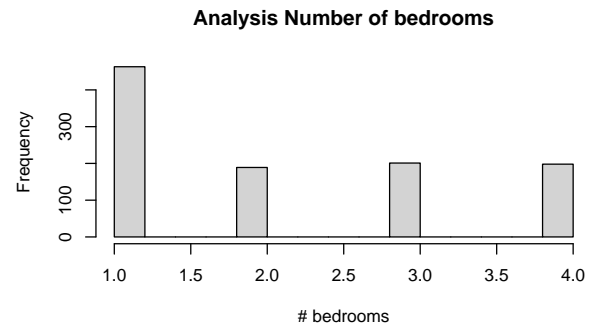
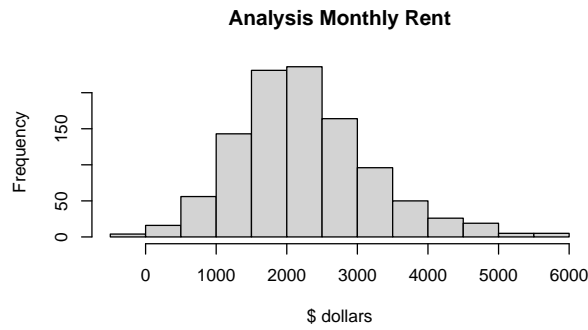
```



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



```
# Creating histograms
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
for (i in 1:ncol(lease_data_PR)) {
  if (is.numeric(lease_data_PR[,i])) {
    hist(lease_data_PR[,i], main=paste("Analysis", names_variables_PR[i]),xlab=x_labels_PR[i])
  }
}
```



### Observations and findings:

- Total # Floor and Bathrooms:* Most buildings in the dataset have between 2 and 5 floors, this is the IQR or 50% of the data set. Regarding to bathrooms, some properties have a higher number of bathrooms (4) but is not unusual.

- *Distance of center of town*: 50% of the properties are located between ~2.5 and 5 km from the center of town.

**Outliers:** I found some relevant outliers in the data.

- *Monthly Rent (Prc\_PR)*: Some observations have rental prices that are below to 0.
- *Size (Sqft\_PR)*: Some properties have a larger size compared to the median, which is not unusual. However, some apartments have a listed size of 0 square feet.

To get more details I will create a density plot for these variables.

```
#RENTAL MONTHLY PRICE
#Density Plot - looking for more details in rental prices
densityplot( ~ lease_data_PR$Prc_PR, pch=3,
main='Details in Monthly rent Data',
xlab="Price in dollars",
col=4)
```



```
head(lease_data_PR[order(lease_data_PR$Prc_PR),c("Prc_PR", "Bed_PR", "floor_PR", "TotFloor_PR", "Bath_PR", "Sqft_PR", "Dist_PR")])
```

| ##     | Prc_PR | Bed_PR | floor_PR | TotFloor_PR | Bath_PR | Sqft_PR | Dist_PR |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| ## 520 | -218.0 | 4      | 1        | 1           | 1       | 637     | 9.5     |
| ## 181 | -198.0 | 3      | 3        | 5           | 1       | 1198    | 10.9    |
| ## 132 | -156.0 | 4      | 5        | 9           | 1       | 1304    | 17.0    |
| ## 157 | -66.3  | 3      | 1        | 2           | 1       | 690     | 10.0    |
| ## 736 | 255.0  | 4      | 2        | 5           | 1       | 662     | 2.0     |
| ## 144 | 322.0  | 1      | 2        | 3           | 1       | 550     | 13.2    |

```
## 359 352.0 1 1 3 1 646 6.1
## 173 373.0 1 1 3 1 509 7.3
```

```
unusual_price_pr <- which(lease_data_PR$Prc_PR <= 0)
unusual_price_pr
```

```
## [1] 132 157 181 520
```

```
# SIZE OF APARTMENTS
#Density Plot - looking for more details in size
densityplot( ~ lease_data_PR$Sqft_PR, pch=3,
main='Details in Size of the apartment',
xlab="in Square feet",
col=2)
```



```
head(lease_data_PR[order(lease_data_PR$Sqft_PR),c("Prc_PR", "Bed_PR", "floor_PR", "TotFloor_PR", "Bath_PR")])
```

```
##      Prc_PR Bed_PR floor_PR TotFloor_PR Bath_PR Sqft_PR Dist_PR
## 145  3080     1       3           4       2       1       6.7
## 1    596     3       3           4       4       501     10.6
## 719  2110     2       2           2       2       501      0.7
## 828  1950     4       2           2       1       505      4.2
## 420  2420     1       3           4       1       506      5.6
```

```
head(lease_data_PR[rev(order(lease_data_PR$Sqft_PR)),c("Prc_PR", "Bed_PR", "floor_PR", "TotFloor_PR", "Bath_PR")])
```

```
##      Prc_PR Bed_PR floor_PR TotFloor_PR Bath_PR Sqft_PR Dist_PR
```

```
## 225    1700      2      1      1      1    3254    3.5
## 216    2960      2      1      3      1    3213    3.0
## 401    3080      1      2      5      1    3000    2.4
## 869    2670      1      4      5      1    2943    3.5
## 821    3400      1      1      3      4    2916    5.5
```

```
unusual_sqft_pr <- which(lease_data_PR$Sqft_PR <= 250 | lease_data_PR$Sqft_PR >=3000)
unusual_sqft_pr
```

```
## [1] 145 216 225 401
```

**Decisions** In those density plots, I found data points that were significantly distant from the other observations. Due to this, I decided to remove the data set points with rental prices below 0 and property sizes below 250 or above 3000 square feet.

```
#DELETING ODD VALUES
lease_data_PR <- lease_data_PR[-c(unusual_sqft_pr,unusual_price_pr),]

#AFTER DELETION
#RENTAL MONTHLY PRICE
#Density Plot - looking for more details in rental prices
densityplot( ~ lease_data_PR$Prc_PR, pch=3,
main='Details in Monthly rent Data',
xlab="Price in dollars",
col=4)
```





```
# SIZE OF APARTMENTS
#Density Plot - looking for more details in size
densityplot( ~ lease_data_PR$Sqft_PR, pch=3,
main='Details in Size of the apartment',
xlab="in Square feet",
col=2)
```



### 3. Analysis main companies

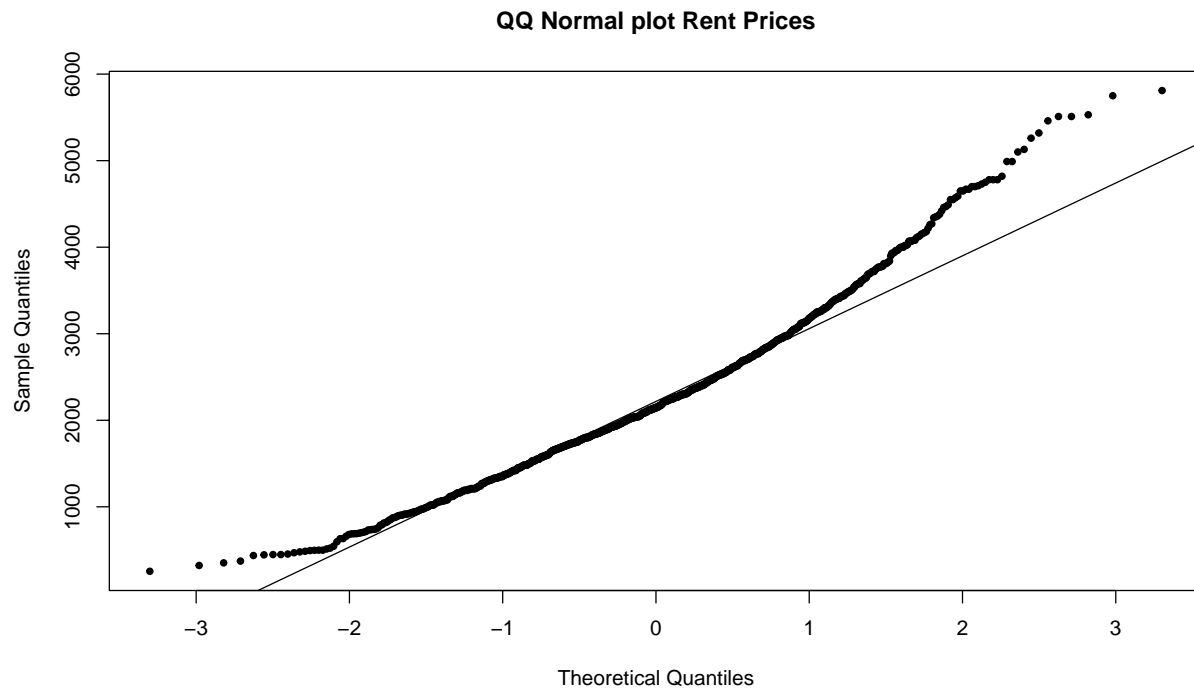
Trying to execute T-Test...

```
# Identify rent prices between the two companies
```

```
#Shapiro test
shapiro.test(lease_data_PR$Prc_PR)
```

```
##
##  Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data:  lease_data_PR$Prc_PR
## W = 0.97063, p-value = 0.0000000000001099
```

```
#Checking normal distribution
qqnorm(lease_data_PR$Prc_PR, main="QQ Normal plot Rent Prices", pch=20)
qqline(lease_data_PR$Prc_PR)
```



```
#Comparing Variance F-Test
```

```
var.test(Prc_PR ~ Comp_PR, data=lease_data_PR)
```

```
##
```

```
## F test to compare two variances
```

```
##
```

```
## data: Prc_PR by Comp_PR
```

```
## F = 1.1642, num df = 360, denom df = 681, p-value = 0.09483
```

```
## alternative hypothesis: true ratio of variances is not equal to 1
```

```
## 95 percent confidence interval:
```

```
## 0.9740584 1.3985304
```

```
## sample estimates:
```

```
## ratio of variances
```

```
## 1.164177
```

**Explanations** I found the following results for each assumption from T-test:

1. Data are independent → PASS
2. Data is NOT normal distributed. The  $S^2_{T\_PR}$  did not pass the Shapiro Test because p-value is  $< 0.05$  (I rejected the hypothesis) and QQ Normal plot shows a deviation from the diagonal line. FAIL
3. F-Test → PASS p-value =  $0.1227 > 0.05$ . The variances of the prices in both companies are equal (96% confident)

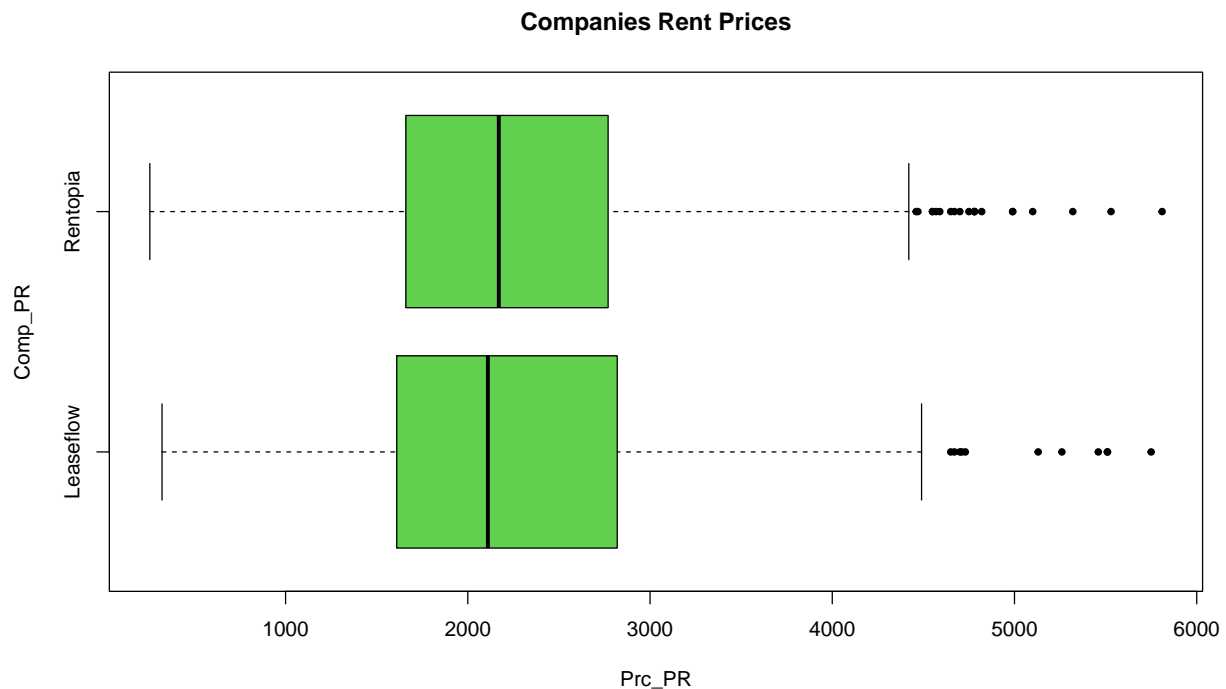
```
#Wilcoxon test
```

```
wilcox.test(Prc_PR ~ Comp_PR, data=lease_data_PR)
```

```
##
```

```
## Wilcoxon rank sum test with continuity correction
##
## data: Prc_PR by Comp_PR
## W = 120436, p-value = 0.5648
## alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```

```
#showing box plot
boxplot(Prc_PR ~ Comp_PR ,
data=lease_data_PR,
main="Companies Rent Prices",
horizontal=TRUE, col=3,pch=20)
```



I could not use T-Test because this metric violates 2/3 normality assumptions. For that reason I used Wilcoxon test. The Wilcoxon test result was p-value > 0.05, indicating that there is not significant evidence to reject the hypothesis that rental prices are the same btw the two companies.

#### 4. Training and Test Set

**Splitting the dataframe into a training and a test** the rate of data for my train and test set is 65/35  
My speed is -> 3215

```
# Number of rows of data
n.row <- nrow(lease_data_PR)
# Choose sampling rate
set.seed(3215)
sr_pr <- 0.65
#Choose the rows for the training sample with my student id
training.rows <- sample(1:n.row, sr_pr*n.row, replace=FALSE)
#Assign to the training sample
```

```
train_pr <- subset(lease_data_PR[training.rows,])
# Assign the balance to the Test Sample (rest of data)
test_pr <- subset(lease_data_PR[-c(training.rows),])
```

Comparisson train and test dataset    Some sumarizations

```
#summaries
summary(train_pr)
```

```
##      Prc_PR      Bed_PR      floor_PR      TotFloor_PR      Bath_PR
##  Min.   : 255    Min.   :1.000    Min.   : 1.000    Min.   : 1.0    Min.   :1.000
## 1st Qu.:1690    1st Qu.:1.000    1st Qu.: 1.000    1st Qu.: 2.0    1st Qu.:1.000
## Median :2180    Median :2.000    Median : 2.000    Median : 4.0    Median :1.000
## Mean   :2311    Mean   :2.089    Mean   : 2.258    Mean   : 3.9    Mean   :1.653
## 3rd Qu.:2820    3rd Qu.:3.000    3rd Qu.: 3.000    3rd Qu.: 5.0    3rd Qu.:2.000
## Max.   :5810    Max.   :4.000    Max.   :10.000    Max.   :10.0    Max.   :4.000
##      Sqft_PR      City_PR      Comp_PR      Dist_PR
##  Min.   : 505    Blossomville:220    Leaseflow:219    Min.   : 0.000
## 1st Qu.: 779    Riverport  :240    Rentopia :458    1st Qu.: 1.900
## Median :1233    Terranova  :217                    Median : 3.600
## Mean   :1275                    Mean   : 4.106
## 3rd Qu.:1628                    3rd Qu.: 5.300
## Max.   :2943                    Max.   :16.700
```

```
summary(test_pr)
```

```
##      Prc_PR      Bed_PR      floor_PR      TotFloor_PR
##  Min.   : 373    Min.   :1.000    Min.   : 1.000    Min.   : 1.000
## 1st Qu.:1572    1st Qu.:1.000    1st Qu.: 1.000    1st Qu.: 2.000
## Median :2070    Median :2.000    Median : 2.000    Median : 4.000
## Mean   :2188    Mean   :2.191    Mean   : 2.301    Mean   : 3.899
## 3rd Qu.:2710    3rd Qu.:3.000    3rd Qu.: 3.000    3rd Qu.: 5.000
## Max.   :5750    Max.   :4.000    Max.   :10.000    Max.   :10.000
##      Bath_PR      Sqft_PR      City_PR      Comp_PR
##  Min.   :1.000    Min.   : 501.0    Blossomville:142    Leaseflow:142
## 1st Qu.:1.000    1st Qu.: 826.8    Riverport  :113    Rentopia :224
## Median :1.000    Median :1224.0    Terranova  :111
## Mean   :1.566    Mean   :1307.3
## 3rd Qu.:2.000    3rd Qu.:1684.5
## Max.   :4.000    Max.   :2916.0
##      Dist_PR
##  Min.   : 0.200
## 1st Qu.: 1.900
## Median : 3.200
## Mean   : 4.034
## 3rd Qu.: 5.500
## Max.   :21.000
```

```
#mean each set
round(mean(train_pr$Prc_PR),6)
```

```
## [1] 2310.582
```

```
round(mean(test_pr$Prc_PR),6)
```

```
## [1] 2187.798
```

```
#comparing median with wilcox test  
wilcox.test(train_pr$Prc_PR, test_pr$Prc_PR)
```

```
##  
## Wilcoxon rank sum test with continuity correction  
##  
## data: train_pr$Prc_PR and test_pr$Prc_PR  
## W = 132228, p-value = 0.07259  
## alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```

In the summaries, I did not evidence any dissimilarities. The means show that there are not significant differences between sets.

In addition, the result of wilcoxon test (p-value = 0.07) indicates that the medians are the same. Based on these findings, it is appropriate to proceed with model creation.

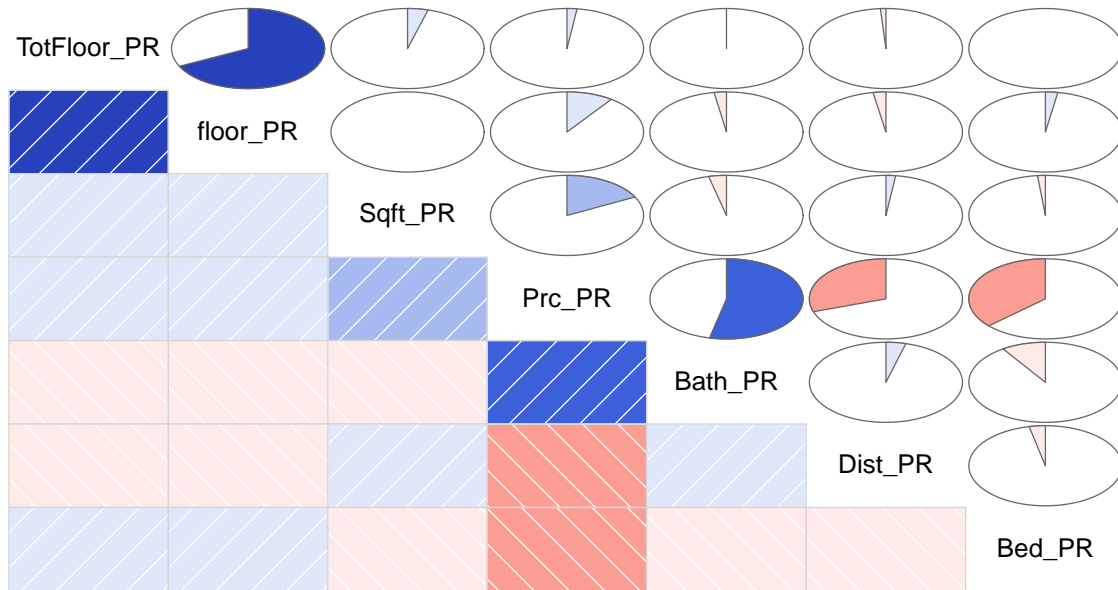
## 2. Simple Linear Regression

### 1. Correlations

Graphical and numerical correlations

```
# Correlation plot  
corrgram(train_pr, order=TRUE, lower.panel=panel.shade,  
          upper.panel=panel.pie, text.panel=panel.txt,  
          main="Correlations in train set")
```

### Correlations in train set



*#Numerical correlations*

```
train_cor_pr <- cor(train_pr[sapply(train_pr, is.numeric)], method="spearman")
round(train_cor_pr, 2)
```

```
##          Prc_PR Bed_PR floor_PR TotFloor_PR Bath_PR Sqft_PR Dist_PR
## Prc_PR      1.00 -0.38   0.15         0.08   0.44   0.17  -0.29
## Bed_PR     -0.38  1.00   0.02        -0.01  -0.07  -0.01  -0.05
## floor_PR    0.15  0.02   1.00         0.65  -0.02  -0.01  -0.03
## TotFloor_PR 0.08 -0.01   0.65         1.00  -0.01   0.05  -0.03
## Bath_PR     0.44 -0.07  -0.02        -0.01   1.00  -0.02   0.04
## Sqft_PR     0.17 -0.01  -0.01         0.05  -0.02   1.00   0.01
## Dist_PR    -0.29 -0.05  -0.03        -0.03   0.04   0.01   1.00
```

### Findings

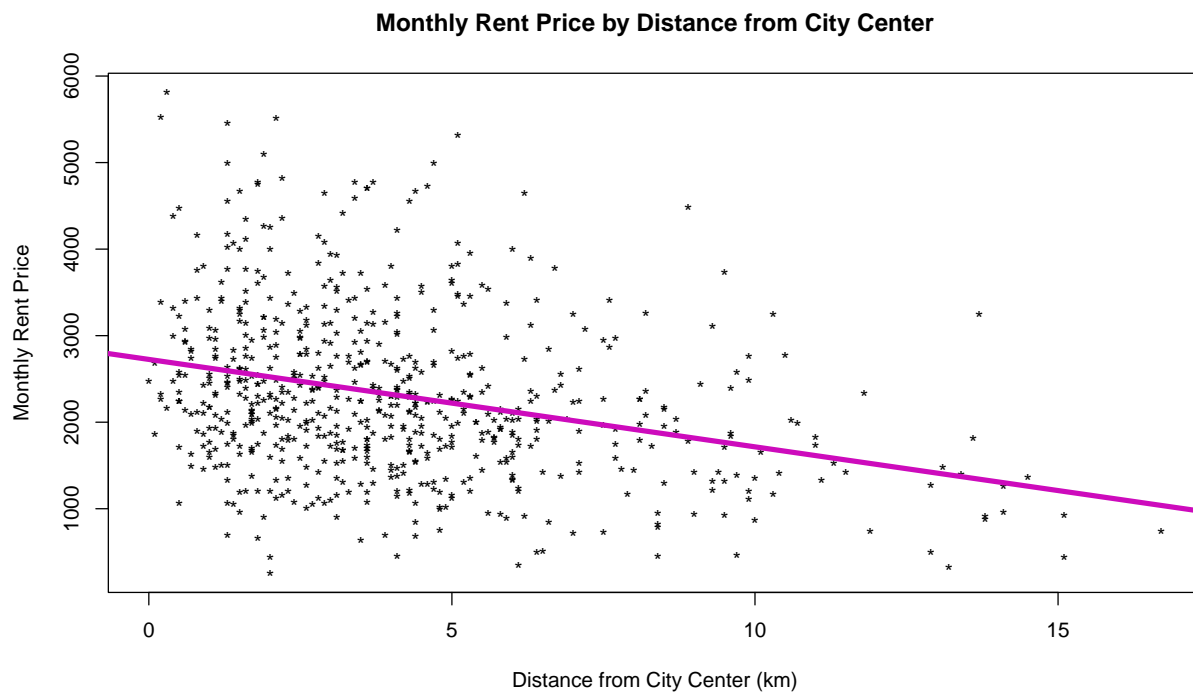
- *TotFloor\_PR* and *floor\_PR* 65% of correlation. There is an obvious positive correlation between both variables. Which indicates that buildings with more floors have apartments located in higher floors.
- *Prc\_PR* and *Bath\_PR* 45% of correlation. Indicates that apartments with more bathrooms tend to have a higher monthly rent
- *Bed\_PR* and *Prc\_PR* -38% of surprising correlation. There is a negative correlations, which means that apartments with less bedrooms curiously are more expensive than apartments with more bedrooms.
- *Prc\_PR* and *Dist\_PR* -29% of correlation. This negative correlations indicates that if there less distance is between apartments and center of town more expensive apartment is.
- *Prc\_PR* and *Sqft\_PR* 17% correlation. There is a positive correlation between price and apartment size. This indicates that bigger apartments tend to have higher rent price. Which is expected, however the correlation is weak.

## 2. Simple linear regression model $\text{Prc\_PR} \sim \text{Dist\_PR}$

Using rental price the dependent variable and distance from town centre as the independent variable

```
# Creating linear model
mod.Dist_PR <- lm(Prc_PR ~ Dist_PR, data = train_pr)

# Creating plot with regression line
plot(Prc_PR ~ Dist_PR, data = train_pr, pch = 42,
     , main = "Monthly Rent Price by Distance from City Center",
     , xlab = "Distance from City Center (km)",
     , ylab = "Monthly Rent Price")
abline(mod.Dist_PR, col = 14, lwd = 4)
```

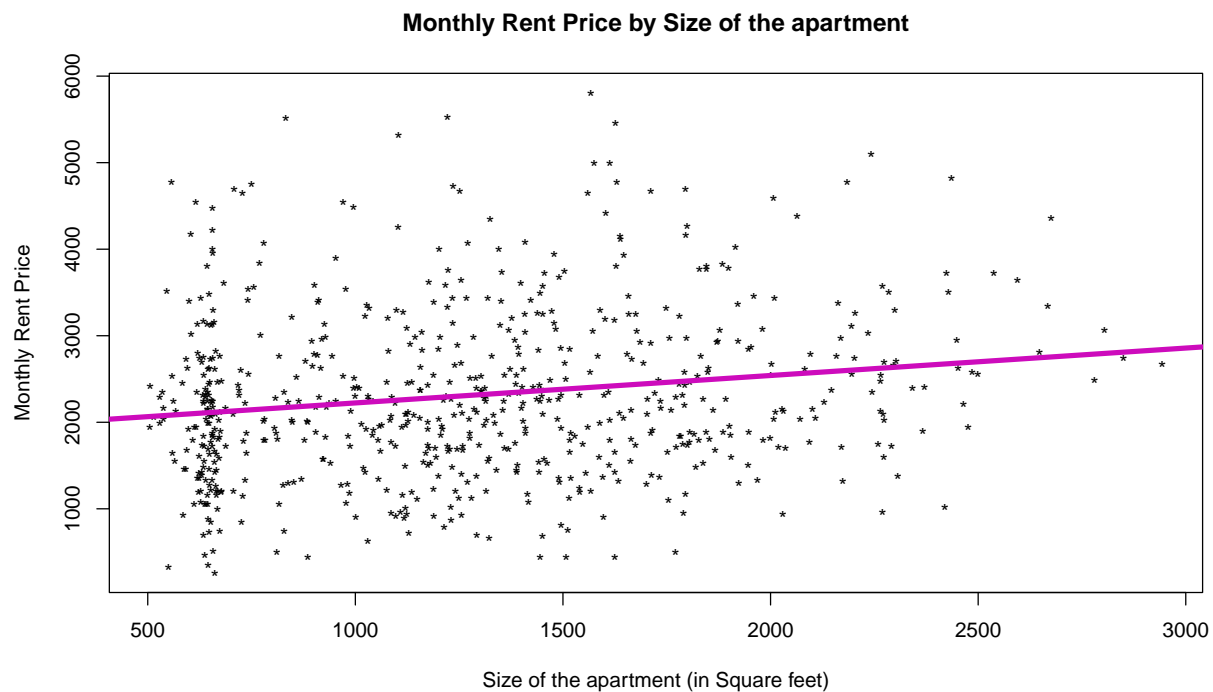


## 3. Simple linear regression model $\text{Prc\_PR} \sim \text{Sqft\_PR}$

Using rental price the dependent variable and size of the apartment as the independent variable

```
# Creating linear model
mod.Sqft_PR <- lm(Prc_PR ~ Sqft_PR, data = train_pr)

# Creating plot with regression line
plot(Prc_PR ~ Sqft_PR, data = train_pr, pch = 42, main = "Monthly Rent Price by Size of the apartment",
     , xlab = "Size of the apartment (in Square feet)",
     , ylab = "Monthly Rent Price")
abline(mod.Sqft_PR, col = 14, lwd = 4)
```



#### 4. Comparing the models `mod.Dist_PR` and `mod.Sqft_PR`

To select the best model, it is necessary to compare the following summaries:

```
# Comparing summaries Dist_PR
summary(mod.Dist_PR)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Prc_PR ~ Dist_PR, data = train_pr)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2268.4  -593.8  -114.4   450.2  3114.9
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  2725.42     61.53   44.292 < 2e-16 ***
## Dist_PR      -101.02     12.28   -8.228 9.81e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 917.8 on 675 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.09115,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.08981
## F-statistic:  67.7 on 1 and 675 DF,  p-value: 9.808e-16
```



```
pred.Dist_PR <- predict(mod.Dist_PR, newdata=train_pr)
RMSE_trn_Dist_PR <- sqrt(mean((train_pr$Prc_PR - pred.Dist_PR)^2))
RMSE_trn_Dist_PR
```

```
## [1] 916.456
```

```
# Model in test set Dist_PR
```

```
pred.Dist_tst_PR <- predict(mod.Dist_PR, newdata = test_pr)
RMSE_tst_Dist_PR <- sqrt(mean((test_pr$Prc_PR - pred.Dist_tst_PR)^2))
RMSE_tst_Dist_PR
```

```
## [1] 873.1584
```

```
# Comparing summaries Sqft_PR
```

```
summary(mod.Sqft_PR)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Prc_PR ~ Sqft_PR, data = train_pr)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1984.6  -637.3  -112.1   508.8  3406.8
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value    Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 1906.29376    95.28154   20.007 < 2e-16 ***
## Sqft_PR      0.31713     0.06906    4.592 0.00000523 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 948 on 675 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.03029,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.02886
## F-statistic: 21.09 on 1 and 675 DF,  p-value: 0.000005234
```

```
pred.Sqft_PR <- predict(mod.Sqft_PR, newdata=train_pr)
RMSE_trn_Sqft_PR <- sqrt(mean((train_pr$Prc_PR - pred.Sqft_PR)^2))
RMSE_trn_Sqft_PR
```

```
## [1] 946.6432
```

```
# Model in test set Sqft_PR
```

```
pred.Sqft_tst_PR <- predict(mod.Sqft_PR, newdata = test_pr)
RMSE_tst_Dist_PR <- sqrt(mean((test_pr$Prc_PR - pred.Sqft_tst_PR)^2))
RMSE_tst_Dist_PR
```

```
## [1] 902.6996
```

## Findings

- **Analysis** ——— **mod.Dist\_PR** ——— **mod.Sqft\_PR**

F-Stat ——— p-value(9.808e-16) - PASS ——— p-value (0.000005234) - PASS

R2 Adj ——— - 8.9 (could be better) ——— - 2.8 (could be better)

Residual ——— No symmetric ——— No symmetric

t-test ——— p-value < 0.05 - PASS ——— p-value < 0.05 - PASS

Coefficients ——— consistency (negative) ——— consistency (positive)

RMSE train ——— 916.456 ——— 946.6432

RMSE test ——— 873.1584 ——— 902.6996

## Conclusions

- Both models have p-values for the f-stat significantly low. Which means that those variables are useful to predict rental price. Even though R2 Adj. is relatively low, the variability explained by Dist\_PR is better with 8.9.
- The residuals in both models are no symmetrical, the minimum and maximum are so separated and the median is not close to 0.
- Related to coefficients, the t-test suggest that both variables got a p-value less than 0.05 and the coefficients are consistent with the correlations previously shown.
- The RMSE results of mod.Dist\_PR (916.456) in comparison with the mod.Sqft\_PR (946.6432) is better. In both models, the training set and test set are relatively closed (916.456 vs. 873.1584 for mod.Dist\_PR, and 946.6432 vs. 902.6996 for mod.Sqft\_PR). This suggest that models are not over-fitting neither under-fitting.

I think that the best model based on the coefficients and R2 adjusted is mod.Dist\_PR. However, this model could explain what happened but I would not use those models to predict new observations based on the R2 adj. I could add more variables to find a best model.

## 3. Model Development – Multivariate

### Model Using All the variables

```
# Creating full model
mod.Full_PR <- lm(Prc_PR ~ . , data = train_pr, na.action=na.omit)

# Summaries Model
summary(mod.Full_PR)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Prc_PR ~ . , data = train_pr, na.action = na.omit)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
```

```
## -1908.75 -417.17 22.27 434.88 2021.73
##
## Coefficients:
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 1950.21465 113.14563 17.236 < 2e-16 ***
## Bed_PR -287.82178 20.45320 -14.072 < 2e-16 ***
## floor_PR 95.67592 19.96165 4.793 2.03e-06 ***
## TotFloor_PR -44.00865 15.44225 -2.850 0.00451 **
## Bath_PR 505.27175 23.99709 21.056 < 2e-16 ***
## Sqft_PR 0.36438 0.04502 8.093 2.76e-15 ***
## City_PRRiverport 337.78900 58.06449 5.817 9.27e-09 ***
## City_PRTerranova -104.34949 59.30342 -1.760 0.07894 .
## Comp_PRRentopia -1.74721 50.69561 -0.034 0.97252
## Dist_PR -113.90402 8.25436 -13.799 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 615 on 667 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.5968, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5914
## F-statistic: 109.7 on 9 and 667 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
#Calculing RMSE in train set
```

```
pred.Full_PR <- predict(mod.Full_PR, newdata=train_pr)
RMSE_trn_Full_PR <- sqrt(mean((train_pr$Prc_PR - pred.Full_PR)^2))
RMSE_trn_Full_PR
```

```
## [1] 610.4129
```

```
#Calculing RMSE in train set
```

```
pred.Full_tst_PR <- predict(mod.Full_PR, newdata = test_pr)
RMSE_tst_Full_PR <- sqrt(mean((test_pr$Prc_PR - pred.Full_tst_PR)^2))
RMSE_tst_Full_PR
```

```
## [1] 636.2402
```

## Findings Full Model

- Analysis ————— **mod.Full\_PR**
- F-Stat ————— p-value(2.2e-16) - PASS
- R2 Adj ————— 59.1 (works)
- Residual ————— It's not perfect but it's better
- t-test ————— p-value < 0.05 - 8/10 PASS
- Coefficients ————— Match with correlations
- RMSE train ————— - 610.4129
- RMSE test ————— 636.2631

## Conclusions

- Both models have p-values for the f-stat significantly low.
- The R2 Adj. result is much better because explain about 59% of variability in data. Which means that these variables are useful for predicting rental price.

- The residuals in this model are a little more symmetrical, the minimum and maximum are quite far apart but it looks more symmetrical.
- Regarding the coefficients, mostly all of variables (8/10) have p-value below 0.05, and the coefficients are align with the correlation matrix.
- The training RMSE and the test RMSE are similar Suggesting the model generalizes well and is neither overfitting nor underfitting. Additionally is much better that previous models.

Based on the coefficients, the f-stat, the R2 adjusted, and the RMSE, this model seems to be more effective in predicting rental price that previos models.

## Model Using Backward

```
# Creating backward model
```

```
mod.Back_PR <- step(mod.Full_PR, direction="backward", details=TRUE)
```

```
## Start: AIC=8704.74
```

```
## Prc_PR ~ Bed_PR + floor_PR + TotFloor_PR + Bath_PR + Sqft_PR +  
## City_PR + Comp_PR + Dist_PR
```

```
##
```

|               | Df | Sum of Sq | RSS       | AIC    |
|---------------|----|-----------|-----------|--------|
| - Comp_PR     | 1  | 449       | 252253291 | 8702.7 |
| <none>        |    |           | 252252842 | 8704.7 |
| - TotFloor_PR | 1  | 3071604   | 255324446 | 8710.9 |
| - floor_PR    | 1  | 8688053   | 260940895 | 8725.7 |
| - City_PR     | 2  | 24150793  | 276403635 | 8762.6 |
| - Sqft_PR     | 1  | 24769890  | 277022732 | 8766.2 |
| - Dist_PR     | 1  | 72014845  | 324267687 | 8872.8 |
| - Bed_PR      | 1  | 74891921  | 327144764 | 8878.7 |
| - Bath_PR     | 1  | 167665225 | 419918067 | 9047.8 |

```
##
```

```
## Step: AIC=8702.74
```

```
## Prc_PR ~ Bed_PR + floor_PR + TotFloor_PR + Bath_PR + Sqft_PR +  
## City_PR + Dist_PR
```

```
##
```

|               | Df | Sum of Sq | RSS       | AIC    |
|---------------|----|-----------|-----------|--------|
| <none>        |    |           | 252253291 | 8702.7 |
| - TotFloor_PR | 1  | 3085025   | 255338316 | 8709.0 |
| - floor_PR    | 1  | 8734842   | 260988133 | 8723.8 |
| - City_PR     | 2  | 24171451  | 276424742 | 8760.7 |
| - Sqft_PR     | 1  | 24770711  | 277024002 | 8764.2 |
| - Dist_PR     | 1  | 72057081  | 324310373 | 8870.8 |
| - Bed_PR      | 1  | 74893077  | 327146369 | 8876.7 |
| - Bath_PR     | 1  | 167702925 | 419956217 | 9045.8 |

```
# Summaries Model
```

```
summary(mod.Back_PR)
```

```
##
```

```
## Call:
```

```
## lm(formula = Prc_PR ~ Bed_PR + floor_PR + TotFloor_PR + Bath_PR +
```

```
##      Sqft_PR + City_PR + Dist_PR, data = train_pr, na.action = na.omit)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min        1Q      Median        3Q        Max
## -1909.3   -417.7       21.7    436.0   2023.0
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    1949.09804    108.32677   17.993 < 2e-16 ***
## Bed_PR         -287.82332     20.43786  -14.083 < 2e-16 ***
## floor_PR        95.72159     19.90273    4.809 1.87e-06 ***
## TotFloor_PR    -44.03792     15.40734   -2.858 0.00439 **
## Bath_PR        505.25792     23.97579   21.074 < 2e-16 ***
## Sqft_PR         0.36436      0.04499    8.099 2.63e-15 ***
## City_PRRiverport 337.70983     57.97563    5.825 8.88e-09 ***
## City_PRTerranova -104.37765     59.25345   -1.762 0.07860 .
## Dist_PR        -113.89639      8.24521  -13.814 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 614.5 on 668 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.5968, Adjusted R-squared:  0.592
## F-statistic: 123.6 on 8 and 668 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
# RMSE in train
pred.Back_PR <- predict(mod.Back_PR, newdata=train_pr)
RMSE_trn_Back_PR <- sqrt(mean((train_pr$Prc_PR - pred.Back_PR)^2))
RMSE_trn_Back_PR
```

```
## [1] 610.4134
```

```
# RMSE in test
pred.Back_tst_PR <- predict(mod.Back_PR, newdata = test_pr)
RMSE_tst_Back_PR <- sqrt(mean((test_pr$Prc_PR - pred.Back_tst_PR)^2))
RMSE_tst_Back_PR
```

```
## [1] 636.2359
```

## Findings Bck

- Analysis ————— **mod.Back\_PR**
- F-Stat ————— p-value(2.2e-16) - PASS
- R2 Adj ————— 59.2 (the best at this point)
- Residual ————— It's not perfect but it's better
- t-test ————— p-value < 0.05 - 8/10 PASS
- Coefficients ————— Match with correlations
- RMSE train ————— 610.4134
- RMSE test ————— 636.2359

## Conclusions

- The process started with all variables included, but in the second step the variable Comp was removed.

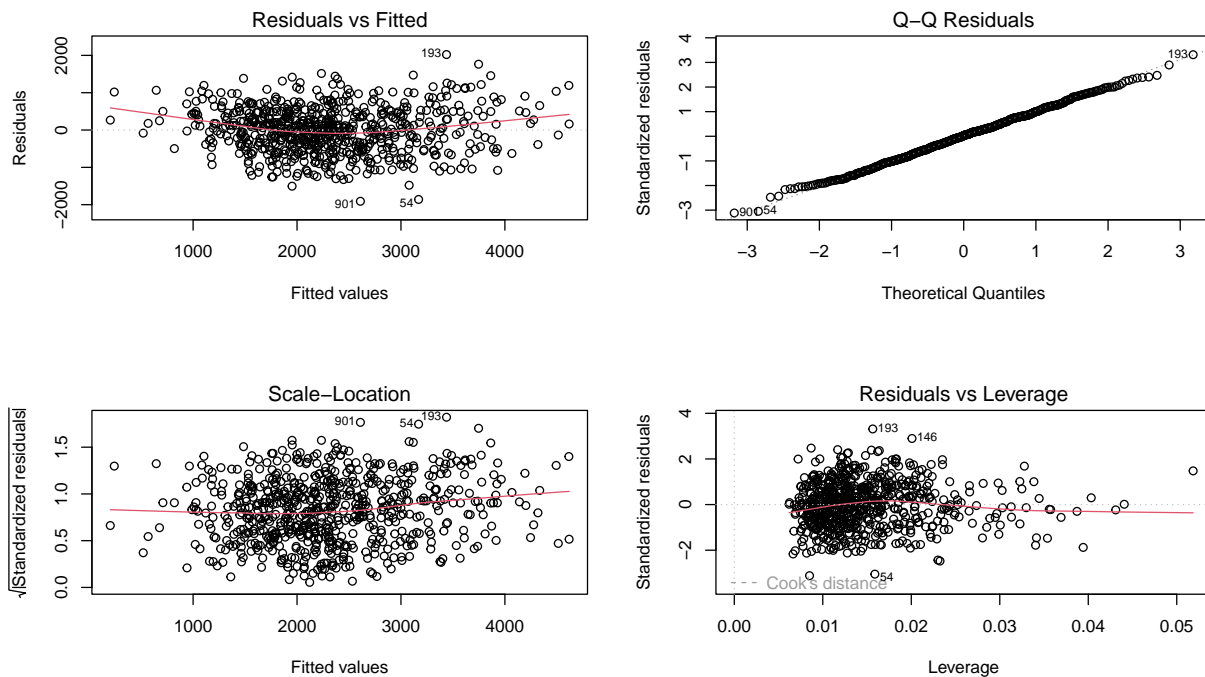
- Only one variable was removed, compared with the full model. For this reason, the final model is similar to the full model, with minimal differences.

It can possible notice a slight improvement in the  $R^2$  adj. which increased from 59.1 in the full model to 59.2 in the final model.

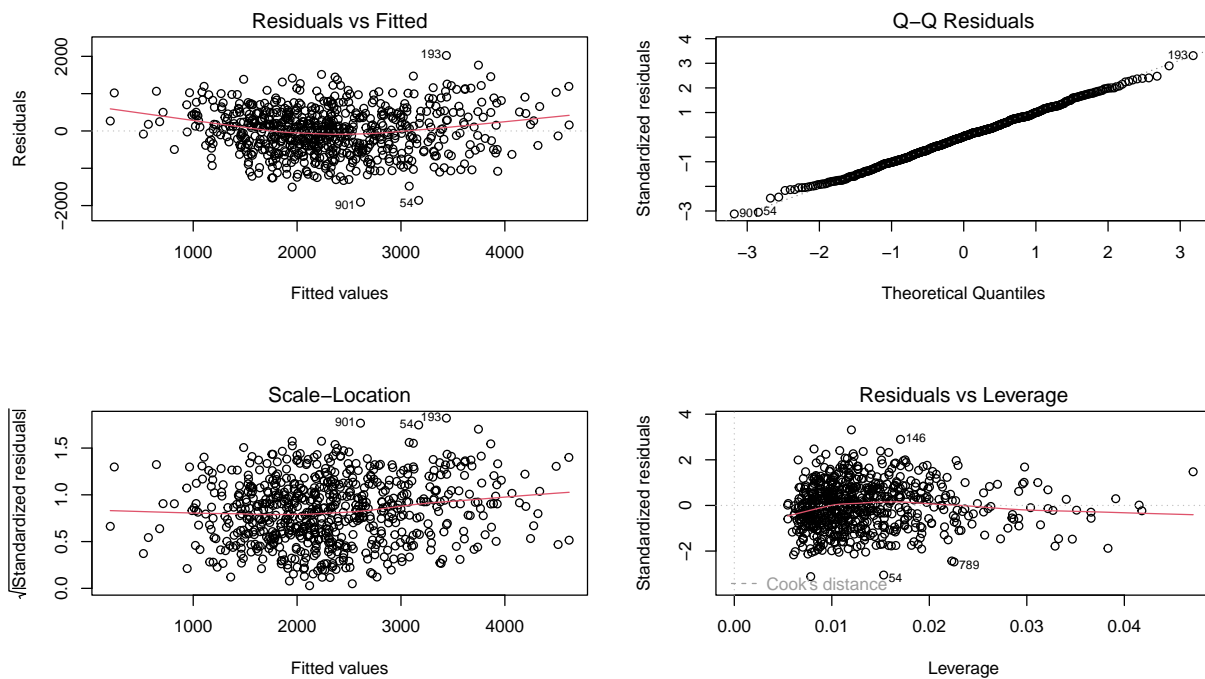
## 4. Model Evaluation – Verifying Assumptions – Multivariate

### Plot Residuals

```
# Evaluating the Models - residuals
# Model 1
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
plot(mod.Full_PR)
```



```
# Model 2
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
plot(mod.Back_PR)
```



## Shapiro test

```
#creating vectors the residual for each model,

full.res_pr <- residuals(mod.Full_PR)
back.res_pr <- residuals(mod.Back_PR)

# Validating if residuals are normal in full model
shapiro.test(full.res_pr)
```

```
##
##  Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data:  full.res_pr
## W = 0.99856, p-value = 0.8629
```

```
# Validating if residuals are normal in back model
shapiro.test(back.res_pr)
```

```
##
##  Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data:  back.res_pr
## W = 0.99856, p-value = 0.8624
```

## Analyzing the errors

- **Linearity** - Both models meets this assumption. The relationship between response variables and predictor variables are linear. There are not patterns in there
- **Independence of predictors** - Both models meets this assumption. Observations are independent of each other, no linear relationship.
- **Distribution of Error Terms** - Both models meets this assumption. The QQ plot are very similar, indicating that errors are normaly distributed, The Shapiro test got results above to 0.8 indicating that both model are normal.
- **The residuals are homoscedastic** - Both models meet assumption. In the models the variance of the errors is constant, which means both models are stables.

In the residuals vs Leverage charts, we can see an observation which has a high leverage and an influential point. However, points did not fall in the Cook's distance, meaning that we don't have significant influences.

## 5. Final Recommendation – Multivariate

### Compare all RMSE

```
#RMSE FULL
RMSE_full_PR <- c(RMSE_trn_Full_PR,RMSE_tst_Full_PR)
round(RMSE_full_PR,2)
```

```
## [1] 610.41 636.24
```

```
#RMSE BCK
RMSE_back_PR <- c(RMSE_trn_Back_PR,RMSE_tst_Back_PR)
round(RMSE_back_PR,2)
```

```
## [1] 610.41 636.24
```

```
#Mean residuals
mean(full.res_pr)
```

```
## [1] -4.112919e-15
```

```
mean(back.res_pr)
```

```
## [1] -3.34164e-14
```

- Based on the results, the RMSE in both models (full and backward) is almost the same, providing more precision in predicting rental prices. Considering rental price range (min: 255, median: 2180, and max: 5810), an RMSE of ~610 in the training, is not bad in relation to the median rental price.
- The RMSE results for both training and test, are similar, indicating that there is neither overfitting nor underfitting.
- The R2 in both model is also similar, which means the models can explain 59% of the variability.
- Both models meet the residuals' assumptions.
- The mean of the residuals are close to 0 (full: -4.112919e-15; back: -3.34164e-14)

The biggest difference between the full model and the backward model is the number of variables, as the backward model eliminated Comp\_PR. Due to its simplicity, I recommend the backward model for predicting rental prices



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