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DATA 621 – Business Analytics and Data Mining

Homework 1

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1.0 Summary

In this homework assignment, you will explore, analyze and model a data set containing approximately 2200 records. Each record represents a professional baseball team from the years 1871 to 2006 inclusive. Each record has the performance of the team for the given year, with all of the statistics adjusted to match the performance of a 162 game season.

Your objective is to build a multiple linear regression model on the training data to predict the number of wins for the team. You can only use the variables given to you (or variables that you derive from the variables provided). Below is a short description of the variables of interest in the data set:

VARIABLE NAME	DEFINITION	THEORETICAL EFFECT
INDEX	Identification Variable (do not use)	None
TARGET_WINS	Number of wins	
TEAM_BATTING_H	Base Hits by batters (1B,2B,3B,HR)	Positive Impact on Wins
TEAM_BATTING_2B	Doubles by batters (2B)	Positive Impact on Wins
TEAM_BATTING_3B	Triples by batters (3B)	Positive Impact on Wins
TEAM_BATTING_HR	Homeruns by batters (4B)	Positive Impact on Wins
TEAM_BATTING_BB	Walks by batters	Positive Impact on Wins
TEAM_BATTING_HBP	Batters hit by pitch (get a free base)	Positive Impact on Wins
TEAM_BATTING_SO	Strikeouts by batters	Negative Impact on Wins
TEAM_BASERUN_SB	Stolen bases	Positive Impact on Wins
TEAM_BASERUN_CS	Caught stealing	Negative Impact on Wins
TEAM_FIELDING_E	Errors	Negative Impact on Wins
TEAM_FIELDING_DP	Double Plays	Positive Impact on Wins
TEAM_PITCHING_BB	Walks allowed	Negative Impact on Wins
TEAM_PITCHING_H	Hits allowed	Negative Impact on Wins
TEAM_PITCHING_HR	Homeruns allowed	Negative Impact on Wins
TEAM_PITCHING_SO	Strikeouts by pitchers	Positive Impact on Wins

Deliverables:

1. A write-up submitted in PDF format. Your write-up should have four sections. Each one is described below. You may assume you are addressing me as a fellow data scientist, so do not need to shy away from technical details.
2. Assigned predictions (the number of wins for the team) for the evaluation data set.
3. Include your R statistical programming code in an Appendix.

Write-up sections :

1. Data Exploration
2. Data Preparation
3. Build Models
4. Select Models

2.0 Data Exploration

First of all, load the data and analyze to get some insights like summary, how the data got distributed and correlation between variables and understand the data by using stats, plots and summary. The objective of this analysis is to develop a better understanding of the data to include its shape, central tendencies, completeness (missing data) and its correlation to our response variable Target_Wins.

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##   TARGET_WINS      TEAM_BATTING_H TEAM_BATTING_2B TEAM_BATTING_3B
##   Min.   : 0.00   Min.   : 891   Min.   : 69.0   Min.   : 0.00
##   1st Qu.: 71.00  1st Qu.:1383  1st Qu.:208.0  1st Qu.: 34.00
##   Median : 82.00  Median :1454  Median :238.0  Median : 47.00
##   Mean   : 80.79  Mean   :1469  Mean   :241.2  Mean   : 55.25
##   3rd Qu.: 92.00  3rd Qu.:1537  3rd Qu.:273.0  3rd Qu.: 72.00
##   Max.   :146.00  Max.   :2554  Max.   :458.0  Max.   :223.00
##
##   TEAM_BATTING_HR TEAM_BATTING_BB TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB
##   Min.   : 0.00   Min.   : 0.0   Min.   : 0.0   Min.   : 0.0
##   1st Qu.: 42.00  1st Qu.:451.0  1st Qu.: 548.0  1st Qu.: 66.0
##   Median :102.00  Median :512.0   Median : 750.0  Median :101.0
##   Mean   : 99.61  Mean   :501.6   Mean   : 735.6  Mean   :124.8
##   3rd Qu.:147.00  3rd Qu.:580.0  3rd Qu.: 930.0  3rd Qu.:156.0
##   Max.   :264.00  Max.   :878.0   Max.   :1399.0  Max.   :697.0
##   NA's   :102     NA's   :102    NA's   :131
##
##   TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_PITCHING_H TEAM_PITCHING_HR
##   Min.   : 0.0   Min.   :29.00  Min.   : 1137  Min.   : 0.0
##   1st Qu.: 38.0  1st Qu.:50.50  1st Qu.: 1419  1st Qu.: 50.0
##   Median : 49.0  Median :58.00  Median : 1518  Median :107.0
##   Mean   : 52.8  Mean   :59.36  Mean   : 1779  Mean   :105.7
##   3rd Qu.: 62.0  3rd Qu.:67.00  3rd Qu.: 1682  3rd Qu.:150.0
##   Max.   :201.0  Max.   :95.00  Max.   :30132  Max.   :343.0
##   NA's   :772    NA's   :2085
##
##   TEAM_PITCHING_BB TEAM_PITCHING_SO TEAM_FIELDING_E TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##   Min.   : 0.0   Min.   : 0.0   Min.   : 65.0   Min.   : 52.0
##   1st Qu.: 476.0 1st Qu.: 615.0  1st Qu.:127.0  1st Qu.:131.0
##   Median : 536.5 Median : 813.5  Median : 159.0  Median :149.0
##   Mean   : 553.0 Mean   : 817.7  Mean   : 246.5  Mean   :146.4
##   3rd Qu.: 611.0 3rd Qu.: 968.0  3rd Qu.:249.2  3rd Qu.:164.0
##   Max.   :3645.0 Max.   :19278.0 Max.   :1898.0  Max.   :228.0
##   NA's   :102     NA's   :286
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##      n
## 1 2276
```

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## [1] "TARGET_WINS"      "TEAM_BATTING_H"    "TEAM_BATTING_2B"  "TEAM_BATTING_3B"
## [5] "TEAM_BATTING_HR"   "TEAM_BATTING_BB"   "TEAM_BATTING_SO"  "TEAM_BASERUN_SB"
## [9] "TEAM_BASERUN_CS"   "TEAM_BATTING_HBP"  "TEAM_PITCHING_H"  "TEAM_PITCHING_HR"
## [13] "TEAM_PITCHING_BB"  "TEAM_PITCHING_SO"  "TEAM_FIELDING_E"  "TEAM_FIELDING_DP"

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View rows and columns, variable types

Glimpse of the data shows that all variables are numeric, no categorical variable is present here. We do lots of NA for few predictors in the data set. In our further analysis we will try to identify :

- Structure of the each predictors
- How Many NA and Zero , is it significant to remove them or replace them with some predicted value.
- Statistical summary of the data

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## Rows: 2,276
## Columns: 16
## $ TARGET_WINS      <int> 39, 70, 86, 70, 82, 75, 80, 85, 86, 76, 78, 68, 72, 7~
## $ TEAM_BATTING_H   <int> 1445, 1339, 1377, 1387, 1297, 1279, 1244, 1273, 1391,~
## $ TEAM_BATTING_2B  <int> 194, 219, 232, 209, 186, 200, 179, 171, 197, 213, 179~
## $ TEAM_BATTING_3B  <int> 39, 22, 35, 38, 27, 36, 54, 37, 40, 18, 27, 31, 41, 2~
## $ TEAM_BATTING_HR  <int> 13, 190, 137, 96, 102, 92, 122, 115, 114, 96, 82, 95,~
## $ TEAM_BATTING_BB  <int> 143, 685, 602, 451, 472, 443, 525, 456, 447, 441, 374~
## $ TEAM_BATTING_SO  <int> 842, 1075, 917, 922, 920, 973, 1062, 1027, 922, 827, ~
## $ TEAM_BASERUN_SB <int> NA, 37, 46, 43, 49, 107, 80, 40, 69, 72, 60, 119, 221~
## $ TEAM_BASERUN_CS <int> NA, 28, 27, 30, 39, 59, 54, 36, 27, 34, 39, 79, 109, ~
## $ TEAM_BATTING_HBP <int> NA, N~
## $ TEAM_PITCHING_H  <int> 9364, 1347, 1377, 1396, 1297, 1279, 1244, 1281, 1391,~
## $ TEAM_PITCHING_HR <int> 84, 191, 137, 97, 102, 92, 122, 116, 114, 96, 86, 95,~
## $ TEAM_PITCHING_BB <int> 927, 689, 602, 454, 472, 443, 525, 459, 447, 441, 391~
## $ TEAM_PITCHING_SO <int> 5456, 1082, 917, 928, 920, 973, 1062, 1033, 922, 827, ~
## $ TEAM_FIELDING_E  <int> 1011, 193, 175, 164, 138, 123, 136, 112, 127, 131, 11~
## $ TEAM_FIELDING_DP <int> NA, 155, 153, 156, 168, 149, 186, 136, 169, 159, 141,~

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Sample 6 rows with sample 7 columns

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##   TARGET_WINS TEAM_BATTING_H TEAM_BATTING_2B TEAM_BATTING_3B TEAM_BATTING_HR
## 1        39      1445       194        39        13
## 2        70      1339       219        22       190
## 3        86      1377       232        35       137
## 4        70      1387       209        38        96
## 5        82      1297       186        27       102
## 6        75      1279       200        36        92
##   TEAM_BATTING_BB TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS
## 1        143       842        NA        NA
## 2        685      1075        37        28
## 3        602       917        46        27
## 4        451       922        43        30
## 5        472       920        49        39
## 6        443       973       107        59
##   TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_PITCHING_HI TEAM_PITCHING_HR TEAM_PITCHING_BB
## 1        NA      9364        84       927
## 2        NA      1347       191       689
## 3        NA      1377       137       602
## 4        NA      1396        97       454
## 5        NA      1297       102       472
## 6        NA      1279        92       443
##   TEAM_PITCHING_SO TEAM_FIELDING_E TEAM_FIELDING_DP
## 1        5456      1011        NA
## 2        1082       193       155
## 3        917        175       153
## 4        928        164       156
## 5        920        138       168
## 6        973        123       149

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Show entire dataset of training data

Show **10** entries

Search:

	TARGET_WINS	TEAM_BATTING_H	TEAM_BATTING_2B	TEAM_BATTING_3B	TEAM_BATTING_HR	TEAM_BATTING_BB	TEAM_BATTING_SO	TEAM_BASEF
1	39	1445	194	39	13	143	842	
2	70	1339	219	22	190	685	1075	
3	86	1377	232	35	137	602	917	
4	70	1387	209	38	96	451	922	
5	82	1297	186	27	102	472	920	
6	75	1279	200	36	92	443	973	
7	80	1244	179	54	122	525	1062	
8	85	1273	171	37	115	456	1027	
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10	76	1271	213	18	96	441	827	

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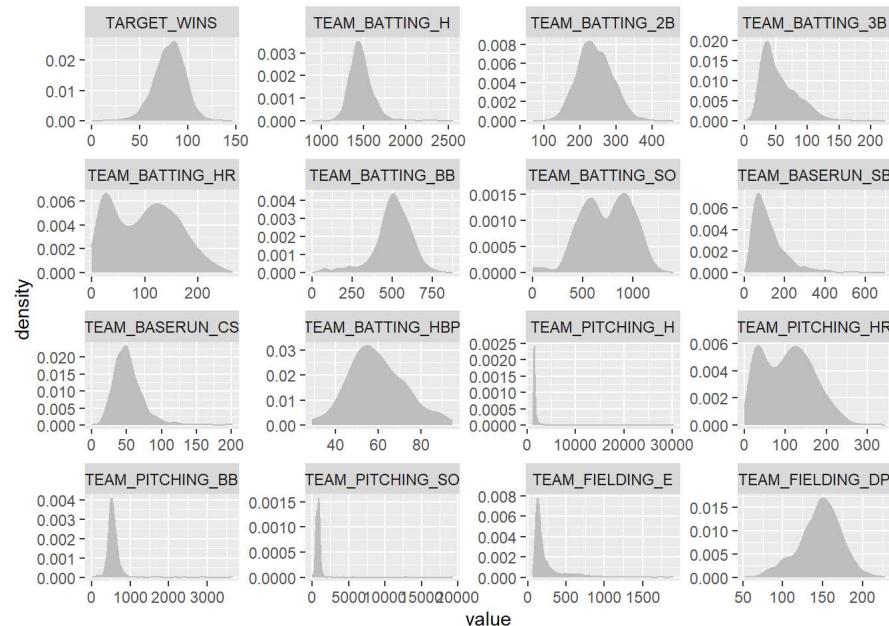
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Here are some key points from data exploration:

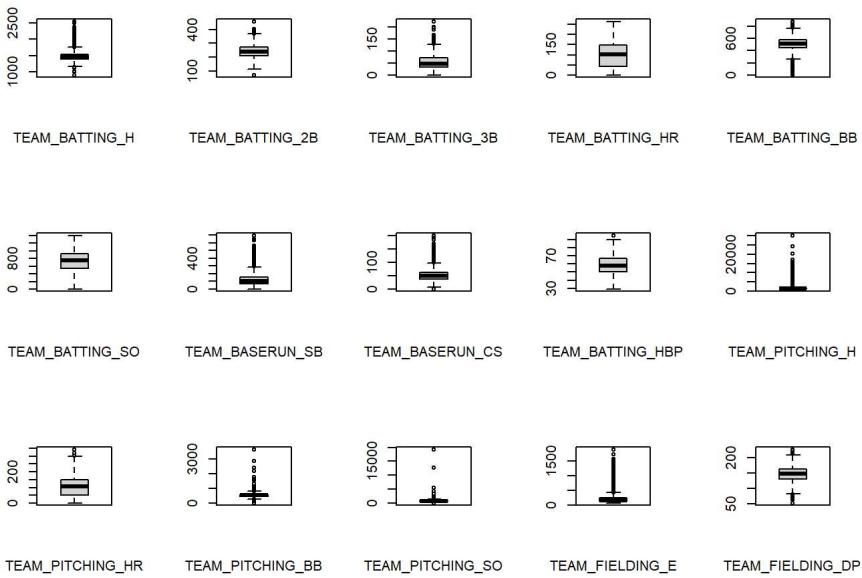
- here are multiple variables with missing (NA) values and TEAM-BATTING_HBP has the highest NAs.
- The data is generally complete, however, six variables have missing data.
- The lowest complete rate is for the variable Hit By Pitch, with a rate of only 8%.
- The data set includes 2276 rows, 16 columns with all variables are numeric
- The response variable appears to be normally or near-normally distributed.

Additional Data Exploration

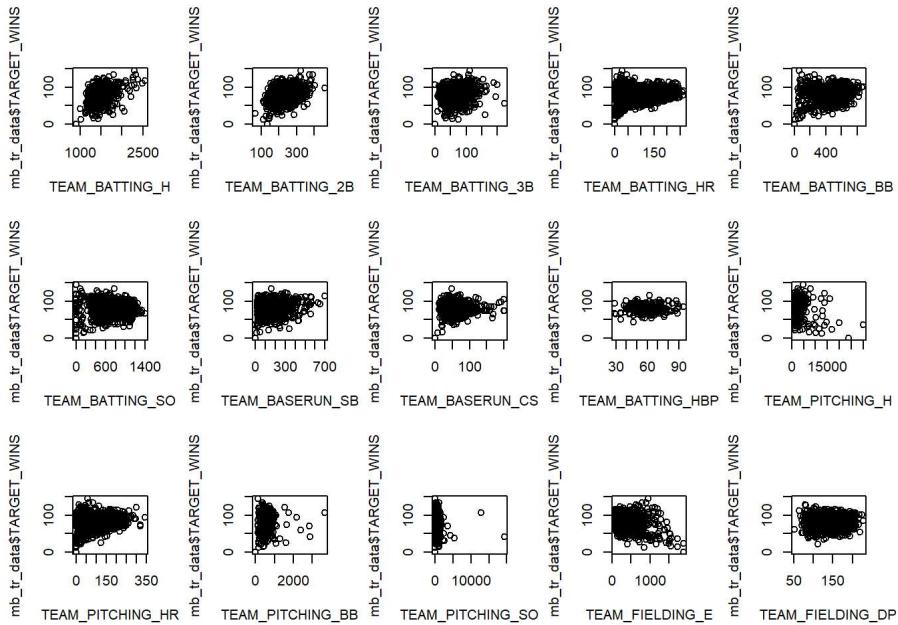
Skewness in the data :



The majority of the explanatory variables appear to be normal or near-normal. There are however, several variable that have bi-modal distributions (Batting_HR, SO, Pitching_HR, Batting_SO) and others that are right-skewed (Fielding, Pitching_BB, Pitching_H)



Response Variable & Correlations



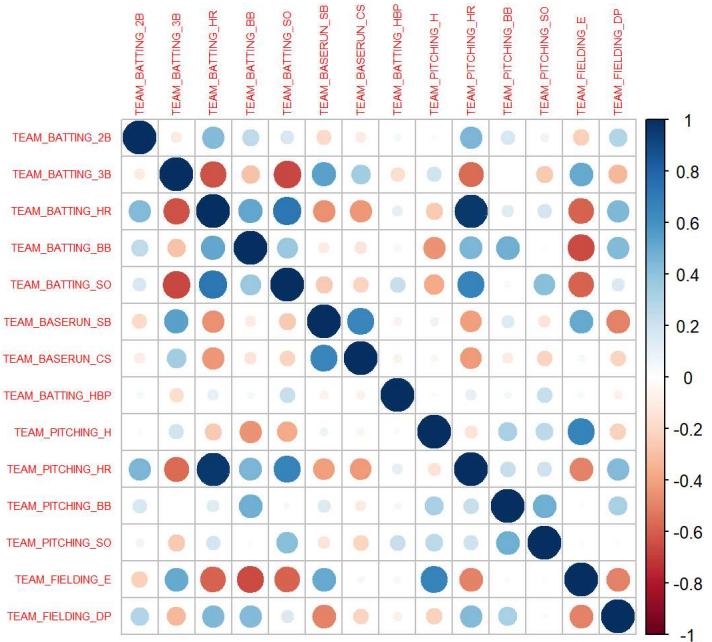
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## [5] "TEAM_BATTING_BB"  "TEAM_BATTING_SO"  "TEAM_BASERUN_SB"  "TEAM_BASERUN_CS"  
## [9] "TEAM_BATTING_HBP" "TEAM_PITCHING_H"  "TEAM_PITCHING_HR"  "TEAM_PITCHING_BB"  
## [13] "TEAM_PITCHING_SO" "TEAM_FIELDING_E"  "TEAM_FIELDING_DP"
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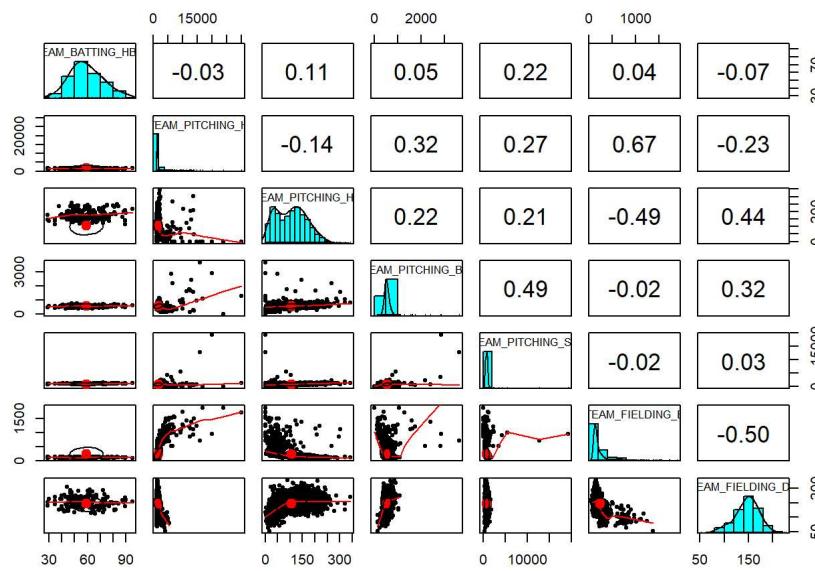
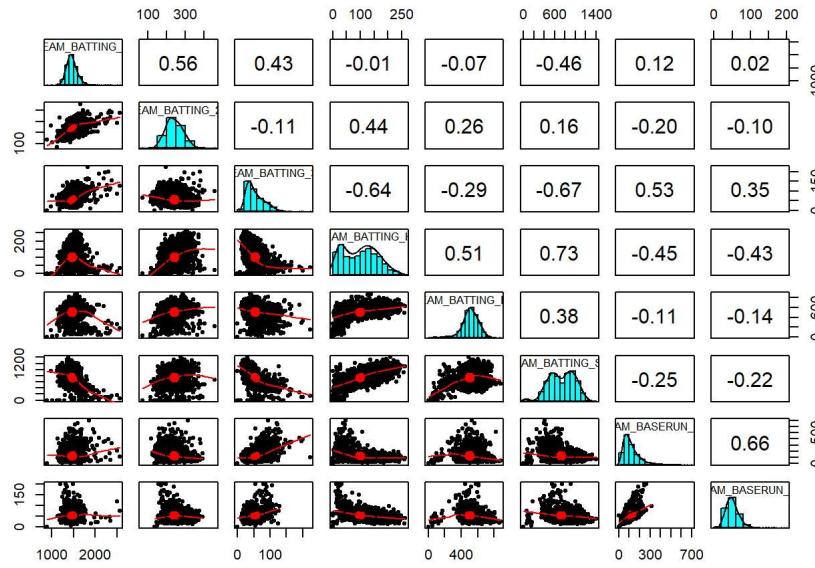
	TEAM_BATTING_H	TEAM_BATTING_2B	TEAM_BATTING_3B	TEAM_BATTING_HR
## TEAM_BATTING_H	1.0000000	0.56177286	0.21391883	0.39627593
## TEAM_BATTING_2B	0.56177286	1.0000000	0.04203441	0.25099045
## TEAM_BATTING_3B	0.21391883	0.04203441	1.0000000	-0.21879927
## TEAM_BATTING_HR	0.39627593	0.25099045	-0.21879927	1.0000000
## TEAM_BATTING_BB	0.19735234	0.19749256	-0.20584392	0.45638161
## TEAM_BATTING_SO	-0.34174328	-0.06415123	-0.19291841	0.21045444
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB	0.07167495	-0.18768279	0.16946086	-0.19021893
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS	-0.09377545	-0.20413884	0.23213978	-0.27579838
## TEAM_BATTING_HBP	-0.02911218	0.04608475	-0.17424715	0.10618116
## TEAM_PITCHING_H	0.99919269	0.56045355	0.21250322	0.39549390
## TEAM_PITCHING_HR	0.39495630	0.24999875	-0.21973263	0.99993259
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB	0.19529071	0.19592157	-0.20675383	0.45542468
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO	-0.34445001	-0.06616615	-0.19386654	0.20829574
## TEAM_FIELDING_E	-0.25381638	-0.19427027	-0.06513145	0.01567397
## TEAM_FIELDING_DP	0.01776946	-0.02488808	0.13314758	-0.06182222
## TEAM_BATTING_BB	0.19735234	-0.34174328	0.07167495	
## TEAM_BATTING_2B	0.19749256	-0.06415123	-0.18768279	
## TEAM_BATTING_3B	-0.20584392	-0.19291841	0.16946086	
## TEAM_BATTING_HR	0.45638161	0.21045444	-0.19021893	
## TEAM_BATTING_BB	1.0000000	0.21833871	-0.08806123	
## TEAM_BATTING_SO	0.21833871	1.0000000	-0.07475974	
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB	-0.08806123	-0.07475974	1.0000000	
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS	-0.20878051	-0.05613035	0.62473781	
## TEAM_BATTING_HBP	0.04746007	0.22094219	-0.06400498	
## TEAM_PITCHING_H	0.19848687	-0.34145321	0.07395373	
## TEAM_PITCHING_HR	0.45659283	0.21111617	-0.18948057	
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB	0.99988140	0.21895783	-0.08741902	
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO	0.21793253	0.99976835	-0.07351325	
## TEAM_FIELDING_E	-0.07847126	0.30814540	0.04292341	
## TEAM_FIELDING_DP	-0.07929078	-0.12319072	-0.13023054	
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS	0.09377545	-0.02911218	0.99919269	
## TEAM_BATTING_H	-0.02911218	0.04608475	0.56045355	
## TEAM_BATTING_2B	-0.20413883	0.22094219	-0.34145321	
## TEAM_BATTING_3B	0.23213977	-0.17424715	0.21250322	
## TEAM_BATTING_HR	-0.275798375	0.10618116	0.39549390	
## TEAM_BATTING_BB	-0.208780510	0.04746007	0.19848687	
## TEAM_BATTING_SO	-0.056130355	0.06400498	0.07395373	
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB	0.624737808	-0.06400498	0.07395373	
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS	1.0000000	-0.07051390	-0.09297789	
## TEAM_BATTING_HBP	-0.070513896	1.0000000	-0.02769699	
## TEAM_PITCHING_H	-0.092977893	-0.02769699	1.0000000	
## TEAM_PITCHING_HR	-0.275471495	0.10675878	0.39463199	
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB	-0.208470154	0.04785137	0.19703302	
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO	-0.055308336	0.22157375	-0.34330646	
## TEAM_FIELDING_E	0.207701189	0.04178971	-0.25073028	
## TEAM_FIELDING_DP	-0.006764233	-0.07120824	0.01416807	
## TEAM_PITCHING_HR	0.39495630	0.19529071	-0.34445001	
## TEAM_BATTING_H	0.24999875	0.19592157	-0.06616615	
## TEAM_BATTING_2B	-0.21973263	-0.20675383	-0.19386654	
## TEAM_BATTING_3B	0.99993259	0.45542468	0.20829574	
## TEAM_BATTING_HR	0.45659283	0.99988140	0.21793253	
## TEAM_BATTING_SO	0.21111617	0.21895783	0.99976835	
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB	-0.18948057	-0.08741902	-0.07351325	
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS	-0.27547150	-0.20847015	-0.05530834	
## TEAM_BATTING_HBP	0.10675878	0.04785137	0.22157375	
## TEAM_PITCHING_H	0.39463199	0.19703302	-0.34330646	

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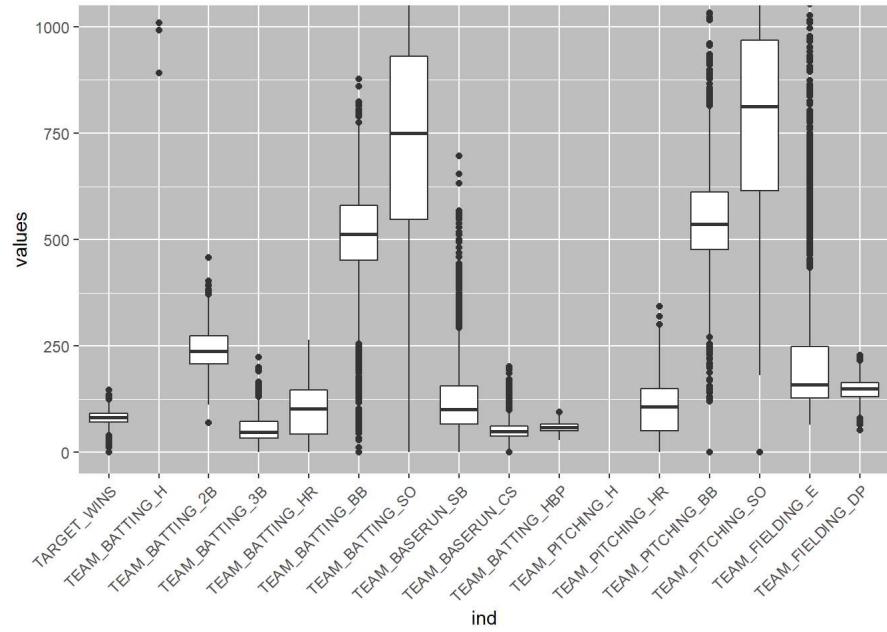
## TEAM_PITCHING_HR      1.0000000    0.45580983    0.20920115
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB      0.45580983    1.00000000    0.21887700
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO      0.20920115    0.21887700    1.00000000
## TEAM_FIELDING_E       0.01689330   -0.07692315    0.31008407
## TEAM_FIELDING_DP      -0.06292475   -0.08040645   -0.12492321
##          TEAM_FIELDING_E TEAM_FIELDING_DP
## TEAM_BATTING_H        -0.25381638    0.017769456
## TEAM_BATTING_2B        -0.19427027   -0.024888081
## TEAM_BATTING_3B        -0.06513145    0.133147578
## TEAM_BATTING_HR        0.01567397   -0.061822219
## TEAM_BATTING_BB        -0.07847126   -0.079298775
## TEAM_BATTING_SO        0.30814540   -0.123190715
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB        0.04292341   -0.130230537
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS        0.20770119   -0.006764233
## TEAM_BATTING_HBP       0.04178971   -0.071208241
## TEAM_PITCHING_H        -0.25073028    0.014168073
## TEAM_PITCHING_HR       0.01689330   -0.062924751
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB       -0.07692315   -0.080406452
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO       0.31008407   -0.124923213
## TEAM_FIELDING_E        1.00000000    0.040205814
## TEAM_FIELDING_DP       0.04020581    1.000000000

```





Outliers



Missing, NA and Zero

We are trying to see how many NA is present in the dataset.

variable	n	percent
TEAM_BATTING_HBP	2085	92%
TEAM_BASERUN_CS	772	34%
TEAM_FIELDING_DP	286	13%
TEAM_BASERUN_SB	131	5.8%
TEAM_BATTING_SO	102	4.5%
TEAM_PITCHING_SO	102	4.5%
variable	n	percent
TEAM_BATTING_SO	20	0.9%
TEAM_PITCHING_SO	20	0.9%
TEAM_BATTING_HR	15	0.7%
TEAM_PITCHING_HR	15	0.7%
TEAM_BASERUN_SB	2	0.1%
TEAM_BATTING_3B	2	0.1%

variable	n	percent
TARGET_WINS	1	0%
TEAM_BASERUN_CS	1	0%
TEAM_BATTING_BB	1	0%
TEAM_PITCHING_BB	1	0%

As can be inferred from above, there are very few zero values exists.

3.0 Data Preparation

Data preparation will include addressing missing data, outliers and feature engineering or creating new variables.

Outliers - The box plot for Wins should show some very low values (even zero). According to major league baseball, the lowest number of wins recorded by a team was 20 by the Cleveland Spiders in 1899. Therefore, I will remove all rows from the data set with wins less than 20. The highest number of wins was 116, earned by the Seattle Mariners in 2001. I will also adjust the data set accordingly.

Missing Data - EDA identified variables with missing data. Given strategy I must address the missing data for two variables: Hit By Pitch and Caught Stealing. I will utilize historical major league baseball averages of these two variable as my replacement data.

The variable TEAM_BATTING_HBP is having mostly missing values so the variable will be removed completely.

```
## [1] "TEAM_BATTING_H"   "TEAM_BATTING_2B"  "TEAM_BATTING_3B"  "TEAM_BATTING_HR"
## [5] "TEAM_BATTING_BB"  "TEAM_BATTING_SO"  "TEAM_BASERUN_SB"  "TEAM_BASERUN_CS"
## [9] "TEAM_BATTING_HBP" "TEAM_PITCHING_H" "TEAM_PITCHING_HR" "TEAM_PITCHING_BB"
## [13] "TEAM_PITCHING_SO" "TEAM_FIELDING_E" "TEAM_FIELDING_DP"
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## [1] "TEAM_BATTING_H"   "TEAM_BATTING_2B"  "TEAM_BATTING_3B"  "TEAM_BATTING_HR"
## [5] "TEAM_BATTING_BB"  "TEAM_BATTING_SO"  "TEAM_BASERUN_SB"  "TEAM_BASERUN_CS"
## [9] "TEAM_BATTING_HBP" "TEAM_PITCHING_HR" "TEAM_PITCHING_BB" "TEAM_PITCHING_SO"
## [13] "TEAM_FIELDING_E" "TEAM_FIELDING_DP"
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TEAM_PITCHING_HR and TEAM_BATTING_HR are highly correlated, so we can remove one of them.

```
## [1] "TEAM_BATTING_H"   "TEAM_BATTING_2B"  "TEAM_BATTING_3B"  "TEAM_BATTING_HR"
## [5] "TEAM_BATTING_BB"  "TEAM_BATTING_SO"  "TEAM_BASERUN_SB"  "TEAM_BASERUN_CS"
## [9] "TEAM_BATTING_HBP" "TEAM_PITCHING_HR" "TEAM_PITCHING_SO" "TEAM_FIELDING_E"
## [13] "TEAM_FIELDING_DP"
```

Imputing the NAs using Mice(pmm - predictive mean matching)

```

## iter imp variable
## 1 1 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_PITCHING_SO TEAM_FIELDING_DP
## 1 2 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_PITCHING_SO TEAM_FIELDING_DP
## 1 3 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_PITCHING_SO TEAM_FIELDING_DP
## 1 4 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_PITCHING_SO TEAM_FIELDING_DP
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## 5 5 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_PITCHING_SO TEAM_FIELDING_DP

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## TEAM_BATTING_H TEAM_BATTING_2B TEAM_BATTING_3B TEAM_BATTING_HR
## Min. : 891 Min. : 69.0 Min. : 0.00 Min. : 0.00
## 1st Qu.:1383 1st Qu.:208.0 1st Qu.: 34.00 1st Qu.: 42.00
## Median :1454 Median :238.0 Median : 47.00 Median :102.00
## Mean :1469 Mean :241.2 Mean : 55.25 Mean : 99.61
## 3rd Qu.:1537 3rd Qu.:273.0 3rd Qu.: 72.00 3rd Qu.:147.00
## Max. :2554 Max. :458.0 Max. :223.00 Max. :264.00
## TEAM_BATTING_BB TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS
## Min. : 0.0 Min. : 0.0 Min. : 0 Min. : 0.00
## 1st Qu.:451.0 1st Qu.: 542.8 1st Qu.: 67 1st Qu.: 42.00
## Median :512.0 Median : 735.0 Median :105 Median : 56.00
## Mean :501.6 Mean : 728.0 Mean :132 Mean : 73.34
## 3rd Qu.:580.0 3rd Qu.: 925.0 3rd Qu.:166 3rd Qu.: 85.25
## Max. :878.0 Max. :1399.0 Max. :697 Max. :201.00
## TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_PITCHING_HR TEAM_PITCHING_SO TEAM_FIELDING_E
## Min. :29.00 Min. : 0.0 Min. : 0.0 Min. : 65.0
## 1st Qu.:51.00 1st Qu.: 50.0 1st Qu.: 612.0 1st Qu.: 127.0
## Median :51.00 Median :107.0 Median : 805.0 Median : 159.0
## Mean :52.44 Mean :105.7 Mean : 811.8 Mean : 246.5
## 3rd Qu.:56.00 3rd Qu.:150.0 3rd Qu.: 961.0 3rd Qu.: 249.2
## Max. :95.00 Max. :343.0 Max. :19278.0 Max. :1898.0
## TEAM_FIELDING_DP
## Min. : 52.0
## 1st Qu.:124.0
## Median :145.0
## Mean :141.3
## 3rd Qu.:162.0
## Max. :228.0

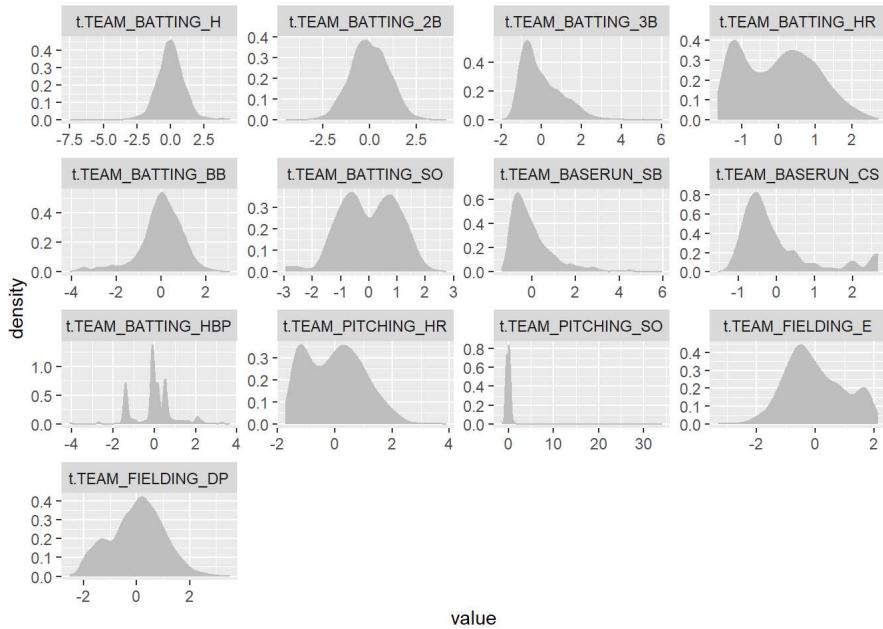
```

Centering and scaling was used to transform individual predictors in the dataset using the caret library.

```

## t.TEAM_BATTING_H    t.TEAM_BATTING_2B  t.TEAM_BATTING_3B t.TEAM_BATTING_HR
## Min.   :-7.537074   Min.   :-4.48108   Min.   :-1.9776   Min.   :-1.64521
## 1st Qu.:-0.573089   1st Qu.:-0.68949   1st Qu.:-0.7606   1st Qu.:-0.95153
## Median :0.003988    Median :0.03019    Median :0.2953    Median :0.03944
## Mean    :0.000000    Mean    :0.00000   Mean    :0.0000   Mean    :0.00000
## 3rd Qu.:0.586908    3rd Qu.:0.69827   3rd Qu.:0.5995   3rd Qu.:0.78267
## Max.   :4.390097    Max.   :4.05391    Max.   :6.0042    Max.   :2.71505
## t.TEAM_BATTING_BB    t.TEAM_BATTING_SO  t.TEAM_BASERUN_SB t.TEAM_BASERUN_CS
## Min.   :-4.08866   Min.   :-2.95076   Min.   :-1.3897   Min.   :-1.5330
## 1st Qu.:-0.41215   1st Qu.:-0.75100   1st Qu.:-0.6841   1st Qu.:-0.6551
## Median :0.08511    Median :0.02819    Median :0.2838    Median :0.3625
## Mean    :0.000000   Mean    :0.00000   Mean    :0.0000   Mean    :0.0000
## 3rd Qu.:0.63944    3rd Qu.:0.79826   3rd Qu.:0.3586   3rd Qu.:0.2488
## Max.   :3.06871    Max.   :2.71938   Max.   :5.9511    Max.   :2.6682
## t.TEAM_BATTING_HBP  t.TEAM_PITCHING_HR t.TEAM_PITCHING_SO t.TEAM_FIELDING_E
## Min.   :-4.11371   Min.   :-1.72432   Min.   :-1.49540   Min.   :-3.3092
## 1st Qu.:-0.07987   1st Qu.:-0.90864   1st Qu.:-0.36802   1st Qu.:-0.7163
## Median :0.07987    Median :0.02123    Median :0.01249    Median :0.1424
## Mean    :0.000000   Mean    :0.00000   Mean    :0.0000   Mean    :0.0000
## 3rd Qu.:0.52490    3rd Qu.:0.72271   3rd Qu.:0.27488   3rd Qu.:0.7096
## Max.   :3.64121    Max.   :3.87123   Max.   :34.01707  Max.   :2.1432
## t.TEAM_FIELDING_DP
## Min.   :-2.53783
## 1st Qu.:-0.64889
## Median :0.06651
## Mean    :0.00000
## 3rd Qu.:0.69350
## Max.   :3.50065

```



4.0 Build Models

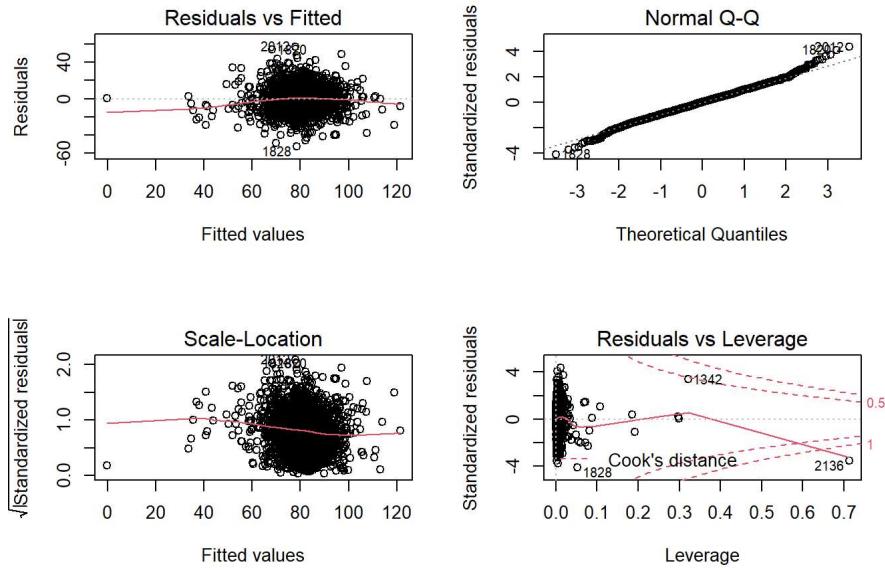
Lets utilize the training data set to create the various models. Use selected variable to build several models to predict wins. The variables selected reflect my strategy of using variables that are related to runs scored and/or runs allowed. Next, in subsequent sections will select the best model and apply the test data set to that model.

Model 1 - All variables included

```
## [1] "TEAM_BATTING_SO" "TEAM_BASERUN_SB" "TEAM_BASERUN_CS" "TEAM_PITCHING_SO"  
## [5] "TEAM_FIELDING_DP"
```

```
##   TARGET_WINS    TEAM_BATTING_BB TEAM_BATTING_SO  TEAM_BASERUN_SB  
## Min. : 0.00  Min. : 0.0  Min. : 0.0  Min. : 0.0  
## 1st Qu.: 71.00  1st Qu.:451.0  1st Qu.: 556.8  1st Qu.: 67.0  
## Median : 82.00  Median :512.0  Median : 735.6  Median :106.0  
## Mean   : 80.79  Mean   :501.6  Mean   : 735.6  Mean   :124.8  
## 3rd Qu.: 92.00  3rd Qu.:580.0  3rd Qu.: 925.0  3rd Qu.:151.0  
## Max.   :146.00  Max.   :878.0  Max.   :1399.0  Max.   :697.0  
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_PITCHING_H TEAM_PITCHING_HR TEAM_PITCHING_BB  
## Min. : 0.00  Min. : 1137  Min. : 0.0  Min. : 0.0  
## 1st Qu.: 44.00  1st Qu.: 1419  1st Qu.: 50.0  1st Qu.: 476.0  
## Median : 52.80  Median : 1518  Median :107.0  Median : 536.5  
## Mean   : 52.80  Mean   : 1779  Mean   :105.7  Mean   : 553.0  
## 3rd Qu.: 54.25  3rd Qu.: 1682  3rd Qu.:150.0  3rd Qu.: 611.0  
## Max.   :201.00  Max.   :30132  Max.   :343.0  Max.   :3645.0  
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO TEAM_FIELDING_E TEAM_FIELDING_DP TEAM_TOTAL_BASES  
## Min. : 0.0  Min. : 65.0  Min. : 52.0  Min. :1026  
## 1st Qu.: 626.0  1st Qu.: 127.0  1st Qu.:134.0  1st Qu.:1947  
## Median : 817.7  Median : 159.0  Median :146.4  Median :2126  
## Mean   : 817.7  Mean   : 246.5  Mean   :146.4  Mean   :2120  
## 3rd Qu.: 957.0  3rd Qu.: 249.2  3rd Qu.:161.2  3rd Qu.:2285  
## Max.   :19278.0  Max.   :1898.0  Max.   :228.0  Max.   :3290
```

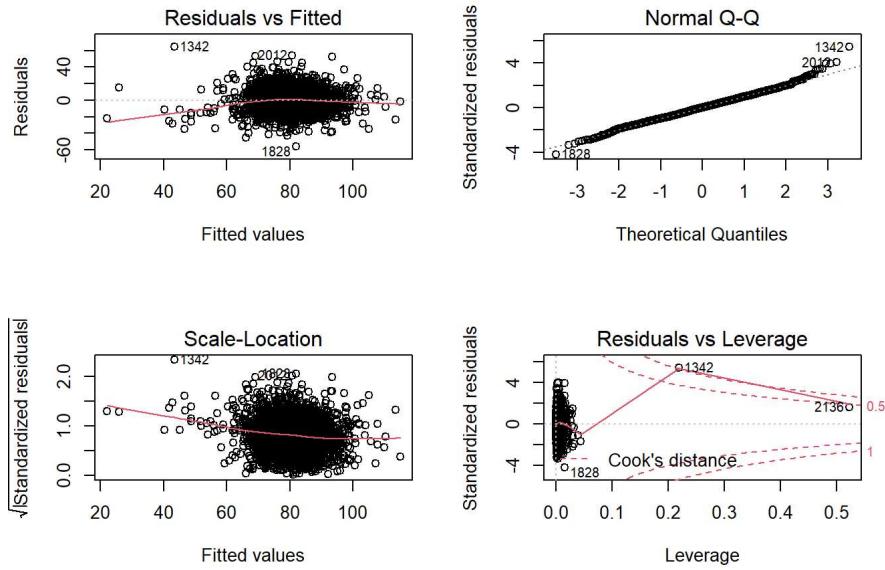
```
##   TEAM_BATTING_BB TEAM_BATTING_SO  TEAM_BASERUN_SB  TEAM_BASERUN_CS  
## 5.480737        4.541755       1.785279       1.198380  
## TEAM_PITCHING_H TEAM_PITCHING_HR TEAM_PITCHING_BB TEAM_PITCHING_SO  
## 3.362423        5.925567       4.922824       3.037166  
## TEAM_FIELDING_E TEAM_FIELDING_DP TEAM_TOTAL_BASES  
## 4.120002        1.351790       2.865975
```



Model 2 - Excludes variables based on possible Multicollinearity

Below shows the summary, vif and diagnostics plot when TEAM_BATTING_SO, TEAM_PITCHING_BB, TEAM_PITCHING_H, TEAM_PITCHING_HR variables are excluded.

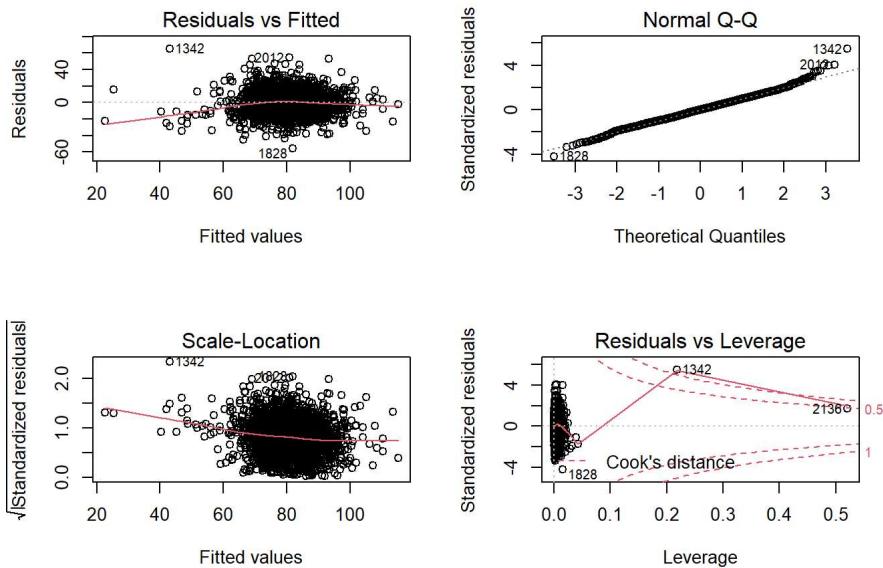
```
##  TEAM_BATTING_BB  TEAM_BASERUN_SB  TEAM_BASERUN_CS  TEAM_PITCHING_SO
## 2.166066      1.483321      1.143496      1.013311
##  TEAM_FIELDING_E  TEAM_FIELDING_DP  TEAM_TOTAL_BASES
## 2.221597      1.320254      1.214327
```



Model 3 - Excludes variable based on insignificant P-value

Below shows the summary, vif and diagnostics plot when TEAM_BASERUN_CS variable is excluded.

```
##  TEAM_BATTING_BB  TEAM_BASERUN_SB  TEAM_PITCHING_SO  TEAM_FIELDING_E
##  2.126959      1.357521      1.008308      2.154007
##  TEAM_FIELDING_DP  TEAM_TOTAL_BASES
##  1.320254      1.200559
```



5.0 Select Models & Predictions

```
## 
## Call:
## lm(formula = TARGET_WINS ~ ., data = tr_prep)
## 
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max 
## -52.473  -8.628   0.271   8.340  56.943 
## 
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
## (Intercept) 41.207911  4.622688  8.914 < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM_BATTING_BB  0.004656  0.005256  0.886  0.3758  
## TEAM_BATTING_SO -0.014422  0.002417 -5.968 2.79e-09 ***
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB  0.034669  0.004318  8.029 1.57e-15 ***
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS -0.012185  0.016159 -0.754  0.4509  
## TEAM_PITCHING_H -0.000823  0.000359 -2.293  0.0220 *  
## TEAM_PITCHING_HR -0.014456  0.010938 -1.322  0.1864  
## TEAM_PITCHING_BB  0.003042  0.003674  0.828  0.4078  
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO  0.001942  0.000888  2.187  0.0288 *  
## TEAM_FIELDING_E -0.018998  0.002455 -7.740 1.48e-14 ***
## TEAM_FIELDING_DP -0.124068  0.013059 -9.501 < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM_TOTAL_BASES  0.031484  0.001797 17.521 < 2e-16 *** 
## --- 
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 
## 
## Residual standard error: 13.14 on 2264 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3078, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3044 
## F-statistic: 91.53 on 11 and 2264 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```

## 
## Call:
## lm(formula = TARGET_WINS ~ . - TEAM_BATTING_SO - TEAM_PITCHING_BB -
##     TEAM_PITCHING_H - TEAM_PITCHING_HR, data = tr_prep)
## 
## Residuals:
##   Min     1Q Median     3Q    Max 
## -55.956 -9.284 -0.038  8.686 64.587 
## 
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
## (Intercept) 32.4154807  3.2790113  9.886 < 2e-16 ***
## TEAM_BATTING_BB 0.0079896  0.0033765  2.366  0.0181 *  
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB 0.0372378  0.0040218  9.259 < 2e-16 *** 
## TEAM_BASERUN_CS 0.0156849  0.0161282  0.973  0.3309    
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO -0.0011024  0.0005241 -2.103  0.0355 *  
## TEAM_FIELDING_E -0.0115523  0.0018417 -6.273 4.24e-10 *** 
## TEAM_FIELDING_DP -0.1218095  0.0131868 -9.237 < 2e-16 *** 
## TEAM_TOTAL_BASES 0.0285276  0.0011951 23.870 < 2e-16 *** 
## --- 
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 
## 
## Residual standard error: 13.42 on 2268 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.276, Adjusted R-squared:  0.2738 
## F-statistic: 123.5 on 7 and 2268 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

```

```

## 
## Call:
## lm(formula = TARGET_WINS ~ . - TEAM_BATTING_SO - TEAM_PITCHING_BB -
##     TEAM_PITCHING_H - TEAM_PITCHING_HR - TEAM_BASERUN_CS, data = tr_prep)
## 
## Residuals:
##   Min     1Q Median     3Q    Max 
## -55.893 -9.256 -0.047  8.660 64.986 
## 
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
## (Intercept) 33.6918542  3.0048608 11.212 < 2e-16 *** 
## TEAM_BATTING_BB 0.0075483  0.0033459  2.256  0.0242 *  
## TEAM_BASERUN_SB 0.0383768  0.0038474  9.975 < 2e-16 *** 
## TEAM_PITCHING_SO -0.0011382  0.0005228 -2.177  0.0296 *  
## TEAM_FIELDING_E -0.0118647  0.0018134 -6.543 7.44e-11 *** 
## TEAM_FIELDING_DP -0.1218116  0.0131867 -9.237 < 2e-16 *** 
## TEAM_TOTAL_BASES 0.0284039  0.0011883 23.902 < 2e-16 *** 
## --- 
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 
## 
## Residual standard error: 13.42 on 2269 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.2757, Adjusted R-squared:  0.2738 
## F-statistic: 144 on 6 and 2269 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

```

Based on the 3 models, there is no significant difference in R2, Adjusted R2 and RMSE even when i did the treatment for multi-collinearity. The 3rd one will be selected although the R-squared value is not the highest because possible multicollinearity is addressed and all included variables appear to contribute significantly to the model. The TARGET_WINS of the evaluation data set will be predicted using this Model 3. I decided to use model3 for the predictions considering its more parsimonious model.

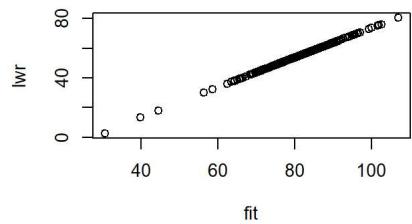
Predictions:

We had to modify our predictions a bit because our final model a) predicted wins > 260 for one observation and b) -783 wins for another. This is clearly poor performance and it may be important to find better options for our model. For now, we simply modify these outlier observations so those maxs and mins are replaced with the maxes and mins of our final training set. For the evaluation dataset also we will be doing all the pre-processing steps. Removing the variables:

```
## 
## iter imp variable
##  1  1 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  1  2 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  1  3 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  1  4 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  1  5 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  2  1 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  2  2 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  2  3 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
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##  2  5 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
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##  3  2 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  3  3 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  3  4 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  3  5 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  4  1 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  4  2 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
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##  4  4 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  4  5 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  5  1 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  5  2 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  5  3 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  5  4 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
##  5  5 TEAM_BATTING_SO TEAM_BASERUN_SB TEAM_BASERUN_CS TEAM_BATTING_HBP TEAM_FIELDING_DP
```

```
## [1] "TEAM_BATTING_SO" "TEAM_BASERUN_SB" "TEAM_BASERUN_CS" "TEAM_PITCHING_SO"
## [5] "TEAM_FIELDING_DP"
```

```
##      fit        lwr        upr
## Min. : 30.63  Min. : 2.583  Min. : 58.67
## 1st Qu.: 75.68  1st Qu.:49.332  1st Qu.:102.02
## Median : 81.31  Median :54.976  Median :107.65
## Mean  : 80.46  Mean  :54.091  Mean  :106.82
## 3rd Qu.: 86.07  3rd Qu.:59.706  3rd Qu.:112.44
## Max.  :106.95  Max.  :80.524  Max.  :133.37
```



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7.0 Resource Links

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