

# Predictor selection and variation information calculation

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## One predictor selected

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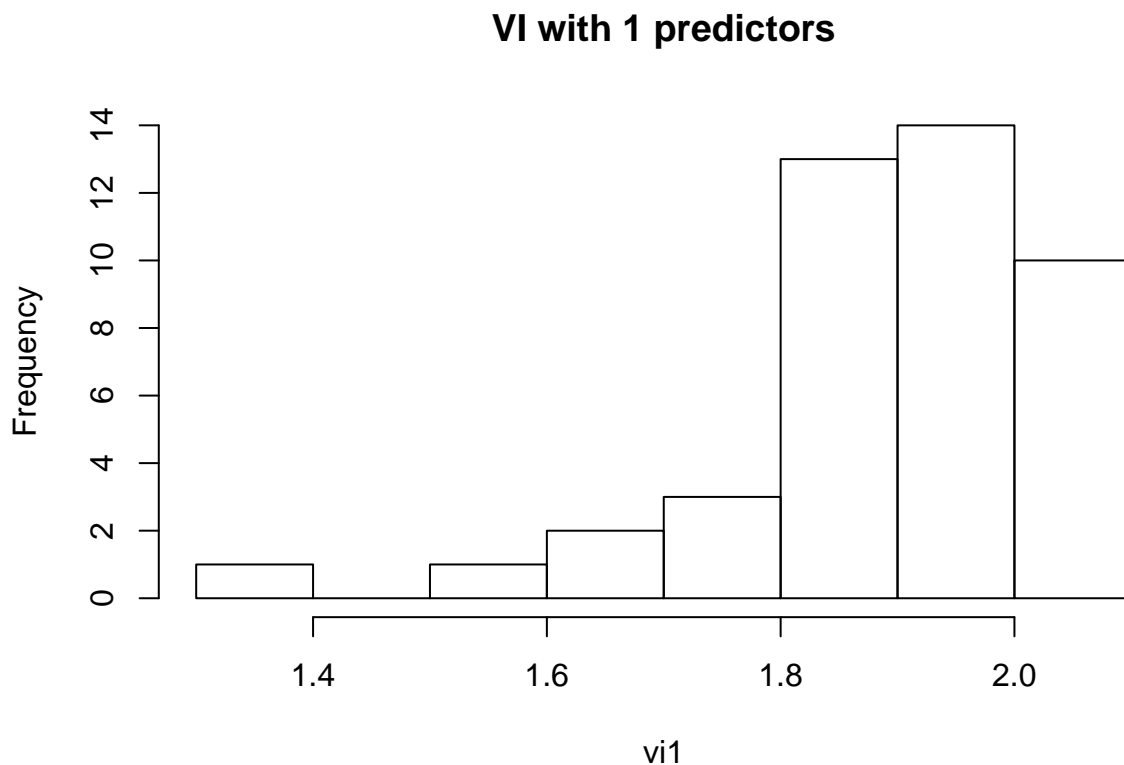
The minimum VI value is:

```
## [1] 1.331118
```

The predictors that got the minimum value is:

```
##          names      vi
## 37 demo_marital_status 1.331118
```

The histogram is:



## Two predictor selected

There are 45 parameters in the merged data, that is continuous or categorical with at least 5 degrees.

Then I selected two of them into the k-means algorithm and calculated the VI.

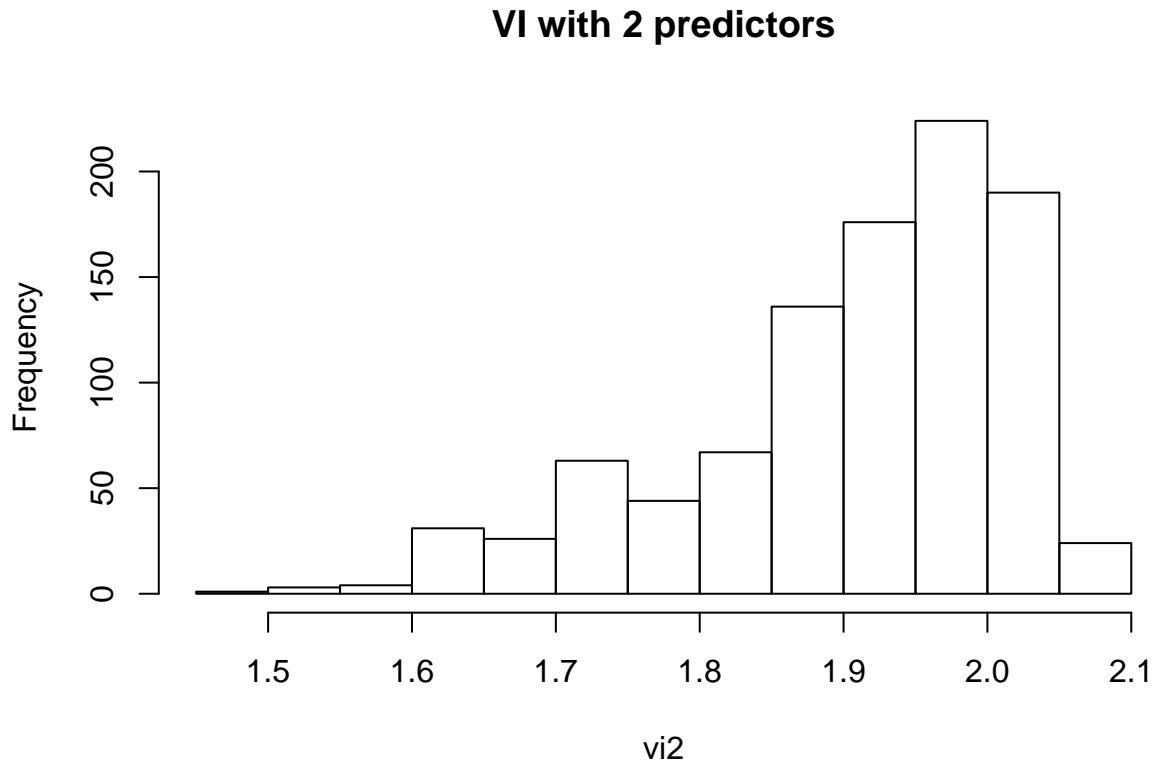
The minimum VI value is:

```
## [1] 1.47107
```

The predictors that got the minimum value is:

```
##          names1          names2      vi
## 734 eeg.w0_2062 demo_educa_status 1.47107
```

The histogram is:



### Three predictor selected

There are 45 parameters in the merged data, that is continuous or categorical with at least 5 degrees.

Then I selected three of them into the k-means algorithm and calculated the VI.

The minimum VI value is:

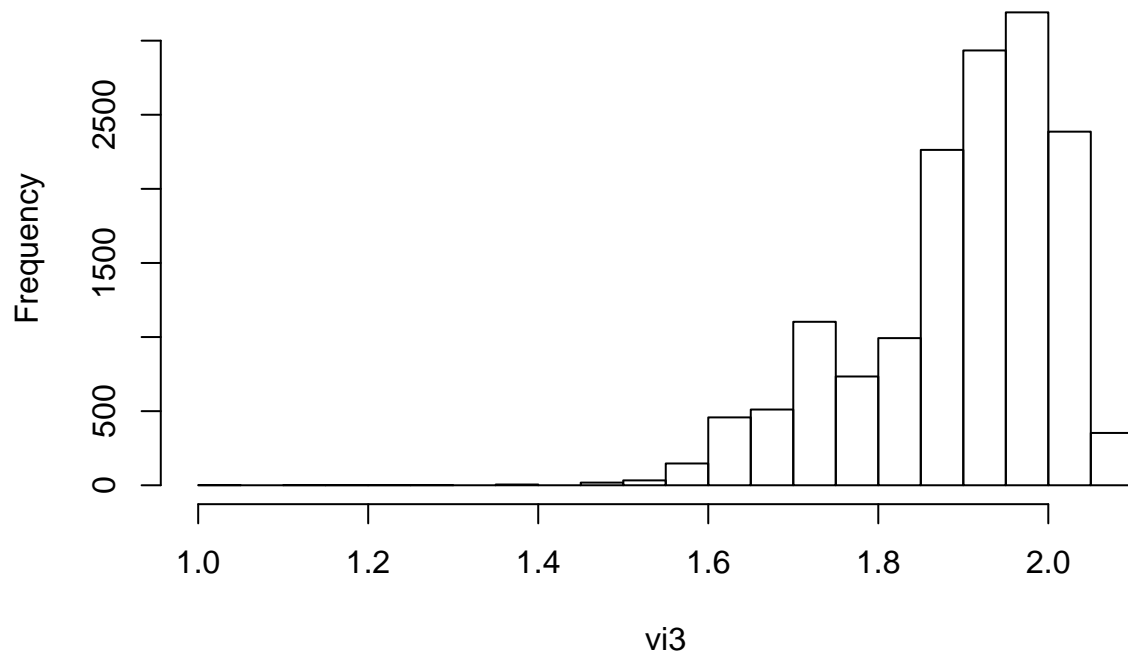
```
## [1] 1.128081
```

The predictors that got the minimum value is:

```
##          names1          names2 names3      vi
## 11689 eeg.w0_2059 fMRI.w0_1593   Race 1.128081
```

The histogram is:

## VI with 3 predictors



### Four predictor selected

There are 45 parameters in the merged data, that is continuous or categorical with at least 5 degrees.

Then I selected four of them into the k-means algorithm and calculated the VI.

The minimum VI value is:

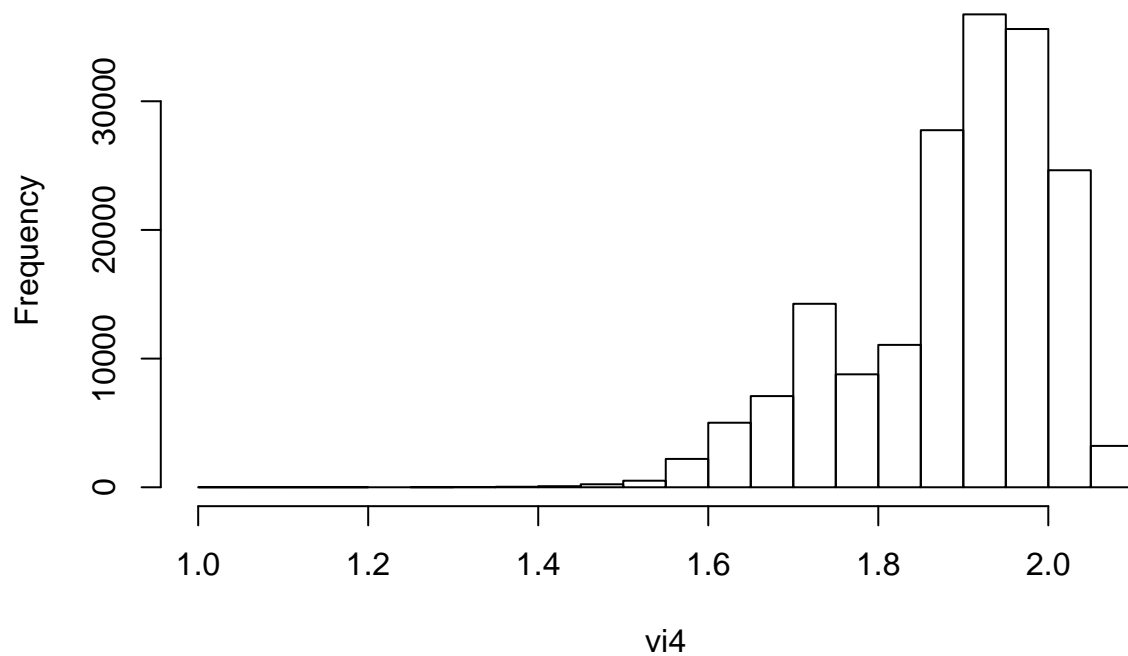
```
## [1] 1.013434
```

The predictors that got the minimum value is:

```
##          names1      names2          names3      names4
## 171964 fMRI.w0_1671 fMRI.w0_1729 demo_monthly_income qids_eval_total
##          vi
## 171964 1.013434
```

The histogram is:

## VI with 4 predictors



### The combination of two parameters:

I tried to add two predictors together: a new predictor is  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2$

Here, I tried  $3.5 * x_1 + x_2$  and got a low VI value:

The minimum VI value is:

```
## [1] 0.2491987
```

The predictors that got the minimum value is:

```
##          names1          names2          vi
## 664 eeg.w0_2042 demo_hous_numbr 0.2491987
```

The histogram is:

## VI with 2 predictors

