

**Instructions:** Answer each question as thoroughly as possible. Round answers to 4 decimal places as needed. Exact answers are best when possible. Be sure to answer all parts of each question.

1. Using the same data from Quiz #5 (**325quiz5data.xlsx**), perform three types of model selection procedures to predict Credit Card Debt from the remaining numerical variables:
  - a. Best subset selection
  - b. Backward selection
  - c. LASSO (penalized) regression (see Lab #6 for code examples)

Report the results of the coefficients and variables in the model in each case. Compare the results using the following criteria:

- i. The  $R^2$  value if available
- ii. The values of the coefficients
- iii. The residual standard error
- iv. The AIC and BIC
- v. Which model is the simplest (has the fewest variables)? Did any come out the same?
- vi. Using `plot(modelname)` in R, create diagnostic plots for each model.

Based on this information, write a paragraph explaining how you would choose from among these models. You are free to bring in additional criteria as needed.

Best Subsets - 5 var model  $R^2 = .2477$   $Adj R^2 = .2433$   
 4 var model  $R^2 = 0.2474$   $Adj R^2 = 0.2439$   
 3 var model  $R^2 = 0.2467$   $Adj R^2 = 0.2441$   
 2 var model  $R^2 = 0.2461$   $Adj R^2 = 0.2447$  Age + Mall Trips  
 1 var model  $R^2 = 0.2457$   $Adj R^2 = 0.2448$  Mall Trips

Backward Selection settled on 1 var model Mall Trips

Only one with all coeff. significant  
 $CC\ Debt = 239.90 \text{ Mall Trips} + 295.34$

Lasso kept Age and Mall Trips w/  $R^2 = 0.2449$

$CC\ Debt = 224.81 * \text{MallTrips} - 0.41327 * \text{Age} + 382.7795$

The coeffs of mall trips are not that dissimilar, but the intercept is off by nearly \$100.

Given that the  $R^2$  values are all pretty low and very similar,

I'd go w/ parsimony and choose the simplest one-var model