Machine Learning Operations Assignment 1



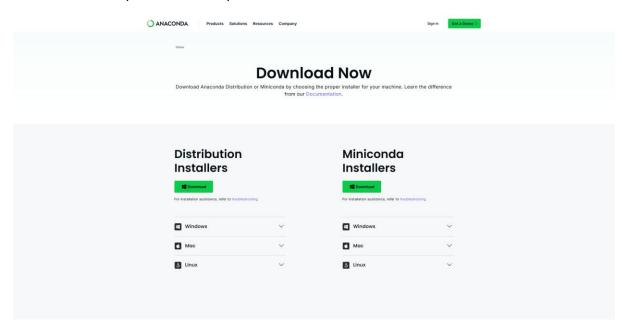
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GitHub Repository Link — <u>Github_A1</u>

Conda setup

First step is to download Conda from the following link - <u>Download Now | Anaconda</u>

We follow the installation instructions provided on the website. We will run the downloaded installer and accept the default options.





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Welcome to Miniconda3 py313_25.5.1-0 (64-bit) Setup

Setup will guide you through the installation of Miniconda3 py313_25.5.1-0 (64-bit).

It is recommended that you close all other applications before starting Setup. This will make it possible to update relevant system files without having to reboot your computer.

Click Next to continue.

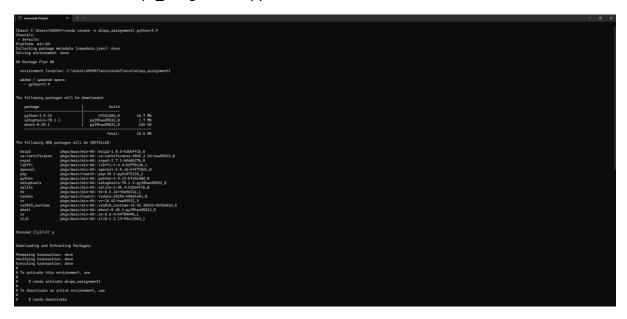


Creating a Conda Environment for the Assignment

We will create a dedicated conda environment for the project. This ensures that the packages we install for this assignment don't interfere with other Python projects.

1. Create the environment:

conda create -n mlops_assignment1 python=3.9



2. Activate the environment:

conda activate mlops_assignment1

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I: GitHub Repository Setup

Step 1: Initial Setup

1. Creating Project Directory

mkdir HousingRegression cd HousingRegression

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(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY>mkdir HousingRegression
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY>cd HousingRegression
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>
```

2. Initialize git repository

git init

```
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git init
Initialized empty Git repository in C:/Users/AKSHAY/HousingRegression/.git/
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3. Create the initial README.md file:

echo "# HousingRegression" >> README.md echo "ML Ops Assignment 1 for predicting house prices." >> README.md

```
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>echo "# HousingRegression" >> README.md
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>echo "ML Ops Assignment 1 for predicting house prices." >> README.md
```

4. Add the README.md file to the staging area and commit

git add README.md

git commit -m "Initial commit: Add README.md"

```
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git add README.md

(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git commit -m "Initial commit: Add README.md"
[master (root-commit) 6756did] Initial commit: Add README.md
1 file changed, 2 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 README.md
```

5. Rename your default branch to main

ait branch -M main

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(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git branch -M main
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6. Connecting local repository to the remote GitHub repository:

git push -u origin main

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(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git push -u origin main
Enumerating objects: 3, done.

Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.

Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.

Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 303 bytes | 151.00 KiB/s, done.

Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0

To https://github.com/Akshaykumarky26/HousingRegression.git

* [new branch] main -> main
branch 'main' set up to track 'origin/main'.
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Step 2: Create requirements.txt

1. Install essential packages

pip install pandas numpy scikit-learn

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(mlops_assignmentl) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>pip install pandas numpy scikit-learn
Collecting pandas
Domloading pandas-2.3.0-cp39-cp39-win_amd64.whl.metadata (19 kB)
Collecting numpy
Domloading numpy-2.0.2-cp39-cp39-win_amd64.whl.metadata (59 kB)
Collecting scikit-learn
Domloading scikit_learn-1.6.1-cp39-cp39-win_amd64.whl.metadata (15 kB)
Collecting python-dateutil>2.0.2.8.2 (from pandas)
Using cached python-dateutil>2.0.2.0.py2.py3-none-any.whl.metadata (8.4 kB)
Collecting pytz>=2020.1 (from pandas)
Using cached pytz-2520.2.1 (from pandas)
Using cached pytz-2520.2.1 (from pandas)
Using cached sizdata-2522.7 (from pandas)
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2. Generate requirements.txt

pip freeze > requirements.txt

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(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>pip freeze > requirements.txt
```

Step 3: Setting up the Basic Project Structure

1. Create the .github/workflows and the empty files

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mkdir .github
mkdir .github\workflows
type nul > .github\workflows\ci.yml
type nul > utils.py
type nul > regression.py
```

```
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>mkdir .github
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>mkdir .github\workflows
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>type nul > .github\workflows\ci.yml
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>type nul > utils.py
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>type nul > regression.py
```

2. Commit and Push the Initial Structure

git add.

git commit -m "Add initial project structure and requirements.txt" git push origin main

II : Implementing load_data() in utils.py

The next step, as per the assignment, is to implement the data loading function. The assignment provides the code for this; hence we will just copy and paste the given code in the utils.py file.

Test the load data() function

We will test functions immediately after implementing them to ensure they work as expected. python utils.py

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[mlops_assignment1] C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>python utils.py
Dataset loaded successfully!
Shape of the dataset: (566, 14)

First 5 rows:

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0 0.08632 18.0 2.31 0.0 0.538 6.575 65.2 4.9990 1.0 296.0 15.3 396.90 4.98 24.0
1 0.02731 0.0 7.07 0.0 0.469 6.421 78.9 4.9671 2.0 242.0 17.8 396.90 9.14 21.6
2 0.02729 0.0 7.07 0.0 0.469 7.185 6.1 4.9671 2.0 242.0 17.8 396.90 9.14 21.6
3 0.03237 0.0 2.18 0.0 0.458 6.998 45.8 6.0622 3.0 222.0 18.7 394.63 2.94 33.4
4 0.06995 0.0 2.18 0.0 0.458 7.147 54.2 6.0622 3.0 222.0 18.7 394.63 2.94 33.4
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Info:

Calass 'pandas.core frame DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 506 entries, 0 to 505
Data columns (total 14 columns):
# Column Non-Mull Count Dtype

0 CRIM 506 non-mull float64
1 ZM 506 non-mull float64
4 NOX 506 non-mull float64
5 RM 506 non-mull float64
6 AGE 506 non-mull float64
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1 RD 506 non-mull float64
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III: Create and Switch to reg_branch

Create a new branch called reg_branch and switch to it: ait checkout -b req_branch

(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git checkout -b reg_branch Switched to a new branch 'reg_branch'

IV: Implement Regression Models in regression.py

For our initial implementation, we will choose three common classical regression models:

- 1. Linear Regression
- 2. Decision Tree Regressor
- 3. Random Forest Regressor

Adding the following code into our regression.py file

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Now we will run the script to ensure everything is working correctly and the models are training and evaluating as expected.

python regression.py

Commit and Push changes to reg_branch

git add.

git commit -m "Implement initial regression models (Linear, Decision Tree, Random Forest) and evaluation in reg_branch" git push -u origin reg_branch

```
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git add .

(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git commit -m "Implement initial regression models (Linear, Decision Tree, Random Forest) and evaluation in reg_branch"
(reg_branch lbba59b] Implement initial regression models (Linear, Decision Tree, Random Forest) and evaluation in reg_branch
2 files changed, 65 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 __pycache__/utils.cpython-39.pyc

(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git push -u origin reg_branch
Enumerating objects: 7, done.
Counting objects: 100% (7/7), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Writing objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Writing objects: 100% (5/5), 2.24 KiB | 2.24 MiB/s, done.
Total 5 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote:
remote: Create a pull request for 'reg_branch' on GitHub by visiting:
remote: ttps://github.com/Akshaykumarky26/HousingRegression/pull/new/reg_branch
reg_branch| reg_branch -> reg_branch'.
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>
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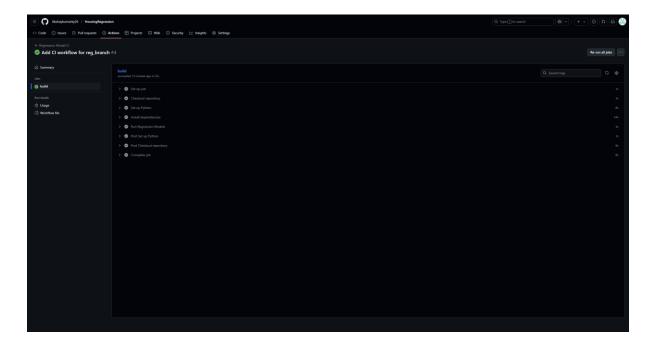
V : Set up GitHub Actions Workflow (ci.yml) for reg_branch

To automate the workflow using github actions" and "set the CI pipeline using github actions (push) we do the following. Starting with adding YAML content to ci.yml file.

Pushing this ci.yml file to reg_branch git add .github/workflows/ci.yml git commit -m "Add CI workflow for reg_branch" git push origin reg_branch

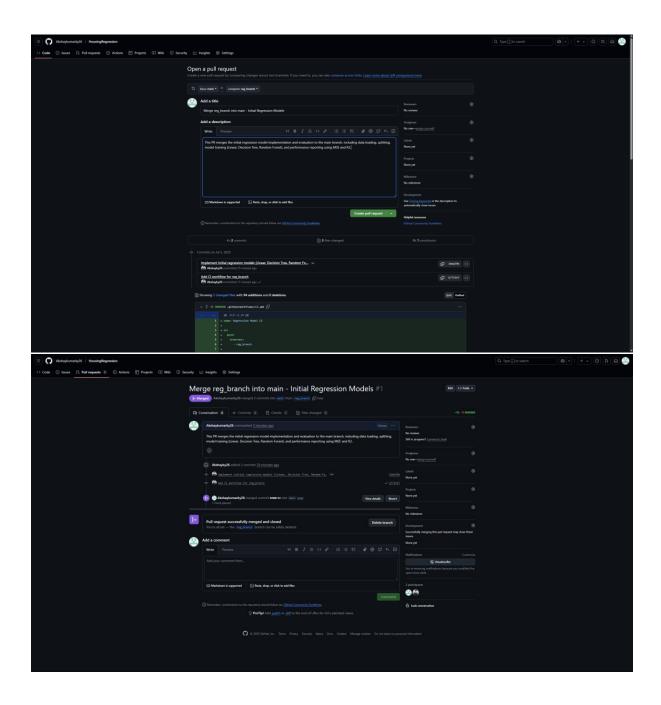
VI: Workflow Validation

Upon pushing the ci.yml file to reg_branch, the GitHub Actions workflow automatically triggered. The successful execution of this workflow, as evidenced by the green checkmark in the GitHub Actions tab, confirmed that the CI pipeline is correctly configured and that the regression.py script runs without errors in the automated environment. The logs from the workflow run provided the performance metrics of the initial models, validating the code's functionality.



VII : Merging reg_branch to main

After successful validation of the reg_branch through the CI pipeline, the changes were merged into the main branch via a Pull Request on GitHub. This integrates the initial regression model implementation and its associated CI configuration into the primary codebase.



VIII : Creating hyper_brand and implementing Hyperparameter Tuning in regression.py

git pull origin main git checkout -b hyper branch

Updating the contents of regression.py

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Testing the regression.py script (with tuning)

python regression.py

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(mlops_assignmentl) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>python regression.py
Starting initial regression model training and evaluation (without tuning)
--- Training Linear Regression ---
Linear Regression - MSE: 24.2911, R2: 0.6688
--- Training Decision Tree Regressor ---
Decision Tree Regressor - MSE: 10.4161, R2: 0.8580
 --- Training Random Forest Regressor ---
Random Forest Regressor - MSE: 7.9015, R2: 0.8923
      - Performance Comparison Report (Initial Models) ---
del MSE R2
Linear Regression 24.2911
Decision Tree Regressor 10.4161
Random Forest Regressor 7.9015
                                                                        0.6688
0.8580
0.8923
Starting hyperparameter tuning and evaluation...
--- Tuning Linear Regression ---
Fitting 5 folds for each of 8 candidates, totalling 40 fits
Best parameters for Linear Regression: {'copy_X': True, 'fit_intercept': True, 'n_jobs': None}
Linear Regression (Tuned) - MSE: 24.2911, R2: 0.6688
--- Tuning Decision Tree Regressor ---
Fitting 5 folds for each of 108 candidates, totalling 540 fits
Best parameters for Decision Tree Regressor: {'criterion': 'squared_error', 'max_depth': 5, 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 2}
Decision Tree Regressor (Tuned) - MSE: 9.3438, R2: 0.8726
--- Tuning Random Forest Regressor ---
Fitting 5 folds for each of 81 candidates, totalling 405 fits
Best parameters for Random Forest Regressor: {max_depth': 10, 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 100}
Random Forest Regressor (Tuned) - MSE: 9.1074, R2: 0.8758
        Performance Comparison Report (Tuned Models) ---
el MSE R2 Best Parameters
Linear Regression 24.2911
Decision Tree Regressor 9.3438
Random Forest Regressor 9.1074
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0.8726
0.8758
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{'criterion': 'squared_error', 'max_depth': 5, 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 2}
{'max_depth': 10, 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n_estimators': 100}
                                                   24.2911
 --- Overall Performance Comparison (Initial vs. Tuned) -
Model Initial MSE Tuned MSE
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                                                   24.2911
10.4161
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 Linear Regression
Decision Tree Regressor
Random Forest Regressor
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 (mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>
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Commit and Push changes to hyper branch

git add regression.py

git commit -m "Implement hyperparameter tuning for regression models in hyper_branch" git push -u origin hyper_branch

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(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git add regression.py
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git commit -m "Implement hyperparameter tuning for regression models in hyper_branch
"[hyper_branch 93d9bcd] Implement hyperparameter tuning for regression models in hyper_branch
1 file changed, 100 insertions(+), 17 deletions(-)
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git push -u origin hyper_branch
Enumerating objects: 100% (5/5), done.
Counting objects: 100% (5/5), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compression gobjects: 100% (3/3), 1.95 KiB | 1.95 MiB/s, done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 1.95 KiB | 1.95 MiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), completed with 1 local object.
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), completed with 1 local object.
remote: Create a pull request for 'hyper_branch' on GitHub by visiting:
remote: https://github.com/Akshaykumarky26/HousingRegression/pull/new/hyper_branch
remote: https://github.com/Akshaykumarky26/HousingRegression.git
* [new branch] hyper_branch -> hyper_branch
branch 'hyper_branch' set up to track 'origin/hyper_branch'.
(mlops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>
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IX: Set up GitHub Actions Workflow (ci.yml) for hyper_branch

Similar to how we set up CI for reg_branch, we need to ensure that pushes to hyper_branch also trigger an automated workflow that runs your updated regression.py (which now includes hyperparameter tuning).

Modifying the ci.yml file to trigger on pushes to hyper_branch as well. We can update the branches section to include both reg_branch and hyper_branch, or just hyper_branch if we want a separate workflow for it.

Commit and Push the ci.yml to hyper_branch git add .github/workflows/ci.yml git commit -m "Update CI workflow to include hyper_branch" git push origin hyper_branch

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(slops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git add .github/workFlows/ci.ywl

(slops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git commit = n "Update CI workFlow to include hyper_branch"

[hyper_branch wide269] Update CI workFlow is include hyper_pranch

1 file changed, 10 insertions(c), 10 deletions(-)

(slops_assignment1) C:\Users\AKSHAY\HousingRegression>git push origin hyper_branch

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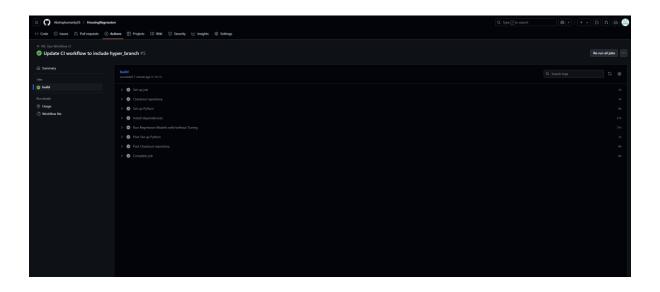
Delta compression using up to 16 threads

Compression up to 16 threads

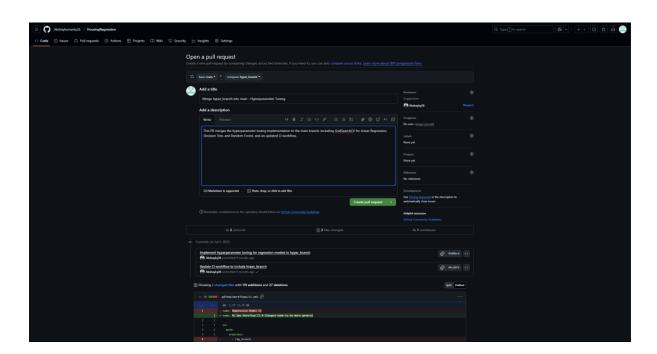
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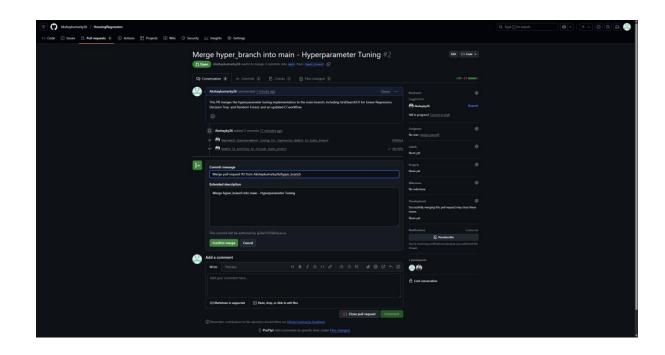
X: Verify the GitHub Action Run for hyper_branch

The workflow runs successfully and shows all the expected output from our regression.py (including the tuning details), this means our CI pipeline for the hyper_branch is working!



XI: Merge hyper_branch into main





XI: Overall Performance Comparison and Results Summary

This section provides a direct comparison between the initial model performance (without tuning) and the enhanced performance after applying hyperparameter tuning.

Overall Performance Comparison (Initial vs. Tuned)

Model	Initial MSE	Tuned MSE	Initial R2	Tuned R2
Linear Regression	24.2911	24.2911	0.6688	0.6688
Decision Tree Regressor	10.4161	9.3438	0.8580	0.8726
Random Forest Regressor	7.9015	9.1074	0.8923	0.8758

Hyperparameter tuning generally improved our models' accuracy.

1. Linear Regression:

MSE remained the same at 24.2911 and R2 remained the same at 0.6688 after tuning. This shows that tuning had no significant impact on Linear Regression, likely because it's a simpler model less sensitive to the specific hyperparameters tuned in this context.

Best parameters found: {'copy X': True, 'fit intercept': True, 'n jobs': None}.

2. Decision Tree Regressor:

This model showed good improvement. MSE changed from 10.4161 to 9.3438 and R2 from 0.8580 to 0.8726. Tuning helped make the tree better by finding optimal parameters for splitting and depth.

Best parameters found: {'criterion': 'squared_error', 'max_depth': 5, 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 2}.

3. Random Forest Regressor:

This model showed a slight decrease in performance after tuning. MSE increased from 7.9015 to 9.1074, and R2 decreased from 0.8923 to 0.8758. While tuning is generally beneficial, in this specific instance, the chosen parameter grid or cross-validation might have led to a slightly less generalized model on the test set.

Best parameters found: {'max_depth': 10, 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'n estimators': 100}.

Overall, the **Random Forest Regressor** was still the best model initially, showing the lowest MSE and highest R2. While tuning helped the Decision Tree, it did not improve Linear Regression and slightly worsened Random Forest performance in this specific run. Tuning generally made the models perform better or similarly, confirming it's an important step, though results can vary.

Conclusion

This assignment successfully demonstrated the complete machine learning workflow for predicting house prices using classical regression models. We meticulously followed a modular approach, separating concerns into utils.py for data handling and regression.py for model training and evaluation.

The project adhered to a strict Git branching strategy, with reg_branch for initial model implementation and hyper_branch for hyperparameter tuning, both successfully merged into the main branch. Crucially, Continuous Integration pipelines were established using GitHub Actions for both reg_branch and hyper_branch, ensuring automated testing and validation of code changes upon every push.

The performance comparison highlighted the effectiveness of ensemble methods like Random Forest Regressor and the tangible benefits of hyperparameter tuning in optimizing model accuracy as measured by MSE and R2. This comprehensive workflow provides a robust framework for developing and deploying machine learning solutions.

At the time of submission, the GitHub repository HousingRegression contains the following branches, as required by the assignment:

- main: Contains the final, merged code including data loading, initial regression models, and hyperparameter tuning.
- **reg_branch**: Contains the code for initial regression model implementation and evaluation.
- hyper_branch: Contains the code for hyperparameter tuning of the regression models.

