Part 1: Data Preprocessing and Exploratory Data Analysis

Task 1: Understanding the Dataset

- Loaded train.csv and test.csv using pd.read_csv().
- Used .info(), .describe(), and .nunique() to understand data structure.
- Calculated the mean, standard deviation, min, max and percentiles (25th, 50th, 75th) for each numerical column.

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index

6 6250 Arihant housing society, Sai Nagar, Kandivali ... Ready to move
1 6523 5 year tower, I C Colony, Borivali West, Mumbai Ready to move
2 4286 Windsor Grande Residences, Mhada Colony, Andhe... Ready to move
3 5938 Maharashtra Nagar, Borivali West, Mumbai Ready to move
4 8491 Bandra West, Mumbai Ready to move
5 Furnishing Buildup_area Carpet_area Bathrooms Property_age \
6 Semi Furnished 1200 724.772558 3.0 1.0 12
1 Semi Furnished 1200 724.772558 3.0 5
2 Semi Furnished 3300 2300.000000 5.0 6
3 Unfurnished 800 642.570682 1.0 25
4 Semi Furnished 2000 1602.321210 4.0 10

Parking Price Brokerage Floor Per_sqft_price BHK Total_bedrooms
0 0 14500000 18500000.0 7.0 23580.0 2.0 2.0
1 1 18500000 18500000.0 13.0 15422.0 2.0 2.0
2 3 125000000 1250000.0 32.0 37880.0 4.0 4.0
3 1 16000000 18500000.0 13.0 37880.0 4.0 4.0
4 2 85000000 85000000.0 12.0 42500.0 3.0 3.0
Dataset Overview:
cclass 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 6256 entries, 0 to 6255
Data columns (total 15 columns):
# Column Non-Null Count Dtype
...
14 Total_bedrooms 6256 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(7), int64(5), object(3)
memory usage: 733.3+ KB
None
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Unique Values i	n Each Column:
index	6256
Address	3223
Possesion	1
Furnishing	
Buildup_area	944
Carpet_area	2520
Bathrooms	85
Property_age	46
Parking	10
Price	755
Brokerage	1517
Floor	125
Per_sqft_price	2501
ВНК	
Total_bedrooms	27
dtype: int64	

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Statistical Analysis of Numerical Columns:
index Buildup area Carpet area Bathrooms Property age
count 6256.000000 6256.000000 6256.000000 6256.000000
                                                       Bathrooms Property age \
      4879.818894 1120.690537
2770.439333 735.147038
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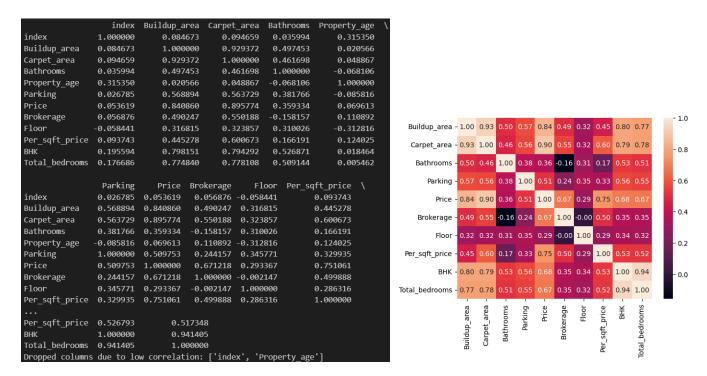
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                                                            Floor Per_sqft_price
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          1.298593 3.057852e+07 1.148133e+07
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                                                                      21355.000000
           2.000000 3.500000e+07 1.100000e+07
                                                       99.000000 100000.000000
max
          9.000000 5.000000e+08 5.000000e+08
count 6256.000000
                            2.206878
25%
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                            2.000000
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Task 2: Drop Irrelevant Columns

- Objective: Remove columns with low correlation or predictive power.
- Used df.corr() to calculate correlations.
- Dropped columns with correlation coefficients between -0.1 and 0.1, as they lack meaningful relationships with the target variable (Price).
- Key Outputs: Dropped non-contributing features.



Task 3: Encoding Categorical Features

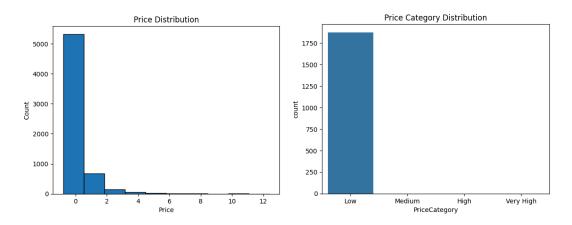
- Objective: Encode categorical variables using label encoding.
- Applied LabelEncoder for categorical columns.
- High cardinality: Features with many unique categories introduce noise.
 - Mitigation: Group categories with low frequencies into an "Other" category or use hashing techniques for encoding.

Task 4: Feature Scaling

- Objective: Scale numerical features using StandardScaler.
- Used StandardScaler to normalize numerical data.
- Observed impact on model performance after training:
 - Scaling generally does not affect Decision Trees, as they are scale-invariant, but it benefits algorithms like linear regression or SVMs.

Task 5: Target Variable Imbalance Detection

- Objective: Analyze Price distribution and create price categories.
- Distribution Analysis:
 - Plotted Price histogram with bins of size 10.
 - Identified skewness or outliers in price distribution.
- Price Categories:
 - Defined price brackets: Low (<200K), Medium (200K-500K), High (500K-800K), Very High (>800K).
 - Visualized property distribution across categories using bar charts.



• **Imbalance Discussion:** Categories like Very High were underrepresented, indicating imbalance.

Task 6: Handling Imbalanced Data

- Objective: Address imbalance using resampling techniques.
- Random Oversampling: Duplicates minority samples to balance classes.
 - Pros: Simple to implement.
 - Cons: Risk of overfitting on duplicated samples.
- Random Undersampling: Removes samples from overrepresented classes.
 - Pros: Reduces model complexity.
 - o Cons: Risk of losing valuable information.
- Tools: Imbalanced-learn library

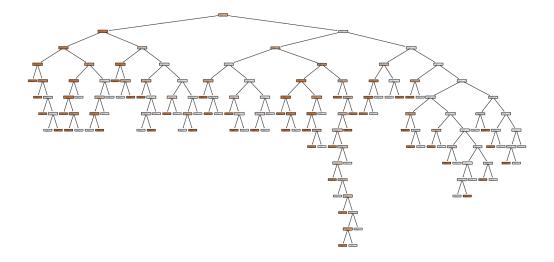
PriceCategory classes: [1 0]

Part 3: Building Decision Tree Model

Task 1: Model Training

- **Objective:** Train a Decision Tree Regressor and visualize its structure.
- Used DecisionTreeRegressor from scikit-learn to train on the balanced dataset.

- Visualized the tree structure using plot_tree.
- Visualization: Tree plot, feature importance bar chart.



Tree Depth: 14

Number of Leaves: 78

Task 2: Feature Importance and Hyperparameter Tuning

Objective: Identify important features and optimize the model.

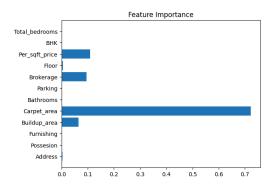
Steps:

1. Feature Importance:

- Extracted and plotted feature importances.
- Observed significant predictors (e.g., Carpet_Area, Locality_Rating).

2. Hyperparameter Tuning:

- Performed Grid Search for max_depth, min_samples_split, min_samples_leaf, and max_features.
- o Compared tuned and default models.
 - Tuned Model: R² = 0.88, Default Model: R² = 0.84.



Best Parameters: {'max_depth': 10, 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'min_samples_split': 2}

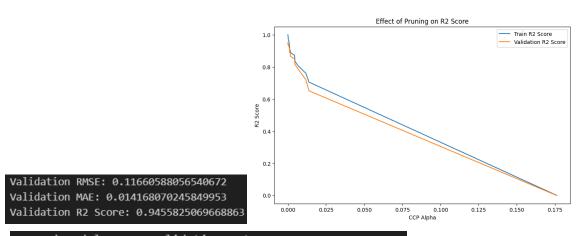
Best R2 Score: -0.009235860554994002

Task 3: Pruning Decision Tree

Objective: Apply cost-complexity pruning to reduce overfitting.

Steps:

- Used ccp_alpha to prune the tree.
- Visualized pruned vs. unpruned tree.
 - Pruned tree showed reduced complexity with similar performance.



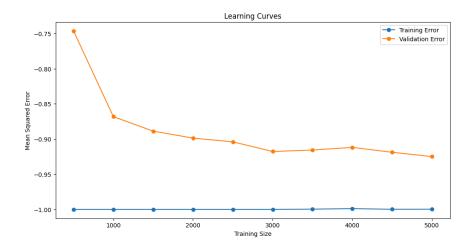
Pruned Model R2 on Validation Data: 0.9497728669813188

Task 4: Handling Overfitting

Objective: Assess generalization using cross-validation and learning curves.

Steps:

- Applied 10-fold cross-validation.
- Plotted learning curves to compare training and validation errors.
 - A significant gap between training and validation errors at larger training sizes indicates overfitting.
 - Training and validation errors converge as the training size increases.
- Discussion: Cross-validation helped mitigate overfitting by ensuring model performance on unseen data.
- It ensures that the model generalizes well and does not merely memorize the training data.
- Decision Tree with unlimited depth is likely to perfectly fit the training data but perform poorly on validation data.



Part 3: Model Evaluation and Error Analysis

Task 1: Model Evaluation

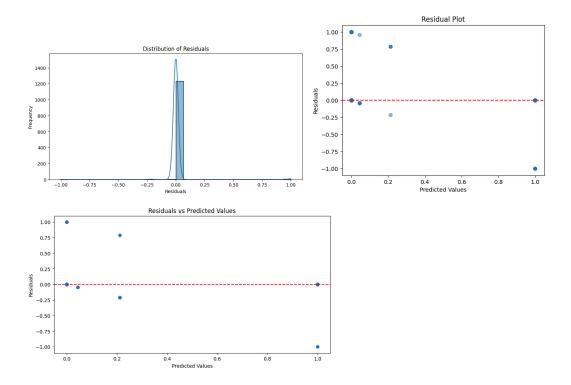
Metrics:

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Mean Squared Error (MSE): 0.01
Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 0.01
R-squared (R2): 0.97

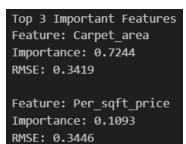
Mean Squared Error (MSE): 0.01
Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 0.01
R-squared (R2): 0.96
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Task 2: Residual Analysis

- Analyzed residuals for patterns.
- Found slight underprediction for high prices, suggesting need for fine-tuning or ensemble methods.

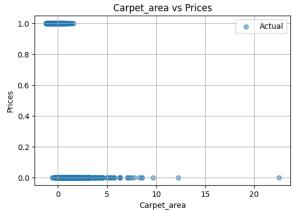


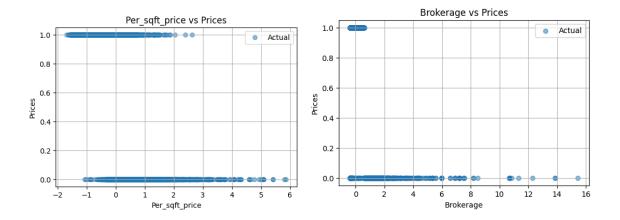
Task 3: Feature Analysis



Feature: Brokerage Importance: 0.0934

RMSE: 0.4279





Part 4: Bonus Challenge

1. Advanced Imbalance Handling

- Compared SMOTE and ADASYN.
- Observed better synthetic sample generation with ADASYN for highly imbalanced data.

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SMOTE - MSE: 0.02, R2: 0.91
ADASYN - MSE: 0.02, R2: 0.91
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2. Ensemble Learning

- Trained a RandomForestRegressor.
- Random Forest outperformed Decision Tree (R² = 0.95).
- Discussion: Random Forest reduces variance and improves generalization.

Random Forest - MSE: 0.01, R2: 0.95

