

Regression Trees and Model Optimization - Lab

Introduction

In this lab, we'll see how to apply regression analysis using CART trees while making use of some hyperparameter tuning to improve our model.

Objectives

In this lab you will:

- Perform the full process of cleaning data, tuning hyperparameters, creating visualizations, and evaluating decision tree models
- Determine the optimal hyperparameters for a decision tree model and evaluate the performance of decision tree models

Ames Housing dataset

The dataset is available in the file 'ames.csv'.

• Import the dataset and examine its dimensions:

```
# Import necessary libraries
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.style.use('ggplot')
%matplotlib inline
# Load the Ames housing dataset
data = pd.read_csv('ames.csv')
# Print the dimensions of data
print(data.shape)
# Check out the info for the dataframe
print(data.info())
# Show the first 5 rows
data.head()
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24	Exterior2nd	1460	non-null	object
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26	MasVnrArea	1452	non-null	float64
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36	BsmtFinSF2	1460	non-null	int64
37	BsmtUnfSF	1460	non-null	int64
38	TotalBsmtSF	1460	non-null	int64
39	Heating	1460	non-null	object
40	HeatingQC	1460	non-null	object
41	CentralAir	1460	non-null	object
42	Electrical	1459	non-null	object
43	1stFlrSF	1460	non-null	int64
44	2ndFlrSF	1460	non-null	int64
45	LowQualFinSF	1460	non-null	int64
46	GrLivArea	1460	non-null	int64
47	BsmtFullBath	1460	non-null	int64
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49	FullBath	1460	non-null	int64
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51	BedroomAbvGr	1460	non-null	int64
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1	2	20	RL	80.0	9600	Pave	NaN
2	3	60	RL	68.0	11250	Pave	NaN
3	4	70	RL	60.0	9550	Pave	NaN
4	5	60	RL	84.0	14260	Pave	NaN
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5 rows × 81 columns

Identify features and target data

In this lab, we will use using 3 predictive continuous features:

Features

- LotArea: Lot size in square feet
- 1stFlrSF: Size of first floor in square feet
- GrLivArea: Above grade (ground) living area square feet

Target

- SalePrice ', the sale price of the home, in dollars
- Create DataFrames for the features and the target variable as shown above
- Inspect the contents of both the features and the target variable

```
# Features and target data
 target = data['SalePrice']
 features = data[['LotArea', '1stFlrSF', 'GrLivArea']]
 print(target.describe())
 print("")
 features.describe()
 count
             1460.000000
 mean
           180921.195890
 std
            79442.502883
 min
            34900.000000
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           129975.000000
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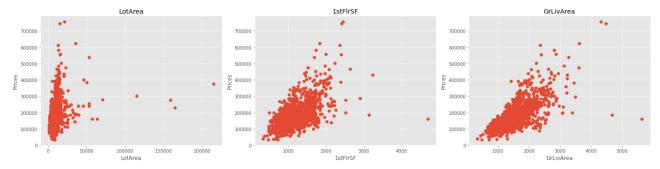
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	LotArea	1stFlrSF	GrLivArea
count	1460.000000	1460.000000	1460.000000
mean	10516.828082	1162.626712	1515.463699
std	9981.264932	386.587738	525.480383
min	1300.000000	334.000000	334.000000
25%	7553.500000	882.000000	1129.500000
50%	9478.500000	1087.000000	1464.000000
75%	11601.500000	1391.250000	1776.750000
max	215245.000000	4692.000000	5642.000000

Inspect correlations

- Use scatter plots to show the correlation between the chosen features and the target variable
- Comment on each scatter plot

```
# Create scatter plots for each feature vs. target
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.figure(figsize=(20, 5))
for i, col in enumerate(features.columns):
    plt.subplot(1, 3, i+1)
    plt.plot(data[col], target, 'o')
    plt.title(col)
    plt.xlabel(col)
    plt.ylabel('Prices')
    plt.tight_layout()
```



Create evaluation metrics

- Import r2_score and mean_squared_error from sklearn.metrics
- Create a function performance(true, predicted) to calculate and return both the R-squared score and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) for two equal-sized arrays for the given true and predicted values
 - Depending on your version of sklearn, in order to get the RMSE score you will need to either set squared=False or you will need to take the square root of the output of the mean_squared_error function - check out the documentation or this helpful and related StackOverflow post
 - The benefit of calculating RMSE instead of the Mean Squared Error (MSE) is that RMSE is in the same units at the target here, this means that RMSE will be in dollars, calculating how far off in dollars our predictions are away from the actual prices for homes, on average

```
# Import metrics
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score, mean_squared_error

# Define the function
def performance(y_true, y_predict):
    """
    Calculates and returns the two performance scores between
    true and predicted values - first R-Squared, then RMSE
    """

# Calculate the r2 score between 'y_true' and 'y_predict'
    r2 = r2_score(y_true, y_predict)

# Calculate the root mean squared error between 'y_true' and 'y_predict'
    rmse = mean_squared_error(y_true, y_predict, squared=False)

# If using an older version of sklearn:
    # rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_true, y_predict))

# Return the score
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```
return [r2, rmse]

# Test the function
score = performance([3, -0.5, 2, 7, 4.2], [2.5, 0.0, 2.1, 7.8, 5.3])
score
# [0.9228556485355649, 0.6870225614927066]
[0.9228556485355649, 0.6870225614927066]
```

Split the data into training and test sets

- Split features and target datasets into training/test data (80/20)
- For reproducibility, use random_state=42

```
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
# Split the data into training and test subsets
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    features, target, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

Grow a vanilla regression tree

- Import the DecisionTreeRegressor class
- Run a baseline model for later comparison using the datasets created above
- Generate predictions for test dataset and calculate the performance measures using the function created above
- Use random state=45 for tree instance
- Record your observations

```
# Import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
# Instantiate DecisionTreeRegressor
# Set random_state=45
regressor = DecisionTreeRegressor(random_state=45)
# Fit the model to training data
regressor.fit(x_train, y_train)
```

```
# Make predictions on the test data
y_pred = regressor.predict(x_test)

# Calculate performance using the performance() function
score = performance(y_test, y_pred)
score

# [0.5961521990414137, 55656.48543887347] - R2, RMSE

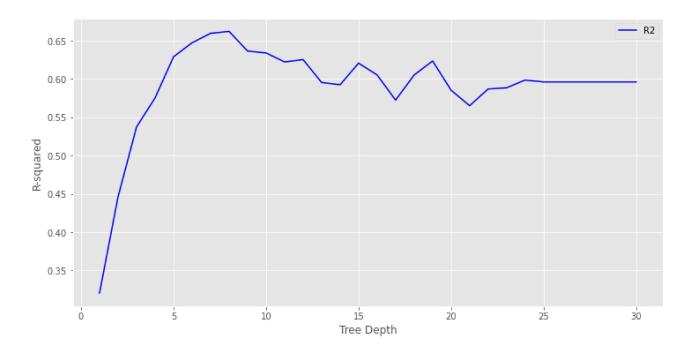
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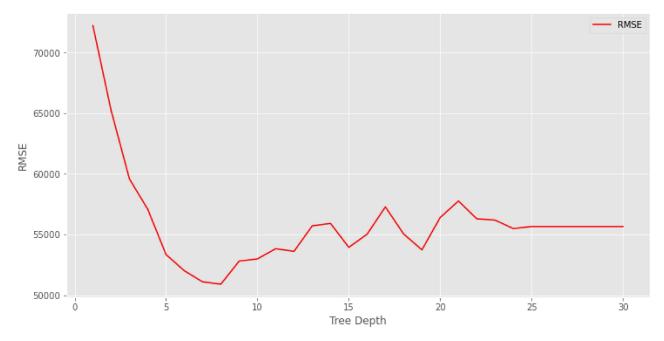
Hyperparameter tuning (I)

- Find the best tree depth using depth range: 1-30
- Run the regressor repeatedly in a for loop for each depth value
- Use random_state=45 for reproducibility
- Calculate RMSE and r-squared for each run
- Plot both performance measures for all runs
- Comment on the output

```
# Identify the optimal tree depth for given data
max_depths = list(range(1, 31))
mse results = []
r2 results = []
for max depth in max depths:
    regressor = DecisionTreeRegressor(max depth=max depth,
                                       random state=45)
    regressor.fit(x train, y train)
    y pred = regressor.predict(x test)
    score = performance(y test, y pred)
    r2 results.append(score[0])
    mse results.append(score[1])
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(max depths, r2 results, 'b', label='R2')
plt.xlabel('Tree Depth')
plt.ylabel('R-squared')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(max_depths, mse_results, 'r', label='RMSE')
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plt.xlabel('Tree Depth')
plt.ylabel('RMSE')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

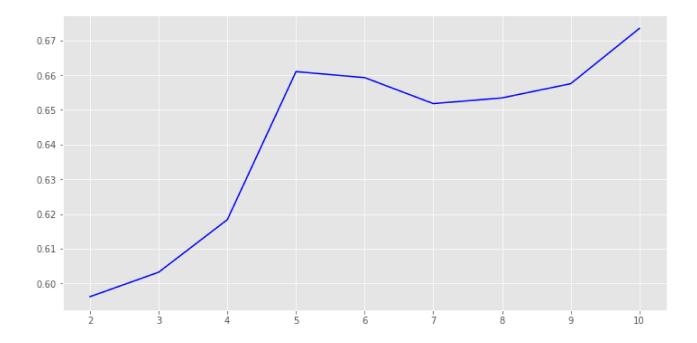


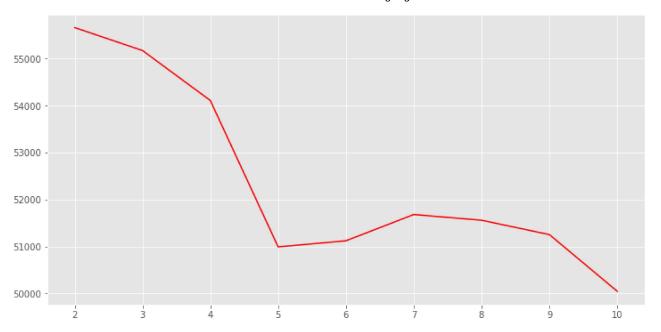


Hyperparameter tuning (II)

- Repeat the above process for min_samples_split
- Use a range of values from 2-10 for this hyperparameter
- Use random_state=45 for reproducibility
- Visualize the output and comment on results as above

```
# Identify the optimal minimum split size for given data
min_samples_splits = np.arange(2, 11)
mse_results = []
r2_results = []
for min_samples_split in min_samples_splits:
    regressor = DecisionTreeRegressor(min_samples_split=int(min_samples_split),
                                      random_state=45)
    regressor.fit(x_train, y_train)
    y_pred = regressor.predict(x_test)
    score = performance(y_test, y_pred)
    r2_results.append(score[0])
    mse_results.append(score[1])
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(min_samples_splits, r2_results, 'b', label='R2')
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(min samples splits, mse results, 'r', label='RMSE')
plt.show()
```





Run the optimized model

- Use the best values for <code>max_depth</code> and <code>min_samples_split</code> found in previous runs and run an optimized model with these values
- Calculate the performance and comment on the output

```
regressor = DecisionTreeRegressor(min_samples_split=5, max_depth=7, random_state=45)
regressor.fit(x_train, y_train)
y_pred = regressor.predict(x_test)
score = performance(y_test, y_pred)
score[0], score[1], regressor
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DecisionTreeRegressor(max_depth=7, min_samples_split=5, random_state=45))
```

Level up (Optional)

- How about bringing in some more features from the original dataset which may be good predictors?
- Also, try tuning more hyperparameters like max_features to find a more optimal version of the model

Summary

In this lab, we looked at applying a decision-tree-based regression analysis on the Ames Housing dataset. We saw how to train various models to find the optimal values for hyperparameters.

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