



HOUSING PRICE PREDICTION PROJECT



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INTRODUCTION

It's always said that food, clothes and shelter are the basic necessities of each and every person on this planet. So, to have own house is everybody's dream. And in the context of buying own house, the price is the major factor. The price is the most effective feature to decide whether it is affordable for someone or not. And in this project, I am trying to make a model which predicts the price of a particular house based on its specification/ features/ factors.

- **Business Problem Framing**

Houses are one of the necessary need of each and every person around the globe and therefore housing and real estate market is one of the markets which is one of the major contributors in the world's economy. It is a very large market and there are various companies working in the domain. Data science comes as a very important tool to solve problems in the domain to help the companies increase their overall revenue, profits, improving their marketing strategies and focusing on changing trends in house sales and purchases. Predictive modelling, Market mix modelling, recommendation systems are some of the machine learning techniques used for achieving the business goals for housing companies. Our problem is related to one such housing company.

- **Conceptual Background of the Domain Problem**

A US-based housing company named **Surprise Housing** has decided to enter the Australian market. The company uses data analytics to purchase houses at a price below their actual values and flip them at a higher price. For the same purpose, the company has collected a data set from the sale of houses in Australia. The data is provided in the CSV file below.

The company is looking at prospective properties to buy houses to enter the market. You are required to build a model using Machine Learning in order to predict the actual value of the prospective properties and decide whether to invest in them or not. For this company wants to know:

- Which variables are important to predict the price of variable?
- How do these variables describe the price of the house?

So, in this project, I will use my data analysis and machine learning techniques to check the relationship between the sale price and all other features available. And then using machine learning techniques, I will develop a model which will try to predict the prices with the accuracy as much as possible.

- **Review of Literature**

On the internet, there are a lot of literatures regarding this housing price problem. One of which is by Pow, Janulewicz, & Liu, 2014 in which they have stated that 'The relationship between house prices and the economy is an important motivating factor for predicting house prices and also there is no accurate system to calculate house prices.'

Another one is by (Khamis & Kamarudin, 2014) who states that Housing market is important for economic activities. Traditional housing price prediction is based on cost and sale price comparison. So, there is a need for building a model to efficiently predict the house price.

The best literature I can mention here is the description of the database provided to me for developing the model.

MSSubClass: Identifies the type of dwelling involved in the sale.

201-STORY 1946 & NEWER ALL STYLES
301-STORY 1945 & OLDER
401-STORY W/FINISHED ATTIC ALL AGES
451-1/2 STORY - UNFINISHED ALL AGES
501-1/2 STORY FINISHED ALL AGES
602-STORY 1946 & NEWER
702-STORY 1945 & OLDER
752-1/2 STORY ALL AGES
80SPLIT OR MULTI-LEVEL
85SPLIT FOYER
90DUPLEX - ALL STYLES AND AGES
120 1-STORY PUD (Planned Unit Development) - 1946 & NEWER
150 1-1/2 STORY PUD - ALL AGES
160 2-STORY PUD - 1946 & NEWER
180 PUD - MULTILEVEL - INCL SPLIT LEV/FOYER
190 2 FAMILY CONVERSION - ALL STYLES AND AGES

MSZoning: Identifies the general zoning classification of the sale.

A Agriculture
C Commercial
FV Floating Village Residential
I Industrial
RH Residential High Density
RL Residential Low Density
RPResidential Low Density Park

RM Residential Medium Density

LotFrontage: Linear feet of street connected to property

LotArea: Lot size in square feet

Street: Type of road access to property

| | |
|------|--------|
| Grvl | Gravel |
| Pave | Paved |

Alley: Type of alley access to property

| | |
|------|-----------------|
| Grvl | Gravel |
| Pave | Paved |
| NA | No alley access |

LotShape: General shape of property

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| Reg | Regular |
| IR1 | Slightly irregular |
| IR2 | Moderately Irregular |
| IR3 | Irregular |

LandContour: Flatness of the property

| | |
|-----|---|
| Lvl | Near Flat/Level |
| Bnk | Banked - Quick and significant rise from street grade to building |
| HLS | Hillside - Significant slope from side to side |
| Low | Depression |

Utilities: Type of utilities available

| | |
|--------|---|
| AllPub | All public Utilities (E,G,W,& S) |
| NoSewr | Electricity, Gas, and Water (Septic Tank) |
| NoSeWa | Electricity and Gas Only |
| ELO | Electricity only |

LotConfig: Lot configuration

| | |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| Inside | Inside lot |
| Corner | Corner lot |
| CulDSac | Cul-de-sac |
| FR2 | Frontage on 2 sides of property |

FR3 Frontage on 3 sides of property

LandSlope: Slope of property

Gtl Gentle slope

Mod Moderate Slope

Sev Severe Slope

Neighborhood: Physical locations within Ames city limits

Blmngtn Bloomington Heights

Blueste Bluestem

BrDale Briardale

BrkSide Brookside

ClearCr Clear Creek

CollgCr College Creek

Crawfor Crawford

Edwards Edwards

Gilbert Gilbert

IDOTRR Iowa DOT and Rail Road

MeadowV Meadow Village

Mitchel Mitchell

Names North Ames

NoRidge Northridge

NPkVill Northpark Villa

NridgHt Northridge Heights

NWAmes Northwest Ames

OldTown Old Town

SWISU South & West of Iowa State University

Sawyer Sawyer

SawyerW Sawyer West

Somerst Somerset

StoneBr Stone Brook

Timber Timberland

Veenker Veenker

Condition1: Proximity to various conditions

Artery Adjacent to arterial street

Feedr Adjacent to feeder street

Norm Normal

RRNn Within 200' of North-South Railroad

RRAn Adjacent to North-South Railroad

PosN Near positive off-site feature--park, greenbelt, etc.

| | |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| PosA | Adjacent to positive off-site feature |
| RRNe | Within 200' of East-West Railroad |
| RRAe | Adjacent to East-West Railroad |

Condition2: Proximity to various conditions (if more than one is present)

| | |
|--------|---|
| Artery | Adjacent to arterial street |
| Feedr | Adjacent to feeder street |
| Norm | Normal |
| RRNn | Within 200' of North-South Railroad |
| RRAn | Adjacent to North-South Railroad |
| PosN | Near positive off-site feature--park, greenbelt, etc. |
| PosA | Adjacent to positive off-site feature |
| RRNe | Within 200' of East-West Railroad |
| RRAe | Adjacent to East-West Railroad |

BldgType: Type of dwelling

| | |
|--------|--|
| 1Fam | Single-family Detached |
| 2FmCon | Two-family Conversion; originally built as one-family dwelling |
| Duplx | Duplex |
| TwnhsE | Townhouse End Unit |
| Twnhsl | Townhouse Inside Unit |

HouseStyle: Style of dwelling

| | |
|--------|--|
| 1Story | One story |
| 1.5Fin | One and one-half story: 2nd level finished |
| 1.5Unf | One and one-half story: 2nd level unfinished |
| 2Story | Two story |
| 2.5Fin | Two and one-half story: 2nd level finished |
| 2.5Unf | Two and one-half story: 2nd level unfinished |
| SFoyer | Split Foyer |
| SLvl | Split Level |

OverallQual: Rates the overall material and finish of the house

| | |
|----|----------------|
| 10 | Very Excellent |
| 9 | Excellent |
| 8 | Very Good |
| 7 | Good |
| 6 | Above Average |
| 5 | Average |
| 4 | Below Average |

- 3 Fair
- 2 Poor
- 1 Very Poor

OverallCond: Rates the overall condition of the house

- 10 Very Excellent
- 9 Excellent
- 8 Very Good
- 7 Good
- 6 Above Average
- 5 Average
- 4 Below Average
- 3 Fair
- 2 Poor
- 1 Very Poor

YearBuilt: Original construction date

YearRemodAdd: Remodel date (same as construction date if no remodeling or additions)

RoofStyle: Type of roof

- Flat Flat
- Gable Gable
- Gambrel Gabrel (Barn)
- Hip Hip
- Mansard Mansard
- Shed Shed

RoofMatl: Roof material

- ClyTile Clay or Tile
- CompShg Standard (Composite) Shingle
- Membran Membrane
- Metal Metal
- Roll Roll
- Tar&Grv Gravel & Tar
- WdShakeWood Shakes
- WdShngl Wood Shingles

Exterior1st: Exterior covering on house

| | |
|---------|-------------------|
| AsbShng | Asbestos Shingles |
| AsphShn | Asphalt Shingles |
| BrkComm | Brick Common |
| BrkFace | Brick Face |
| CBlock | Cinder Block |
| CemntBd | Cement Board |
| HdBoard | Hard Board |
| ImStucc | Imitation Stucco |
| MetalSd | Metal Siding |
| Other | Other |
| Plywood | Plywood |
| PreCast | PreCast |
| Stone | Stone |
| Stucco | Stucco |
| VinylSd | Vinyl Siding |
| Wd Sdng | Wood Siding |
| WdShing | Wood Shingles |

Exterior2nd: Exterior covering on house (if more than one material)

| | |
|---------|-------------------|
| AsbShng | Asbestos Shingles |
| AsphShn | Asphalt Shingles |
| BrkComm | Brick Common |
| BrkFace | Brick Face |
| CBlock | Cinder Block |
| CemntBd | Cement Board |
| HdBoard | Hard Board |
| ImStucc | Imitation Stucco |
| MetalSd | Metal Siding |
| Other | Other |
| Plywood | Plywood |
| PreCast | PreCast |
| Stone | Stone |
| Stucco | Stucco |
| VinylSd | Vinyl Siding |
| Wd Sdng | Wood Siding |
| WdShing | Wood Shingles |

MasVnrType: Masonry veneer type

| | |
|---------|--------------|
| BrkCmn | Brick Common |
| BrkFace | Brick Face |
| CBlock | Cinder Block |
| None | None |

Stone Stone

MasVnrArea: Masonry veneer area in square feet

ExterQual: Evaluates the quality of the material on the exterior

Ex Excellent
Gd Good
TA Average/Typical
Fa Fair
Po Poor

ExterCond: Evaluates the present condition of the material on the exterior

Ex Excellent
Gd Good
TA Average/Typical
Fa Fair
Po Poor

Foundation: Type of foundation

BrkTil Brick & Tile
CBlock Cinder Block
PConc Poured Contrete
Slab Slab
Stone Stone
Wood Wood

BsmtQual: Evaluates the height of the basement

Ex Excellent (100+ inches)
Gd Good (90-99 inches)
TA Typical (80-89 inches)
Fa Fair (70-79 inches)
Po Poor (<70 inches)
NA No Basement

BsmtCond: Evaluates the general condition of the basement

Ex Excellent
Gd Good
TA Typical - slight dampness allowed
Fa Fair - dampness or some cracking or settling

Po Poor - Severe cracking, settling, or wetness
NA No Basement

BsmtExposure: Refers to walkout or garden level walls

Gd Good Exposure
Av Average Exposure (split levels or foyers typically score average or above)
Mn Minimum Exposure
No No Exposure
NA No Basement

BsmtFinType1: Rating of basement finished area

GLQ Good Living Quarters
ALQ Average Living Quarters
BLQ Below Average Living Quarters
Rec Average Rec Room
LwQ Low Quality
Unf Unfinished
NA No Basement

BsmtFinSF1: Type 1 finished square feet

BsmtFinType2: Rating of basement finished area (if multiple types)

GLQ Good Living Quarters
ALQ Average Living Quarters
BLQ Below Average Living Quarters
Rec Average Rec Room
LwQ Low Quality
Unf Unfinished
NA No Basement

BsmtFinSF2: Type 2 finished square feet

BsmtUnfSF: Unfinished square feet of basement area

TotalBsmtSF: Total square feet of basement area

Heating: Type of heating

Floor Floor Furnace
GasA Gas forced warm air furnace
GasW Gas hot water or steam heat

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|------|--|
| Grav | Gravity furnace |
| OthW | Hot water or steam heat other than gas |
| Wall | Wall furnace |

HeatingQC: Heating quality and condition

| | |
|----|-----------------|
| Ex | Excellent |
| Gd | Good |
| TA | Average/Typical |
| Fa | Fair |
| Po | Poor |

CentralAir: Central air conditioning

| | |
|---|-----|
| N | No |
| Y | Yes |

Electrical: Electrical system

| | |
|-------|--|
| SBrkr | Standard Circuit Breakers & Romex |
| FuseA | Fuse Box over 60 AMP and all Romex wiring (Average) |
| FuseF | 60 AMP Fuse Box and mostly Romex wiring (Fair) |
| FuseP | 60 AMP Fuse Box and mostly knob & tube wiring (poor) |
| Mix | Mixed |

1stFlrSF: First Floor square feet

2ndFlrSF: Second floor square feet

LowQualFinSF: Low quality finished square feet (all floors)

GrLivArea: Above grade (ground) living area square feet

BsmtFullBath: Basement full bathrooms

BsmtHalfBath: Basement half bathrooms

FullBath: Full bathrooms above grade

HalfBath: Half baths above grade

Bedroom: Bedrooms above grade (does NOT include basement bedrooms)

Kitchen: Kitchens above grade

KitchenQual: Kitchen quality

Ex Excellent

Gd Good

TA Typical/Average

Fa Fair

Po Poor

TotRmsAbvGrd: Total rooms above grade (does not include bathrooms)

Functional: Home functionality (Assume typical unless deductions are warranted)

| | |
|------|-----------------------|
| Typ | Typical Functionality |
| Min1 | Minor Deductions 1 |
| Min2 | Minor Deductions 2 |
| Mod | Moderate Deductions |
| Maj1 | Major Deductions 1 |
| Maj2 | Major Deductions 2 |
| Sev | Severely Damaged |
| Sal | Salvage only |

Fireplaces: Number of fireplaces

FireplaceQu: Fireplace quality

Ex Excellent - Exceptional Masonry Fireplace

GdGood - Masonry Fireplace in main level

TAAverage - Prefabricated Fireplace in main living area or Masonry Fireplace in basement

Fa Fair - Prefabricated Fireplace in basement

Po Poor - Ben Franklin Stove

NA No Fireplace

GarageType: Garage location

2Types More than one type of garage

Attchd Attached to home

Basment Basement Garage

BuiltIn Built-In (Garage part of house - typically has room above garage)

CarPort Car Port

Detchd Detached from home

NA No Garage

GarageYrBlt: Year garage was built

GarageFinish: Interior finish of the garage

FinFinished

RFn Rough Finished

Unf Unfinished

NANo Garage

GarageCars: Size of garage in car capacity

GarageArea: Size of garage in square feet

GarageQual: Garage quality

Ex Excellent

Gd Good

TA Typical/Average

Fa Fair

Po Poor

NANo Garage

GarageCond: Garage condition

Ex Excellent

Gd Good

TA Typical/Average

Fa Fair

Po Poor

NANo Garage

PavedDrive: Paved driveway

Y Paved

P Partial Pavement

N Dirt/Gravel

WoodDeckSF: Wood deck area in square feet

OpenPorchSF: Open porch area in square feet

EnclosedPorch: Enclosed porch area in square feet

3SsnPorch: Three season porch area in square feet

ScreenPorch: Screen porch area in square feet

PoolArea: Pool area in square feet

PoolQC: Pool quality

Ex Excellent
Gd Good
TA Average/Typical
Fa Fair
NA No Pool

Fence: Fence quality

GdPrv Good Privacy
MnPrv Minimum Privacy
GdWo Good Wood
MnWw Minimum Wood/Wire
NA No Fence

MiscFeature: Miscellaneous feature not covered in other categories

Elev Elevator
Gar2 2nd Garage (if not described in garage section)
Othr Other
Shed Shed (over 100 SF)
TenC Tennis Court
NA None

MiscVal: \$Value of miscellaneous feature

MoSold: Month Sold (MM)

YrSold: Year Sold (YYYY)

SaleType: Type of sale

WD Warranty Deed - Conventional
CWD Warranty Deed - Cash
VWD Warranty Deed - VA Loan
New Home just constructed and sold
COD Court Officer Deed/Estate

| | |
|-------|--|
| Con | Contract 15% Down payment regular terms |
| ConLw | Contract Low Down payment and low interest |
| ConLI | Contract Low Interest |
| ConLD | Contract Low Down |
| Oth | Other |

SaleCondition: Condition of sale

| | |
|---------|---|
| Normal | Normal Sale |
| Abnorml | Abnormal Sale - trade, foreclosure, short sale |
| AdjLand | Adjoining Land Purchase |
| Alloca | Allocation - two linked properties with separate deeds, typically condo with a garage unit |
| Family | Sale between family members |
| Partial | Home was not completed when last assessed (associated with New Homes) |

• Motivation for the Problem Undertaken

As stated in the above discussion on this valuable project, it is the importance of the prices in the finalization of any house and uncertainty of the prices associated with the houses or in other words, there is no mechanism to justify the price of houses, which led me to work on this project and inspired me to build a model so that my data science skills can be used in making a model that imparts some impact on the society.

I took it as an opportunity to work on this project and enjoyed developing its model as I applied a lot of permutations and combinations of approaches on this model and hence, finalized my model based on the bes

Analytical Problem Framing

- **Mathematical/ Analytical Modeling of the Problem**

There are two datasets in this project which are provided to us. One is Train dataset and other is Test dataset. I developed my model using Train dataset and by using this model, I predicted the 'SalePrice' of Test dataset which is asked in this project. This is a regression problem.

There are a lot of features (81) in this dataset. Some of the features are having a lot of Nan values like ore than 90%. So, I deleted those features. Also, there are some other features which have one value for almost 90% of datapoints so I also dropped those features and hence, developed my model in this way. It will be shown with time to time in this project report with the screenshots attached. I also did analysis part on this project by analyzing univariate and bivariate analysis and got some decisions based on these plots.

I also plotted some plots at the end showing the deviations between the predicted values of my model with the actual one. Also showed one plot of showing the difference between the actual and predicted values and hance, it was depicted that there was only 4.7% variation between actual and predicted ones.

- **Data Sources and their formats**

The data on which I worked was provided by FlipRoboTechnologies. It has 1460 entries each having 81 variables. It's screenshot is attached below:

In [2]: `df1=pd.read_csv('train.csv')`
`pd.options.display.max_columns=None`
`df1`

Out[2]:

| | Id | MSSubClass | MSZoning | LotFrontage | LotArea | Street | Alley | LotShape | LandContour | Utilities | LotConfig | LandSlope | Neighborhood | Condition1 | Condition2 |
|------|-----|------------|----------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 0 | 127 | 120 | RL | NaN | 4928 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | NPkVill | Norm | |
| 1 | 889 | 20 | RL | 95.0 | 15865 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Mod | NAmes | Norm | |
| 2 | 793 | 60 | RL | 92.0 | 9920 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | CulDSac | Gtl | NoRidge | Norm | |
| 3 | 110 | 20 | RL | 105.0 | 11751 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | NWAmes | Norm | |
| 4 | 422 | 20 | RL | NaN | 16635 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | FR2 | Gtl | NWAmes | Norm | |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1163 | 289 | 20 | RL | NaN | 9819 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | Sawyer | Norm | |
| 1164 | 554 | 20 | RL | 67.0 | 8777 | Pave | NaN | Reg | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | Edwards | Feedr | |
| 1165 | 196 | 160 | RL | 24.0 | 2280 | Pave | NaN | Reg | Lvl | AllPub | FR2 | Gtl | NPkVill | Norm | |
| 1166 | 31 | 70 | C (all) | 50.0 | 8500 | Pave | Pave | Reg | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | IDOTRR | Feedr | |
| 1167 | 617 | 60 | RL | NaN | 7861 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | Gilbert | Norm | |

1168 rows × 81 columns

Screenshot 1. Train dataset

In [19]: `df2=pd.read_csv('test.csv')`
`df2`

Out[19]:

| | Id | MSSubClass | MSZoning | LotFrontage | LotArea | Street | Alley | LotShape | LandContour | Utilities | LotConfig | LandSlope | Neighborhood | Condition1 | Condition2 |
|-----|------|------------|----------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 0 | 337 | 20 | RL | 86.0 | 14157 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | HLS | AllPub | Corner | Gtl | StoneBr | Norm | |
| 1 | 1018 | 120 | RL | NaN | 5814 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | CulDSac | Gtl | StoneBr | Norm | |
| 2 | 929 | 20 | RL | NaN | 11838 | Pave | NaN | Reg | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | CollgCr | Norm | |
| 3 | 1148 | 70 | RL | 75.0 | 12000 | Pave | NaN | Reg | Bnk | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | Crawfor | Norm | |
| 4 | 1227 | 60 | RL | 86.0 | 14598 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | CulDSac | Gtl | Somerst | Feedr | |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 287 | 83 | 20 | RL | 78.0 | 10206 | Pave | NaN | Reg | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | Somerst | Norm | |
| 288 | 1048 | 20 | RL | 57.0 | 9245 | Pave | NaN | IR2 | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | CollgCr | Norm | |
| 289 | 17 | 20 | RL | NaN | 11241 | Pave | NaN | IR1 | Lvl | AllPub | CulDSac | Gtl | NAmes | Norm | |
| 290 | 523 | 50 | RM | 50.0 | 5000 | Pave | NaN | Reg | Lvl | AllPub | Corner | Gtl | BrkSide | Feedr | |
| 291 | 1379 | 160 | RM | 21.0 | 1953 | Pave | NaN | Reg | Lvl | AllPub | Inside | Gtl | BrDale | Norm | |

292 rows × 80 columns

Screenshot 2. Test dataset

The test dataset has 80 columns rather than training dataset which has 81 columns as the target variable SalePrice is to be found here.

Regarding formats, some columns have integer values, some have float values and some other have text values. This is also shown in the following screenshot depicting the datatypes of this dataset.

Also, I found that the column names of both the datasets were having upper case and lower case characters used for their names. So, I renamed all the columns in both of the datasets to lower case and proceeded with these lowercase names then.

```
In [9]: df1.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1168 entries, 0 to 1167
Data columns (total 79 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   mssubclass             1168 non-null   int64
1   mszoning               1168 non-null   object
2   lotfrontage            954 non-null    float64
3   lotarea               1168 non-null   int64
4   street                1168 non-null   object
5   alley                 77 non-null     object
6   lotshape              1168 non-null   object
7   landcontour           1168 non-null   object
8   lotconfig             1168 non-null   object
9   landslope             1168 non-null   object
10  neighborhood           1168 non-null   object
11  condition1            1168 non-null   object
12  condition2            1168 non-null   object
13  bldgtype              1168 non-null   object
14  housestyle            1168 non-null   object
15  overallqual           1168 non-null   int64
16  overallcond           1168 non-null   int64
17  yearbuilt             1168 non-null   int64
18  yearremodadd          1168 non-null   int64
19  roofstyle             1168 non-null   object
20  roofmat1              1168 non-null   object
21  exterior1st           1168 non-null   object
22  exterior2nd           1168 non-null   object
23  masvnrtype            1161 non-null   object
24  masvnrarea            1161 non-null   float64
25  exterqual             1168 non-null   object
26  extercond             1168 non-null   object
27  foundation            1168 non-null   object
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29  bsmtcond              1138 non-null   object
30  bsmtexposure          1137 non-null   object
31  bsmtfintype1          1138 non-null   object
32  bsmtfinsf1            1168 non-null   int64
33  bsmtfintype2          1137 non-null   object
34  bsmtfinsf2            1168 non-null   int64
35  bsmtunfsf             1168 non-null   int64
36  totalbsmtsf           1168 non-null   int64
37  heating               1168 non-null   object
38  heatingoc             1168 non-null   object
39  centralair            1168 non-null   object
40  electrical            1168 non-null   object
41  1stflrsf              1168 non-null   int64
42  2ndflrsf              1168 non-null   int64
43  lowqualfinsf          1168 non-null   int64
44  grlivarea              1168 non-null   int64
45  bsmtfullbath           1168 non-null   int64
46  bsmthalfbath           1168 non-null   int64
47  fullbath              1168 non-null   int64
48  halfbath              1168 non-null   int64
49  bedroomabvgr          1168 non-null   int64
50  kitchenabvgr          1168 non-null   int64
51  kitchenqual           1168 non-null   object
52  totrmsabvgrd          1168 non-null   int64
53  functional            1168 non-null   object
54  fireplaces            1168 non-null   int64
55  fireplacequ           617 non-null    object
56  garagetype            1104 non-null   object
57  garageyrblt           1104 non-null   float64
58  garagefinish          1104 non-null   object
59  garagecars            1168 non-null   int64
60  garagearea            1168 non-null   int64
61  garagequal            1104 non-null   object
62  garagecond            1104 non-null   object
63  paveddrive            1168 non-null   object
64  wooddecksf            1168 non-null   int64
65  openporchsf           1168 non-null   int64
66  enclosedporch         1168 non-null   int64
67  3ssnporch             1168 non-null   int64
68  screenporch           1168 non-null   int64
69  poolarea              1168 non-null   int64
70  poolqc                7 non-null     object
71  fence                 237 non-null    object
72  miscfeature            44 non-null     object
```

Screenshot 3. Datatypes of columns of Trian dataset.

- **Data Preprocessing Done**

Firstly, I checked the NaN values in the dataset and found that there were some features which were having almost 90% NAN values so, I decided to drop these features. Also, there were features id and utilities from which, id was having unique value for each and every datapoint, hence, I dropped that. Also, utilities

feature was having one value for all datapoints so I deleted that. To check this, I also used `nunique` function to give me the unique values associated with each feature and decided based on this. I also plotted its count plot which is attached below:

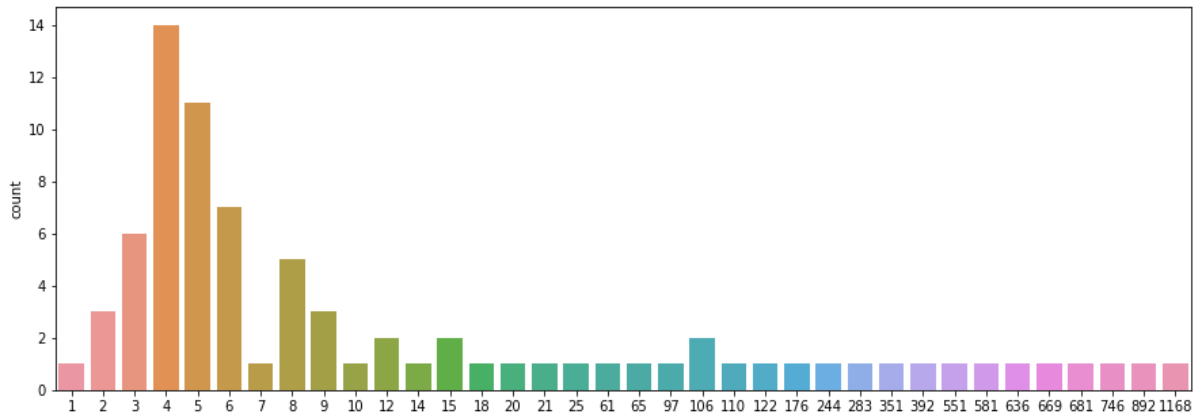


Fig. 1. Countplot of nunique values.

I formed a combined dataset where I joined train dataset and test dataset for further proceedings of imputation and encoding.

Then I divided all features into two categories- categorical and continuous features. For imputation of the features of both the categories, I used the `SimpleImputer` with strategy 'mean' for continuous features and 'most_frequent' for the categorical features and hence, imputation was done.

```
In [28]: from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer

In [29]: si1=SimpleImputer(strategy='mean')
         si2=SimpleImputer(strategy='most_frequent')

In [30]: for i in df:
         if i == 'saleprice':
             pass
         else:
             if i in cat_cols:
                 df[i]=si2.fit_transform(df[[i]])
             else:
                 df[i]=si1.fit_transform(df[[i]])
         print(df.isna().sum().sum())
```

Screenshot. Simple Imputer.

I again deleted some more features based on the univariate analysis done on the features vs target which I have shown in the plot section of this report.

Then I encoded categorical features with LabelEncoder and hence, proceeded with that.

```
In [42]: from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder  
le=LabelEncoder()
```

```
In [43]: for i in cat_cols:  
         df[i]=le.fit_transform(df[[i]])
```

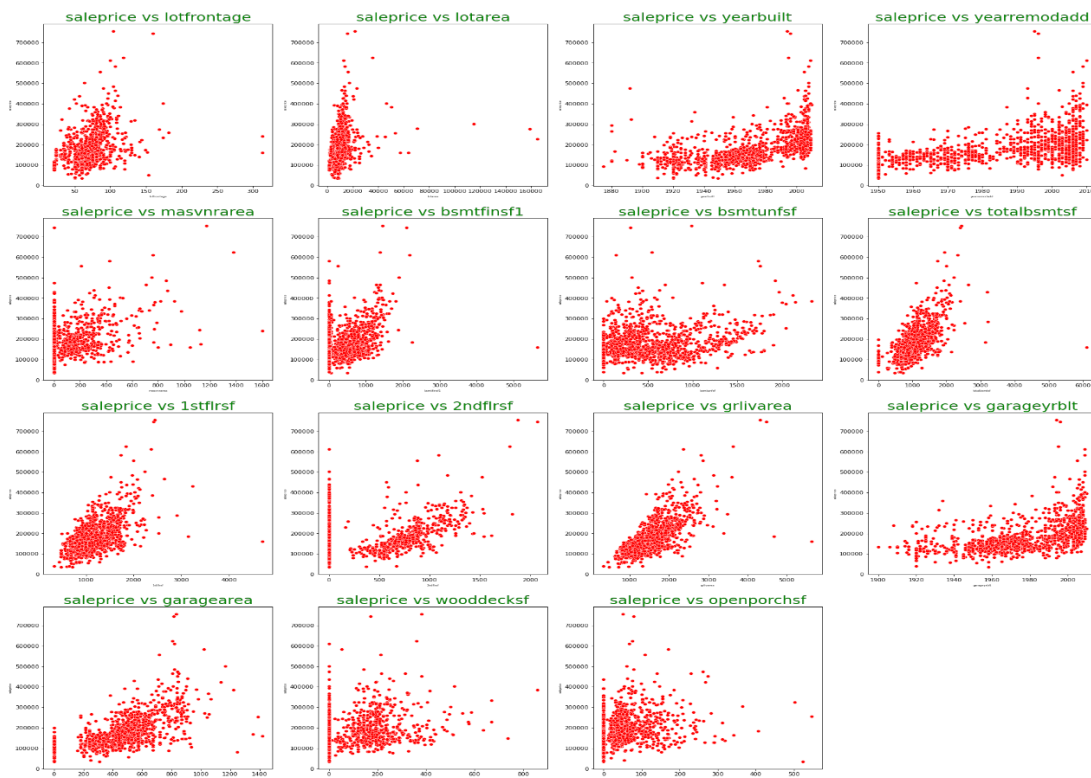
Screenshot. Label Encoder.

- **Data Inputs- Logic- Output Relationships**

There are two types of plots that I used in analyzing the relationship between the features and the target- one is Scatter plot between continuous features and target and second is Swarm plots between categorical features and target variable. There are 15 continuous features and 51 categorical features.

Scatter plots: These plots have been used to analyze the relationship between continuous features and the target variable.

saleprice vs all continuous features



- I. The above plot shows maximum lotfrontage lies between 0 and 100.
- II. Maximum lotarea lies between 0 and 20000.
- III. Yearbuilt feature: it shows that the newly built is the house, more is the price.
- IV. Yearremmodadd feature: most of the datapoints lie between 1990 and 2010.
- V. Masvnrarea: a lot of datapoints having 0 value. And the next concentration is upto 200.
- VI. Bsmtfinsf1: here, also most of the datapoints have values nearly zero.
- VII. Bsmtunfsf: its values are scattered from 0 to 1500 mainly.
- VIII. Totalbsmtsf: its maximum values lie in the range of 1000. More is its value, more is sale price.
- IX. 1stflrsf: it's scattered from 0 to 1000. More is its value, more is sale price.
- X. 2ndflrsf: for a large range of datapoints, it has 0 value. For the rest, it varies from 500 to 1500.
- XI. Grlivarea: more is the area, more is the sale price.
- XII. Garageyrblt: the latest is the garage built, more is the sale price.
- XIII. Garagearea: more is the area, more is the sale price.
- XIV. Wooddecksf: it has 0 value for many datapoints.
- XV. Openporchsf: it also has 0 value for many datapoints. For the rest, more is its value, more is the sale price.

Swarmplots: These plots have been plotted between categorical features and the target variable. As there are 51 categorical features, so I plotted there 3 plots- first two plots between 20 categorical features and the target variable and the third one is between 11 categorical features and target variable.

First swarmplot:

Based on this plot, I analyzed that the 3 features 'roofmatl','street' and 'condition2' was having one particular value for most of the datapoints as shown in subplot 3,10 and 12 of the following figure and hence, I checked the `value.counts()` for these 3 features which showed that they were holding one particular value for almost 90% data, which made them irreluctant for my model and hence, I dropped these features as shown in screenshot.

saleprice vs first 20 categorical features

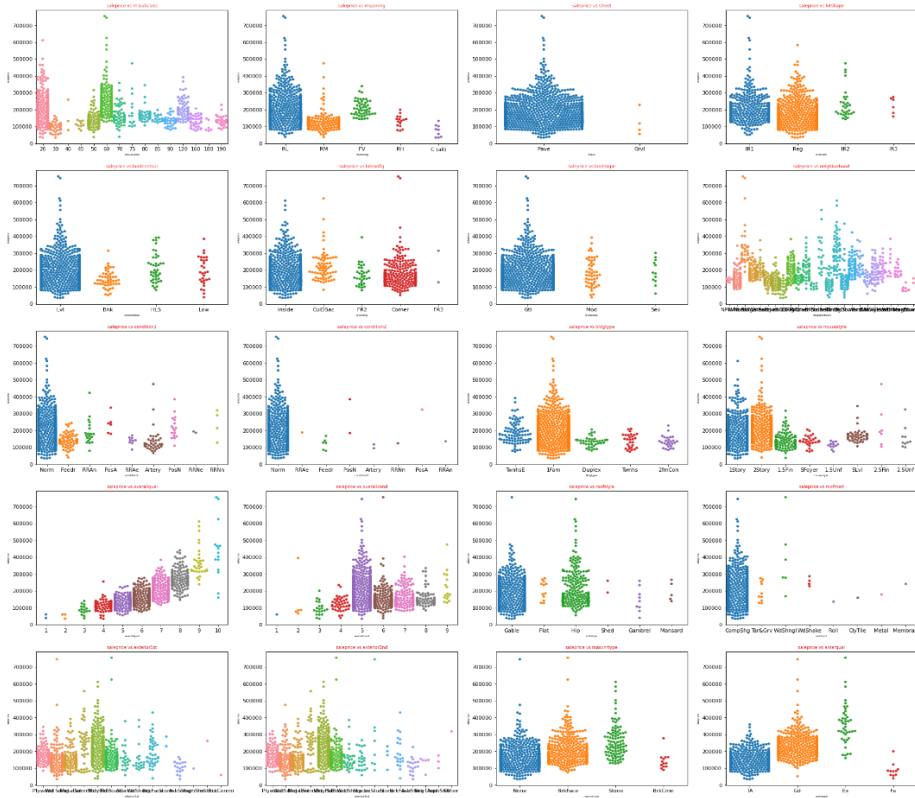


Fig. First Swarmplot.

```
In [34]: ll=['roofmatl','street','condition2']
for i in ll:
    print(i,df1[i].value_counts(),'\n')

roofmatl
CompShg    1144
Tar&Grv     10
WdShngl     6
WdShake     4
Roll        1
ClyTile     1
Metal       1
Membran     1
Name: roofmatl, dtype: int64

street
Pave       1164
Grv1       4
Name: street, dtype: int64

condition2
Norm       1154
Feedr      6
PosN       2
Artery     2
RRAe       1
RRNn       1
PosA       1
RRAn       1
Name: condition2, dtype: int64
```

```
In [35]: for i in ll:
df=df.drop(i,axis=1)
cat_cols.remove(i)
del_cols.append(i)
```

Screenshot First Swarmplot decisions.

Second Swarmplot:

Then I plotted the second swarmplot between next 20 categorical features and the target variable and analyzed that there was one feature 'heating' which was having one particular value for almost 95% values as depicted from subplot 8 of this plot. So, dropped that particular feature.

saleprice vs next 20 categorical features

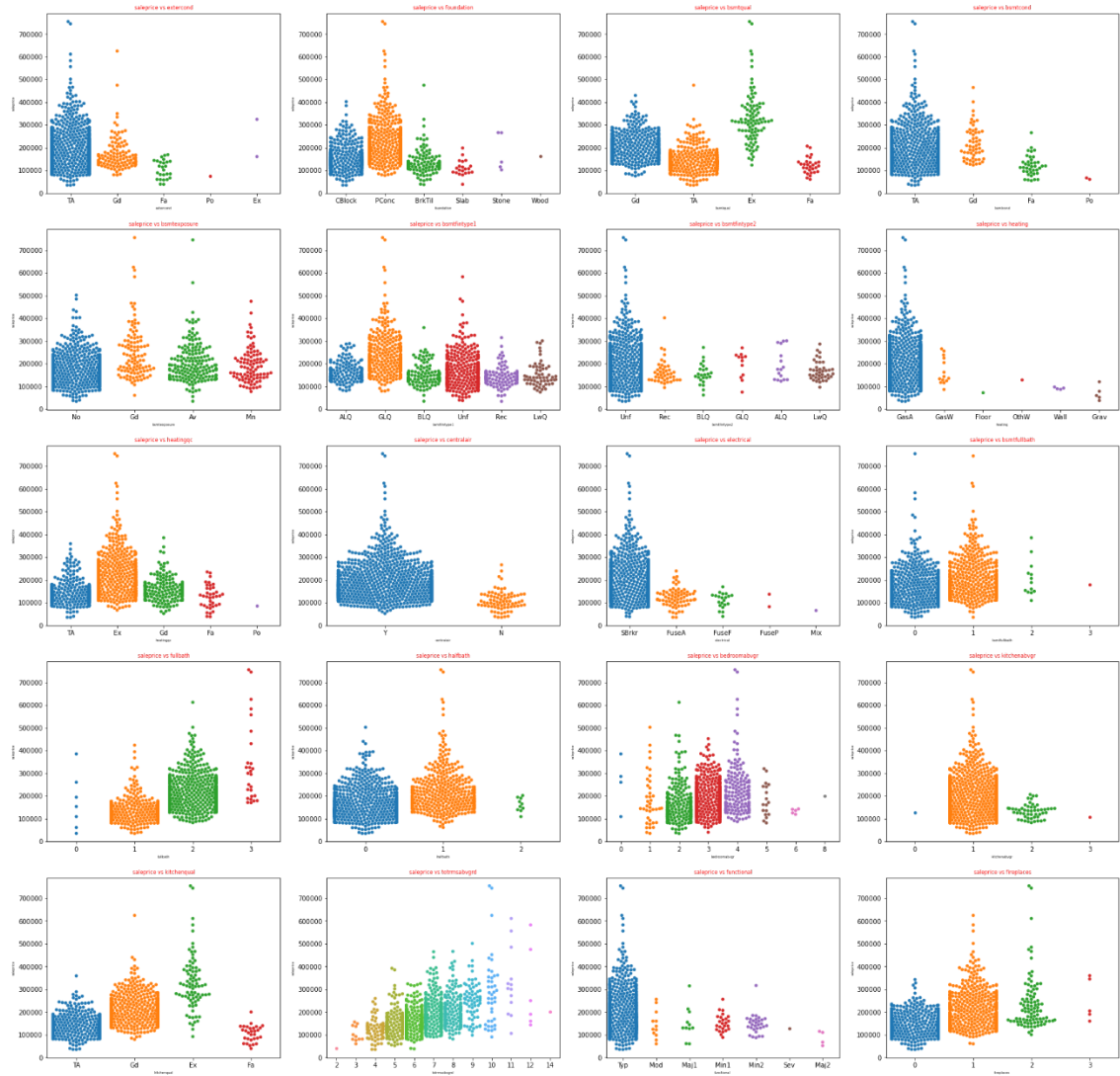


Fig. Second Swarmplot


```
In [37]: df1['heating'].value_counts()
```

```
Out[37]: GasA      1143
        GasW       14
        Grav        5
        Wall        4
        Floor       1
        Othw        1
        Name: heating, dtype: int64
```

```
In [38]: df=df.drop('heating',axis=1)
        cat_cols.remove('heating')
        del_cols.append('heating')
```

Screenshot. Second Swarmplot decisions.

Third Swarmplot:

This last swarmplot showed that two features 'garageequal' and 'garagecond' were having one particular value for almost 90% of the dataset as shown in subplot 5 & 6 of this plot. So, after checking their count_values, I dropped these features.

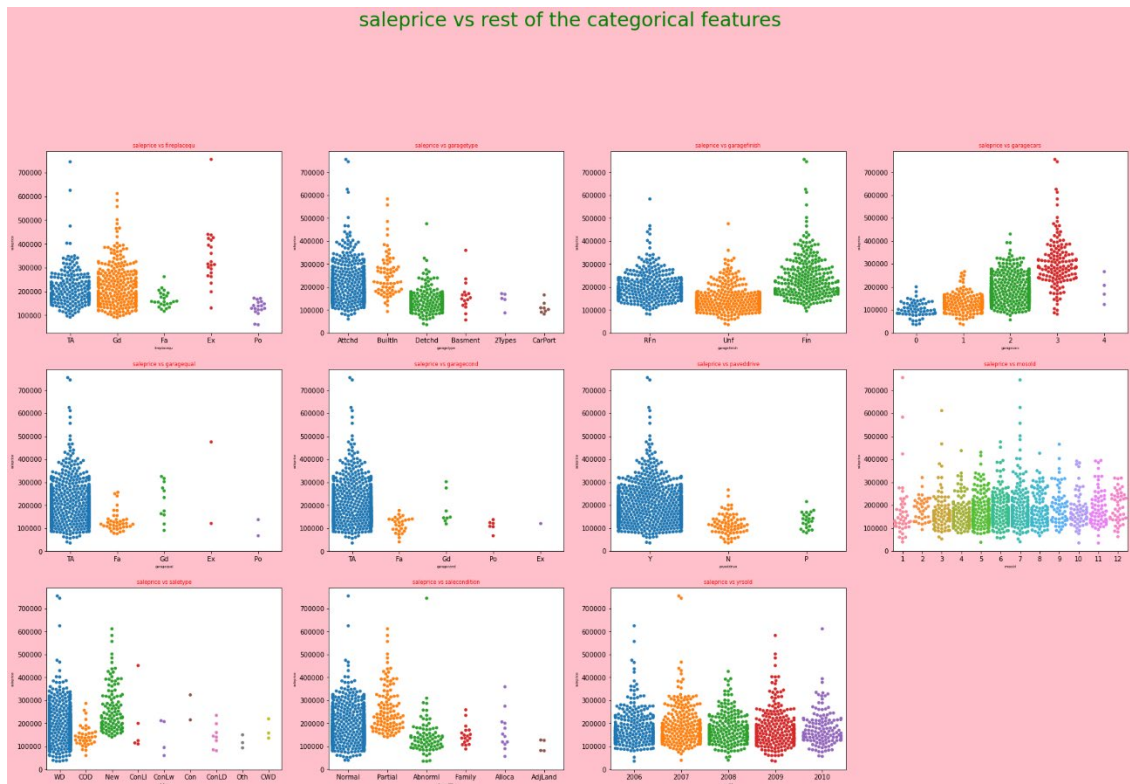


Fig. Third Swarmplot.

```
In [40]: l2=['garagequal','garagecond']
for i in l2:
    print(i, '\n', df1[i].value_counts(), '\n')
```

```
garagequal
TA      1050
Fa       39
Gd       11
Ex        2
Po        2
Name: garagequal, dtype: int64
```

```
garagecond
TA      1061
Fa       28
Gd        8
Po        6
Ex        1
Name: garagecond, dtype: int64
```

```
In [41]: for i in l2:
df=df.drop(i,axis=1)
cat_cols.remove(i)
del_cols.append(i)
```

Screenshot. Swarmplot 3 decisions.

- **State the set of assumptions (if any) related to the problem under consideration**

There were basic assumptions which I assumed in my model. These are:

- Zscore of 3 is chosen for removing outliers from my train dataset.
- Dataloss criteria in case of outliers removal has chosen to be less than 10%.
- For skewness removal. I chose the -0.5 to +0.5 as the accepted range of skewness for my model. So, I chose that particular transformation technique after applying of which I got this range of skewness for my train dataset.
- For removing features based on the correlation between the independent features, I chose -0.8 to +0.8 as the accepted range. If some feature had higher correlation with some other feature outside of this range, then the feature which had lower correlation with the target variable was dropped.
- For removing multicollinearity, the accepted range of vif I chose to be <5.
- For selecting the best features based on SelectKBest method, I chose 27 features from the total 54 features fed to it.

- **Hardware and Software Requirements and Tools Used**

Hardware:

Processor:

- core i5 or above
- RAM: 8 GB or above

- ROM/SSD: 250 GB or above

Software:

Anaconda 3- language used Python 3 and worked on Jupyter Notebook.

Libraries Imported:

- Numpy
- Pandas
- Matplotlib
- Seaborn

Model/s Development and Evaluation

Identification of possible problem-solving approaches

- **Outliers Removal:** I removed the outlier from train dataset using zscore method. Firstly, I analyzed outliers using boxplots and then found that there were 97 datapoints which I needed to delete in order to remove outliers from my train dataset. As the data loss was less than 10% (it was almost 8%), so, I deleted those datapoints and hence, left with 1071 records from 1168 records that was available earlier.

The boxplot and hence, screenshot showing the outliers removal technique has been attached:

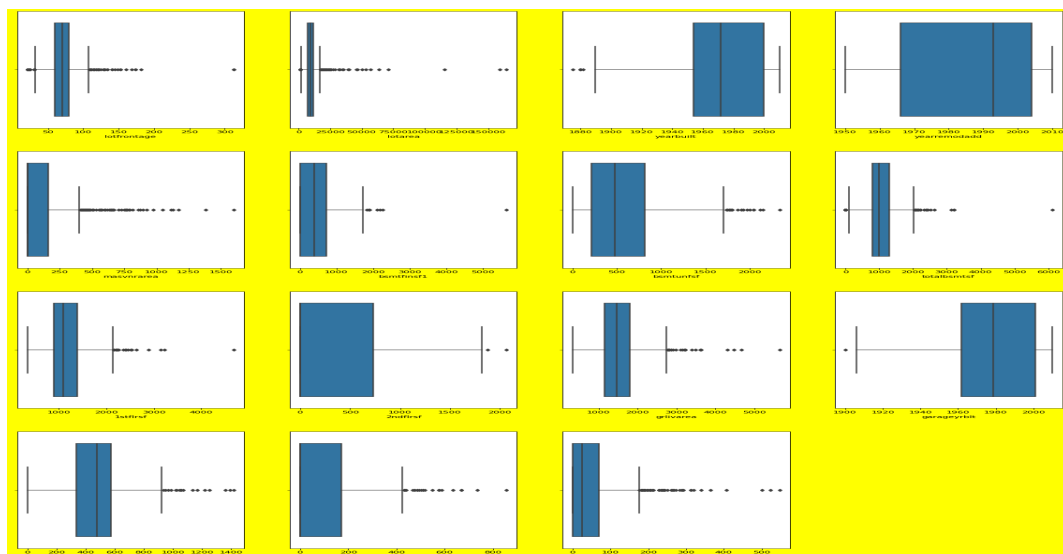


Fig. Boxplot showing outliers.

```
In [53]: ((np.abs(zscore(df_trcont)))>3).any()
```

```
Out[53]: lotfrontage    True
lotarea              True
yearbuilt            True
yearremodadd         False
masvnrarea           True
bsmtfinsf1           True
bsmtunfsf            True
totalbsmtsf          True
1stflrsf             True
2ndflrsf             True
grlivarea            True
garageyrblt          True
garagearea           True
wooddecksf           True
openporchsf          True
dtype: bool
```

```
In [54]: ind1=np.where((np.abs(zscore(df_trcont)))>3)
ind1
```

```
Out[54]: (array([ 23,  40,  51,  68, 103, 103, 113, 119, 119, 140, 141,
141, 141, 141, 141, 141, 142, 142, 151, 152, 191, 192,
192, 192, 195, 232, 232, 232, 241, 241, 241, 243, 245,
245, 273, 299, 303, 305, 305, 305, 305, 309, 310, 325,
338, 352, 355, 356, 361, 361, 361, 361, 361, 361, 361,
381, 394, 403, 434, 449, 452, 490, 500, 504, 504, 504,
523, 525, 561, 561, 574, 581, 592, 592, 592, 592, 592,
592, 592, 592, 592, 600, 600, 600, 614, 626, 626, 639,
655, 681, 683, 689, 691, 691, 691, 691, 691, 695, 697,
697, 707, 711, 713, 720, 736, 746, 757, 757, 758, 762,
762, 762, 762, 772, 772, 800, 821, 821, 830, 833, 839,
839, 839, 858, 861, 863, 864, 870, 897, 897, 914, 914,
914, 956, 980, 1017, 1017, 1038, 1046, 1047, 1053, 1073, 1082,
1094, 1104, 1120, 1120, 1121, 1123, 1123, 1134, 1142, 1150],
dtype=int64),
array([14,  0, 14,  8, 10, 14,  1,  1, 13,  4,  0,  5,  7,  8,  9, 10,  4,
13, 14, 13,  0,  2,  9, 10,  0,  4,  6, 10,  4,  5,  8,  7,  1, 13,
10,  2,  0,  6,  7,  8, 10, 13, 13, 13,  4,  4,  4,  1,  1,  4,  5,
 7,  8, 10, 14, 13, 14, 11,  4, 14, 10, 13, 13,  4,  7,  8,  4,  4,
12, 14,  6, 14,  0,  1,  4,  5,  7,  8, 10, 12, 14,  1, 13,  4, 10,
 0, 14, 14,  2,  4, 14,  1,  4,  7,  8,  9, 10, 13,  4,  5, 13, 14,
14,  4,  4, 14,  4,  6,  0,  4,  6,  7,  8,  6, 12,  0,  7,  8,  2,
 1,  4,  9, 10,  4,  4,  6,  0,  4,  4, 12,  4,  5, 12, 14, 12, 13,
```

Screenshot Outlier Removal (1)

```
In [55]: ind1=list(set(ind1[0]))
len(ind1)
```

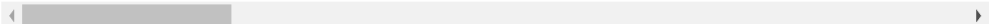
```
Out[55]: 97
```

```
In [56]: df_tr1=df_tr.drop(df_tr.index[ind1])
df_tr1
```

```
Out[56]:
```

| | mssubclass | mszoning | lotfrontage | lotarea | lotshape | landcontour | lotconfig | landslope | neighborhood | condition1 | bldgtype | housestyle | overallqual | ov |
|------|------------|----------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|----------|------------|-------------|-----|
| 0 | 11 | 3 | 70.049958 | 4928.0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 | |
| 1 | 0 | 3 | 95.000000 | 15865.0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | |
| 2 | 5 | 3 | 92.000000 | 9920.0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 6 | |
| 3 | 0 | 3 | 105.000000 | 11751.0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | |
| 4 | 0 | 3 | 70.049958 | 16635.0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1163 | 0 | 3 | 70.049958 | 9819.0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | |
| 1164 | 0 | 3 | 67.000000 | 8777.0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | |
| 1165 | 12 | 3 | 24.000000 | 2280.0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | |
| 1166 | 6 | 0 | 50.000000 | 8500.0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | |
| 1167 | 5 | 3 | 70.049958 | 7861.0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | |

1071 rows x 61 columns



```
In [57]: df_tr1.reset_index(drop=True,inplace=True)
```

Screenshot Outlier Removal (2)

- **Skewness Removal:**

Then I plotted distribution plot for checking skewness in the train dataset and found that there was a lot of skewness associated with some features. Hence, after quantifying them, I used PowerTransformer for removing the skewness and got the skewness in the range -0.5 to +0.5.

The distplots and screenshot of applying PowerTransformer are attached below:

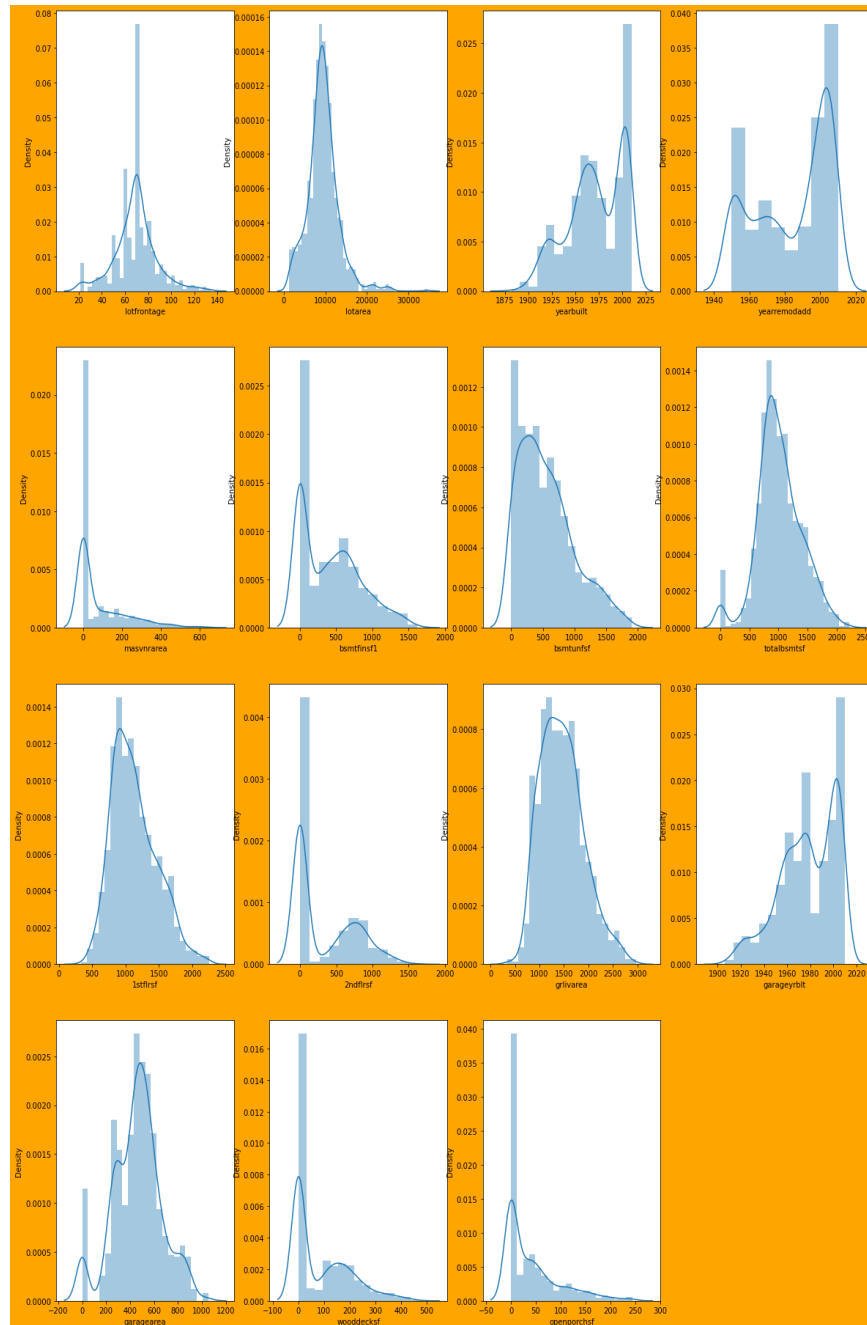


Fig. Distplot.

```
In [63]: from sklearn.preprocessing import PowerTransformer  
pt=PowerTransformer()
```

```
In [64]: for i in cont_cols:  
df_tr1[i]=pt.fit_transform(df_tr1[[i]])  
df_ts[i]=pt.fit_transform(df_ts[[i]])
```

```
In [65]: for i in cont_cols:  
print(i, '\t', df_tr1[i].skew())
```

| | |
|--------------|------------------------|
| lotfrontage | 0.10966436396848639 |
| lotarea | 0.1180440722342076 |
| yearbuilt | -0.1118301277715297 |
| yearremodadd | -0.20778716194569236 |
| masvnrarea | 0.4477641424251305 |
| bsmtfinsf1 | -0.41206105327534553 |
| bsmtunfsf | -0.31501661307605106 |
| totalbsmtsf | -0.2077574538602659 |
| 1stflrsf | -0.0028961020145377263 |
| 2ndflrsf | 0.32902766905791253 |
| grlivarea | -0.005844975469505966 |
| garageyrblt | -0.1240210034601354 |
| garagearea | -0.42972218035122983 |
| wooddecksf | 0.13511077272552297 |
| openporchsf | 0.037423816457054344 |

```
In [66]: # hence, skewness removed.
```

Screenshot of applying Power Transformer.

- **Features deletion based on correlation between the features:**

I plotted heatmap of correlation matrix and deleted some of the features based on the correlation value between them. I am pasting here the heatmap of correlation matrix before features deletion and after features deletion. I deleted garagearea, exterior1st, garageyrblt and totrmsabvgrd features based on this correlation matrix and hence, I got the heatmap with the correlation values between the features in the range -0.8 to +0.8.



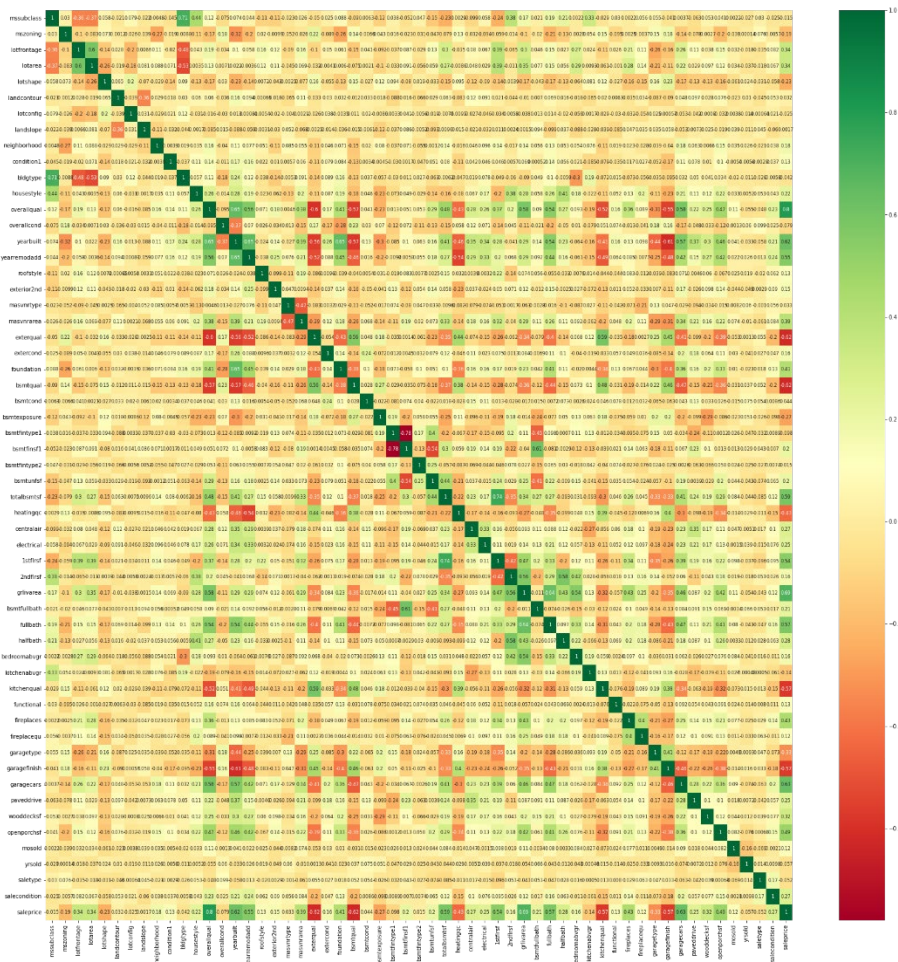


Fig. Correlation Heatmap after feature Deletion.

• Multicollinearity Removal:

I removed multicollinearity based on vif values. The features grlivarea and totalsbmsfs were deleted based on these vif values and at the end, I got vif values in the range of <5.

In [80]: `vif_check(df_tr1)`

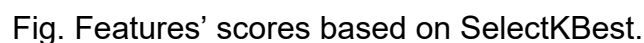
| | vif | features |
|----|-----------|--------------|
| 10 | 13.863697 | grlivarea |
| 9 | 12.535964 | 2ndflrsf |
| 8 | 11.346200 | 1stflrsf |
| 7 | 5.260209 | totalsbmsfs |
| 6 | 3.626535 | bsmtunfsf |
| 5 | 3.090623 | bsmtfnsf1 |
| 2 | 2.375288 | yearbuilt |
| 3 | 1.873615 | yearremodadd |
| 1 | 1.751938 | lotarea |
| 0 | 1.668585 | lotfrontage |
| 12 | 1.489043 | openporchsf |
| 4 | 1.326629 | masvnrarea |
| 11 | 1.176145 | wooddecksf |

Screenshot. vif values before feature deletion.

Screenshot vif values after feature deletion.

I used StandardScaler for applying scaling on the continuous features of my dataset.

I used SelectKBest method with f_regression score_func to find the best features and selected first 27 features out of 54 features and developed my model with that. I also plotted a graph showing scores of each and every feature of the dataset found from SelectKBest method.



• Testing of Identified Approaches (Algorithms)

I used following algorithms for my model:

- LinearRegression.
- DecisionTreeRegressor.
- KNeighborsRegressor.
- AdaBoostRegressor.
- RandomForestRegressor.
- XGBRegressor
- Regularization Techniques/ algos: Lasso and Ridge.
- SVR

• Run and Evaluate selected models

I used the below mentioned function to find out the result for each algorithm I tried.

```
In [94]: def algo_check (x,y,algo):
    min_diff=1
    max_i=0
    for i in range(100):
        x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(x,y,test_size=0.25,random_state = i)
        algo.fit(x_train,y_train)
        y_pred1 =algo.predict(x_train)
        acc1= r2_score(y_train,y_pred1)
        y_pred2 =algo.predict(x_test)
        acc2= r2_score(y_test,y_pred2)
        acc=acc1-acc2
        if acc< min_diff:
            min_diff=acc
            max_i = i
            i+=1
    x_train,x_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(x,y,test_size=0.25,random_state = max_i)
    algo.fit(x_train,y_train)
    y_pred1 =algo.predict(x_train)
    acc1= r2_score(y_train,y_pred1)
    y_pred2 =algo.predict(x_test)
    acc2= r2_score(y_test,y_pred2)
    cvs=cross_val_score(algo,x_train,y_train,cv=5,scoring='r2')
    ac=cvs.mean()
    mae=mean_absolute_error(y_pred2,y_test)
    mse=mean_squared_error(y_pred2,y_test)
    rmse=np.sqrt(mse)
    print(f'''for algo {algo}, \nthe training accuracy is {acc1}, \ntesting accuracy is {acc2} \nat random_state {max_i}
    and hence, mean square error is {mse} \nand mean_absolute_error is {mae} \nand hence, rmse is {rmse},
    also cross_validation_score is {ac}''')
```

Screenshot of function used for getting result for each algo.

Output of linear Regression:

```
In [96]: algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,lr)

for algo LinearRegression(),
the training accuracy is 0.8221825890900674,
tesing accuracy is 0.8619189235509143
at random_state 18
and hence, mean square error is 626092840.2499946
and mean_absolute_error is 19656.686453870203
and hence, rmse is 25021.847258945425,
also cross_validation_score is 0.8076500849618661
```

Output of DecisionTreeRegressor:

```
In [98]: algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,dtr)

for algo DecisionTreeRegressor(),
the training accuracy is 1.0,
tesing accuracy is 0.6323387495131446
at random_state 72
and hence, mean square error is 1679715259.9402986
and mean_absolute_error is 26300.014925373136
and hence, rmse is 40984.32944358488,
also cross_validation_score is 0.567057415010826
```

Output for KNeighborsRegressor:

```
In [97]: algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,knr)

for algo KNeighborsRegressor(),
the training accuracy is 0.822044021795754,
tesing accuracy is 0.8213598074010174
at random_state 66
and hence, mean square error is 839850039.3322387
and mean_absolute_error is 20060.571641791044
and hence, rmse is 28980.166309602824,
also cross_validation_score is 0.7253037630886694
```

Output for AdaBoostRegressor:

```
In [99]: algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,abr)

for algo AdaBoostRegressor(),
the training accuracy is 0.8371929886738481,
tesing accuracy is 0.8149190969103381
at random_state 19
and hence, mean square error is 856943505.7443556
and mean_absolute_error is 22710.151281811428
and hence, rmse is 29273.597417200974,
also cross_validation_score is 0.7499280570847586
```

Output for RandomForestRegressor:

```
In [100]: algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,rfr)

for algo RandomForestRegressor(),
the training accuracy is 0.9753314880630268,
tesing accuracy is 0.8800664474326366
at random_state 18
and hence, mean square error is 543807598.399337
and mean_absolute_error is 17872.35895771144
and hence, rmse is 23319.682639335748,
also cross_validation_score is 0.7999813078226655
```

Output for SVR:

```
In [101]: algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,svr)

for algo SVR(),
the training accuracy is -0.04949296190498176,
tesing accuracy is -0.006062726074020697
at random_state 68
and hence, mean square error is 3266431049.176049
and mean_absolute_error is 44740.86015644706
and hence, rmse is 57152.69940410557,
also cross_validation_score is -0.04720669182574642
```

Output for XGBRegressor:

```
In [102]: algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,xgb)

for algo XGBRegressor(base_score=0.5, booster='gbtree', callbacks=None,
                      colsample_bylevel=1, colsample_bynode=1, colsample_bytree=1,
                      early_stopping_rounds=None, enable_categorical=False,
                      eval_metric=None, gamma=0, gpu_id=-1, grow_policy='depthwise',
                      importance_type=None, interaction_constraints='',
                      learning_rate=0.300000012, max_bin=256, max_cat_to_onehot=4,
                      max_delta_step=0, max_depth=6, max_leaves=0, min_child_weight=1,
                      missing=nan, monotone_constraints='()', n_estimators=100, n_jobs=0,
                      num_parallel_tree=1, predictor='auto', random_state=0, reg_alpha=0,
                      reg_lambda=1, ...),
the training accuracy is 0.9997583364153075,
tesing accuracy is 0.8777879012968108
at random_state 18
and hence, mean square error is 554139075.0832244
and mean_absolute_error is 18226.82372318097
and hence, rmse is 23540.158773534735,
also cross_validation_score is 0.7914314190023903
```

Output for Regularization Lasso:

```
In [103]: lasscv = LassoCV(alphas=[0.001,0.005,0.01,0.08,0.1,0.5,1,5,10],max_iter = 100, normalize =True)
          algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,lasscv)
          alp=lasscv.alpha_

for algo LassoCV(alphas=[0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.08, 0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10], max_iter=100,
                  normalize=True),
the training accuracy is 0.8215338528126973,
tesing accuracy is 0.863216298424227
at random_state 18
and hence, mean square error is 620210230.2632389
and mean_absolute_error is 19468.14097647041
and hence, rmse is 24904.020363452142,
also cross_validation_score is 0.8082733415947395
```

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In [104]: lasso_reg =Lasso(alp)
          algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,lasso_reg)

for algo Lasso(alpha=10.0),
the training accuracy is 0.8221807683690006,
tesing accuracy is 0.8620066369921925
at random_state 18
and hence, mean square error is 625695126.3923812
and mean_absolute_error is 19642.643891483727
and hence, rmse is 25013.898664390188,
also cross_validation_score is 0.8076960192724766
```

Output for Regularization Ridge:

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In [107]: ridgecv = RidgeCV(alphas=np.arange(0.001,0.1,0.01), normalize =True)
          algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,ridgecv)
          alp2=ridgecv.alpha_

          for algo RidgeCV(alphas=array([0.001, 0.011, 0.021, 0.031, 0.041, 0.051, 0.061, 0.071, 0.081,
          0.091]),
          normalize=True),
          the training accuracy is 0.8217399774344464,
          tesing accuracy is 0.8625871975574291
          at random_state 18
          and hence, mean square error is 623062725.0338925
          and mean_absolute_error is 19477.116734552157
          and hence, rmse is 24961.224429780934,
          also cross_validation_score is 0.8086549805823985

In [108]: ridge_reg =Ridge(alp2)
          algo_check(x_skb,y_tr,ridge_reg)

          for algo Ridge(alpha=0.040999999999999995),
          the training accuracy is 0.8221825852544293,
          tesing accuracy is 0.8619230079456011
          at random_state 18
          and hence, mean square error is 626074320.6212668
          and mean_absolute_error is 19655.962506313863
          and hence, rmse is 25021.477187034077,
          also cross_validation_score is 0.8076543556884802
```

- **Key Metrics for success in solving problem under consideration**

Based on the above results and taken r2_score metrics for evaluation, I concluded that LinearRegression algorithm gave the best results and also best cross_val_score. So, I finalized LinearRegression algorithm for my model and developed my model with this algorithm.

In order to improve it further, I used GridSearchCV for hypertuning its parameters and got the generalized results as shown in below attached screenshot.

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In [113]: # Let's do hypertuning on this.

In [114]: params={'fit_intercept':[True,False], 'normalize':[True,False], 'copy_X':[True,False], 'positive':[True,False]}
          grid=GridSearchCV(lr,param_grid=params,cv=9)
          grid.fit(x_skb,y_tr)
          grid.best_params_

Out[114]: {'copy_X': True, 'fit_intercept': True, 'normalize': False, 'positive': False}

In [115]: lr1=LinearRegression(copy_X=True,fit_intercept=True,normalize=False,positive=False)
          lr1.fit(x_train,y_train)
          y_pred1 =lr1.predict(x_train)
          acc1= r2_score(y_train,y_pred1)
          y_pred2 =lr1.predict(x_test)
          acc2= r2_score(y_test,y_pred2)
          cvs=cross_val_score(lr1,x_train,y_train,cv=5,scoring='r2')
          ac=cvs.mean()
          mae=mean_absolute_error(y_pred2,y_test)
          mse=mean_squared_error(y_pred2,y_test)
          rmse=np.sqrt(mse)
          print(f'''for algo Linear Regression with hypertuned parameters, \nthe training accuracy is {acc1}, \ntesting accuracy is {acc2}
          and hence, mean square error is {mse} \nand mean_absolute_error is {mae} \nand hence, rmse is {rmse},
          also cross_validation_score is {ac}''')

for algo Linear Regression with hypertuned parameters,
the training accuracy is 0.8221825890900674,
testing accuracy is 0.8619189235509143
and hence, mean square error is 626092840.2499946
and mean_absolute_error is 19656.686453870203
and hence, rmse is 25021.847258945425,
also cross_validation_score is 0.8076500849618661

```

Screenshot of hypertuning effect on LinearRegression.

• Visualization

All the plots which I have plotted, I have explained them in their respective area in this report. Here, I am going to explore the inferences from the plots of the predicted values got from the algorithm chosen LinearRegression.

Plot 1. Actual vs Predicted:

This plot was drawn between actual values fed to LinearRegression algorithm of the testing pat=rt of the train dataset, y_{test} and its predicted values y_{pred2} . Y_{test} values are here shown by + sign in orange color and the predicted ones are shown by dot in blue color.

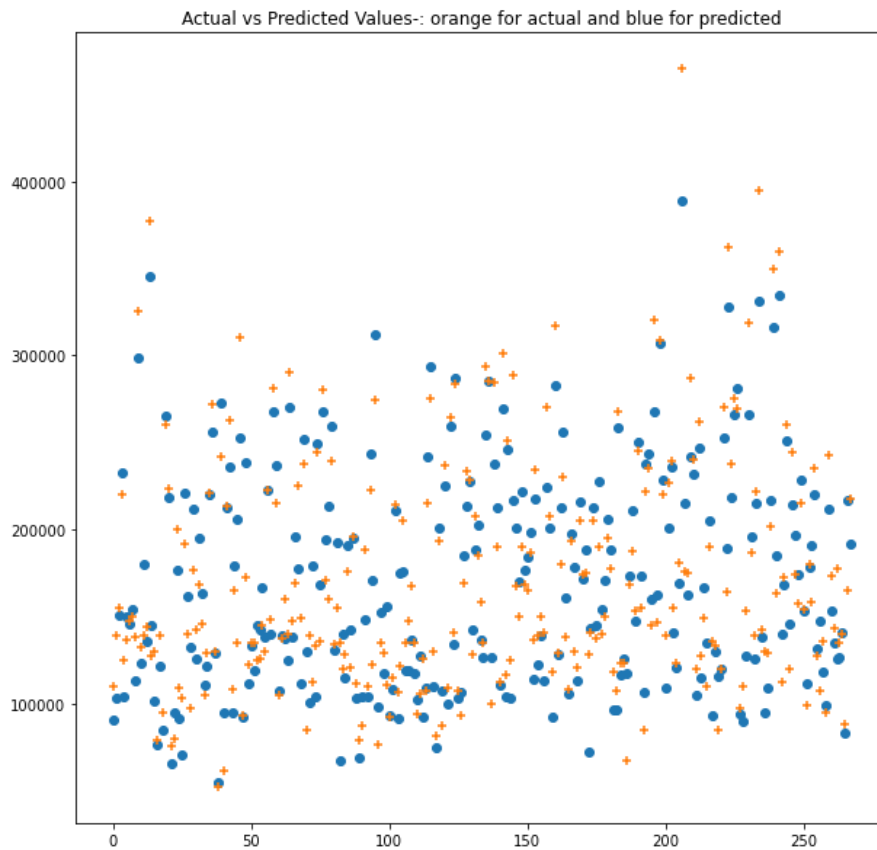


Fig. plot actual vs predicted values.

Plot 2. Actual-Predicted values plot:

This plot was drawn on the behavior/ frequency of difference between actual and predicted values. It shows that the maximum difference between actual and predicted values lie in the range of -2000 to +2000.

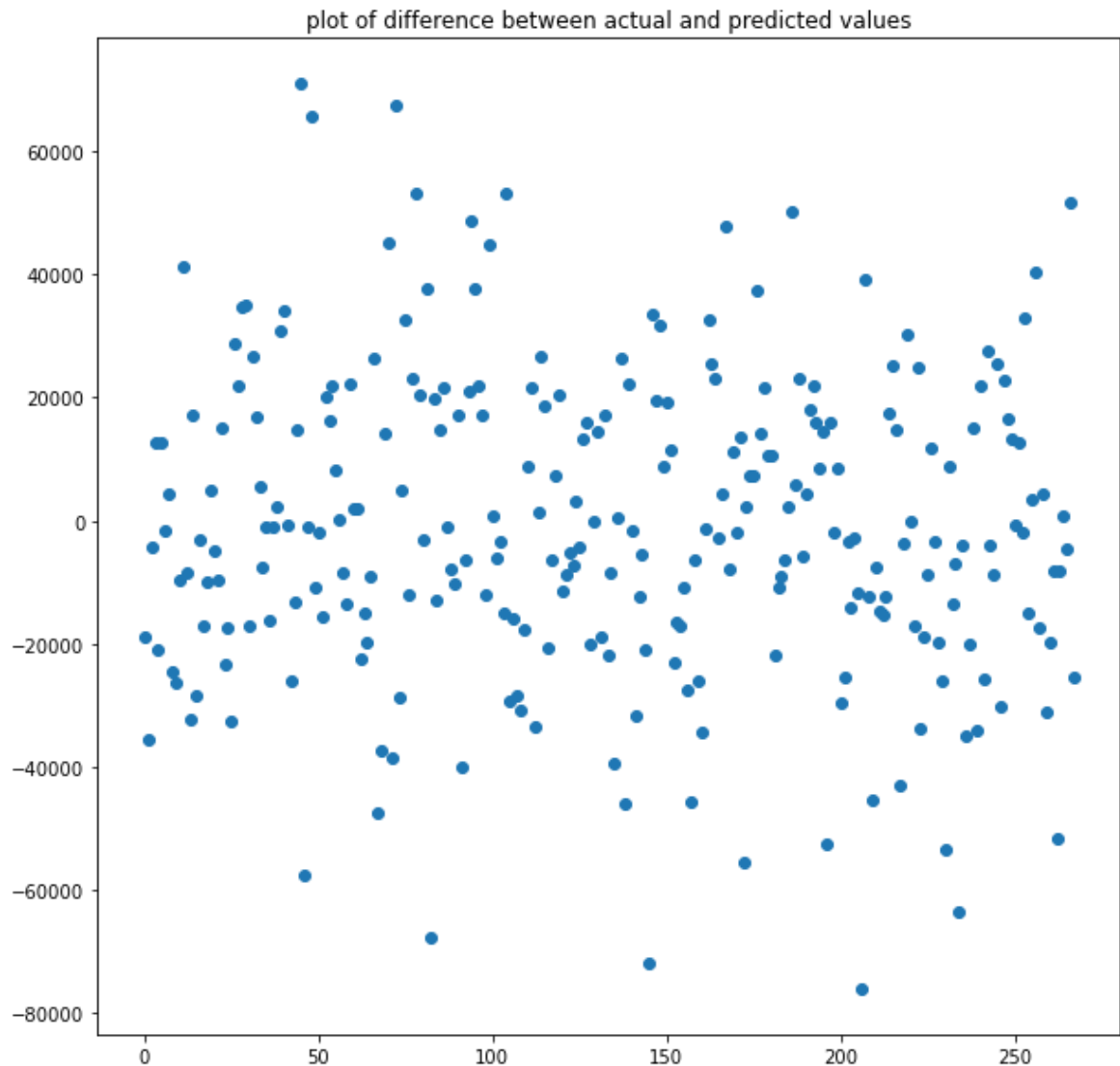


Fig. Plot of difference between actual and predicted values.

Plot 3. Regression plot between actual and predicted values.

This plot shows that the maximum predicted values lie near the best fit line.

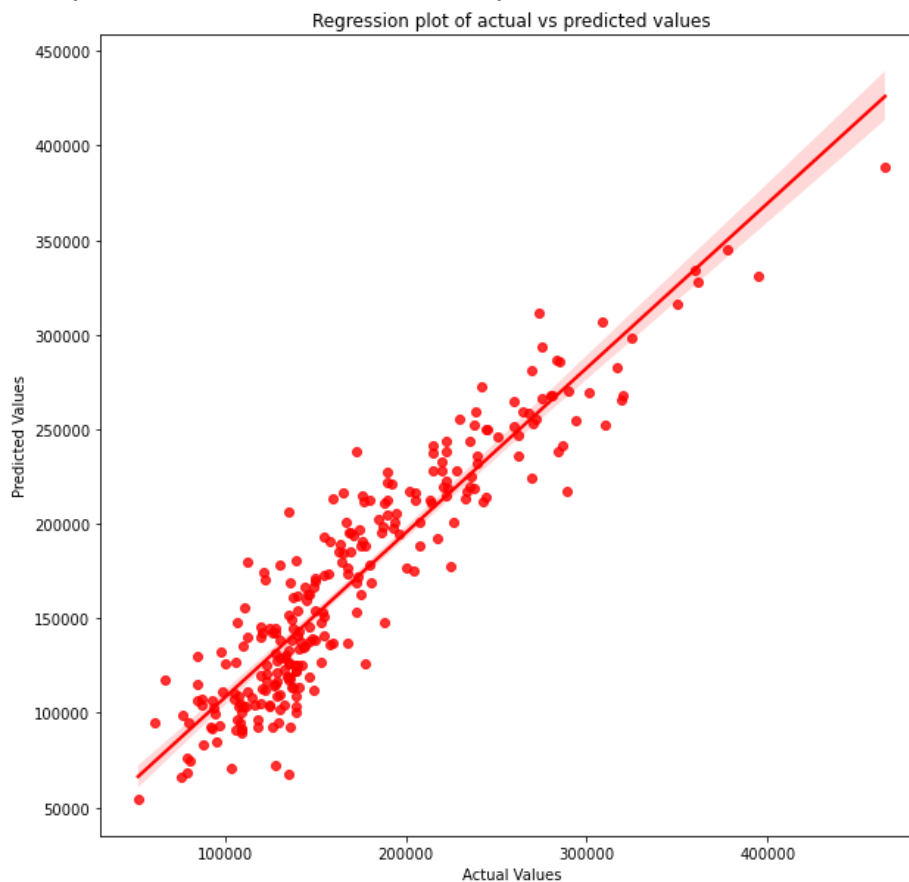


Fig. Regression plot b/w actual and predicted values.

- **Interpretation of the Results**

Based on the above results, it was interpreted that the predicted values lie near the best fit line which shows that the above model is acceptable.

Also, the above plot shows that the maximum deviation of the predicted one from the actual values lie in the range of -2000 to +2000 which is acceptable as the minimum value of actual y is 52,000 and its maximum value is 465000.

Also, as the mean_absolute_error comes out to be 19,656, so, $(\text{mae}/(\text{y_test.max}() - \text{y_test.min()})) * 100$ comes out to be 4.75% which is acceptable range.

CONCLUSION

- **Key Findings and Conclusions of the Study**

- ✓ I found that LinearRegression algo worked well with my model. So, I finalized my model with this algo and hence, found the SalePrice for my test dataset which comes out to be.

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In [132]: y_reqd
Out[132]: array([302314.62057734, 203916.9984838 , 271909.62645952, 181708.45790143,
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Also, it was plotted as follows:

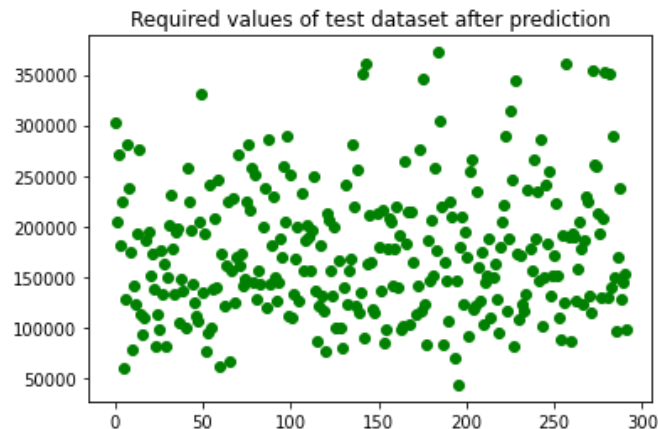


Fig. Predicted SalePrice values for Test dataset.

- **Learning Outcomes of the Study in respect of Data Science**

While working on this project I learned more things about the housing market and how the machine learning models have helped to predict the price of house which indeed helps the sellers and buyers to understand the future price of the house. I found that the project was quite interesting as the dataset contains several types of data. I used several types of plotting to visualize the relation between target and features. This graphical representation helped me to understand which features are important and how these features describe the sale price. Data cleaning was one of the important and crucial things in this project where I replaced all the null values with imputation methods and dealt with features having zero values and time variables.

Finally, our aim is achieved by predicting the house price for the test data, I hope this will be further helps for sellers and buyers to understand the house marketing. The machine learning models and data analytic techniques will have an important role to play in this type of problems. It helps the customers to know the future price of the houses.

- **Limitations of this work and Scope for Future Work**

- One limitation is the small amount of dataset. Its size should be more so that the accuracy may be increased.
- Secondly, it has included data from one particular area. More areas should be included so that the model may work more effectively.
- next more features need to be added in this dataset so that a more precise model may be formed.