Project Report on California Housing Price Prediction



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- I have done this project in two parts:
 - Data analysis and cleaning as explained in EDA and data cleaning.
 - Training of machine learning models explained in Training Machine Learning Algorithms.

EDA and Data Cleaning

- Creating new features
- Removing outliers
- Transforming skewed features
- Checking for multicoliniearity

Training machine learning algorithms

- Linear Regression
- Ridge Regression
- Support Vector Regression
- Gradient Boosting Regression
- Stacking of various models

Including library functions of packages

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
   import pandas as pd
   import seaborn as sns
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   import warnings
   warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

In [2]: import numpy.random as rnd
   from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
   import statsmodels.api as sm

In [3]: from sklearn.base import BaseEstimator,TransformerMixin,RegressorMixin

In [4]: rnd.seed(42)
```

Load Dataset

In [5]: # Load dataset
housing = pd.read_excel("1553768847_housing.xlsx")
housing



Out[5]:

		longitude	latitude	housing_median_age	total_rooms	total_bedrooms	population	households	median_income	ocean_proximity	median_house_value
	0	-122.23	37.88	41	880	129.0	322	126	8.3252	NEAR BAY	452600
	1	-122.22	37.86	21	7099	1106.0	2401	1138	8.3014	NEAR BAY	358500
	2	-122.24	37.85	52	1467	190.0	496	177	7.2574	NEAR BAY	352100
	3	-122.25	37.85	52	1274	235.0	558	219	5.6431	NEAR BAY	341300
	4	-122.25	37.85	52	1627	280.0	565	259	3.8462	NEAR BAY	342200
20	635	-121.09	39.48	25	1665	374.0	845	330	1.5603	INLAND	78100
20	636	-121.21	39.49	18	697	150.0	356	114	2.5568	INLAND	77100
20	637	-121.22	39.43	17	2254	485.0	1007	433	1.7000	INLAND	92300
20	638	-121.32	39.43	18	1860	409.0	741	349	1.8672	INLAND	84700
20	639	-121.24	39.37	16	2785	616.0	1387	530	2.3886	INLAND	89400

20640 rows x 10 columns

We can see that the dataset contains 20640 rows and 10 columns.

Print first few rows of this data

In [6]: housing.head()



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The head() displays the first 5 rows of housing dataset.

First Portion: EDA and Data Cleaning

Getting information of Data Frame

```
In [7]: housing.info()
    <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
    RangeIndex: 20640 entries, 0 to 20639
    Data columns (total 10 columns):
         Column
                            Non-Null Count
                                           Dtype
        longitude
                            20640 non-null float64
        latitude
                            20640 non-null float64
     1
       housing_median_age 20640 non-null int64
       total rooms
                            20640 non-null int64
        total bedrooms 20433 non-null float64
                          20640 non-null int64
        population
        households
                           20640 non-null int64
       median income 20640 non-null float64
         ocean proximity 20640 non-null object
         median house value 20640 non-null int64
    dtypes: float64(4), int64(5), object(1)
    memory usage: 1.6+ MB
```

The info() gives the information of the "housing" data frame like no. of non-null values, data type and memory usage.

Checking for missing values

Here, we can see in the output that, only "total_bedrooms" contains null values and the total number of null values are 207.

Ocean Proximity is a categorical variable. Let's see what values it contains.

```
In [9]: housing['ocean_proximity'].value_counts()

Out[9]: <1H OCEAN 9136
    INLAND 6551
    NEAR OCEAN 2658
    NEAR BAY 2290
    ISLAND 5
    Name: ocean_proximity, dtype: int64
```

The above output shows, ISLAND has only 5 entries. I'll be adding these to other class in subsequent stages (in GetDummies class).

Getting description of Data Frame

In [10]: housing.describe()



Out[10]:

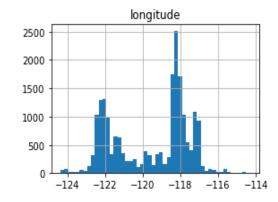
		longitude	latitude	housing_median_age	total_rooms	total_bedrooms	population	households	median_income	median_house_value
C	ount	20640.000000	20640.000000	20640.000000	20640.000000	20433.000000	20640.000000	20640.000000	20640.000000	20640.000000
-	nean	-119.569704	35.631861	28.639486	2635.763081	537.870553	1425.476744	499.539680	3.870671	206855.816909
	std	2.003532	2.135952	12.585558	2181.615252	421.385070	1132.462122	382.329753	1.899822	115395.615874
	min	-124.350000	32.540000	1.000000	2.000000	1.000000	3.000000	1.000000	0.499900	14999.000000
	25%	-121.800000	33.930000	18.000000	1447.750000	296.000000	787.000000	280.000000	2.563400	119600.000000
	50%	-118.490000	34.260000	29.000000	2127.000000	435.000000	1166.000000	409.000000	3.534800	179700.000000
	75%	-118.010000	37.710000	37.000000	3148.000000	647.000000	1725.000000	605.000000	4.743250	264725.000000
	max	-114.310000	41.950000	52.000000	39320.000000	6445.000000	35682.000000	6082.000000	15.000100	500001.000000

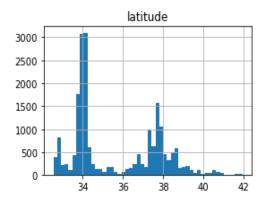
The describe() shows some basic statistical details like count, mean, median, standard deviation, quartile values, percentile, minimum and maximum values of each attributes of the dataset.

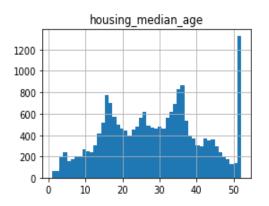
Histogram of housing Data Frame

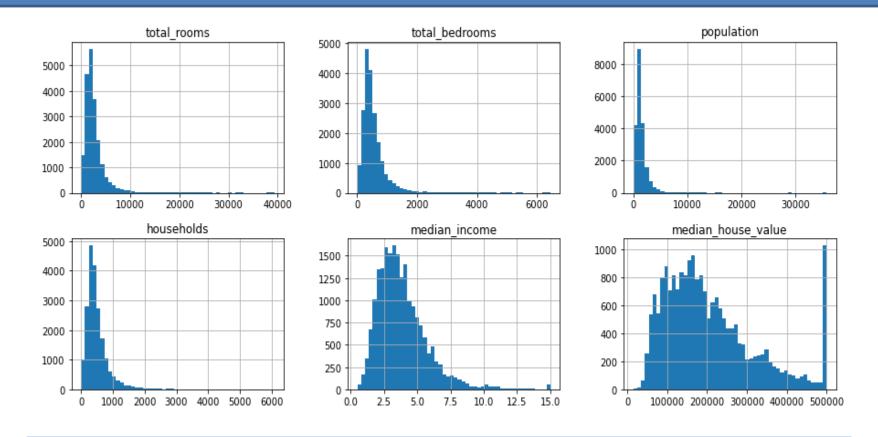
```
In [11]: housing.hist(bins=50,figsize=(15,10))
```











From above histograms it's clear that most of the features are skewed. It seems that 'housing_median_age' and 'median_house_value' have been capped at the end (Peak at the end).



Getting Test Dataset:



Used Stratified sampling technique.



Defined a new feature **income_cat** which is **income category** and used it for sampling.

```
In [12]: housing['income_cat']=np.ceil(housing['median_income']/1.5)
    housing['income_cat'].where(housing['income_cat']<5,5.0,inplace=True)

In [13]: from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedShuffleSplit

In [14]: split=StratifiedShuffleSplit(n_splits=1,test_size=0.2,random_state=42)
    for train_index,test_index in split.split(housing,housing['income_cat']):
        strat_train_set=housing.loc[train_index]
        strat_test_set=housing.loc[test_index]

In [15]: strat_train_set.drop('income_cat',axis=1,inplace=True)
    strat_test_set.drop('income_cat',axis=1,inplace=True)

In [16]: strat_train_set.to_csv("strat_train_set.csv",index=False)
    strat_test_set.to_csv("strat_test_set.csv",index=False)</pre>
```

Exploratory Data Analysis

```
In [17]: data=pd.read csv('strat train set.csv')
In [18]: data.info()
          <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
          RangeIndex: 16512 entries, 0 to 16511
          Data columns (total 10 columns):
                Column
                                       Non-Null Count Dtype
                                     16512 non-null float64
                longitude
                latitude
           1
                                       16512 non-null float64
                housing median age 16512 non-null int64
                total_rooms 16512 non-null int64
total_bedrooms 16354 non-null float64
population 16512 non-null int64
                                    16512 non-null int64
16512 non-null float64
                households
           7
                median income
                ocean proximity 16512 non-null object
                median house value 16512 non-null int64
          dtypes: float64(4), int64(5), object(1)
          memory usage: 1.3+ MB
```

The info() gives the information of the "data" data frame like no. of non-null values, data type and memory usage.

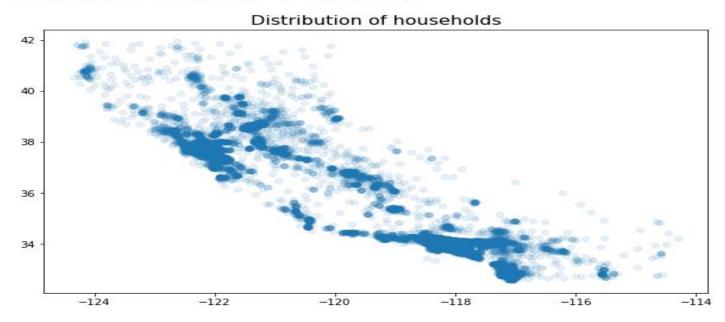
```
In [19]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
         plt.scatter(x=data['longitude'],y=data['latitude'])
         plt.title("Distribution of households", size=16)
Out[19]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Distribution of households')
                                              Distribution of households
              40
              38
              36
              34
                      -124
                                       -122
                                                        -120
                                                                          -118
                                                                                           -116
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```

The above plot showing the distribution of households according to longitude and latitude values in California.

```
In [20]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
   plt.scatter(x=data['longitude'],y=data['latitude'],alpha=0.1)
   plt.title("Distribution of households",size=16)
```



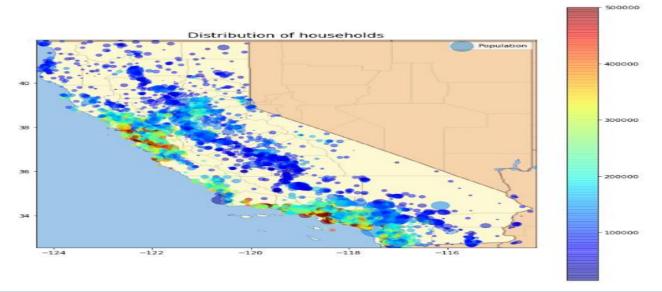
Out[20]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Distribution of households')



By setting alpha = 0.1, we can see high density areas in the above plot.







From the above plot we can infer that,

- ➤ Housing prices are much related to location and population density.
- ➤ Housing prices near ocean are higher except in northern California.



Now, let's see the correlation of 'median house value' with other columns. This is Pearson's correlation coefficient.

```
In [22]: corr matrix=data.corr()
In [23]: corr matrix['median house value'].sort values(ascending=False)
Out[23]: median house value
                               1.000000
         median income
                               0.687160
         total rooms
                        0.135097
         housing median age 0.114110
         households
                               0.064506
         total bedrooms 0.047689
         population
                              -0.026920
         longitude
                              -0.047432
         latitude
                              -0.142724
         Name: median house value, dtype: float64
```

The above output shows the correlation of median_house_value with other columns.

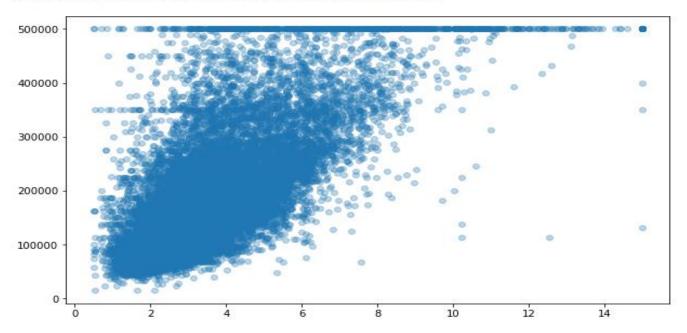
In [24]: sns.pairplot(data[['median house value', 'median income', 'total rooms', 'housing median age']]) Out[24]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0xca38640> 400000 300000 200000 100000 15.0 12.5 median income 10.0 7.5 5.0 2.5 0.0 40000 30000 total rooms 20000 10000 50 30 20 10 200000 400000 10 20000 40000 20 median house value median income total rooms housing_median_age

Median Income is the most promising attribute to get Median Housing Price.

```
In [25]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
    plt.scatter(y=data['median_house_value'],x=data['median_income'],alpha=0.3)
```



Out[25]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0xfb605e0>



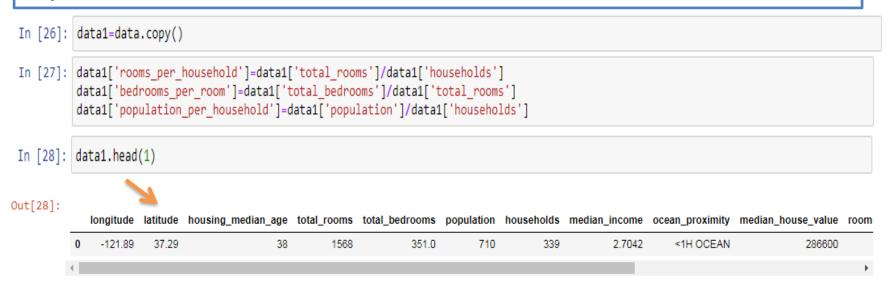
A clear line can be seen at 500k at which the data is capped. Similar lines can be seen around 450k,350k. This kind of data may degrade the performance of model.



Creating new features:

- >rooms per household
- ➤ bedrooms per room
- population per household

Initially creating them on a copy of dataset and checking whether they are making any difference.



The above output shows the first row of "data1" dataset.

```
In [29]: corr matrix=data1.corr()
 In [30]: corr matrix['median house value'].sort values(ascending=False)
Out[30]: median house value
                                       1.000000
         median income
                                       0.687160
          rooms per household
                                       0.146285
          total rooms
                                       0.135097
          housing median age
                                       0.114110
          households
                                       0.064506
          total bedrooms
                                       0.047689
          population per household -0.021985
          population
                                      -0.026920
          longitude
                                      -0.047432
          latitude
                                      -0.142724
         bedrooms per room
                                      -0.259984
         Name: median house value, dtype: float64
```

It is clear that 'rooms_per_household' and 'bedrooms_per_room' have better correlation with 'median_house_value' than 'total_rooms' and 'total_bedrooms'.



I have created classes for individual data manipulation job, so that I can add them into a pipeline.

```
In [31]: class FeaturesAdder(BaseEstimator,TransformerMixin):
    """This class adds new features in the dataset.
        Features added are : rooms_per_household, bedrooms_per_room, and population_per_household.

def fit(self,X,y=None):
    return self
    def transform(self,X,y=None):
        X['rooms_per_household']=X['total_rooms']/X['households']
        X['bedrooms_per_room']=X['total_bedrooms']/X['total_rooms']
        X['population_per_household']=X['population']/X['households']
        return X
```



Null Value Imputation

```
In [32]: #Get number of Null Values
def get_null_count(data):
    for i in data.columns:
        print(i,': ',len(data[data[i].isnull()][i]))
```

In [33]: get_null_count(data)



```
longitude : 0
latitude : 0
housing_median_age : 0
total_rooms : 0
total_bedrooms : 158
population : 0
households : 0
median_income : 0
ocean_proximity : 0
median_house_value : 0
```

Here, we can see in the output that, only "total_bedrooms" contains null values and the total number of null values are 158.

```
In [34]: data_null=data[data['total_bedrooms'].isnull()]
```



Plotting null values to check for any patterns.

For example: whether all nulls are concentrated in region or not.

```
In [35]: plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
         plt.scatter(x=data_null['longitude'],y=data_null['latitude'],alpha=0.5, label='latitude')
         plt.legend()
    Out[35]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0xfb9a790>
                                                                                                                      latitude
                 40
                 38
                 36
                 34
```

We can see from the above plot that, there is not any specific pattern in null values except a dense spot near -118 longitude.

-120

-122

-124

(Contd.)

-116

-118

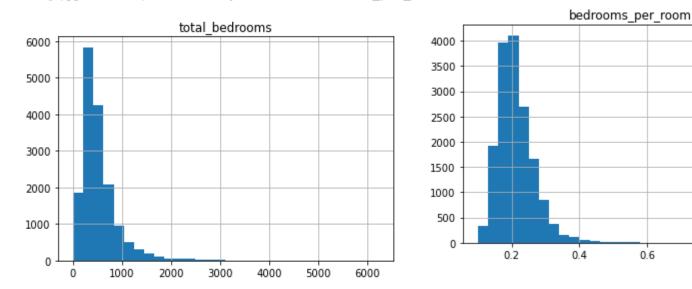


Let's plot histograms of columns with null values.

```
In [36]: data1.hist(column='total_bedrooms',bins=30)
    data1.hist(column='bedrooms_per_room',bins=30)
```



Out[36]: array([[<AxesSubplot:title={'center':'bedrooms_per_room'l>11 dtvne=object)



As the distributions of 'total_bedrooms' and 'bedrooms_per_room' are skewed, it's better to replace null values by median. I have used sklearn's Imputer to do this job.

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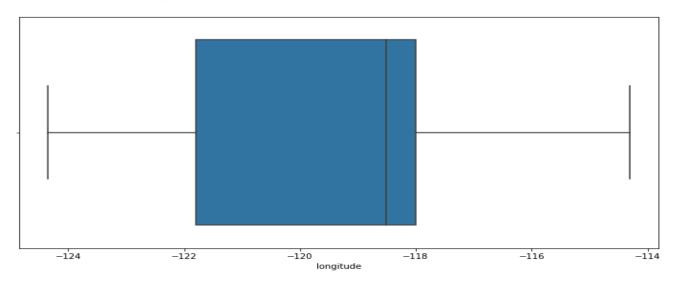
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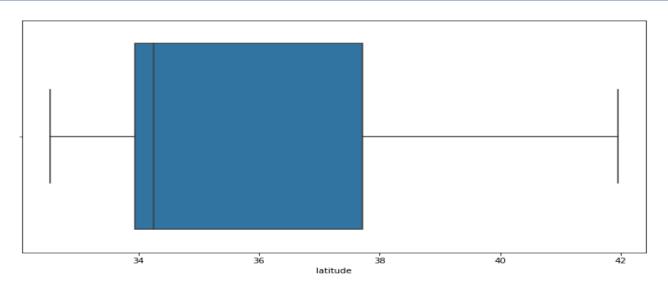


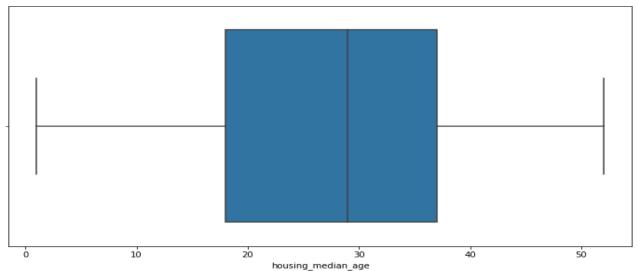
Removing Outliers

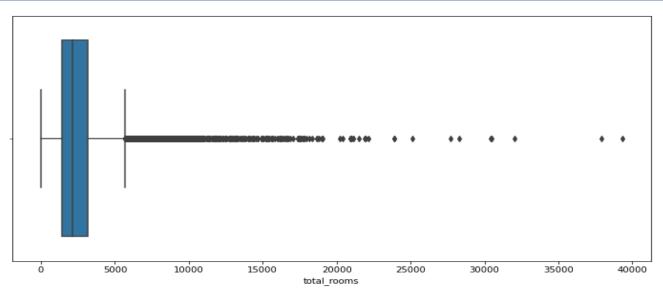
```
In [38]: for i in num_features:
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    fig.set_size_inches(12,6)
    sns.boxplot(x=i,data=data1,ax=ax)
```

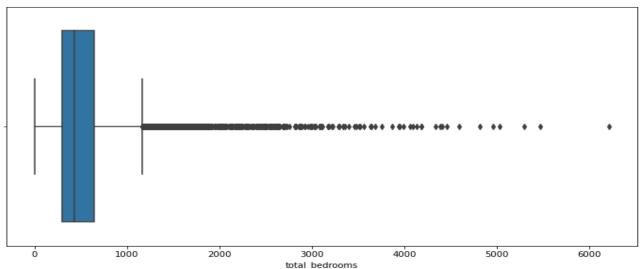


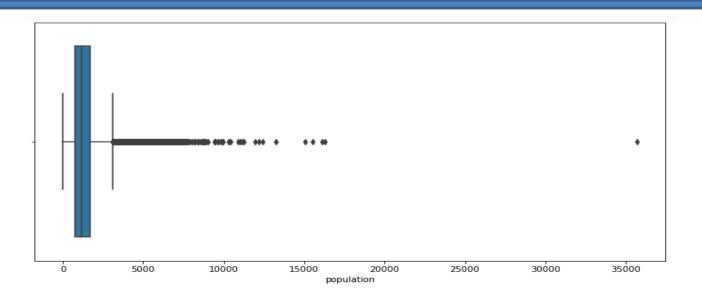


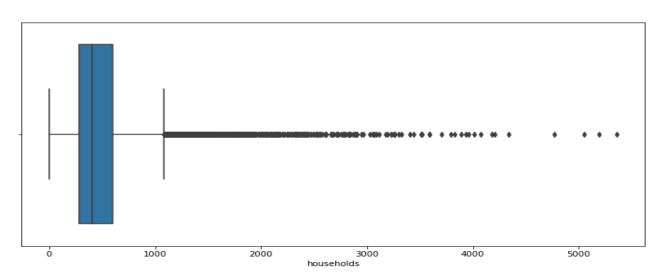


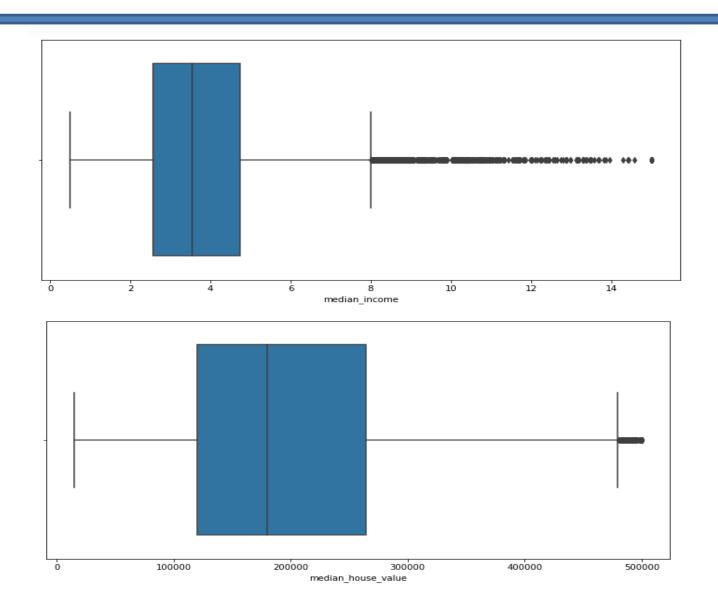


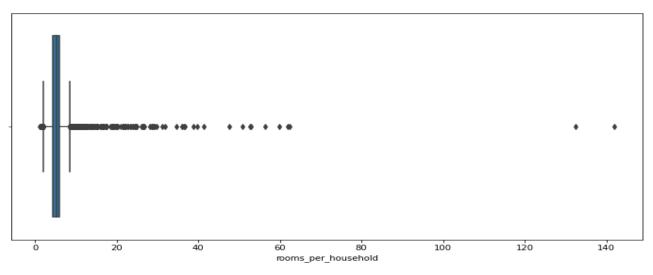


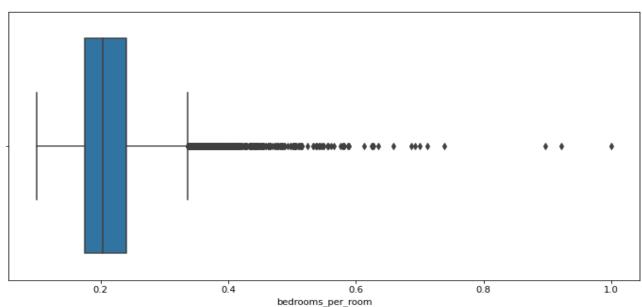


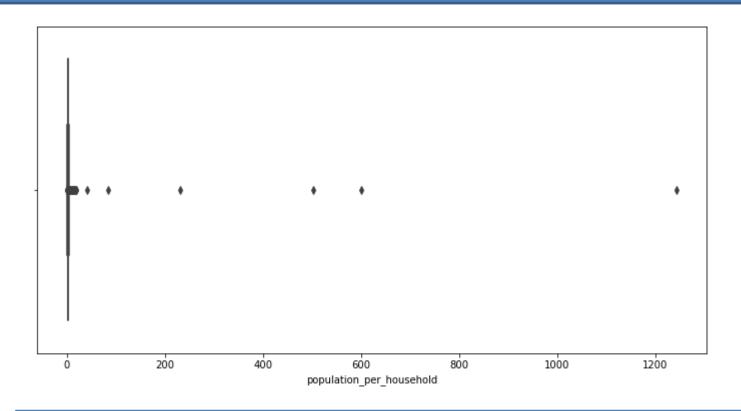














By studying above box plots in details as well as scatter plot of 'Median_House_Value' vs. 'Median_Income', I decided following conditions to remove outliers.

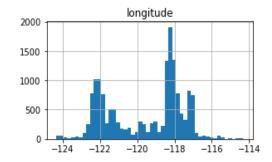
```
In [39]: class RemoveOutliers(BaseEstimator, TransformerMixin):
              """This class removes outliers from data.
              Note: Outlier values are hard coded
              def fit (self,X,y=None):
                  return self
              def transform(self,X,y=None):
                  X=X[(X['median house value']!=500001) | (X['median income']>=2)].reset_index(drop=True)
                  X=X[X['median income']<=11].reset index(drop=True)</pre>
                  X=X[(X['median house value']!=350000) | (X['median income']>=1.5)].reset index(drop=True)
                  X=X[(X['median house value']!=450000) | (X['median income']>=2)].reset index(drop=True)
                  X=X[(X['median house value']>=350000) | (X['median income']<=9.5)].reset index(drop=True)</pre>
                  X=X[X['population']<=9000]
                  X=X[(X['population_per_household']>=1.15) & (X['population_per_household']<=6.5)]</pre>
                  X=X[X['rooms per household']<20]
                  X=X[X['bedrooms per room']<0.5].reset index(drop=True)</pre>
                  return X
In [40]: data1=RemoveOutliers().fit transform(data1)
In [41]: data labels=data1['median house value']
         data1=data1.drop('median house value',axis=1)
```

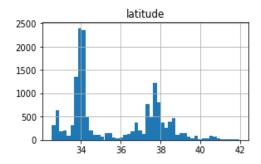


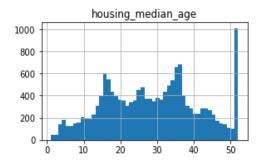
Transforming skewed features

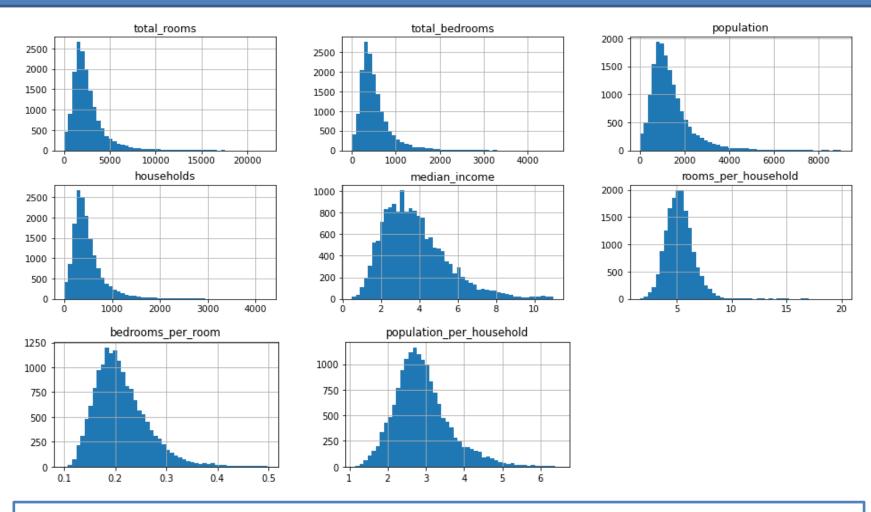
```
In [42]: data1.hist(bins=50,figsize=(16,12))
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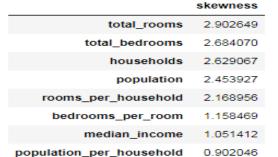
We can see from the plots that, after removing outliers, the skewness decreased.



Get skewness of features

```
In [44]: skewness=[]
for i in num_features:
    skewness.append(data1[i].skew())
pd.DataFrame(data=skewness,index=num_features,columns=['skewness']).sort_values(by='skewness',ascending=False)
```

Out[44]:



housing_median_age

latitude

longitude

The above output shows the skewness of the attributes.

0.462198

0.061121

-0.293169

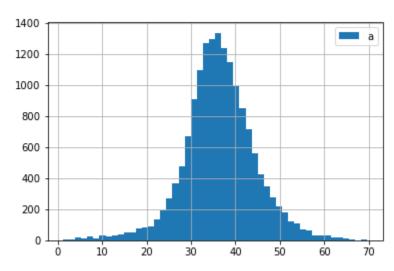


I transformed features using log1p and boxcox1p functions. boxcox1p is used for highly skewed features.

```
In [45]: data1['households'].apply(lambda x: np.log1p(x)**2).hist(bins=50,label='a')
plt.legend()
```



Out[45]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x1254be50>



```
In [46]: class FeaturesTransformer(BaseEstimator, TransformerMixin):
             """This class trnsforms numberical featuress in the dataset.
             Note: Transformations are hard coded.
             def fit(self,X,y=None):
                 return self
             def transform(self,X,y=None):
                 import numpy as np
                 from scipy.special import boxcox1p
                 X['total rooms']=X['total rooms'].apply(lambda x: boxcox1p(x,0.25))
                 X['total bedrooms']=X['total bedrooms'].apply(lambda x: boxcox1p(x,0.25))
                 X['households']=X['households'].apply(lambda x: boxcox1p(x,0.2))
                 X['population']=X['population'].apply(lambda x: boxcox1p(x,0.3))
                 X['rooms per household']=X['rooms per household'].apply(lambda x: np.log1p(x)**0.5)
                 X['bedrooms per room']=X['bedrooms per room'].apply(lambda x: np.log1p(x)**0.25)
                 X['median_income']=X['median income'].apply(lambda x: np.log1p(x)**1.25)
                 X['population per household']=X['population per household'].apply(lambda x: np.log1p(x)**1)
                 return X
```

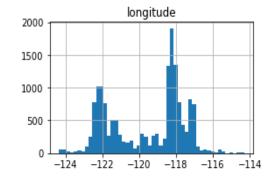
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In [47]: data1=FeaturesTransformer().fit_transform(data1)
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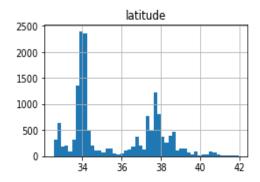


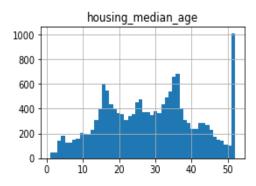
Transformed features

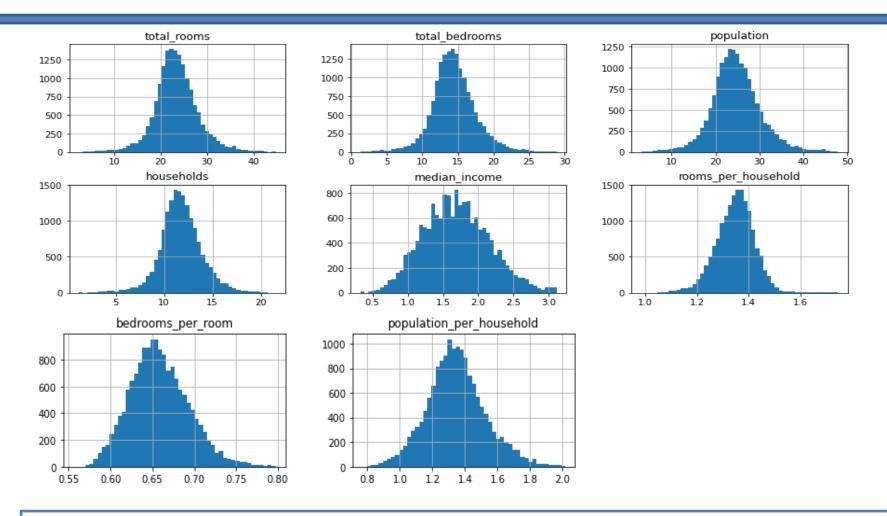
In [48]: data1.hist(bins=50,figsize=(15,12))











We can see from the plots that, after feature transform, distribution become normal.



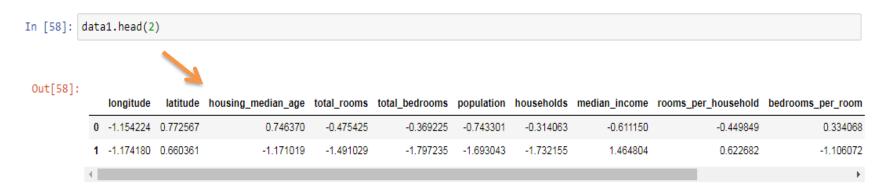
Getting dummy variables and Feature Scaling

```
In [49]: from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline, FeatureUnion
          from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
          from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
 In [50]: imputer = SimpleImputer(missing values=np.nan, strategy='mean')
 In [51]: class DataFrameSelector(BaseEstimator, TransformerMixin):
              """This class is a dataframe selector.
                  Data members:
                      features: A list of column names you want in output dataframe
              def init (self,features):
                  self.features=features
              def fit(self,X,y=None):
                  return self
              def transform(self,X,y=None):
                  return X[self.features]
In [52]: class GetDummies(BaseEstimator, TransformerMixin):
             """This class is used to get dummy columns from categorical columns."""
             def fit (self,X,y=None):
                 return self
             def transform(self,X,y=None):
                 #change ISLAND to NEAR BAY...as count of ISLAND is very low
                 X[X=='ISLAND']='NEAR BAY'
                 return (pd.get_dummies(X,drop_first=True))
In [53]: num features=['longitude', 'latitude', 'housing median age', 'total rooms',
                'total bedrooms', 'population', 'households', 'median income',
                'rooms per household', 'bedrooms per room', 'population per household']
         cat featues=['ocean proximity']
```



Above pipeline returned an array. I converted it to data frame again so that we can look at columns easily and do further processing.

```
In [56]: l=num_features.copy()
l.extend([0,1,2])
In [57]: data1=pd.DataFrame(data1,columns=1)
```





Scaling labels:

➤ This is necessary for some machine learning algorithms

```
In [59]: y=data_labels.copy()
In [60]: label_scaler=StandardScaler()
data_labels=label_scaler.fit_transform(y.values.reshape(-1,1))
```



Check for multicoliniearity:

➤ Here I have removed features having VIF (Variance Inflation Factor) greater than 5 and p-Values greater than 0.05 I have written following functions to do the job.

```
In [61]: def get vif(X):
             import statsmodels.api as sm
             from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
             l = [variance_inflation_factor(X.values, i) for i in range(X.shape[1])]
             return pd.Series(index=X.columns,data=1).sort_values(ascending=False)
         def remove_by_pvalue(X,y,pvalue=0.05):
             """Remove features with p-value more than 'pvalue'
             This function uses statsmodels.api.OLS model. Please add intercept to data externally.
             Input:
                 X: Array or dataframe excluding predicted variable
                 y: Series or list of predicted variable
                 pvalue: int or float
                 X is changed inplace
             import statsmodels.api as sm
             for i in range(len(X.columns)):
                 regressor OLS=sm.OLS(endog=v.exog=X).fit()
                 s=regressor OLS.pvalues.sort values(ascending=False)
                 if s.iloc[0]>pvalue:
                     X.drop(s.index[0],axis=1,inplace=True)
                     print('Removed: ',s.index[0],'P-value: ',s.iloc[0])
         def remove by vif(X,vif=5):
             """Remove columns from X whose VIF is greater than supplied 'vif'
                 X:array or dataframe containing data excluding target variable
                 vif: int or float of limiting value of VIF
                 This function changes X inplace
             import statsmodels.api as sm
             from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
             for i in range(len(X.columns)):
                 1 = [variance inflation factor(X.values, i) for i in range(X.shape[1])]
                 s=pd.Series(index=X.columns,data=1).sort_values(ascending=False)
                 if s.iloc[0]>vif:
                     X.drop(s.index[0],axis=1,inplace=True)
                     print('Removed: ',s.index[0],', VIF: ',s.iloc[0])
                 else:
                     break
```

```
In [62]: # Get VIFs of all features
get_vif(data1)
```



Out[62]:	total_bedrooms	558.923558
	households	389.655010
	total_rooms	287.321351
	population	141.389762
	bedrooms_per_room	66.260643
	rooms_per_household	50.549888
	population_per_household	19.548814
	latitude	18.347840
	longitude	17.347168
	median_income	3.027807
	0	2.022556
	1	1.449785
	housing_median_age	1.374288
	2	1.223067
	dtype: float64	

The above output showing the VIF (Variance Inflation Factor) of attributes of "data1".

```
In [63]: remove_by_vif(data1)
```



```
Removed: total_bedrooms , VIF: 558.9235579608114
Removed: households , VIF: 228.1741365426593
Removed: total_rooms , VIF: 108.34813434774779
Removed: latitude , VIF: 18.337136881413034
Removed: bedrooms per room , VIF: 5.618818797870981
```

So, above 5 columns were removed because of VIF constraint.

```
In [64]: remove_by_pvalue(data1,data_labels)
```

No columns were removed by p-Value constraint.



This is all the data manipulation I have done. Following is the summarization:

- ➤ Adding new features
- > Removing outliers
- ➤ Transforming skewed features
- ➤ Null value imputation
- ➤ Dummy variables for ocean_proximity
- ➤ Check for multicoliniearity
- ➤ Standard scaling

Second Portion : Training machine learning algorithms

I will try to find the best suitable machine learning model to predict house prices.

Making Train Data ready

```
In [65]: df=pd.read csv('strat train set.csv')
In [66]: df.info()
      <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
      RangeIndex: 16512 entries, 0 to 16511
      Data columns (total 10 columns):
           Column
                                Non-Null Count
                                                Dtype
           longitude
                               16512 non-null float64
                               16512 non-null float64
       1
           latitude
          housing_median_age 16512 non-null int64
                             16512 non-null int64
          total rooms
          total_bedrooms 16354 non-null float64
population 16512 non-null int64
         households
                               16512 non-null int64
       7
         median income
                                16512 non-null float64
           ocean proximity
                                16512 non-null object
           median house value 16512 non-null int64
      dtypes: float64(4), int64(5), object(1)
      memory usage: 1.3+ MB
```

The info() gives the information of the "strat_train_set" data frame like no. of non-null values, data type and memory usage.

```
In [67]: #Adding features
         df=FeaturesAdder().fit transform(df)
         num_features=['longitude', 'latitude', 'housing_median_age', 'total_rooms',
                'total_bedrooms', 'population', 'households', 'median_income',
                 'median house value', 'rooms per household',
                 'bedrooms_per_room', 'population_per_household']
         #Removing outliers
         df=RemoveOutliers().fit transform(df)
         data_labels=df['median_house_value']
         df=df.drop('median house value',axis=1)
         #Transforming features
         df=FeaturesTransformer().fit transform(df)
         num_features=['longitude', 'latitude', 'housing_median_age', 'total_rooms',
                 'total_bedrooms', 'population', 'households', 'median_income',
                 'rooms per household', 'bedrooms per room', 'population per household']
         cat featues=['ocean proximity']
         #Mean value imputation, feature scaling, gettin gdummy variables
         num pipeline=Pipeline([
             ('selector', DataFrameSelector(num features)),
             ('imputer', SimpleImputer(strategy='mean')),
             ('std_scaler',StandardScaler())
         1)
         cat pipeline=Pipeline([
             ('selector', DataFrameSelector(cat featues)),
             ('get_dummies',GetDummies())
         #Combining numerical and categorica data
         data cleaning pipeline=FeatureUnion(transformer list=[
             ('num_pipeline',num_pipeline),
             ('cat_pipeline',cat_pipeline),
         df=data cleaning pipeline.fit transform(df)
         l=num_features.copy()
         1.extend([0,1,2])
         df=pd.DataFrame(df,columns=1)
```

```
#Check for multicoliniearity
remove_by_vif(df)
remove_by_pvalue(df,data_labels)

data_prepared=df
y_train=data_labels.copy()

label_scaler=StandardScaler()
data_labels=label_scaler.fit_transform(y_train.values.reshape(-1,1))
```



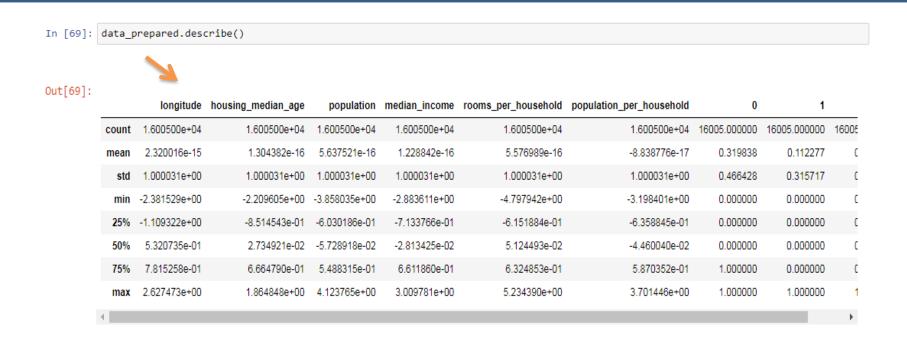
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Removed: total_rooms , VIF: 108.34813434774779
Removed: latitude , VIF: 18.337136881413034
Removed: bedrooms per room , VIF: 5.618818797870981
```

So, above 5 columns were removed because of VIF constraint.

In [68]: data prepared Out[68]: longitude housing median age population median income rooms per household population per household 0 1 2 0 -1.154224 -0.611150 -0.4498490.746370 -0.743301 -1.207634 0.0 0.0 0.0 1 -1.174180 -1.171019 -1.693043 1.464804 0.622682 -0.204224 0.0 0.0 0.0 2 1.185638 0.187132 -1.331664 0.0 0.0 1.0 -0.375164 -0.492940 -0.825039 3 -0.016721 -0.2922160.285178 -1.299468 0.057913 1.602935 1.0 0.0 0.0 4 0.492161 -0.931346 2.390008 -0.368150-0.5582060.282264 0.0 0.0 0.0 16000 0.721657 1.385500 -1.008524 0.771706 0.651982 -0.173482 1.0 0.0 0.0 16001 1.006033 0.906153 -0.210085-1.132569-0.440662 1.539436 1.0 0.0 0.0 16002 1.584762 -1.5704750.892959 -0.2033480.844114 -0.152823 1.0 0.0 0.0 16003 0.781526 0.187132 0.169212 0.294852 0.266387 1.238031 0.0 0.0 0.0 **16004** -1.433610 1.864848 -0.259595 -1.405587 0.0 1.0 0.0 0.067323 -0.004051

The "data_prepared "data frame is created from "df" having 16005 rows and 9 columns.

16005 rows x 9 columns



The describe() shows some basic statistical details like count, mean, median, standard deviation, quartile values, percentile, minimum and maximum values of each attributes of the dataset.

Here, we can see in the output that, no attribute contains null values.

Choosing ML Algorithm

```
In [71]: from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error,r2_score
    from sklearn.model_selection import learning_curve,cross_val_score,validation_curve,train_test_split
    from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
```

```
In [72]: def plot_validation_curve(scores,param_range,param_name,scoring='r2'):
             """This function plot validation curve.
             Parameters:
                 scores: scores obtained from validation curve() method
                 param range: list of range of parameters passed as 'param range' in validation curve() method
                 scoring: str
             n=len(param range)
             if scoring=='r2':
                 train_score=[scores[0][i].mean() for i in range (0,n)]
                 test_score=[scores[1][i].mean() for i in range (0,n)]
             elif scoring=='neg mean squared error':
                 train score=[np.sqrt(-scores[0][i].mean()) for i in range (0,n)]
                 test score=[np.sqrt(-scores[1][i].mean()) for i in range (0,n)]
             fig=plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
             plt.plot(param range,train score,label='Train')
             plt.plot(param range,test score,label='Test')
             plt.xticks=param range
             plt.title("Validation curve of {}".format(param name),size=12)
             plt.legend()
```



Linear Regression

R2: 0.7991862993882449

To calculate RMSE I have used 'train_y' which are unscaled labels.

```
In [75]: lr=LinearRegression()
    scores=cross_val_score(lr,data_prepared,y_train,n_jobs=-1,cv=5,scoring='neg_mean_squared_error')
    print('RMSE: ',np.sqrt(-scores).mean())
```

RMSE: 67960.78780025143

So with linear regression,

- ➤ R-squared=0.8
- ➤ RMSE=67960.78
- ➤ RMSE of above model is 67960 which means that there's an average error of \$67960 in prediction of house price.

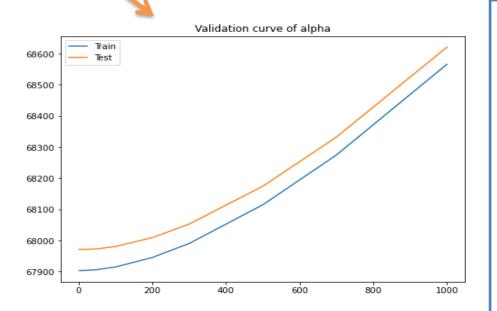


Ridge Regression

```
In [76]: ridge=Ridge(alpha=0.1,random_state=42)
    scores=cross_val_score(ridge,data_prepared,data_labels,n_jobs=-1,cv=5,scoring='r2')
    print('R2: ',np.sqrt(scores).mean())
```



R2: 0.7991863159569764



- From this plot It can be seen that Train and Test scores are almost after alpha=700.
- ➤ Even at alpha=0, difference between RMSE is not much, so there is no objectionable overfitting. As alpha is increased, bias is increasing and so the RMSE.
- ➤ As linear regression is not overfitting the model, using Ridge regression is not necessary.

Support Vector Regression

```
In [78]: from sklearn.svm import SVR
 In [79]: svr=SVR(degree=2)
          param grid={
               'C':[1,10,50,100]
           scoring='r2'
          grid=GridSearchCV(svr,param grid,scoring=scoring,n jobs=-1,cv=3,verbose=3)
          grid.fit(data prepared,data labels)
         Fitting 3 folds for each of 4 candidates, totalling 12 fits
         [Parallel(n jobs=-1)]: Using backend LokyBackend with 4 concurrent workers.
         [Parallel(n jobs=-1)]: Done 10 out of 12 | elapsed: 4.4min remaining: 53.0s
         [Parallel(n jobs=-1)]: Done 12 out of 12 | elapsed: 5.5min finished
Out[79]: GridSearchCV(cv=3, estimator=SVR(degree=2), n jobs=-1,
                      param grid={'C': [1, 10, 50, 100]}, scoring='r2', verbose=3)
 In [80]: print(grid.best params )
          {'C': 10}
```

```
In [81]: svr=SVR(degree=2,C=10)
    scores=cross_val_score(svr,data_prepared,data_labels,n_jobs=-1,cv=5,scoring='r2')
    print('R2: ',np.sqrt(scores).mean())
```



R2: 0.8787045011060872

So, with support vector machines, R2=0.878.

Which is better than Linear Regression model.



Decision Tree

```
In [82]: from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
```

```
In [83]: dtr=DecisionTreeRegressor(random_state=42)
scores=cross_val_score(dtr,data_prepared,y_train,n_jobs=-1,cv=5,scoring='r2')
print('R2: ',np.sqrt(scores).mean())
```

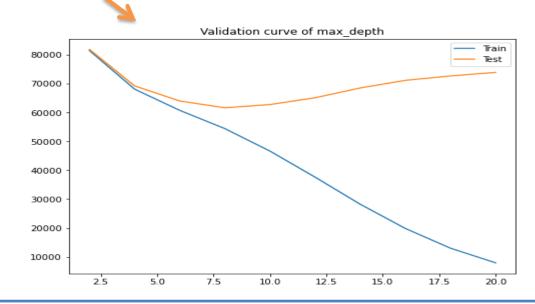


R2: 0.7571871948332872

- ➤ So, basic decision tree model is giving R2=0.7571.
- >Then I did some parameter tuning so get best decision tree model.



max depth

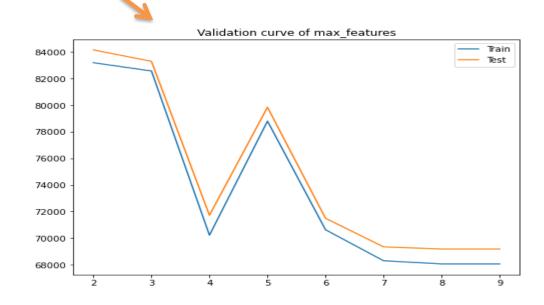


➤ From above diagram it is clear that model starts overfitting heavily after max_depth=8.

>max_depth: 3 to 8



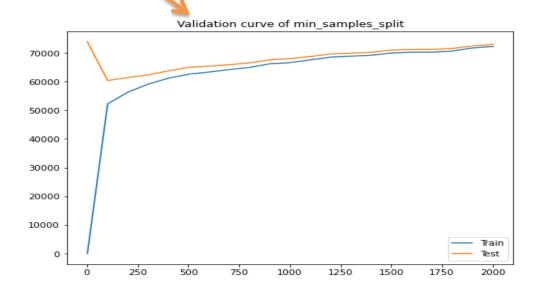
max_features



So, we get the value of max_features: 6 to 9.



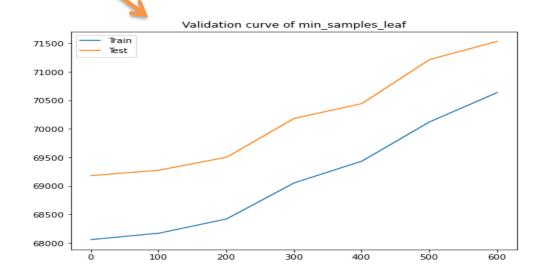
min_samples_split



With increasing min_samples_split after 200, variance is reducing.



min_samples_leaf



Increasing min_samples_leaf is neither giving good results nor helping to reduce overfitting.



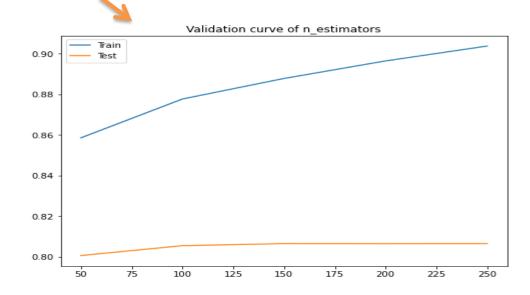
Gradient Boosting Regression

I used this ensembling method to get the best model from decision trees.

```
In [88]: from sklearn.ensemble import GradientBoostingRegressor
In [89]: gbr=GradientBoostingRegressor(random state=42)
         param grid={
              'n estimators':[100,500,1000],
             'max depth':range(3,9,1),
             'max features':[6,7,9],
             'min samples split':[200,400]
         scoring='r2'
         grid=GridSearchCV(gbr,param grid,scoring=scoring,n jobs=-1,cv=3,verbose=1)
         grid.fit(data prepared, v train)
         print(grid.best params )
          Fitting 3 folds for each of 108 candidates, totalling 324 fits
          [Parallel(n jobs=-1)]: Using backend LokyBackend with 4 concurrent workers.
          [Parallel(n jobs=-1)]: Done 42 tasks
                                                       elapsed: 2.2min
          [Parallel(n jobs=-1)]: Done 192 tasks
                                                       elapsed: 14.8min
          [Parallel(n jobs=-1)]: Done 324 out of 324
                                                       elapsed: 34.0min finished
          {'max depth': 8, 'max features': 6, 'min samples split': 200, 'n estimators': 100}
```



Check for n_estimators



- **➤**With increasing number of estimators, model is overfitting.
- **➤**With lower number of estimators, model is underfitting.



I chose n_estimators=100

In [91]: gbr=GradientBoostingRegressor(max_depth= 8, max_features=6, min_samples_split=200, n_estimators=100,random_state=42)
 scores=cross_val_score(gbr,data_prepared,y_train,n_jobs=-1,cv=5,scoring='r2')
 print('R2: ',np.sqrt(scores).mean())



R2: 0.8974790145435815

- ➤ With above Gradient Boosting model, R2=0.897.
- ➤ This model is even better than support vector regressor.



Stacking

- This is another ensembling method.
- ➤ In this, I have used Linear regression and Gradient boosing regression as base models and Support Vector Regression as meta model.

```
In [92]: from mlxtend.regressor import StackingRegressor
In [93]: lr=LinearRegression()
    svr=SVR(degree=2,C=10)
    gbr=GradientBoostingRegressor(max_depth= 8, max_features=6, min_samples_split=200, n_estimators=100,random_state=42)

In [94]: sr=StackingRegressor([lr,gbr],svr,verbose=3)
    scores=cross_val_score(sr,data_prepared,data_labels,n_jobs=-1,cv=3,scoring='r2')
    print('R2: ',np.sqrt(scores).mean())
```

R2: 0.8920759836217309

For stacking,

➤R2=0.892

This is less than Gradient Boosting Regressor.

Final Model:

I finalized following Gradient Boosing Regressor with following parameters:

➤n_estimators=100

➤max_depth=8

≻max features=6

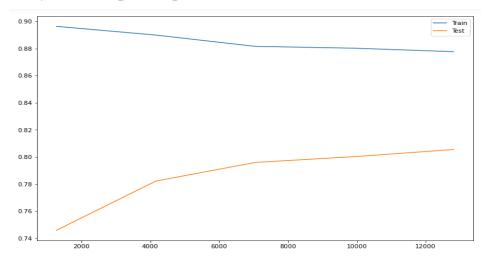
>min_samples_split=200



Learning Curve



Out[95]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x15071400>



- From learning curve it is clear that this model is still overfitting. But, with the increase in number of samples, variance is decreasing.
- **➤**So, getting more training data can be a solution for overfitting.



Predicting on Test Data Set

```
In [96]: test_data=pd.read_csv('strat_test_set.csv')
  test_data_labels=test_data['median_house_value'].copy()
  test_data.drop('median_house_value',axis=1,inplace=True)
```



I did following data manipulations on test data

- ➤ Adding features
- ➤ Transforming skewed features

```
In [97]: fa=FeaturesAdder()
    df_test=fa.fit_transform(test_data)

    df_test=FeaturesTransformer().fit_transform(df_test)

#used 'transform' method, as I don't want to refit the standard scalar on test data.
    df_test=data_cleaning_pipeline.transform(df_test)

df_test=pd.DataFrame(df_test,columns=1)
```

Scaling test data labels

```
In [98]: #used 'transform' method, as I don't want to refit the standard scalar on test data.

y_test=test_data_labels.copy()
test_data_labels=label_scaler.transform(y_test.values.reshape(-1,1))
```

Choosing same columns of test_data as of train_data

So, the train error: 39773.94783299169 and test error: 49795.96894045239.