Analysis of factors that affect used car prices

Imports

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

from collections import Counter
from IPython.display import display
from sklearn.impute import KNNImputer
from pylab import rcParams
from pathlib import Path
```

Data Loading

The uncleaned data is loaded

```
path='/kaggle/input/uncovering-factors-that-affect-used-car-prices/
autos.csv'
data = pd.read csv(path, lineterminator='\n')
data.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 371528 entries, 0 to 371527
Data columns (total 21 columns):
#
    Column
                         Non-Null Count
                                          Dtype
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    index
                          371528 non-null
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 1
    dateCrawled
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    name
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    seller
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    gearbox
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 10 powerPS
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                                          int64
 11 model
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                                          object
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   kilometer
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                                          int64
    monthOfRegistration 371528 non-null
 13
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    notRepairedDamage
                          299468 non-null
                                           object
 17
     dateCreated
                          371528 non-null
                                           object
 18
    nrOfPictures
                          371528 non-null
                                           int64
19
    postalCode
                          371528 non-null
                                           int64
                          371528 non-null object
20 lastSeen
dtypes: int64(8), object(13)
memory usage: 59.5+ MB
data.head()
                  dateCrawled
                                                               seller
   index
                                                         name
      0 2016-03-24 11:52:17
                                                   Golf 3 1.6
                                                               privat
      1 2016-03-24 10:58:45
                                         A5 Sportback 2.7 Tdi
                                                               privat
      2 2016-03-14 12:52:21 Jeep_Grand_Cherokee_"Overland"
                                                               privat
      3 2016-03-17 16:54:04
                                           GOLF 4 1 4 3TÜRER privat
      4 2016-03-31 17:25:20 Skoda Fabia 1.4 TDI PD Classic privat
             price abtest vehicleType yearOfRegistration
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automatik
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manuell
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    Angebot
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                     test
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0 2016-04-07 03:16:57
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2 2016-04-05 12:47:46
3 2016-03-17 17:40:17
4 2016-04-06 10:17:21

[5 rows x 21 columns]
```

Cleaned Data Loading

```
path='/kaggle/input/factors/autos.csv'
data = pd.read csv(path, lineterminator='\n')
data.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 244083 entries, 0 to 244082
Data columns (total 20 columns):
#
     Column
                          Non-Null Count
                                           Dtype
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 0
                                           int64
     index
                          244083 non-null
 1
     dateCrawled
                          244083 non-null
                                           object
 2
                          244083 non-null
     name
                                           object
 3
    seller
                          244083 non-null
                                           object
 4
     offerType
                          244083 non-null
                                           object
 5
    price
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                                           int64
                          244083 non-null
 6
     abtest
                                           object
 7
    vehicleType
                          244083 non-null
                                           object
 8
     yearOfRegistration
                          244083 non-null
                                           int64
 9
    gearbox
                          244083 non-null
                                           object
 10
    powerPS
                          244083 non-null
                                           int64
 11
    model
                          244083 non-null
                                           object
 12
    kilometer
                          244083 non-null
                                           int64
 13
    monthOfRegistration
                          244083 non-null
                                           int64
 14 fuelType
                          244083 non-null object
 15 brand
                          244083 non-null
                                           object
 16  notRepairedDamage
                          244083 non-null
                                           object
 17
    dateCreated
                          244083 non-null
                                           object
 18
                          244083 non-null
    postalCode
                                           int64
            244083 non-null
                             object
dtypes: int64(7), object(13)
memory usage: 37.2+ MB
```

The cleaned data gives an idea of how many cells contained null values.

```
data.head()
   index
              dateCrawled
name \
       1 17-03-2016 16:54
GOLF 4 1 4 3TÜRER
       2 31-03-2016 17:25
Skoda Fabia 1.4 TDI PD Classic
       5 04-04-2016 17:36
BMW 316i e36_Limousine___Bastlerfahrzeug_Ex...
       6 01-04-2016 20:\overline{48}
Peugeot_206_CC_110_Platinum
      1\overline{0} 2\overline{6}-0\overline{3}-20\overline{1}6 19:54
Mazda_3_1.6_Sport
    seller offerType price abtest vehicleType yearOfRegistration
gearbox \
0 Private
               Offer 1500
                                        Hatchback
                                                                 2001
                                test
Manual
   Private
               Offer 3600
                                test
                                        Hatchback
                                                                 2008
Manual
               Offer 650
2 Private
                                test
                                        limousine
                                                                 1995
Manual
                       2200
                                                                 2004
  Private
               Offer
                                test Convertible
Manual
4 Private
               0ffer
                       2000
                            control limousine
                                                                 2004
Manual
                     kilometer monthOfRegistration fuelType
   powerPS
              model
brand \
        75
               golf
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volkswagen
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                         90000
                                                      Diesel
skoda
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                     17-03-2016 00:00
                                            91074 17-03-2016 17:40\r
                     31-03-2016 00:00
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2
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                                            33775 06-04-2016 19:17\r
                Yes
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                     01-04-2016 00:00
                                            67112 05-04-2016 18:18\r
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4 No 26-03-2016 00:00 96224 06-04-2016 10:45\r
```

The cleaned data includes removing rows with null values, replacing German terms with English and adjusting the placements of the remaining rows.

Exploratory Data Analysis

Numeric features

The numeric features of the dataset analysed visually.

Check for missing values

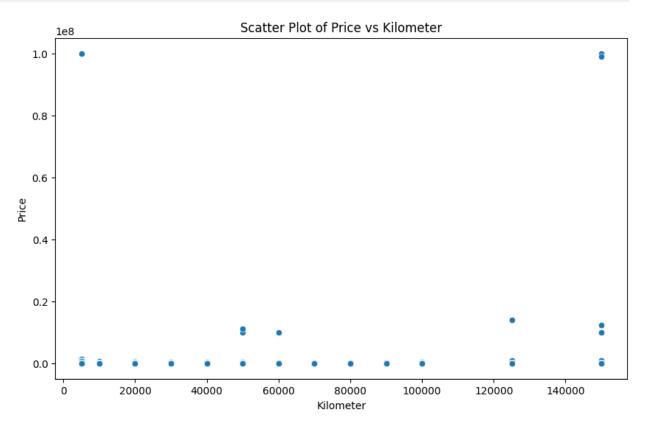
```
# Check for missing values
missing_values = data.isnull().sum()
print(missing_values)
index
                         0
dateCrawled
                         0
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name
seller
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offerType
price
                         0
abtest
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                         0
vehicleType
                         0
yearOfRegistration
                         0
gearbox
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powerPS PS
model
                         0
kilometer
                         0
monthOfRegistration
                         0
                         0
fuelType
brand
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                         0
notRepairedDamage
                         0
dateCreated
postalCode
                         0
lastSeen\r
dtype: int64
```

Price with respect to distribution

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

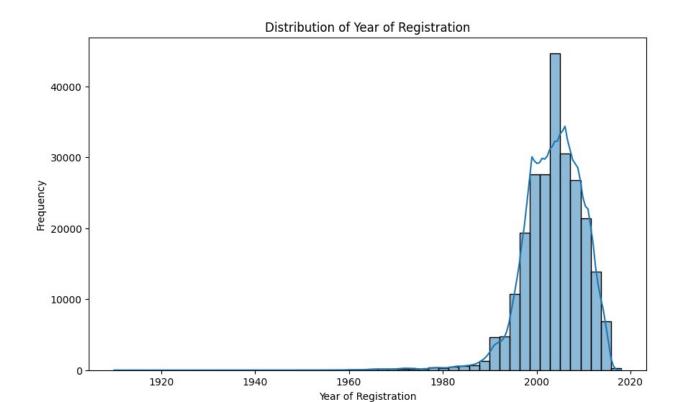
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(x=data['kilometer'], y=data['price'])
```

```
plt.title('Scatter Plot of Price vs Kilometer')
plt.xlabel('Kilometer')
plt.ylabel('Price')
plt.show()
```



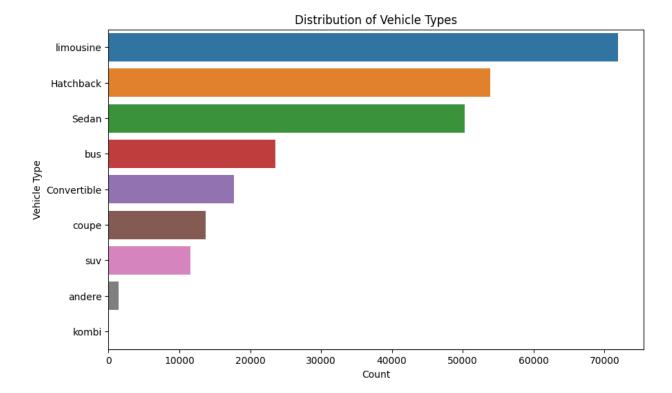
Year of Registration

```
# Plot the distribution of year of registration
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(data['yearOfRegistration'], bins=50, kde=True)
plt.title('Distribution of Year of Registration')
plt.xlabel('Year of Registration')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.show()
```



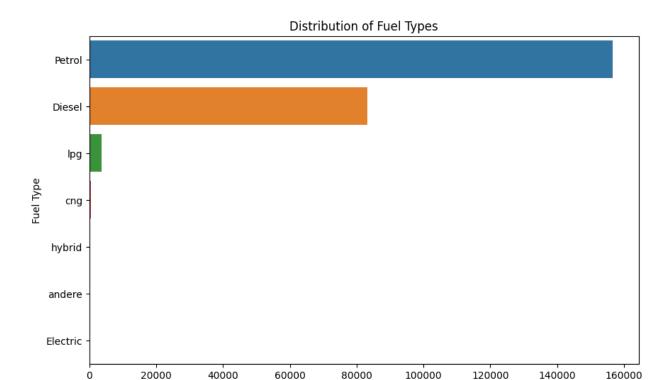
Analysis of Vehicle Type

```
# Plot the distribution of vehicle types
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.countplot(y=data['vehicleType'],
order=data['vehicleType'].value_counts().index)
plt.title('Distribution of Vehicle Types')
plt.xlabel('Count')
plt.ylabel('Vehicle Type')
plt.show()
```



Analysis of Fuel Type

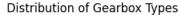
```
# Plot the distribution of fuel types
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.countplot(y=data['fuelType'],
order=data['fuelType'].value_counts().index)
plt.title('Distribution of Fuel Types')
plt.xlabel('Count')
plt.ylabel('Fuel Type')
plt.show()
```

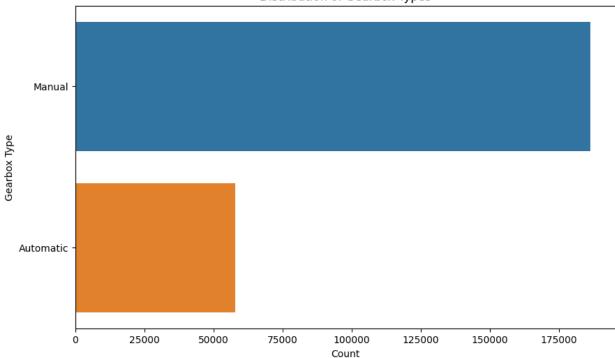


Analysis of Gearbox

```
# Plot the distribution of gearbox types
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.countplot(y=data['gearbox'],
order=data['gearbox'].value_counts().index)
plt.title('Distribution of Gearbox Types')
plt.xlabel('Count')
plt.ylabel('Gearbox Type')
plt.show()
```

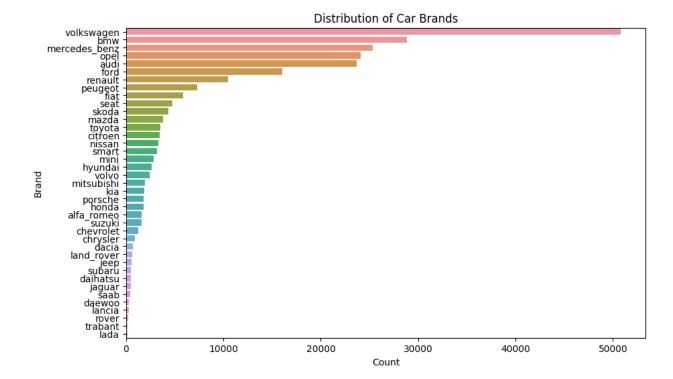
Count





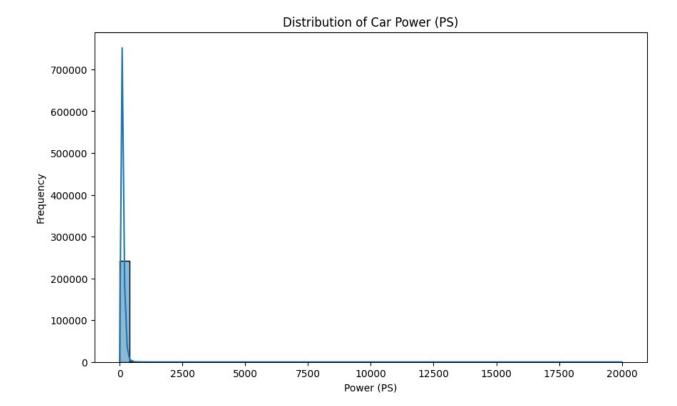
Brand Analysis

```
# Plot the distribution of car brands
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.countplot(y=data['brand'],
order=data['brand'].value_counts().index)
plt.title('Distribution of Car Brands')
plt.xlabel('Count')
plt.ylabel('Brand')
plt.show()
```



Power Analysis

```
# Plot the distribution of powerPS
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(data['powerPS'], bins=50, kde=True)
plt.title('Distribution of Car Power (PS)')
plt.xlabel('Power (PS)')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.show()
```



Summary

1. Basic Information and Summary Statistics The dataset consists of 244,083 entries and 20 columns, with no missing values in any of the columns. Here are some summary statistics:

<pre>print(data.describe())</pre>							
,	index	price	yearOfRegistration	powerPS			
\ count	244083.000000	2.440830e+05	244083.000000	244083.000000			
mean	186120.214214	8.519281e+03	2003.562911	131.620248			
std	107240.965365	3.540800e+05	6.414189	141.374305			
min	1.000000	0.000000e+00	1910.000000	1.000000			
25%	93173.500000	1.699000e+03	2000.000000	86.000000			
50%	186382.000000	4.000000e+03	2004.000000	116.000000			
75%	278974.500000	8.990000e+03	2008.000000	160.000000			
max	371527.000000	1.000000e+08	2018.000000	20000.000000			

	kilometer	monthOfRegistration	postalCode
count	244083.000000	244083.000000	244083.000000
mean	123466.300398	6.367498	52190.261772
std	39997.544784	3.350871	25803.667201
min	5000.000000	1.000000	1067.000000
25%	100000.000000	3.000000	31630.500000
50%	150000.000000	6.000000	51503.000000
75%	150000.000000	9.000000	73095.000000
max	150000.000000	12.000000	99998.000000

- 1. Distribution of Prices The prices distribution of cars indicates that most car prices lie within a range of lower prices, while some are priced higher for the high-valued cars.
- 2. Year of Registration Analysis The majority of cars are registered between 1990 and 2016, with a peak in the early 2000s.
- 3. Vehicle Type Analysis Most common types of vehicles in the listing include limousine and hatchback, station wagons and convertibles.
- 4. Fuel Type Analysis Petrol is the most common fuel type, followed by diesel. Other fuel types like LPG and CNG are much less common.
- 5. Gearbox Analysis Manual gearboxes are significantly more common than automatic ones.
- 6. Brand Analysis Volkswagen, BMW, and Opel are the most common car brands in the dataset.
- 7. Power Analysis The distribution of car power (in PS) shows most cars having power below 200 PS.