Data Preprocessing & Regression Model

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[4]: # required libraries
  import pandas as pd
  import numpy as np
  import seaborn as sns
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
  from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler, MinMaxScaler
  import scipy.stats as stats
  from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
  from scipy.stats import norm
  from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
  from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
  from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_error, r2_score
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1 I- Data Preprocessing

1.0.1 1- Loading the data

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[5]:
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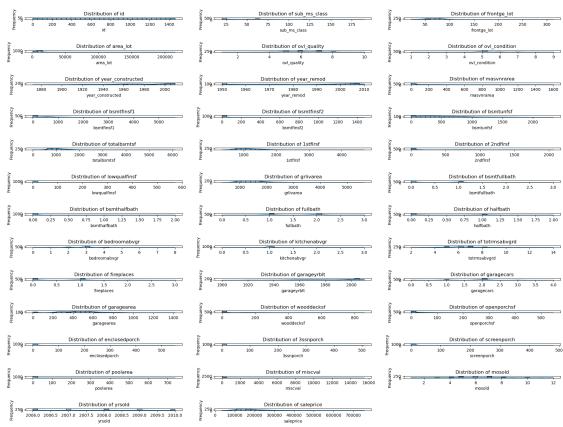
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     [5 rows x 81 columns]
[8]: print("Data Types for Each Column:")
     print(df.dtypes)
     # Identify numeric columns and plot histograms
     numeric_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns
     plt.figure(figsize=(20, 15)) # Larger figure for visibility
     n_rows = (len(numeric_columns) + 2) // 3 # Calculate number of rows needed
     for i, column in enumerate(numeric_columns, 1):
         plt.subplot(n_rows, 3, i)
         sns.histplot(df[column], kde=True, bins=30) # Plot histogram with KDE
         plt.title(f'Distribution of {column}')
         plt.xlabel(column)
         plt.ylabel('Frequency')
     plt.tight_layout(pad=3.0) # Adjust layout
     plt.show()
     # Identify categorical columns and plot count distributions
     categorical_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns
     for column in categorical_columns:
         plt.figure(figsize=(5, 3))
         sns.countplot(data=df, x=column)
         plt.title(f'Frequency Distribution of {column}')
         plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right') # Rotate x-ticks
         plt.xlabel(column)
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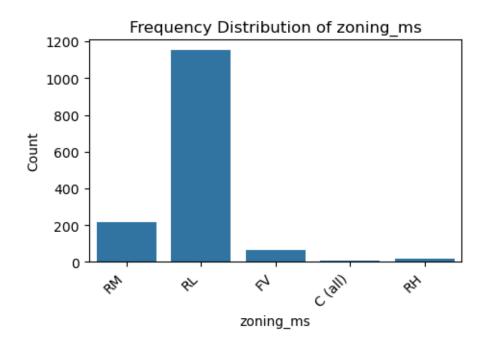
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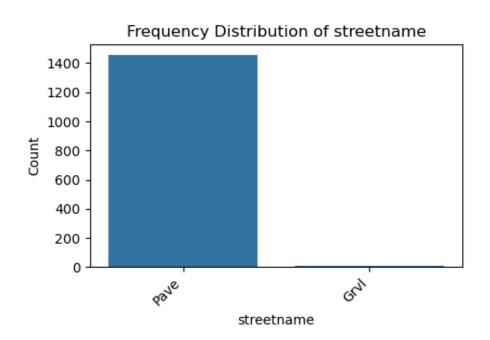
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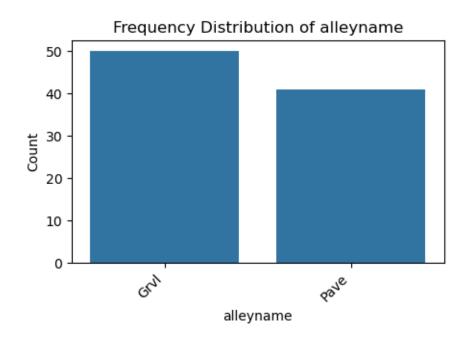
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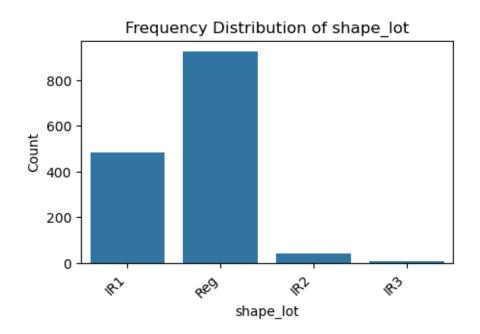
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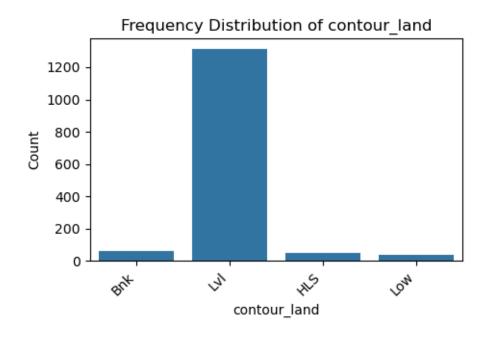


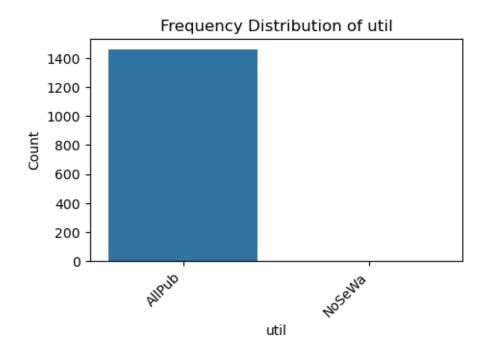


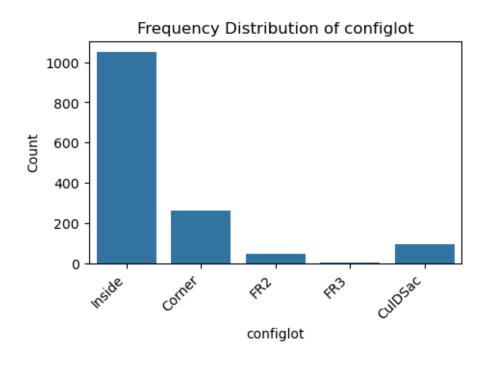


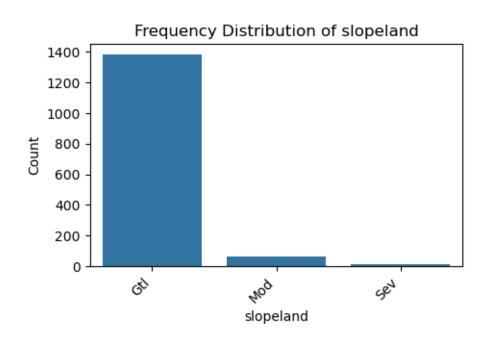


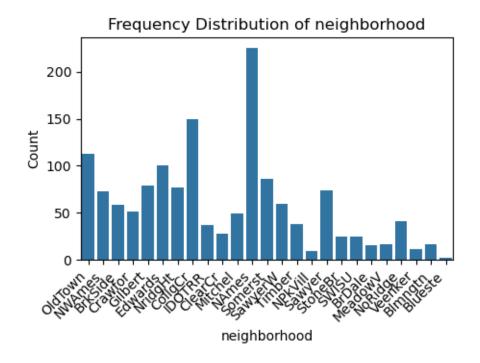


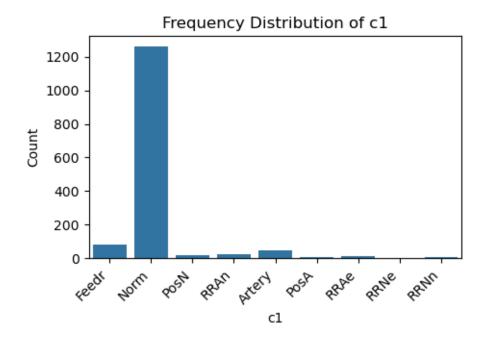


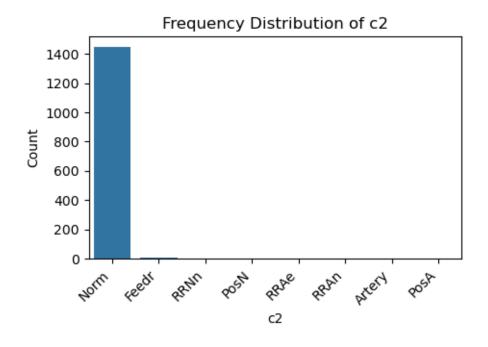


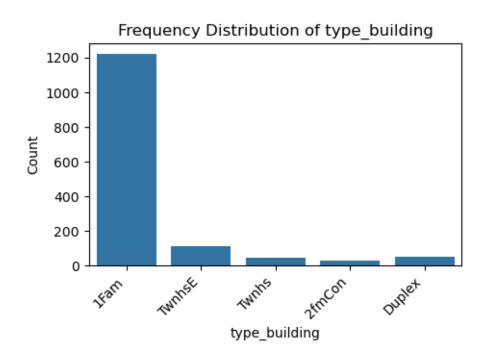


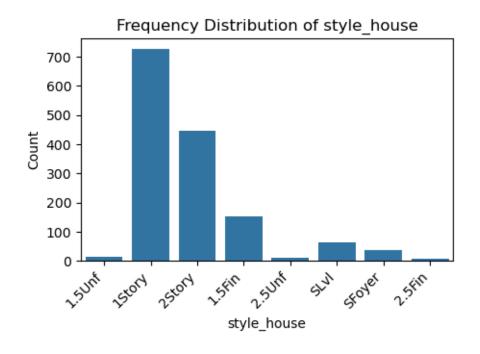


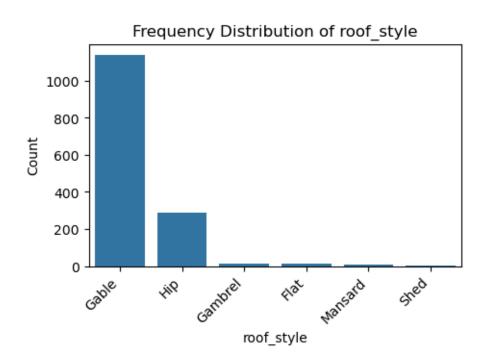


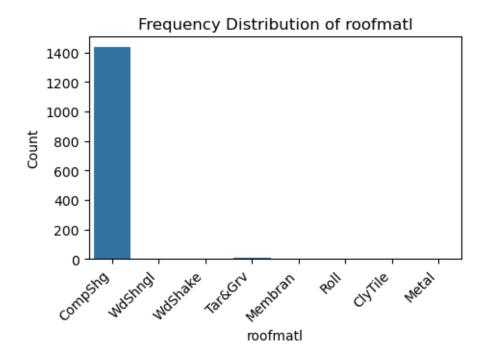


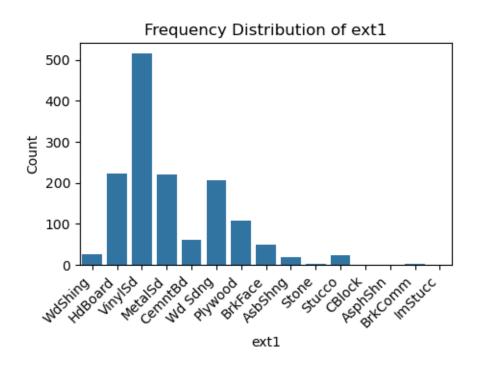


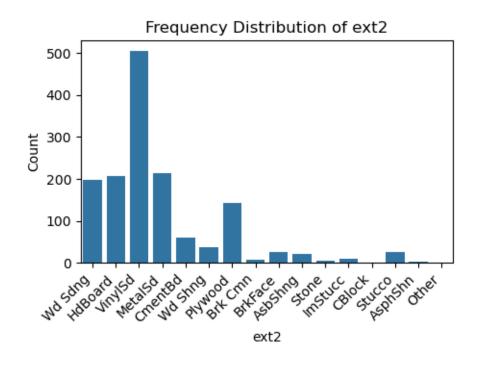


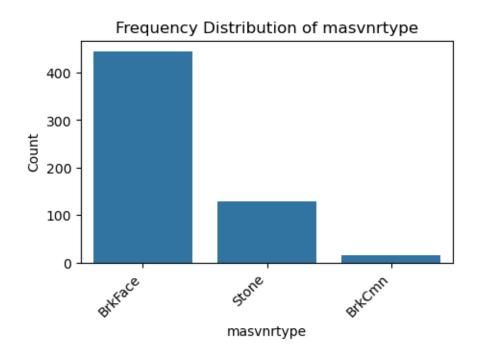


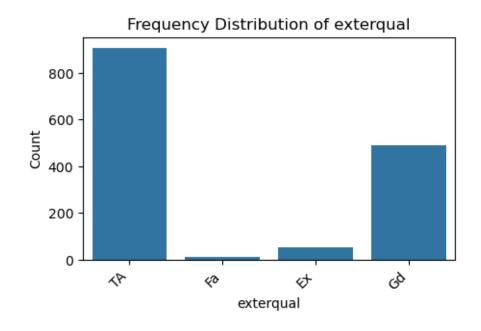


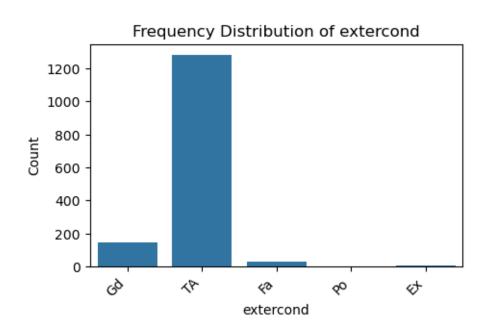


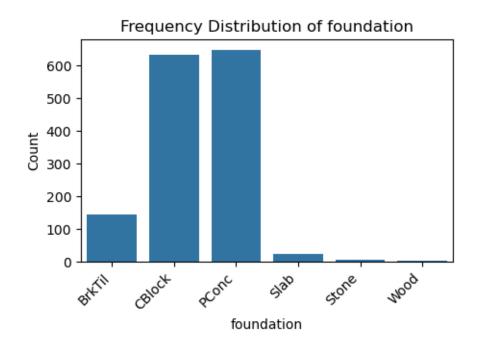


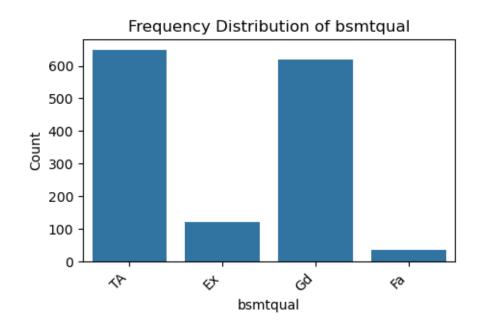


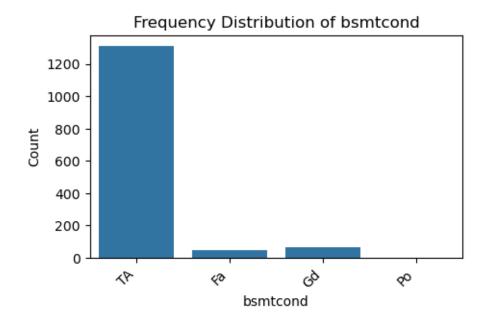


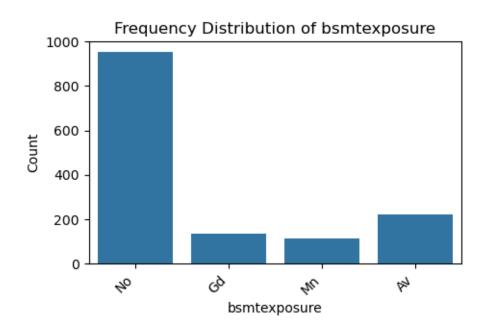


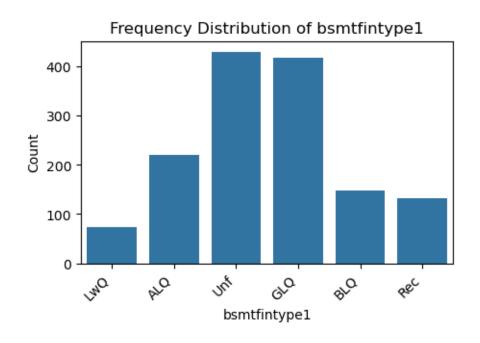


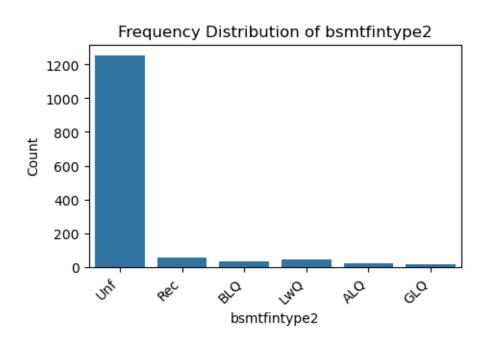


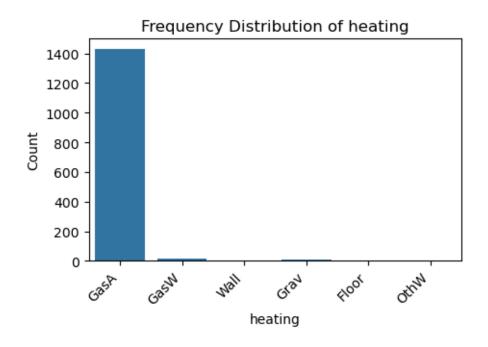


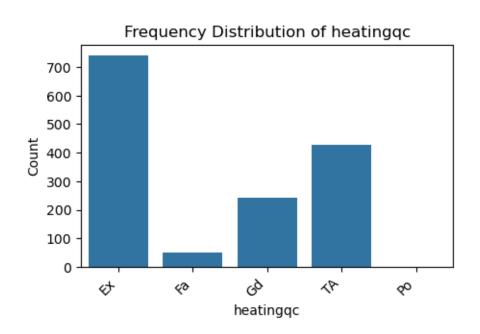


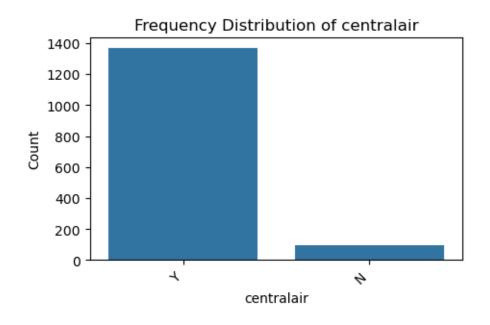


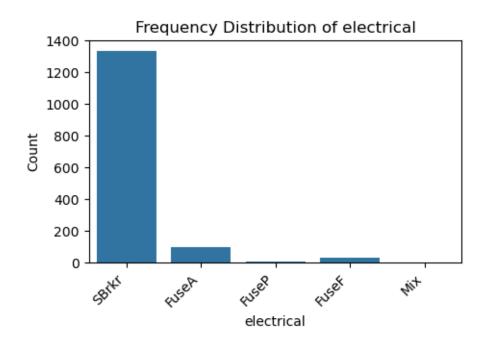


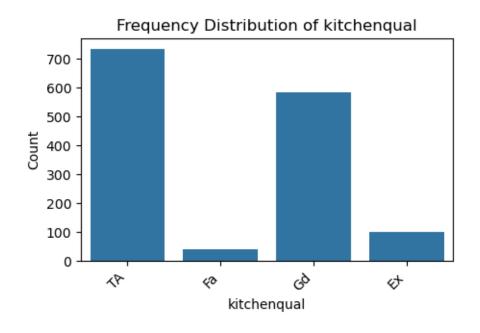


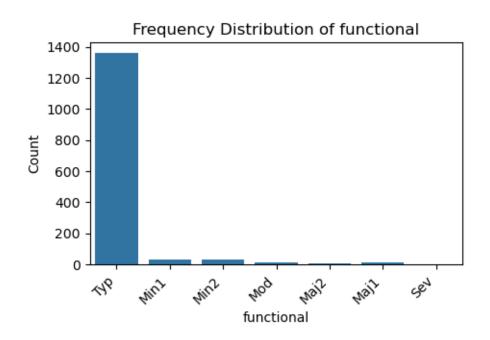


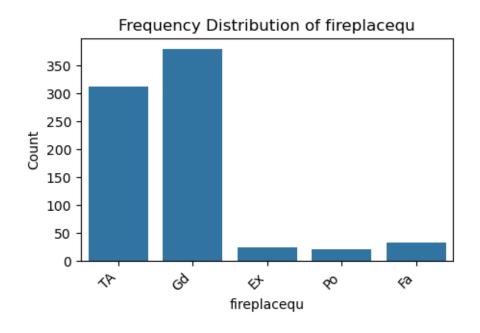


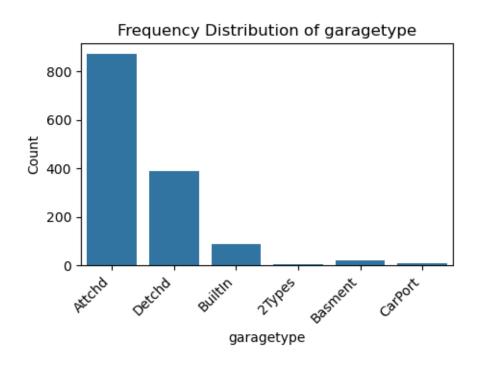


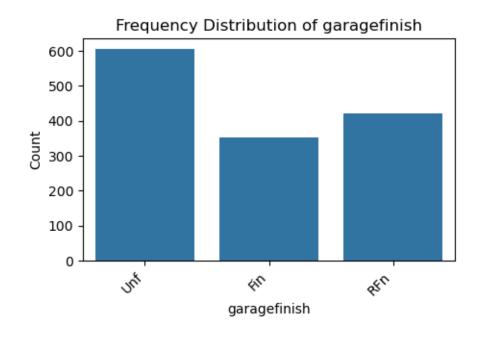


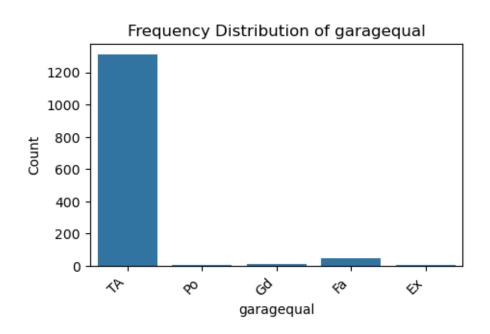


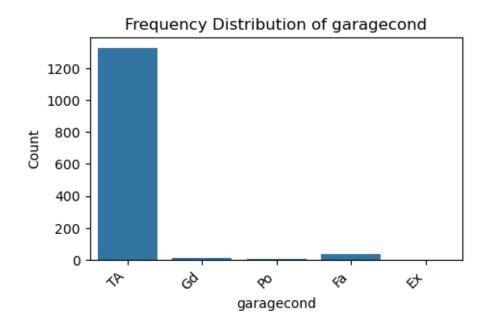


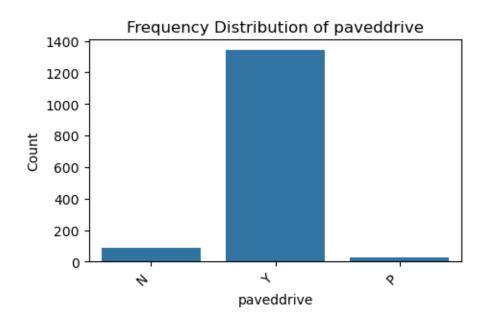


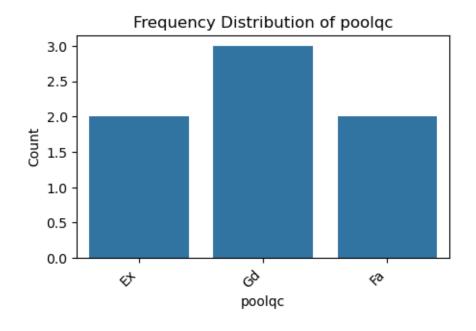


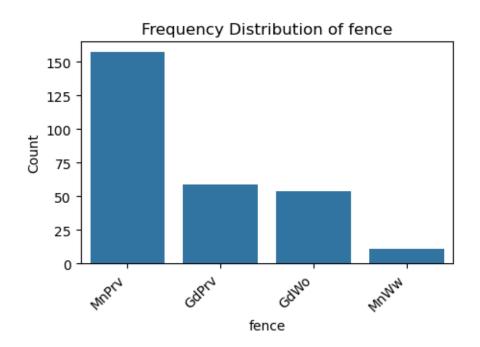


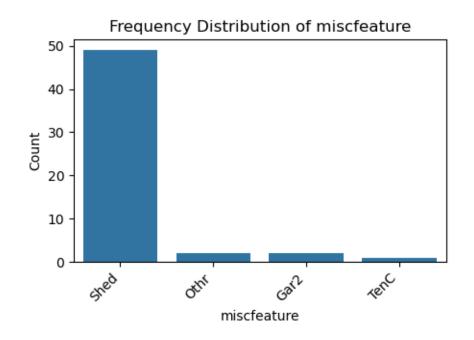


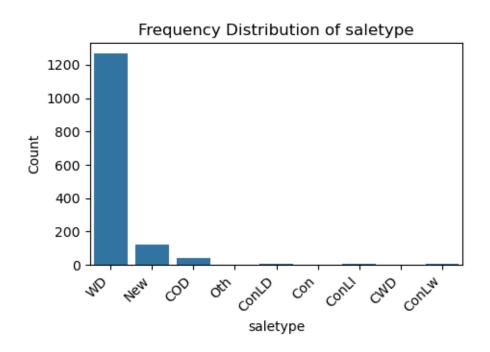


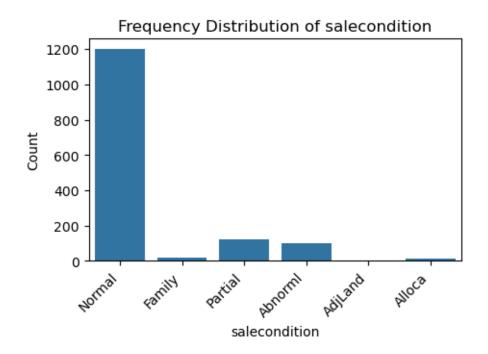












1.0.2 2- finding vriables with missing values

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[10]: Column Name Missing Values Percentage
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18 miscfeature 1406 96.301370
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      electrical
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For variables with missing values greater than 45%, it is preferable to delete them and treat them as if they never existed. This approach is better than imputing values, as none of these variables are truly important. Since most of them do not represent significant aspects to consider when purchasing a house, variables with over 90% missing values may indicate potential outliers

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	2	30		RL	50.0		5330) Pav	e	Reg	
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	4	120		RM	64.0		5587	' Pav	e	IR1	
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      [5 rows x 74 columns]
[14]: # Check for missing values and summarize
      missing_values = df.isnull().sum()
      missing_values = missing_values[missing_values > 0]
      missing_values_df = missing_values.reset_index()
      missing_values_df.columns = ['Column Name', 'Missing Values']
      # Calculate and sort the percentage of missing values
      missing_values_df['Percentage'] = (missing_values_df['Missing Values'] /__
       \rightarrowlen(df)) * 100
      missing_values_df = missing_values_df.sort_values(by='Percentage',_
       →ascending=False)
      missing_values_df # Display results
[14]:
           Column Name Missing Values Percentage
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           frontge_lot
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1.0.3 3- Correlation Analysis and Feature Reduction

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masvnrarea

electrical

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```
[20]: # Get categorical columns
    categorical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns.tolist()

# Display unique values for each categorical column
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0.547945

0.068493

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for col in categorical_cols:
    print(f"{col}: {df[col].unique()}")
zoning_ms: ['RM' 'RL' 'FV' 'C (all)' 'RH']
streetname: ['Pave' 'Grvl']
shape_lot: ['IR1' 'Reg' 'IR2' 'IR3']
contour_land: ['Bnk' 'Lvl' 'HLS' 'Low']
util: ['AllPub' 'NoSeWa']
configlot: ['Inside' 'Corner' 'FR2' 'FR3' 'CulDSac']
slopeland: ['Gtl' 'Mod' 'Sev']
neighborhood: ['OldTown' 'NWAmes' 'BrkSide' 'Crawfor' 'Gilbert' 'Edwards'
'NridgHt'
 'CollgCr' 'IDOTRR' 'ClearCr' 'Mitchel' 'NAmes' 'Somerst' 'SawyerW'
 'Timber' 'NPkVill' 'Sawyer' 'StoneBr' 'SWISU' 'BrDale' 'MeadowV'
 'NoRidge' 'Veenker' 'Blmngtn' 'Blueste']
c1: ['Feedr' 'Norm' 'PosN' 'RRAn' 'Artery' 'PosA' 'RRAe' 'RRNe' 'RRNn']
c2: ['Norm' 'Feedr' 'RRNn' 'PosN' 'RRAe' 'RRAn' 'Artery' 'PosA']
type_building: ['1Fam' 'TwnhsE' 'Twnhs' '2fmCon' 'Duplex']
style_house: ['1.5Unf' '1Story' '2Story' '1.5Fin' '2.5Unf' 'SLvl' 'SFoyer'
'2.5Fin']
roof_style: ['Gable' 'Hip' 'Gambrel' 'Flat' 'Mansard' 'Shed']
roofmatl: ['CompShg' 'WdShngl' 'WdShake' 'Tar&Grv' 'Membran' 'Roll' 'ClyTile'
 'Metal'
ext1: ['WdShing' 'HdBoard' 'VinylSd' 'MetalSd' 'CemntBd' 'Wd Sdng' 'Plywood'
 'BrkFace' 'AsbShng' 'Stone' 'Stucco' 'CBlock' 'AsphShn' 'BrkComm'
ext2: ['Wd Sdng' 'HdBoard' 'VinylSd' 'MetalSd' 'CmentBd' 'Wd Shng' 'Plywood'
 'Brk Cmn' 'BrkFace' 'AsbShng' 'Stone' 'ImStucc' 'CBlock' 'Stucco'
 'AsphShn' 'Other']
exterqual: ['TA' 'Fa' 'Ex' 'Gd']
extercond: ['Gd' 'TA' 'Fa' 'Po' 'Ex']
foundation: ['BrkTil' 'CBlock' 'PConc' 'Slab' 'Stone' 'Wood']
bsmtqual: ['TA' 'Ex' 'Gd' nan 'Fa']
bsmtcond: ['TA' 'Fa' nan 'Gd' 'Po']
bsmtexposure: ['No' 'Gd' 'Mn' 'Av' nan]
bsmtfintype1: ['LwQ' 'ALQ' 'Unf' 'GLQ' 'BLQ' 'Rec' nan]
bsmtfintype2: ['Unf' 'Rec' 'BLQ' nan 'LwQ' 'ALQ' 'GLQ']
heating: ['GasA' 'GasW' 'Wall' 'Grav' 'Floor' 'OthW']
heatingqc: ['Ex' 'Fa' 'Gd' 'TA' 'Po']
centralair: ['Y' 'N']
electrical: ['SBrkr' 'FuseA' 'FuseP' 'FuseF' 'Mix' nan]
kitchenqual: ['TA' 'Fa' 'Gd' 'Ex']
functional: ['Typ' 'Min1' 'Min2' 'Mod' 'Maj2' 'Maj1' 'Sev']
garagetype: [nan 'Attchd' 'Detchd' 'BuiltIn' '2Types' 'Basment' 'CarPort']
garagefinish: [nan 'Unf' 'Fin' 'RFn']
garagequal: [nan 'TA' 'Po' 'Gd' 'Fa' 'Ex']
garagecond: [nan 'TA' 'Gd' 'Po' 'Fa' 'Ex']
paveddrive: ['N' 'Y' 'P']
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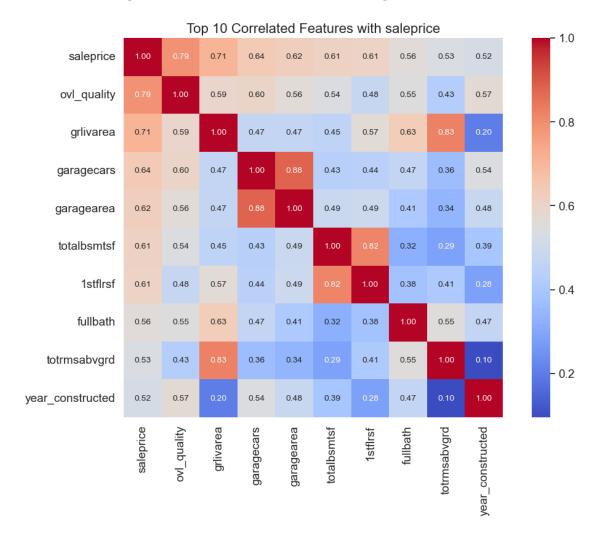
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salecondition: ['Normal' 'Family' 'Partial' 'Abnorml' 'AdjLand' 'Alloca']
[24]: df_encoded = df.copy()
      # nominal and ordinal variables
      nominal_vars = ['zoning_ms', 'streetname', 'shape_lot', 'contour_land', 'util',
                      'configlot', 'slopeland', 'neighborhood', 'c1', 'c2', u
       'style_house', 'roof_style', 'roofmatl', 'ext1', 'ext2',
       'paveddrive', 'saletype', 'salecondition', 'foundation', u
       'garagetype', 'electrical']
      ordinal_vars = ['exterqual', 'extercond', 'bsmtqual', 'bsmtcond', 'bsmtexposure',
                     'bsmtfintype1', 'bsmtfintype2', 'heatingqc', 'kitchenqual',
                      'garagequal', 'garagecond', 'garagefinish', 'functional']
      # Encode ordinal variables
      le = LabelEncoder()
      for col in ordinal_vars:
          df_encoded[col] = le.fit_transform(df_encoded[col])
      # One-hot encode nominal variables
      df_encoded = pd.get_dummies(df_encoded, columns=nominal_vars, drop_first=True)
      # Display the first few rows of the encoded dataframe
      df_encoded.head()
[24]:
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saletype: ['WD' 'New' 'COD' 'Oth' 'ConLD' 'Con' 'ConLI' 'CWD' 'ConLw']

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      [5 rows x 194 columns]
[26]: corrmat = df_encoded.corr()
      # Specify the target variable
      target_variable = 'saleprice'
      k = 10
      cols = corrmat.nlargest(k, target_variable)[target_variable].index
      # Calculate the correlation matrix for these top 'k' variables
      cm = np.corrcoef(df_encoded[cols].values.T)
      # Set up the seaborn font and plot size
      sns.set(font_scale=1.25)
      plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
      # Create a heatmap
      hm = sns.heatmap(cm,
                       cbar=True,
                       annot=True,
                       square=True,
                       fmt='.2f',
                       annot_kws={'size': 10},
                       yticklabels=cols.values,
                       xticklabels=cols.values,
                       cmap='coolwarm')
```

plt.title(f'Top {k} Correlated Features with {target_variable}', fontsize=16)

[26]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Top 10 Correlated Features with saleprice')



Interpretation of Most Correlated Variables

1. Strong Correlation with SalePrice:

• OverallQual, GrLivArea, and TotalBsmtSF are strongly correlated with SalePrice, indicating that these variables are key drivers of the property's sale price.

2. Garage Features:

- GarageCars and GarageArea are also strongly correlated (correlation 0.88). This is logical, as both variables provide similar information about garage capacity.
- Decision: We will keep GarageCars, as it has a higher correlation with SalePrice compared to GarageArea.

3. Basement and First Floor Area:

- TotalBsmtSF and 1stFlrSF are also highly correlated (correlation 0.82). Both measure area-related features of the house.
- Decision: We will keep TotalBsmtSF, as it shows a higher correlation with SalePrice.

4. Total Rooms and Living Area:

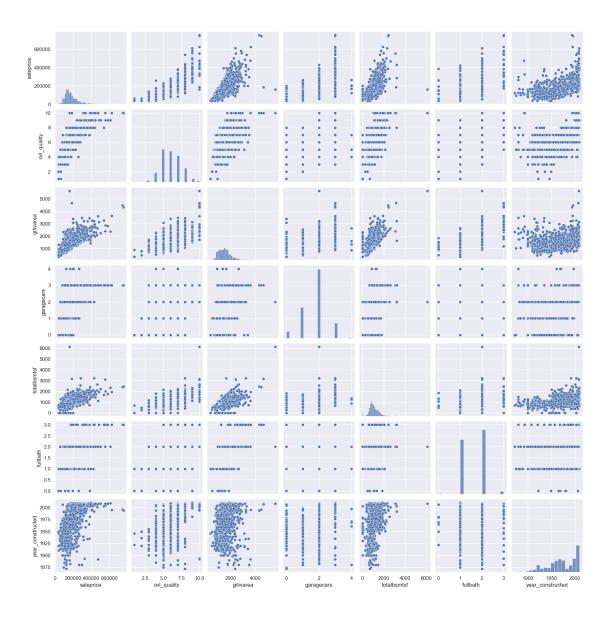
- TotRmsAbvGrd and GrLivArea are another highly related pair. Since GrLivArea represents the total living area, it covers the same information more comprehensively.
- Decision: We will keep GrLivArea due to its stronger correlation with SalePrice. 'SalePrice'.

1.0.4 4- Scatter Plots Analysis

In this section, we will create scatter plots to analyze the relationships between the target variable SalePrice and several features from the dataset. Scatter plots are useful for visualizing the correlation and distribution of data points.

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warnings.warn(msg, UserWarning)



Insights from Scatter Plots The scatter plots provide additional insights beyond our initial understanding of the data:

• TotalBsmtSF vs. GrLivArea:

One notable observation from this plot is the linear pattern formed by the data points. This creates a distinct boundary where most points are concentrated below the line. It is logical that the basement area (TotalBsmtSF) would not exceed the above-ground living area (GrLivArea). While it is possible for the two areas to be equal, it is quite uncommon for the basement area to surpass the living area above ground.

• SalePrice vs. YearBuilt:

The relationship between SalePrice and YearBuilt is intriguing. At the lower end of the scatter plot, there appears to be a subtle exponential trend, suggesting that older houses may have lower sale prices. Conversely, this trend can also be observed in the upper limit of the

cloud of dots, indicating that more recent builds tend to command higher prices. Notably, the points corresponding to the most recent years are positioned above this upper trend line, highlighting the accelerating increase in property prices in the current market.

1.0.5 5- Missing data

Returning to the issue of missing values, before addressing them, we should analyze whether they exhibit a pattern or are random. Identifying a pattern in the missing data can guide us in filling in these gaps more effectively. Conversely, if the missing values appear to be random, our decisions regarding how to handle them could significantly impact the integrity of our dataset. # ### Applying Findings from the Correlation Study

Based on our previous correlation analysis, we identified some highly correlated variables that provide redundant information. Therefore, to simplify the dataset and reduce multicollinearity, we will drop the following columns:

- 'GarageArea': We will keep 'GarageCars' as it showed a higher correlation with 'SalePrice'.
- '1stFlrSF': We decided to retain 'TotalBsmtSF' since it better captures the total living area.
- 'TotRmsAbvGrd': We will keep 'GrLivArea' for representing living space more comprehensively.

This step will help to maintain a more concise dataset while preserving key information for analysis.

```
[29]: cols_to_drop = ['garagearea', '1stflrsf', 'totrmsabvgrd']
df = df.drop(columns=cols_to_drop)
```

Let's review the updated list of features and their missing values

```
[28]:
           Column Name Missing Values Percentage
                                          17.739726
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```

- Frontge_Lot: Given that the frontge_lot column has approximately 17% missing data and is not critical for our analysis, we will remove this column from the dataset.
- **Electrical**: We have just one missing observation in 'electrical'. Since it's only one, we will remove this single observation and keep the variable.
- GarageX Variables: The 'GarageX' variables have the same number of missing entries, likely referring to the same set of observations. Given that these missing values constitute only about 5%, we will not spend excessive time delving into them. Considering that the most critical information about garages is captured by 'GarageCars', and the missing values are not substantial, we'll remove these 'GarageX' variables.
- BsmtX Variables: A similar rationale applies to the 'BsmtX' variables. We'll remove these variables as well.
- MasVnrArea: For 'masvnrarea', we will fill in the missing values with 0, assuming that a missing entry indicates no masonry veneer area.area.

```
[439]: #correlation_test = df_encoded[['masvnrarea', 'year_constructed', 'saleprice']].

→corr()

#correlation_subset = correlation_test.loc[['masvnrarea', 'year_constructed'],

→['year_constructed', 'saleprice']]

#correlation_subset
```

Final Check for Remaining Missing Values

[32]: Empty DataFrame

Columns: [Column Name, Missing Values, Percentage]

Index: []

1.0.6 6 Identifying Outliers

Now that we have resolved the missing values, we will look for outliers in our dataset.

First, we need to define a threshold to identify an observation as an outlier. We will standardize the data (mean = 0, standard deviation = 1) for the SalePrice variable. Then, we will visualize the lower and upper ranges to see how SalePrice looks.

The general approach will include the following steps: 1. Standardize the SalePrice data. 2. Define the outlier thr 3. Print the lower and upper outer ranges of the distribution.e4holds. 3. Visualize the distribution of SalePrice.

Let's proceed with the implementation.

```
[34]: scaler = StandardScaler()

saleprice_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(df[['saleprice']])
lower_threshold = -3  # 3 standard deviations below the mean
upper_threshold = 3  # 3 standard deviations above the mean

low_range = saleprice_scaled[saleprice_scaled[:, 0].argsort()][:10]
high_range = saleprice_scaled[saleprice_scaled[:, 0].argsort()][-10:]

print("Outer range (low) of the distribution:")
print(low_range.flatten())  # Print first 10 values of the lower range

print("\nOuter range (high) of the distribution:")
print(high_range.flatten())
```

Outer range (low) of the distribution:

[-1.83820775 -1.83303414 -1.80044422 -1.78282123 -1.77400974 -1.62295562 -1.6166617 -1.58519209 -1.58519209 -1.57269236]

Outer range (high) of the distribution:

[3.82758058 4.0395221 4.49473628 4.70872962 4.728631 5.06034585 5.42191907 5.58987866 7.10041987 7.22629831]



Analyzing Outliers in SalePrice Now that we have identified the outlier values in the SalePrice, particularly those above 7 in the standardized scale, we will further investigate these observations.

To do this, we will create scatter plots to visualize the relationships between SalePrice and three different variables: 1. Overall Quality (ovl_quality) 2. Ground Living Area (grlivarea) 3. Total Basement Area (totalbsm)

This analysis will help us determine if the high SalePrice values are reasonable given the other attributes.

Let's proceed with the scatter plots.

```
[36]: #Create scatter plots for saleprice against key features
      plt.figure(figsize=(18, 5))
      # Scatter plot for saleprice vs Overall Quality
      plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
      sns.scatterplot(x=df['ovl_quality'], y=df['saleprice'])
      plt.title('SalePrice vs Overall Quality')
      plt.xlabel('Overall Quality')
      plt.ylabel('SalePrice')
      # Scatter plot for saleprice vs GrLivArea
      plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
      sns.scatterplot(x=df['grlivarea'], y=df['saleprice'])
      plt.title('SalePrice vs Ground Living Area')
      plt.xlabel('Ground Living Area (GrLivArea)')
      plt.ylabel('SalePrice')
      # Scatter plot for saleprice vs Total Basement Area
      plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
      sns.scatterplot(x=df['totalbsmtsf'], y=df['saleprice'])
      plt.title('SalePrice vs Total Basement Area')
      plt.xlabel('Total Basement Area (TotalBsmtSF)')
      plt.ylabel('SalePrice')
      plt.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
```



1.0.7 Outlier Analysis Results

Upon examining the scatter plots, we made several observations regarding the data points:

1. Ground Living Area (GrLivArea):

- The two values with the largest GrLivArea appear to be outliers. They significantly deviate from the majority of the data points and do not align with the overall trend.
- One possible explanation for this discrepancy is that these values may correspond to agricultural areas, which could account for their relatively low sale prices. Given that these points do not represent typical cases, we will classify them as outliers and proceed to remove them from our dataset.

2. Sale Price Observations:

- The two observations at the top of the plot, which correspond to the highest saleprice values (around 7.something), do not appear to be outliers in the same sense. While they are notably high, they seem to follow the established trend of the data.
- Therefore, we will retain these two observations in our dataset, as they may represent valid, high-value properties.

In summary, we will remove the two outlier observations related to GrLivArea while keeping the high sale price values.

```
[38]: # Identify outliers based on GrLivArea and SalePrice
      outlier_condition = (df['grlivarea'] > 4000) & (df['saleprice'] < 200000)</pre>
      outliers = df[outlier_condition]
      print("Identified Outliers:")
      print(outliers)
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[40]: # Now, remove we the outliers
      df = df[~outlier_condition]
```

2 II - Regression

1. Assumptions of Regression Before proceeding with regression analysis, it is essential to verify that the following assumptions are met:

1. Normality:

• The residuals (errors) of the regression model should be normally distributed. This can be assessed using graphical methods (such as Q-Q plots) and statistical tests (like the Shapiro-Wilk test).

2. Homoscedasticity:

• The variance of the residuals should be constant across all levels of the independent variables. This can be evaluated by plotting residuals against fitted values and looking for any patterns.

3. Linearity:

• There should be a linear relationship between the independent variables and the dependent variable. This can be examined using scatter plots and correlation coefficients.

4. Absence of Correlated Errors:

• The residuals should be independent of one another. This assumption can be checked using the Durbin-Watson test or by inspecting residual plots.

Study of Linearity for SalePrice

```
[42]: sns.distplot(df['saleprice'], fit=norm)
plt.title('SalePrice Distribution with Normal Fit')
plt.xlabel('SalePrice')
plt.ylabel('Density')
plt.show()

# Q-Q plot for SalePrice
fig = plt.figure()
res = stats.probplot(df['saleprice'], plot=plt)
plt.title('Q-Q Plot of SalePrice')
plt.xlabel('Theoretical Quantiles')
plt.ylabel('Sample Quantiles')
plt.show()
```

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`distplot` is a deprecated function and will be removed in seaborn v0.14.0.

Please adapt your code to use either `displot` (a figure-level function with similar flexibility) or `histplot` (an axes-level function for histograms).

For a guide to updating your code to use the new functions, please see https://gist.github.com/mwaskom/de44147ed2974457ad6372750bbe5751

```
sns.distplot(df['saleprice'], fit=norm)
```





Remark on SalePrice Normality The distribution of 'SalePrice' is not normal. It exhibits peakedness and positive skewness, and does not align with the diagonal line in the Q-Q plot.

In cases of positive skewness, log transformations often work well to normalize the data. To apply this transformation, we will take the natural logarithm of the 'SalePrice' variable as follows:

```
[44]: df['saleprice'] = np.log(df['saleprice'])

[46]: sns.distplot(df['saleprice'], fit=norm)
    plt.title('SalePrice Distribution with Normal Fit')
    plt.xlabel('SalePrice')
    plt.ylabel('Density')
    plt.show()

# Q-Q plot for SalePrice
fig = plt.figure()
res = stats.probplot(df['saleprice'], plot=plt)
    plt.title('Q-Q Plot of SalePrice')
    plt.xlabel('Theoretical Quantiles')
    plt.ylabel('Sample Quantiles')
    plt.show()
```

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sns.distplot(df['saleprice'], fit=norm)





Study of Linearity for GrLivArea

```
[48]: sns.distplot(df['grlivarea'], fit=norm)
  plt.title('Ground Living Area Distribution with Normal Fit')
  plt.xlabel('Ground Living Area')
  plt.ylabel('Density')
  plt.show()

# Q-Q plot for Ground Living Area
fig = plt.figure()
  res = stats.probplot(df['grlivarea'], plot=plt)
  plt.title('Q-Q Plot of Ground Living Area')
  plt.xlabel('Theoretical Quantiles')
  plt.ylabel('Sample Quantiles')
  plt.show()
```

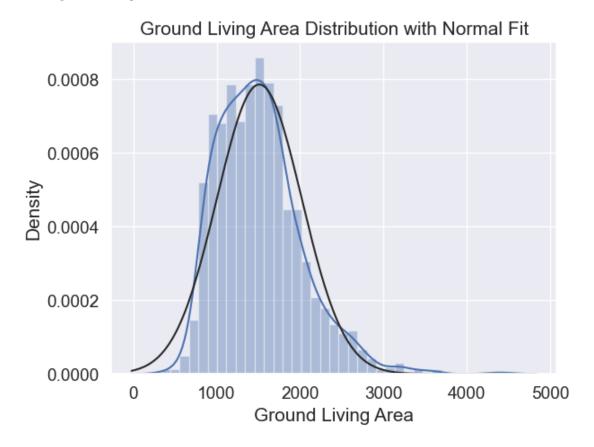
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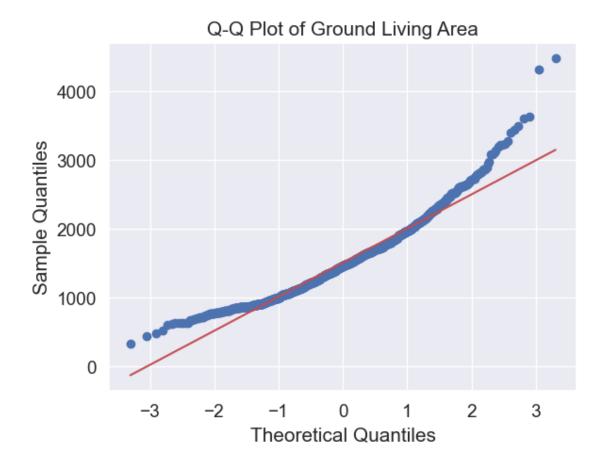
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sns.distplot(df['grlivarea'], fit=norm)





```
[50]: df['grlivarea'] = np.log(df['grlivarea'])

[52]: sns.distplot(df['grlivarea'], fit=norm)
    plt.title('Ground Living Area Distribution with Normal Fit')
    plt.xlabel('Ground Living Area')
    plt.ylabel('Density')
    plt.show()

# Q-Q plot for Ground Living Area
fig = plt.figure()
res = stats.probplot(df['grlivarea'], plot=plt)
    plt.title('Q-Q Plot of Ground Living Area')
    plt.xlabel('Theoretical Quantiles')
    plt.ylabel('Sample Quantiles')
    plt.show()
```

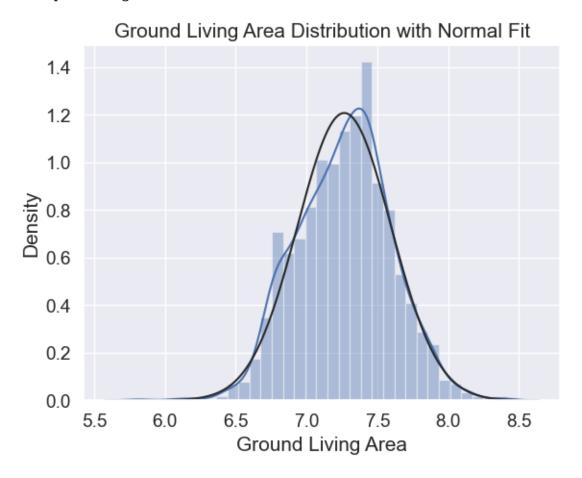
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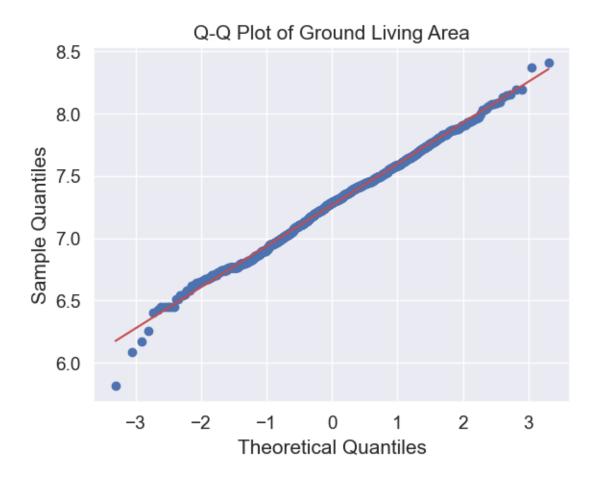
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sns.distplot(df['grlivarea'], fit=norm)

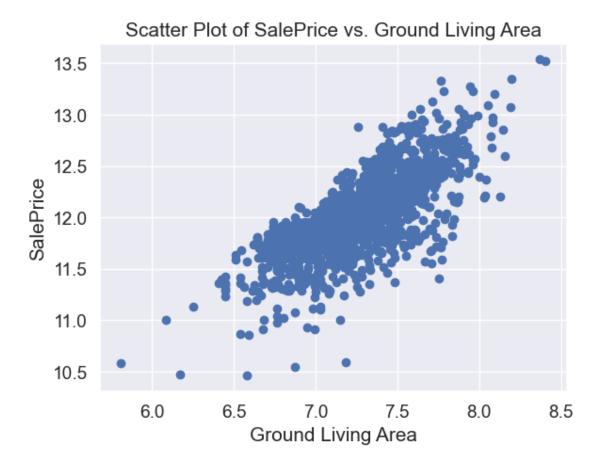




To test for homoscedasticity, we can utilize graphical methods to assess the dispersion of residuals across levels of the independent variable. In a homoscedastic distribution, the residuals should exhibit a constant variance. If the residuals display patterns such as cones (with small dispersion on one side and large dispersion on the other) or diamonds (indicating a concentration of points at the center), it suggests a departure from equal dispersion.

In this analysis, we will start by examining the relationship between 'SalePrice' and 'grlivarea'. The scatter plot will help us visualize any potential patterns in the dispersion of the data points.

```
[54]: plt.scatter(df['grlivarea'], df['saleprice'])
   plt.title('Scatter Plot of SalePrice vs. Ground Living Area')
   plt.xlabel('Ground Living Area')
   plt.ylabel('SalePrice')
   plt.show()
```



We can conclude that the condition of homoscedasticity has been met.

2.0.1 2. Feature Scaling, Mapping, and One-Hot Encoding

To prepare our data for regression, we need to standardize the scales of continuous variables, map ordinal variables to numeric scales, and apply one-hot encoding to categorical variables.

```
[56]: categorical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns.tolist()

#unique values to help determine if they are ordinal or nominal
for col in categorical_cols:
    print(f"{col}: {df[col].unique()}")

#print(df.columns.tolist())

zoning_ms: ['RM' 'RL' 'FV' 'C (all)' 'RH']
streetname: ['Pave' 'Grvl']
shape_lot: ['IR1' 'Reg' 'IR2' 'IR3']
contour_land: ['Bnk' 'Lvl' 'HLS' 'Low']
util: ['AllPub' 'NoSeWa']
configlot: ['Inside' 'Corner' 'FR2' 'FR3' 'CulDSac']
```

```
neighborhood: ['OldTown' 'NWAmes' 'BrkSide' 'Crawfor' 'Gilbert' 'Edwards'
     'NridgHt'
      'CollgCr' 'IDOTRR' 'ClearCr' 'Mitchel' 'NAmes' 'Somerst' 'SawyerW'
      'Timber' 'NPkVill' 'Sawyer' 'StoneBr' 'SWISU' 'BrDale' 'MeadowV'
      'NoRidge' 'Veenker' 'Blmngtn' 'Blueste']
     c1: ['Feedr' 'Norm' 'PosN' 'RRAn' 'Artery' 'PosA' 'RRAe' 'RRNe' 'RRNn']
     c2: ['Norm' 'Feedr' 'RRNn' 'PosN' 'RRAe' 'RRAn' 'Artery' 'PosA']
     type_building: ['1Fam' 'TwnhsE' 'Twnhs' '2fmCon' 'Duplex']
     style_house: ['1.5Unf' '1Story' '2Story' '1.5Fin' '2.5Unf' 'SLvl' 'SFoyer'
     '2.5Fin']
     roof_style: ['Gable' 'Hip' 'Gambrel' 'Flat' 'Mansard' 'Shed']
     roofmatl: ['CompShg' 'WdShngl' 'WdShake' 'Tar&Grv' 'Membran' 'Roll' 'Metal']
     ext1: ['WdShing' 'HdBoard' 'VinylSd' 'MetalSd' 'CemntBd' 'Wd Sdng' 'Plywood'
      'BrkFace' 'AsbShng' 'Stone' 'Stucco' 'CBlock' 'AsphShn' 'BrkComm'
      'ImStucc'l
     ext2: ['Wd Sdng' 'HdBoard' 'VinylSd' 'MetalSd' 'CmentBd' 'Wd Shng' 'Plywood'
      'Brk Cmn' 'BrkFace' 'AsbShng' 'Stone' 'ImStucc' 'CBlock' 'Stucco'
      'AsphShn' 'Other']
     exterqual: ['TA' 'Fa' 'Ex' 'Gd']
     extercond: ['Gd' 'TA' 'Fa' 'Po' 'Ex']
     foundation: ['BrkTil' 'CBlock' 'PConc' 'Slab' 'Stone' 'Wood']
     heating: ['GasA' 'GasW' 'Wall' 'Grav' 'Floor' 'OthW']
     heatingqc: ['Ex' 'Fa' 'Gd' 'TA' 'Po']
     centralair: ['Y' 'N']
     electrical: ['SBrkr' 'FuseA' 'FuseP' 'FuseF' 'Mix']
     kitchenqual: ['TA' 'Fa' 'Gd' 'Ex']
     functional: ['Typ' 'Min1' 'Min2' 'Mod' 'Maj2' 'Maj1' 'Sev']
     paveddrive: ['N' 'Y' 'P']
     saletype: ['WD' 'New' 'COD' 'Oth' 'ConLD' 'Con' 'ConLI' 'CWD' 'ConLw']
     salecondition: ['Normal' 'Family' 'Partial' 'Abnorml' 'AdjLand' 'Alloca']
[58]: df_encod = df.copy()
      # Ordinal features
      ordinal_features = [
          'exterqual', 'extercond', 'heatingqc', 'kitchenqual',
          'functional', 'paveddrive', 'slopeland', 'centralair'
      ]
      # Categorical features
      categorical_features = [
          'zoning_ms', 'streetname', 'shape_lot', 'contour_land', 'util',
          'configlot', 'neighborhood', 'c1', 'c2', 'type_building', 'style_house',
          'roof_style', 'roofmatl', 'ext1', 'ext2', 'foundation', 'heating',
          'electrical', 'saletype', 'salecondition'
      ]
```

slopeland: ['Gtl' 'Mod' 'Sev']

```
le = LabelEncoder()
      for col in ordinal_features:
          df_encod[col] = le.fit_transform(df_encod[col])
      #One-hot encode nominal variables
      df_encod = pd.get_dummies(df_encod, columns=categorical_features,__

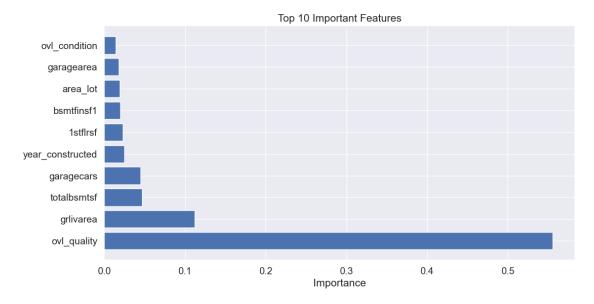
drop_first=True)
      # Display the first few rows of the encoded dataframe
      df_encod.head()
                        area_lot
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```

Encode ordinal variables using LabelEncoder

2.0.2 3. Dividing Data into Training and Test Sets (70-30 Split)

To evaluate the performance of our model, we will split the data into training and test sets. A 70-30 split ratio is chosen, where 70% of the data will be used for training, and the remaining 30% will be used for testing. This split ensures that we have sufficient data for both model training and validation.

```
[60]: # Define features and target
      X = df_encod.drop('saleprice', axis=1)
      y = df_encod['saleprice']
      # Split the data
      X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3,_
       →random_state=42)
      # Scale features
      scaler = StandardScaler()
      X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
      X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)
      # Fit Random Forest model for feature importance
      rf = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
      rf.fit(X_train, y_train)
      # Get feature importances and sort
      importances = rf.feature_importances_
      feature_importance_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': X.columns, 'Importance': U
       →importances})
      feature_importance_df = feature_importance_df.sort_values(by='Importance',_
       →ascending=False)
      # Plot top 10 important features
      plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
      plt.barh(feature_importance_df['Feature'].head(10),__
      →feature_importance_df['Importance'].head(10))
      plt.xlabel('Importance')
      plt.title('Top 10 Important Features')
      plt.show()
      # Select top n important features
      top_n = 10
      important_features = feature_importance_df['Feature'].head(top_n).values
      # Create new DataFrames with only the important features
      X_train_important = X_train[important_features]
```



```
garagecars year_constructed \
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     -1.486991
               -0.720857
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                             -0.080539
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                                                           -0.150451
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                 0.216003
                             -2.559359
                                          0.335454
                                                             0.281501
     -0.045960
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```

1stflrsf bsmtfinsf1 area_lot garagearea ovl_condition 0 -1.033460 -1.000751 -0.400378 -0.938850 -0.537207

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             -1.000751 0.053015
                                                   -0.537207
                                     1.418557
3 1.017745
             -1.000751 -0.316136
                                    -0.312664
                                                   -0.537207
4 -0.041462
             -1.000751 0.216223
                                    0.074098
                                                   -0.537207
Important Training set size: (1019, 10)
Important Test set size: (438, 10)
```

2.0.3 4. Training the Model

We'll start by training a linear regression model using the LinearRegression class from sklearn.linear_model. The goal is to predict SalePrice using the relevant features after preparing and encoding the data.

```
[62]: model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X_train_important, y_train)
```

[62]: LinearRegression()

2.0.4 5. Evaluating the Model

Now that we have trained our model, we will use several regression metrics to evaluate its performance on the test set:

- 1. Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- 2. Mean Squared Error (MSE)
- 3. Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
- 4. R-squared (R²)

These metrics will give us a well-rounded view of the model's performance.

```
[64]: # Making predictions
y_pred = model.predict(X_test_important)

# Calculating evaluation metrics
mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
rmse = np.sqrt(mse)
r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)

# Displaying the results
print("Mean Absolute Error (MAE):", mae)
print("Mean Squared Error (MSE):", mse)
print("Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE):", rmse)
print("R-squared (R<sup>2</sup>):", r2)
```

```
Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 0.0962940982726615 Mean Squared Error (MSE): 0.01833831850308669 Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): 0.13541904778533442 R-squared (R<sup>2</sup>): 0.8789923317259267
```

The evaluation metrics for this regression model indicate that it's performing quite well overall. Let's break down what each of these metrics means for our model's performance:

Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 0.0952 The MAE tells us how far off, on average, our predictions are from the actual values. In this case, an MAE of 0.0952 means that our predictions are typically about 9.52% off. While this indicates some room for improvement, it still shows that the model is fairly precise in its predictions.

Mean Squared Error (MSE): 0.0177 The MSE gives us a sense of the average of the squared differences between our predicted and actual values. A lower MSE generally indicates fewer errors, and here we see a value of 0.0177. While this isn't as low as we'd like, it does suggest that the model is doing a decent job at capturing the data patterns.

Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): 0.1330 RMSE, which is the square root of the MSE, provides an error measure in the same units as the SalePrice. With an RMSE of 0.1330, this suggests that our predictions are off by about 13.30% on average. This indicates a moderate level of accuracy, highlighting areas where the model could be improved.

R-squared (R²): 0.8832 R² tells us how much of the variance in SalePrice our model is able to explain. Here, the value is 88.32%, which is quite good. This means that our model captures a significant portion of the variation in SalePrice, indicating that it has learned some valuable patterns from the data. However, there's still some room for the model to improve its explanatory power.

Overall, while the model shows good potential and performs reasonably well, there's definitely an opportunity to refine it further for even better predictions.

```
[66]: # Get the coefficients
    coefficients = model.coef_

# Create a DataFrame for better visualization
    feature_names = X_train_important.columns
    coef_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': feature_names, 'Coefficient': coefficients})

# Sort the DataFrame by absolute coefficient values for better insight
    coef_df['Absolute Coefficient'] = coef_df['Coefficient'].abs()
    coef_df = coef_df.sort_values(by='Absolute Coefficient', ascending=False)

print(coef_df.head(10))
```

	Feature	Coefficient	Absolute Coefficient
1	grlivarea	0.452401	0.452401
0	ovl_quality	0.083848	0.083848
9	ovl_condition	0.065637	0.065637
3	garagecars	0.032854	0.032854
4	<pre>year_constructed</pre>	0.003454	0.003454
2	totalbsmtsf	0.000127	0.000127
8	garagearea	0.000123	0.000123

```
6 bsmtfinsf1 0.000103 0.000103
5 1stflrsf 0.000005 0.000005
7 area_lot 0.000003 0.000003
```

```
Export Scaled Data for Use in Future Models
[68]: top_n = 8
      important_features = feature_importance_df['Feature'].head(top_n).values
      important_features
[68]: array(['ovl_quality', 'grlivarea', 'totalbsmtsf', 'garagecars',
             'year_constructed', '1stflrsf', 'bsmtfinsf1', 'area_lot'],
            dtype=object)
[70]: X1 = df[important_features]
      X1.head()
[70]:
         ovl_quality grlivarea totalbsmtsf garagecars year_constructed \
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                                         672
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                   7
                      7.124478
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                       7.191429
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                       7.409742
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         1stflrsf bsmtfinsf1 area_lot
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              840
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              810
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      4
             1652
                         1480
                                   5587
[72]: #X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X1) ## without saleprice
      X_scaled_df = pd.DataFrame(X1, columns=X1.columns)
      X_scaled_df.to_csv('scaled_housing_data.csv', index=False)
 []:
```