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Ames Iowa Housing Price Analysis

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Problem Statement

Given the available data (2006-10):

- **What factors most affect Property Sale Prices?**
- **Is it possible to accurately predict Property Sale Prices based on these factors?**

Analysis of Current Data

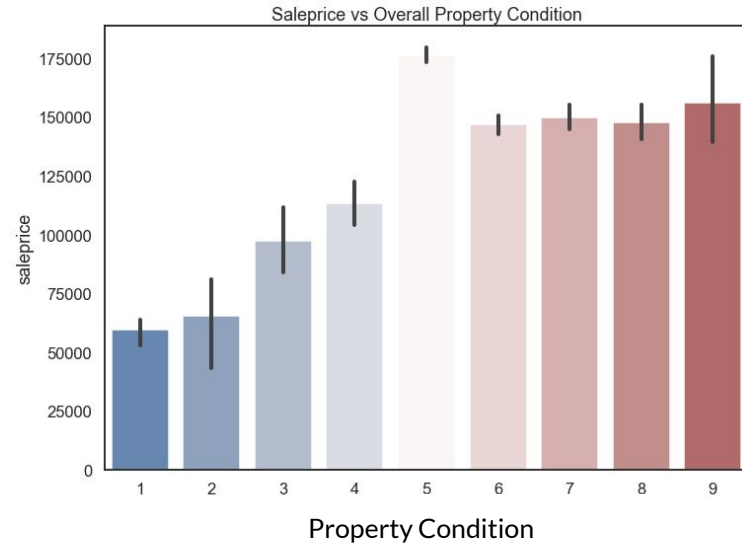
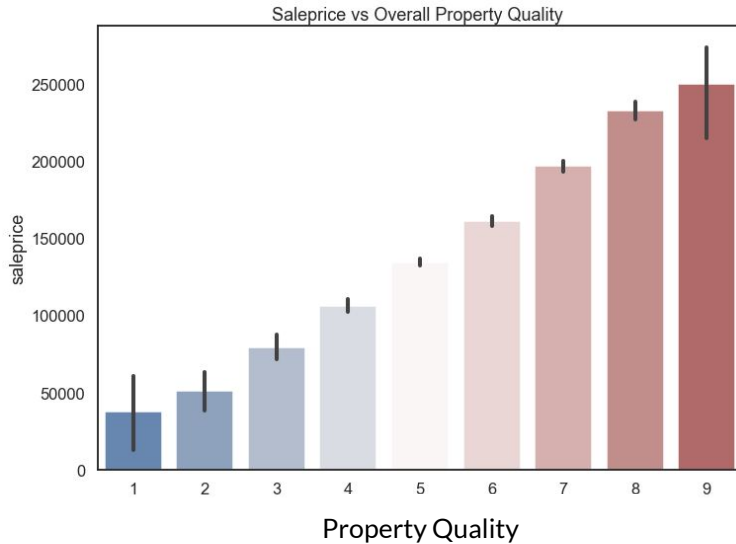


- Lot Area Size and Sale Price

- Property Sale Price Correlates only loosely with Lot Area
- Property Overall Quality is reflected in the shading
- Overall Quality appears to correlate well with Sale Price

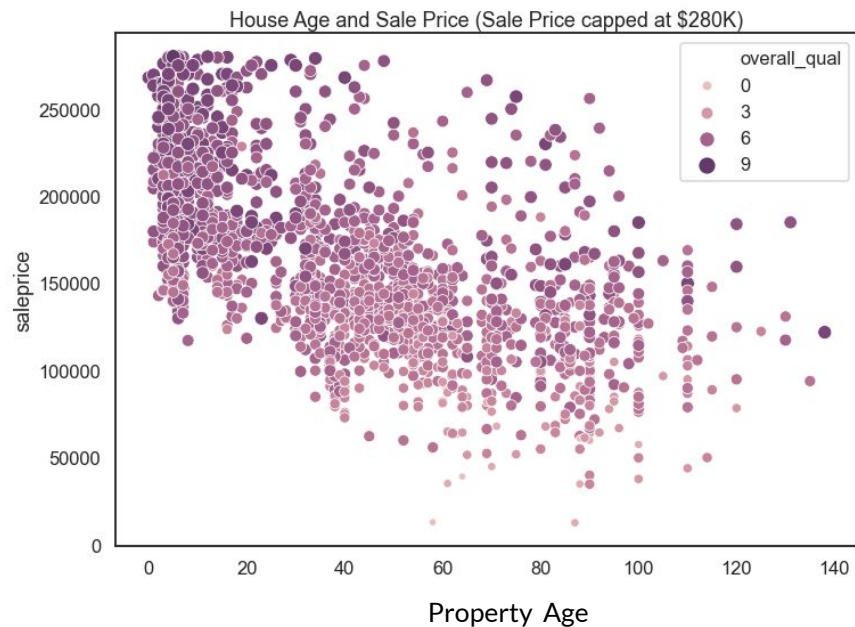
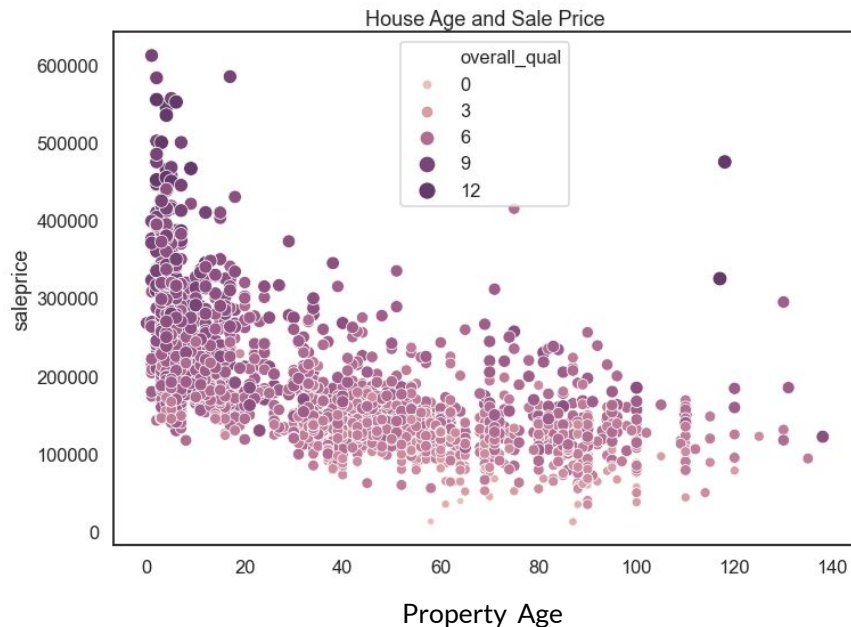


Property Quality/Condition and Sale Price



- **Property Quality correlates very well with Sale Price**
- **Property condition correlates with Overall Condition for only poor condition properties**

Property Age and Sale Price



- There are a lot of outliers in the Sale Prices.
- Only Sale Prices of less than \$280K were considered in the model to eliminate these outliers.

Property Feature Correlations

Correlation Map of Property Features



Property Model Features

- Lot Area
- Property Quality
- Property Condition
- Central A/C
- Full Baths
- Garage Capacity
- Property Age
- An interaction term:
Property Quality × Lot Area

Model Metrics

Dep. Variable: saleprice

R-squared: 0.768

	Coef	P> t
lot_area	0.0868	0.922
overall_qual	1.353e+04	0.000
overall_cond	4856.9474	0.000
central_air	6657.4231	0.021
full_bath	1.585e+04	0.000
garage_cars	9711.9172	0.000
house_age	-386.1123	0.000
interaction1	0.5540	0.000

A score less than 0.5 is desired

These scores should be close to each other.

- Training score (R-Squared): **0.76**
- Testing score (R-Squared): **0.74**
- Check the RMSE for Training data: **24070**
- Check the RMSE for the Pred data: **24500**

These scores should be as low as possible.

- **Lot Area did not turn out to be important**
- **The model has moderate bias, and low variance. More complexity could be added.**

Next Steps

- The accuracy of the model can be increased by adding more features
- More advanced techniques should be employed to improved the results
- Add Neighborhood Socioeconomic Considerations, e.g. Average Income, Unemployment Percentages, etc.



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