

# **Problem Statement**



This project aims to predict house sale prices using Machine learning. etc.

#### Why is this important

- Critical for Mortgage lenders and Banks
- Aids in Urban Planning & Development
- Guides seller in selling their homes.

#### **Stakeholders**

- Policy Markers
- Real estate agency & Banks
- Mitchel and Francis

# **Data Overview**

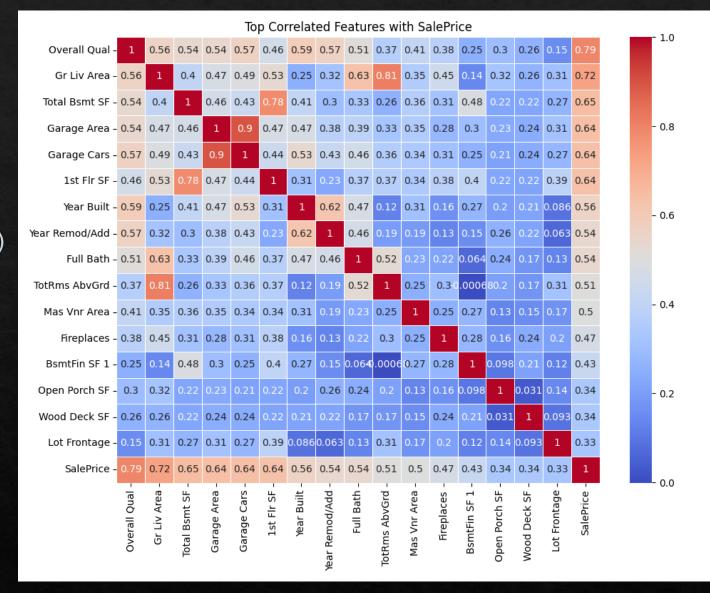
- Source: Ames Housing Dataset (Kaggle)
  Total Records: 2042 rows (train), 878
  row(test)
- **♦ Features: 80+ variables, including:**
- Lot Area, Overall Quality, Year Built etc.



Created log of target variable. Log(SalePrice)

# Data Cleaning & Preprocessing

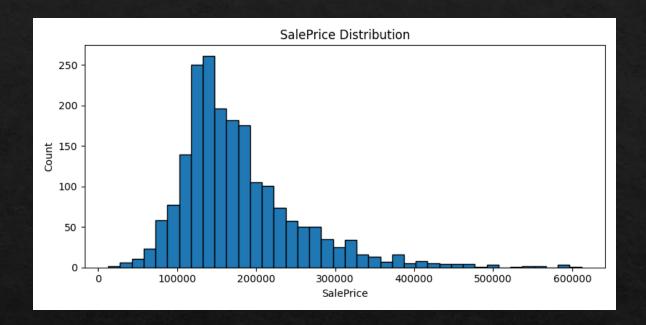
- Handled missing values (None, 0, mode, median)
- ♦ Combined rare labels (e.g., alley, pool QC)
- Converted categorical to numerical
- Created log of target variable
- ♦ Feature Scaling

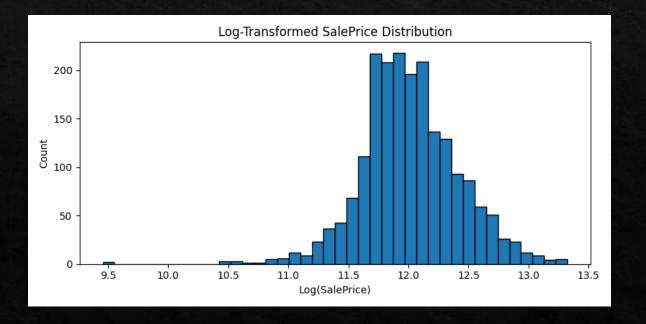


## **Feature Engineering**

#### **Data was grouped into**

- Skewed numerical features: logtransformed
- Ordinal categorical features: ordinal encoded
- Nominal categorical Features: Onehot encoded

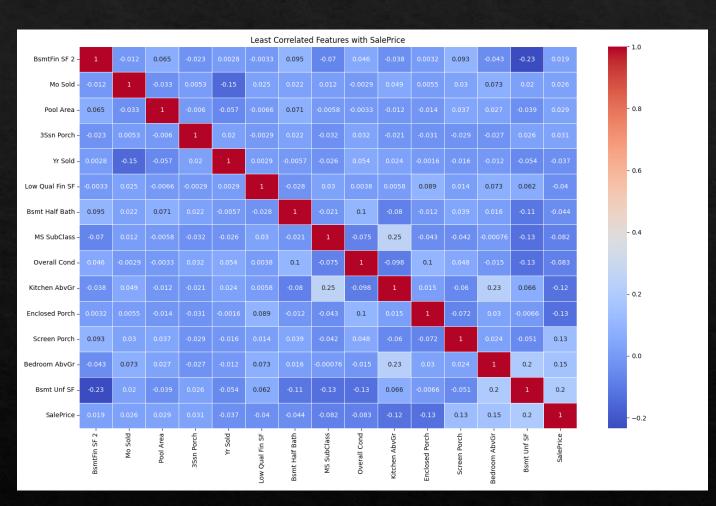




#### **Feature selection**

#### **Data was grouped into**

- Poor correlated features e.g. Mo Sold were dropped.
- Certain outlier features like Pool Area were selected
- Research article and domain knowledge also played a role in the choice of features to retain.



#### **Model Selection**

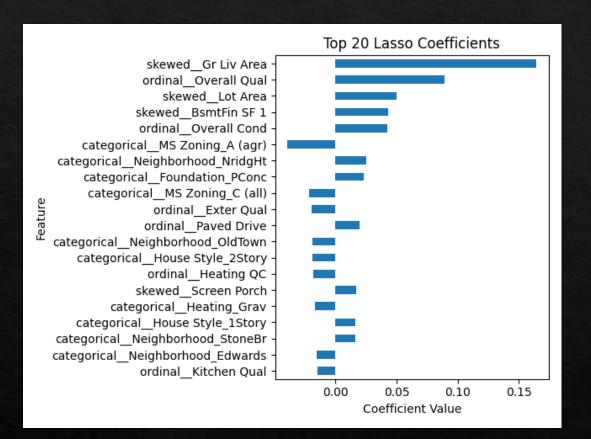
#### **Tested and tuned:**

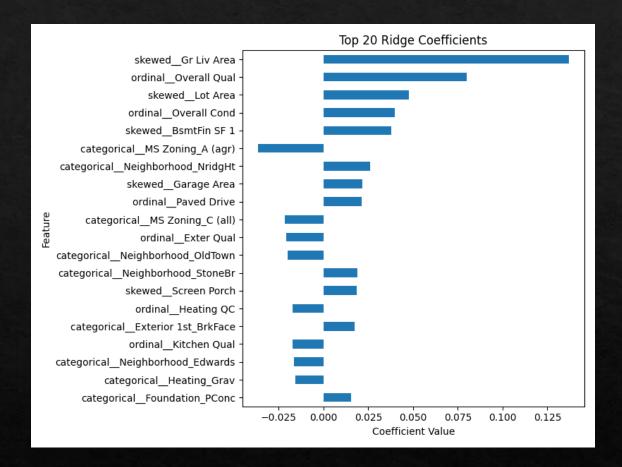
- Linear Regression
- Ridge Regression (L2)
- ♦ Lasso Regression (L1)
- Random Forest Regressor

## Model Performance Comparison

| Model             | RMSE  | R <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|
| Linear Regression | 0.141 | 0.873          |
| Ridge Regression  | 0.140 | 0.874          |
| Lasso Regression  | 0.141 | 0.872          |
| Random Forest     | 0.135 | 0.884          |

### **Feature Importance**





#### Recommendation

- Enhance overall and Exterior quality: Overall Quall and Exter Qual has a coefficient of +0.07985
- Target High- Value Neighborhoods: Neighborhood like NrdgHt significantly boosted prices.
- Prioritize Larger Living Areas in Listings: Features like Gr Liv Area had the strongest positive relationship. Coefficient of +0.13698
- Beware of Detrimental Features: Ms Zonning\_A(Agric) has a coefficient of -0.037.

Thank you!