

Machine learning - Assignment 1 - Data preprocessing and manual introspection

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Introduction

In this assignment, we were tasked with performing simple linear regression on different variables in the Boston housing market dataset. We would then extrapolate this linear regression method on several variables and in the end combine all of the variables in the same linear regression model. Conclusions and interpretations of the outputs will also be made in this notebook to make it clearer as to how and why certain calculations are computed and what their results indicate.

Load the data and get an overview of the data

Like in the last assignment, we need to import all of our libraries, load the dataset and call some functions/commands in order to get an overview of the data. At this stage, a lot of code was reused from my A1 submission so that's why some comments and lines of code will look similar.

```
In [28]: import pandas as pd # Never coded in R before but this seems to be the equivalent
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy.stats as stats
import statsmodels.api as sm

# Load boston.csv
boston = pd.read_csv('Boston.csv')

# Set pandas option to display all columns
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
```

Once the dataset is loaded, we can display the number of predictors (variables/columns) and their names.

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In [29]: # This will print '15' and not '14' because it counts the first 'empty' column
numFeatures = boston.shape[1]
print(numFeatures)

featureNames = boston.columns.tolist()
print(featureNames, end="\n\n")
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['Unnamed: 0', 'crim', 'zn', 'indus', 'chas', 'nox', 'rm', 'age', 'dis', 'rad',  
'tax', 'ptratio', 'black', 'lstat', 'medv']
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We can now print a statistic summary of the whole dataset, using the 'describe' function which is similar to 'summary' in R.

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In [30]: print(boston.describe(), end="\n\n")
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	Unnamed: 0	crim	zn	indus	chas	nox	\
count	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	
mean	253.500000	3.613524	11.363636	11.136779	0.069170	0.554695	
std	146.213884	8.601545	23.322453	6.860353	0.253994	0.115878	
min	1.000000	0.006320	0.000000	0.460000	0.000000	0.385000	
25%	127.250000	0.082045	0.000000	5.190000	0.000000	0.449000	
50%	253.500000	0.256510	0.000000	9.690000	0.000000	0.538000	
75%	379.750000	3.677083	12.500000	18.100000	0.000000	0.624000	
max	506.000000	88.976200	100.000000	27.740000	1.000000	0.871000	

	rm	age	dis	rad	tax	ptratio	\
count	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000	
mean	6.284634	68.574901	3.795043	9.549407	408.237154	18.455534	
std	0.702617	28.148861	2.105710	8.707259	168.537116	2.164946	
min	3.561000	2.900000	1.129600	1.000000	187.000000	12.600000	
25%	5.885500	45.025000	2.100175	4.000000	279.000000	17.400000	
50%	6.208500	77.500000	3.207450	5.000000	330.000000	19.050000	
75%	6.623500	94.075000	5.188425	24.000000	666.000000	20.200000	
max	8.780000	100.000000	12.126500	24.000000	711.000000	22.000000	

	black	lstat	medv
count	506.000000	506.000000	506.000000
mean	356.674032	12.653063	22.532806
std	91.294864	7.141062	9.197104
min	0.320000	1.730000	5.000000
25%	375.377500	6.950000	17.025000
50%	391.440000	11.360000	21.200000
75%	396.225000	16.955000	25.000000
max	396.900000	37.970000	50.000000

We can now also print all of the datapoints in this dataset.

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In [31]: print("total amount of datapoints: ", boston.shape[0], end="\n\n")
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total amount of datapoints: 506
```

At this stage, we have quite a good idea at how the data looks like. I did also find a good [source](#) online that explains the dataset in further detail. The most important part for me was just to get an idea of what the columns actually mean which is important for the interpretation later.

However, now when we have a good overview, we can now plot some predictors against some response values using linear regression. For this, i decided to use the same variables as the example, which was lstat, rm and age.

At this stage i will plot the scatter plots with a linear regression line, confidence interval and correlation coefficient.

```
In [32]: # correlation coefficients between our variables for the 3 plots
corCoef_medv_lstat, pValue_medv_lstat = stats.pearsonr(boston['medv'], boston['lstat'])
print("Correlation coefficient between medv and lstat: ", corCoef_medv_lstat, ", with p-value: ", pValue_medv_lstat)

corCoef_medv_rm, pValue_medv_rm = stats.pearsonr(boston['medv'], boston['rm'])
print("Correlation coefficient between medv and rm: ", corCoef_medv_rm, ", with p-value: ", pValue_medv_rm)

corCoef_medv_age, pValue_medv_age = stats.pearsonr(boston['medv'], boston['age'])
print("Correlation coefficient between medv and age: ", corCoef_medv_age, ", with p-value: ", pValue_medv_age)

# Scatter plot with regression line between lstat and medv
sns.regplot(x=boston['lstat'], y=boston['medv'], line_kws={'color': 'black'})

# Add Labels to the plot
plt.xlabel("percent of households with low socioeconomic status")
plt.ylabel("median house value")
plt.title(f"Scatter Plot with Regression Line")
plt.show() # Remember to make the window bigger to see the plot

# Scatter plot with regression line between rm and medv
sns.regplot(x=boston['rm'], y=boston['medv'], line_kws={'color': 'black'})

# Add Labels to the plot
plt.xlabel("average number of rooms per house")
plt.ylabel("median house value")
plt.title(f"Scatter Plot with Regression Line")
plt.show()

# Scatter plot with regression line between age and medv
sns.regplot(x=boston['age'], y=boston['medv'], line_kws={'color': 'black'})

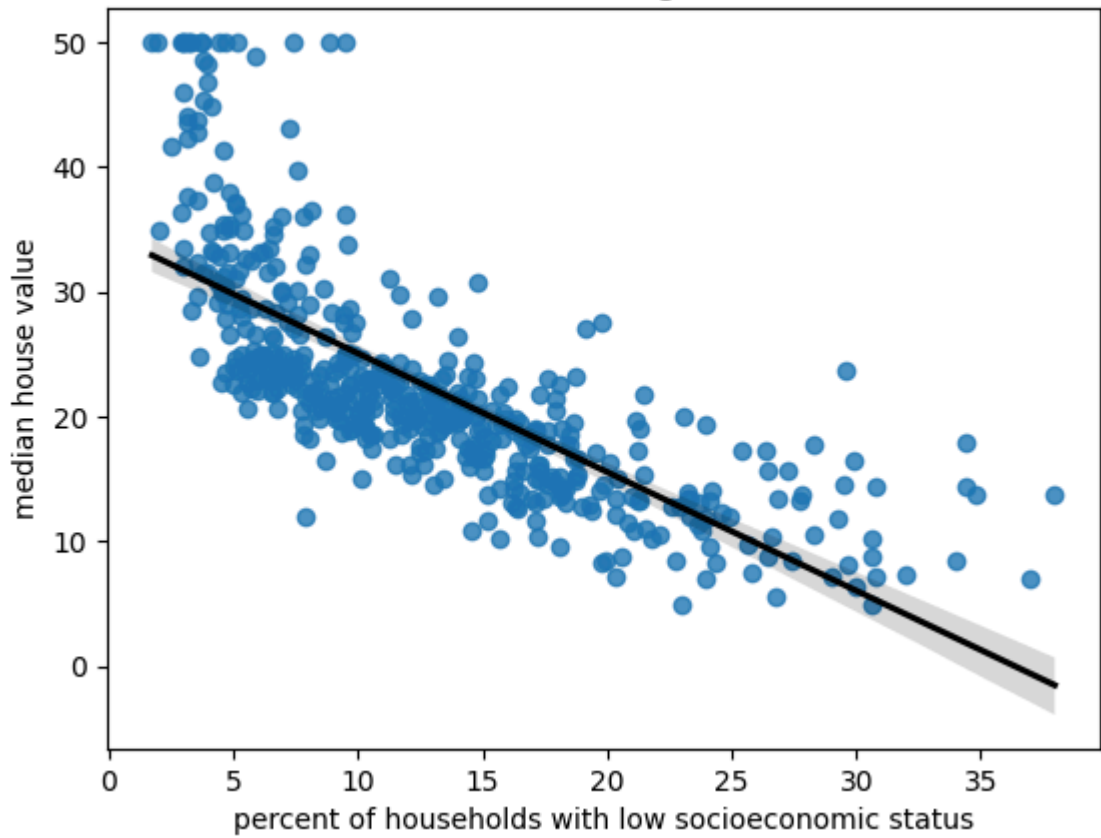
# Add Labels to the plot
plt.xlabel("average age of houses")
plt.ylabel("median house value")
plt.title(f"Scatter Plot with Regression Line")
plt.show()
```

Correlation coefficient between medv and lstat: -0.7376627261740147 , with p-value: 5.081103394387547e-88

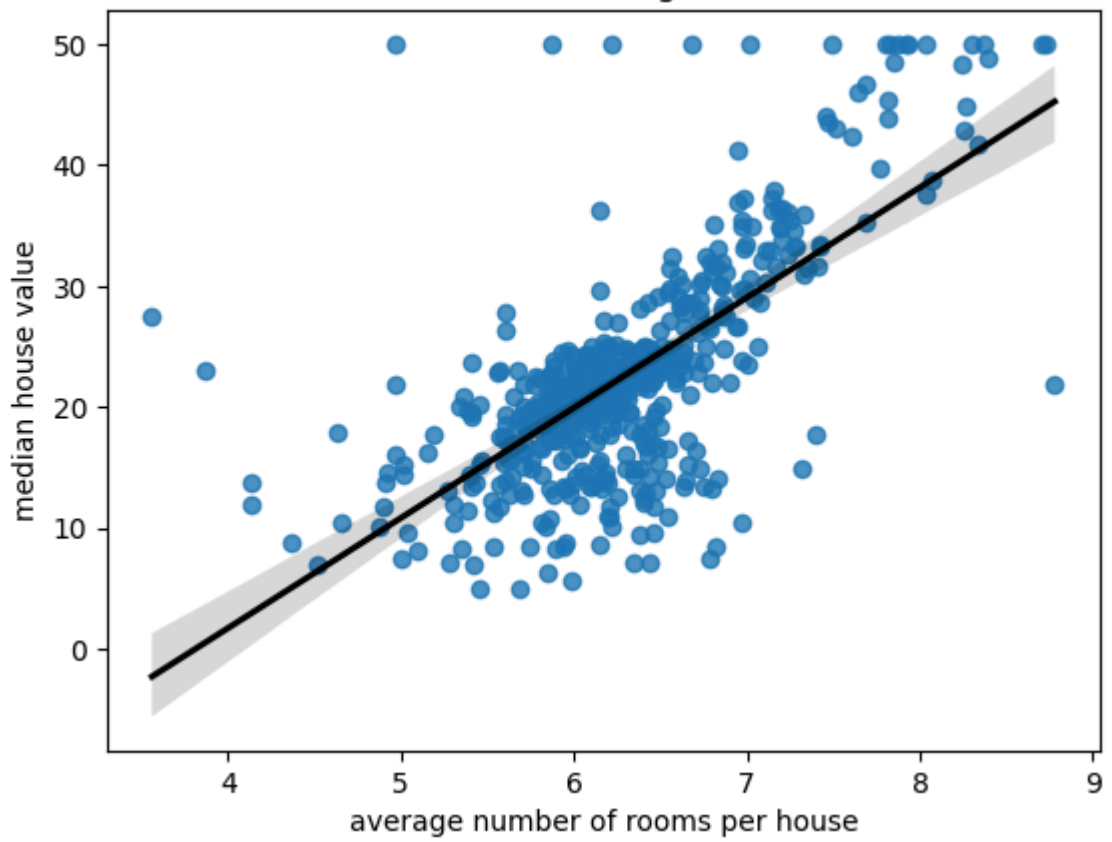
Correlation coefficient between medv and rm: 0.6953599470715394 , with p-value: 2.4872288710071593e-74

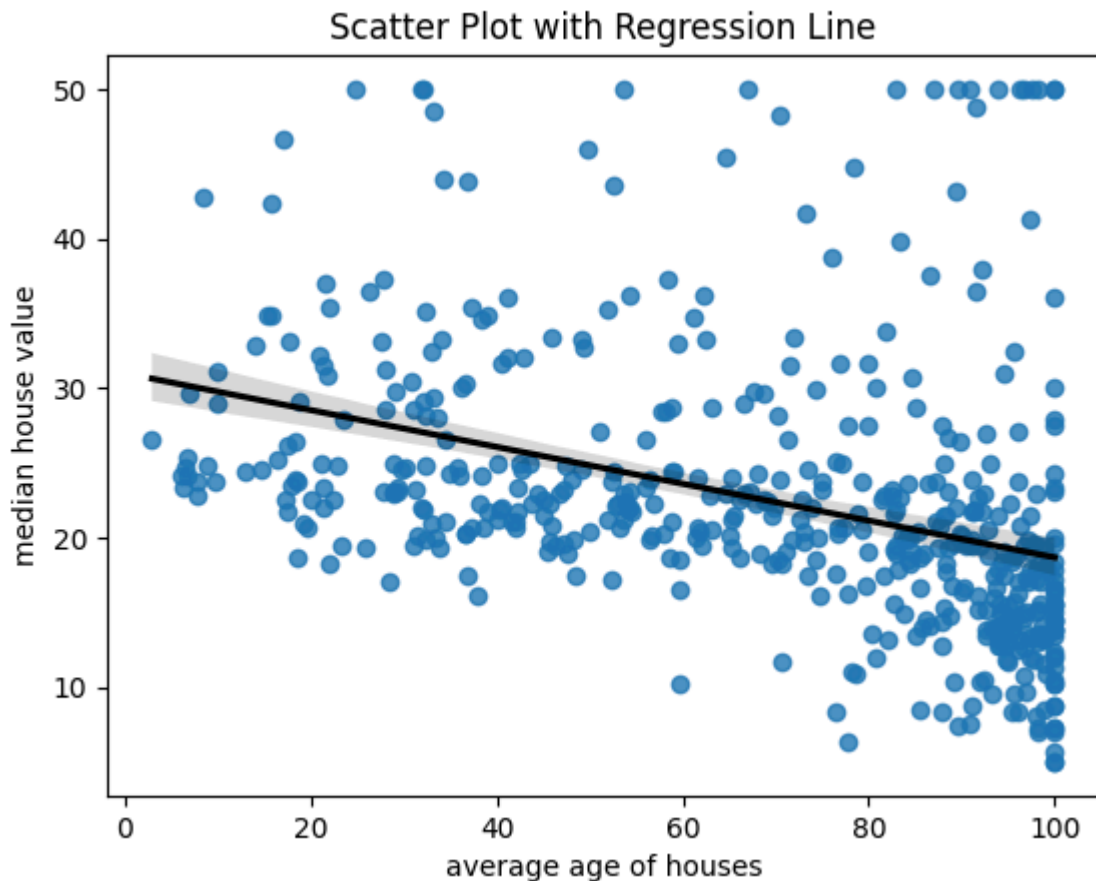
Correlation coefficient between medv and age: -0.37695456500459623 , with p-value: 1.5699822091877261e-18

Scatter Plot with Regression Line



Scatter Plot with Regression Line





Perform simple linear regressions

Now when we have a good overview of the data, and also plotted some regression plots with correlation coefficients. We can not go ahead and fit these simple linear regression models with medv as the response value with some other variables. I will keep using the lstat, rm and age variables as predictors.

I can fit the models using the statsmodels.OLS package and from that print the statistical summary. However, the built in summary doesn't include the residuals so I used the .resid function from the same package in order to print the residuals to make it as similar as possible to the example.

```
In [33]: model_lstat_medv = sm.OLS(boston['medv'], sm.add_constant(boston['lstat'])).fit()
         residuals_model_lstat_medv = model_lstat_medv.resid

         print("Residuals: ", residuals_model_lstat_medv.describe(), end="\n\n") # we need
         print(model_lstat_medv.summary())

         model_rm_medv = sm.OLS(boston['medv'], sm.add_constant(boston['rm'])).fit()
         residuals_model_rm_medv = model_rm_medv.resid

         print("Residuals: ", residuals_model_rm_medv.describe(), end="\n\n") # we need t
         print(model_rm_medv.summary())

         model_age_medv = sm.OLS(boston['medv'], sm.add_constant(boston['age'])).fit()
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residuals_model_age_medv = model_age_medv.resid

print("Residuals: ", residuals_model_age_medv.describe(), end="\n\n") # we need
print(model_age_medv.summary())
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Residuals: count    5.060000e+02
mean      3.521821e-14
std       6.209603e+00
min      -1.516745e+01
25%      -3.989612e+00
50%      -1.318186e+00
75%       2.033701e+00
max       2.450013e+01
dtype: float64

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OLS Regression Results

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Dep. Variable:          medv    R-squared:                0.544
Model:                  OLS    Adj. R-squared:            0.543
Method:                 Least Squares    F-statistic:        601.6
Date:                  Mon, 03 Feb 2025    Prob (F-statistic):    5.08e-88
Time:                  15:14:32    Log-Likelihood:       -1641.5
No. Observations:      506    AIC:                3287.
Df Residuals:          504    BIC:                3295.
Df Model:              1
Covariance Type:       nonrobust
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	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	34.5538	0.563	61.415	0.000	33.448	35.659
lstat	-0.9500	0.039	-24.528	0.000	-1.026	-0.874

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Omnibus:                137.043    Durbin-Watson:        0.892
Prob(Omnibus):          0.000    Jarque-Bera (JB):      291.373
Skew:                   1.453    Prob(JB):              5.36e-64
Kurtosis:               5.319    Cond. No.              29.7
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Notes:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

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Residuals: count    5.060000e+02
mean      2.359114e-14
std       6.609606e+00
min      -2.334590e+01
25%      -2.547477e+00
50%       8.976267e-02
75%       2.985532e+00
max       3.943314e+01
dtype: float64

```

OLS Regression Results

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=====
Dep. Variable:          medv    R-squared:                0.484
Model:                  OLS    Adj. R-squared:            0.483
Method:                 Least Squares    F-statistic:        471.8
Date:                  Mon, 03 Feb 2025    Prob (F-statistic):    2.49e-74
Time:                  15:14:32    Log-Likelihood:       -1673.1
No. Observations:      506    AIC:                3350.
Df Residuals:          504    BIC:                3359.
Df Model:              1
Covariance Type:       nonrobust
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	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
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const	-34.6706	2.650	-13.084	0.000	-39.877	-29.465
rm	9.1021	0.419	21.722	0.000	8.279	9.925

Omnibus:	102.585	Durbin-Watson:	0.684
Prob(Omnibus):	0.000	Jarque-Bera (JB):	612.449
Skew:	0.726	Prob(JB):	1.02e-133
Kurtosis:	8.190	Cond. No.	58.4

Notes:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

Residuals: count 5.060000e+02

mean -1.246960e-14

std 8.518650e+00

min -1.509662e+01

25% -5.138002e+00

50% -1.957464e+00

75% 2.397527e+00

max 3.133759e+01

dtype: float64

OLS Regression Results

Dep. Variable:	medv	R-squared:	0.142
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.140
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	83.48
Date:	Mon, 03 Feb 2025	Prob (F-statistic):	1.57e-18
Time:	15:14:32	Log-Likelihood:	-1801.5
No. Observations:	506	AIC:	3607.
Df Residuals:	504	BIC:	3615.
Df Model:	1		
Covariance Type:	nonrobust		

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
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const	30.9787	0.999	31.006	0.000	29.016	32.942
age	-0.1232	0.013	-9.137	0.000	-0.150	-0.097

Omnibus:	170.034	Durbin-Watson:	0.613
Prob(Omnibus):	0.000	Jarque-Bera (JB):	456.983
Skew:	1.671	Prob(JB):	5.85e-100
Kurtosis:	6.240	Cond. No.	195.

Notes:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

Interpretation of results

Lets first try to understand what is actually being calculated at this stage and explain some of the terminologies, this is where the [source](#) i cited earlier will be very helpfull.

A *response variable*, in this case **medv**, is the dependent variable in the regression mode and it represents the outcome that we are trying to predict or explain using our desired model. In this case, **medv** means, the median house value in 1000's of dollars.

A predictor variable, in this case **lstat (percentage of households with low socioeconomic status)**, **rm (average number of rooms per house)** and **age (Proportion of owner occupied units built before 1940)**, are independent variables used to predict the response. In this analysis, i am essentially trying to understand how each predictor variable individually influences **medv**.

From the data that was gathered, i will create my own summary that extracts the key findings from the experiment. I have ranked these based on the highest R-squared values.

Variables	R^2	Coefficient	P-value
medv ~ lstat	0.544	-0.950	P < 0.001
medv ~ rm	0.484	9.102	P < 0.001
medv ~ age	0.142	-0.123	P < 0.001

So, as we can see, **lstat** explains 54.4% of the variability in medv. We can also conclude from the coefficient that for each 0.95% increase in the percentage of low socioeconomic households, the median house value decreases by approximately \$950.

rm explains 48.4% of the variability in medv. From the coefficient we can see that for each additional room in the house, the median house value increases by about \$9102.

age explains 14.2% of the variability in medv. From the coefficient we can see that for every 1% increase in the proportion of older houses, the median house value decreases by about 123\$.

Because **lstat** has the highest R² value, we can conclude that **lstat** has the strongest negative influence on house prices. This is followed by **rm** which has a strong positive influence. **age** also negatively affects house prices but has a much weaker relationship. All of these relationships have a P-value of P < 0.001 which indicates that all of the predictors are statistically significant to the response variable.

From a practical standpoint, this could indicate that stakeholders that have an interest in housing policies such as governmental bodies, banks and credit unions should prioritize socioeconomic factors and house sizes over the age of homes when estimating or influencing house prices when doing market analyses.

Up next, we now have to obtain a confidence interval for the coefficient estimates for the individual models.

```
In [34]: # Confidence intervals for the coefficients from the model with lstat
conf_lstat_medv = model_lstat_medv.conf_int()
conf_lstat_medv.columns = ['2.5%', '97.5%'] # trying to make it look like the ex
conf_lstat_medv.index = ['(Intercept)', 'lstat (slope)']
print("Confidence interval for lstat: ")
print(conf_lstat_medv, end="\n\n")

# Confidence intervals for the coefficients from the model with rm
conf_rm_medv = model_rm_medv.conf_int()
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conf_rm_medv.columns = ['2.5%', '97.5%'] # trying to make it look like the exam
conf_rm_medv.index = ['(Intercept)', 'rm (slope)']
print("Confidence interval for rm: ")
print(conf_rm_medv, end="\n\n")

# Confidence intervals for the coefficients from the model with age
conf_age_medv = model_age_medv.conf_int()
conf_age_medv.columns = ['2.5%', '97.5%'] # trying to make it look like the exam
conf_age_medv.index = ['(Intercept)', 'age (slope)']
print("Confidence interval for age: ")
print(conf_age_medv, end="\n\n")

```

Confidence interval for **lstat**:

	2.5%	97.5%
(Intercept)	33.448457	35.659225
lstat (slope)	-1.026148	-0.873951

Confidence interval for **rm**:

	2.5%	97.5%
(Intercept)	-39.876641	-29.464601
rm (slope)	8.278855	9.925363

Confidence interval for **age**:

	2.5%	97.5%
(Intercept)	29.015752	32.941604
age (slope)	-0.149647	-0.096679

A confidence interval provides a range of values for the coefficient estimates where we are 95% confident that the true population parameter lies. If the range doesn't include 0, the predictor is statistically significant.

The confidence interval for **lstat** shows that we have a range for the intercept of [33.448 - 35.659] which means that if **lstat** would be 0 (meaning we have no low socioeconomic households in a given area), the house value is predicted to be between 33448 and 35659. The slope for **lstat** falls in the range [-1.026 - -0.874] which means that for every 1% increase in low socioeconomic households in a given neighborhood, the median house value will decrease by 874–1026.

The confidence interval for **rm** shows that we have a range for the intercept of [-39.877 - -29.465] which means that if a room would have 0 rooms, the median house value would be negative. This specific piece of information isn't that meaningful but could reflect extrapolation. The slope, however, is more meaningful as it falls in the range [8.279 - 9.925] which means that for every additional room, the median house value increases by 8279–9925.

The confidence interval for **age** shows that we have a range for the intercept of [29.016 - 32.942] which means that if **age** would be 0 (brand new), the median house value would be predicted to be between 29016–32942. The slope for **age** falls in the range [-0.150 - -0.097] which means that for every 1% increase in the proportion of older houses, the median house value decreases by 97–150.

All of these confidence intervals don't include 0 in the ranges so we know that all of them are statistically significant.

Use the simple linear regression models

For the next part of the assignment, we have to predict the medv response values for the selected predictor values. Calculate the prediction intervals for these values.

```
In [35]: # Prediction interval for the model with lstat

new_lstat = pd.DataFrame({'lstat': [5, 10, 15]}) # The three levels

new_lstat_with_const = sm.add_constant(new_lstat)

pred_lstat_medv = model_lstat_medv.get_prediction(new_lstat_with_const)
pred_lstat_medv_summary = pred_lstat_medv.summary_frame(alpha=0.05)
print("Prediction interval for lstat: ")
print(pred_lstat_medv_summary, end="\n\n")

# Prediction interval for the model with rm

new_rm = pd.DataFrame({'rm': [5, 6.5, 8]}) # The three levels

new_rm_with_const = sm.add_constant(new_rm)

pred_rm_medv = model_rm_medv.get_prediction(new_rm_with_const)
pred_rm_medv_summary = pred_rm_medv.summary_frame(alpha=0.05)
print("Prediction interval for rm: ")
print(pred_rm_medv_summary, end="\n\n")

# Prediction interval for the model with age

new_age = pd.DataFrame({'age': [25, 50, 75]}) # The three levels

new_age_with_const = sm.add_constant(new_age)

pred_age_medv = model_age_medv.get_prediction(new_age_with_const)
pred_age_medv_summary = pred_age_medv.summary_frame(alpha=0.05)
print("Prediction interval for age: ")
print(pred_age_medv_summary, end="\n\n")
```

Prediction interval for lstat:

	mean	mean_se	mean_ci_lower	mean_ci_upper	obs_ci_lower	\
0	29.803594	0.405247	29.007412	30.599776	17.565675	
1	25.053347	0.294814	24.474132	25.632563	12.827626	
2	20.303101	0.290893	19.731588	20.874613	8.077742	

	obs_ci_upper
0	42.041513
1	37.279068
2	32.528459

Prediction interval for rm:

	mean	mean_se	mean_ci_lower	mean_ci_upper	obs_ci_lower	\
0	10.839924	0.613410	9.634769	12.045079	-2.214474	
1	24.493088	0.307657	23.888639	25.097536	11.480391	
2	38.146251	0.776633	36.620414	39.672088	25.058353	

	obs_ci_upper
0	23.894322
1	37.505784
2	51.234149

Prediction interval for age:

	mean	mean_se	mean_ci_lower	mean_ci_upper	obs_ci_lower	\
0	27.899610	0.699094	26.526112	29.273107	11.090368	
1	24.820542	0.454307	23.927973	25.713110	8.043748	
2	21.741474	0.388844	20.977518	22.505429	4.971031	

	obs_ci_upper
0	44.708852
1	41.597335
2	38.511917

A prediction interval provides a range where an individual prediction is expected to fall, taking the uncertainty of the model and variability of data in to account. Prediction intervals will be much wider than confidence intervals because they include variability for individual predictions, not just the mean.

For **lstat** we have predictions of the mean of predicted median house values as follows:

- For lstat = 5, predicted medv is \$29,804.
- For lstat = 10, predicted medv is \$25,053.
- For lstat = 15, predicted medv is \$20,303.

the prediction interval for lstat = 5 can be found if we look at the 'obs_ci_lower' and 'obs_ci_upper' columns of the first row. For lstat = 5, the median house value for an individual house is expected to be between 17,566 and 42,042. Similarly, wider ranges for higher lstat values which means it increases uncertainty. The key takeaway from this is that as the percentage of low socioeconomic houses increase in a neighborhood (lstat value increases), the median house values drop.

For **rm** we have predictions of the mean of predicted median house as follows:

- For rm = 5, predicted medv is \$10,840.
- For rm = 6.5, predicted medv is \$24,493.

- For $rm = 8$, predicted medv is \$38,146.

Prediction intervals:

- For $rm = 5$, individual predictions range from $-2,214$ to $23,894$.
- For $rm = 6.5$, predictions range from $11,480$ to $37,506$.
- For $rm = 8$, predictions range from $25,058$ to $51,234$.

For **age** we have predictions of the mean of predicted median house as follows:

- For $age = 25$, predicted medv is \$27,900.
- For $age = 50$, predicted medv is \$24,821.
- For $age = 75$, predicted medv is \$21,741.

prediction intervals:

- For $age = 25$, individual predictions range from $11,090$ to $44,709$.
- For $age = 50$, predictions range from $8,044$ to $41,597$.
- For $age = 75$, predictions range from $4,971$ to $38,512$.

Use the simple linear regression models

Now we fit **medv** as a response with the predictors selected before altogether.

```
In [36]: model_multivariate = sm.OLS(boston['medv'], sm.add_constant(boston[['lstat', 'rm', 'age'])))
residuals_model_multivariate = model_multivariate.resid
print("Residuals: ", residuals_model_multivariate.describe(), end="\n\n") # we n
print(model_multivariate.summary())
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Residuals:  count    5.060000e+02
            mean    1.685082e-15
            std     5.525660e+00
            min    -1.820992e+01
            25%    -3.467402e+00
            50%    -1.053282e+00
            75%     1.957443e+00
            max     2.750044e+01
dtype: float64

```

OLS Regression Results

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=====
Dep. Variable:          medv    R-squared:                0.639
Model:                  OLS    Adj. R-squared:            0.637
Method:                 Least Squares    F-statistic:        296.2
Date:                  Mon, 03 Feb 2025    Prob (F-statistic):    1.20e-110
Time:                  15:14:32    Log-Likelihood:        -1582.4
No. Observations:      506    AIC:                  3173.
Df Residuals:          502    BIC:                  3190.
Df Model:              3
Covariance Type:       nonrobust
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	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	-1.1753	3.182	-0.369	0.712	-7.427	5.076
lstat	-0.6685	0.054	-12.298	0.000	-0.775	-0.562
rm	5.0191	0.454	11.048	0.000	4.127	5.912
age	0.0091	0.011	0.811	0.418	-0.013	0.031

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Omnibus:                138.819    Durbin-Watson:          0.851
Prob(Omnibus):           0.000    Jarque-Bera (JB):       415.436
Skew:                    1.296    Prob(JB):               6.15e-91
Kurtosis:                6.603    Cond. No.                985.
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Notes:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

From the residuals we can see that we have a mean residual that is very close to 0 which means that the model predictions on average align well with the observed values.

We have an R^2 value of 0.639 which means that our model that contains all three predictors explain 63.9% of the variability in **medv**. This is an improvement over the individual models that had at most 54.4%. We have a P value $P < 0.001$ which means that at least one of our predictors is statistically significant in explaining medv.

We can also deduce some information from the table containing our predictor variables.

the 'const' has an intercept coefficient of -1.1753 which means that this is the predicted value of **medv** when all predictors are 0. However, because 0 can be an unrealistic number, especially **rm**, this has little to no meaning.

lstat has intercept of -0.6685 with $p < 0.001$ which means that a 1% increase in **lstat** the **medv** will decrease by \$668.5.

rm (intercept: 5.0191, $P < 0.001$) shows that for every additional room, the house values increase by \$5019, holding all other predictors constant.

age (intercept: 0.0091, $P = 0.418$) the coefficient is small and significantly insignificant which means that age has little to no impact on predicting medv.

Conclusively, we can say that this model, including multiple predictors can improve the models explanatory power (given that $R^2 = 0.639$) as opposed to using each variable individually as a predictor.

One small detail, which is easy to miss but very important when taking multiple variables as predictors for one response variable, is the condition number. This can be seen as a rating of multicollinearity where everything over 30 can signal that multicollinearity should be investigated. In my case, i have 985 which is extremely high. Multicollinearity is when predictors are strongly correlated with each other, this can make it so that the model struggles to determine which predictor is responsible for output variations in the response variable which can lead to higher errors and unstable estimates.

Perform multiple linear regressions

For this part we have to predict the medv response values for all of the predictors, meaning all of the variables in the dataset. Calculate the prediction intervals for these values.

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In [37]: model_all = sm.OLS(boston['medv'], sm.add_constant(boston.drop(columns=['medv'])))
residuals_model_all = model_all.resid
print("Residuals: ", residuals_model_all.describe(), end="\n\n") # we need to aa
print(model_all.summary())
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Residuals:  count    5.060000e+02
           mean    2.237508e-13
           std     4.676799e+00
           min    -1.589479e+01
           25%    -2.758540e+00
           50%    -4.662679e-01
           75%     1.796326e+00
           max     2.609108e+01
dtype: float64

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OLS Regression Results

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Dep. Variable:          medv    R-squared:                0.741
Model:                  OLS    Adj. R-squared:            0.734
Method:                 Least Squares    F-statistic:        100.6
Date:                  Mon, 03 Feb 2025    Prob (F-statistic):    3.44e-134
Time:                  15:14:32    Log-Likelihood:       -1498.0
No. Observations:      506    AIC:                 3026.
Df Residuals:          491    BIC:                 3089.
Df Model:              14
Covariance Type:       nonrobust
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	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
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const	36.4614	5.101	7.148	0.000	26.439	46.484
Unnamed: 0	-0.0025	0.002	-1.215	0.225	-0.007	0.002
crim	-0.1088	0.033	-3.310	0.001	-0.173	-0.044
zn	0.0480	0.014	3.484	0.001	0.021	0.075
indus	0.0199	0.061	0.324	0.746	-0.101	0.141
chas	2.7052	0.861	3.141	0.002	1.013	4.398
nox	-17.5416	3.822	-4.589	0.000	-25.052	-10.031
rm	3.8392	0.418	9.175	0.000	3.017	4.661
age	-0.0019	0.013	-0.145	0.885	-0.028	0.024
dis	-1.4933	0.200	-7.471	0.000	-1.886	-1.101
rad	0.3249	0.068	4.771	0.000	0.191	0.459
tax	-0.0116	0.004	-3.046	0.002	-0.019	-0.004
ptratio	-0.9480	0.131	-7.246	0.000	-1.205	-0.691
black	0.0094	0.003	3.485	0.001	0.004	0.015
lstat	-0.5262	0.051	-10.377	0.000	-0.626	-0.427

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Omnibus:                175.545    Durbin-Watson:          1.084
Prob(Omnibus):          0.000    Jarque-Bera (JB):       760.925
Skew:                   1.502    Prob(JB):               5.85e-166
Kurtosis:               8.202    Cond. No.                1.68e+04
=====

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Notes:

- [1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- [2] The condition number is large, 1.68e+04. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.

From the residuals we can see that the *mean residual* being close to 0 suggests that the model predictions align well with the actual data on average. the *std* of 4.68 indicates the average distance of predictions from the observed values, showing reasonable variability. The range (from min to max) is [-15.89 - 26.09] show that the model has some outliers with large prediction errors which can cause the model to be make big mistakes both on the upside and downside.

$R^2 = 0.741$ which means that the model explains 74.1% of the variability in **medv**. This is a significant improvement compared to models with fewer predictors. We have $P < 0.001$ which means that the model as a whole is highly significant.

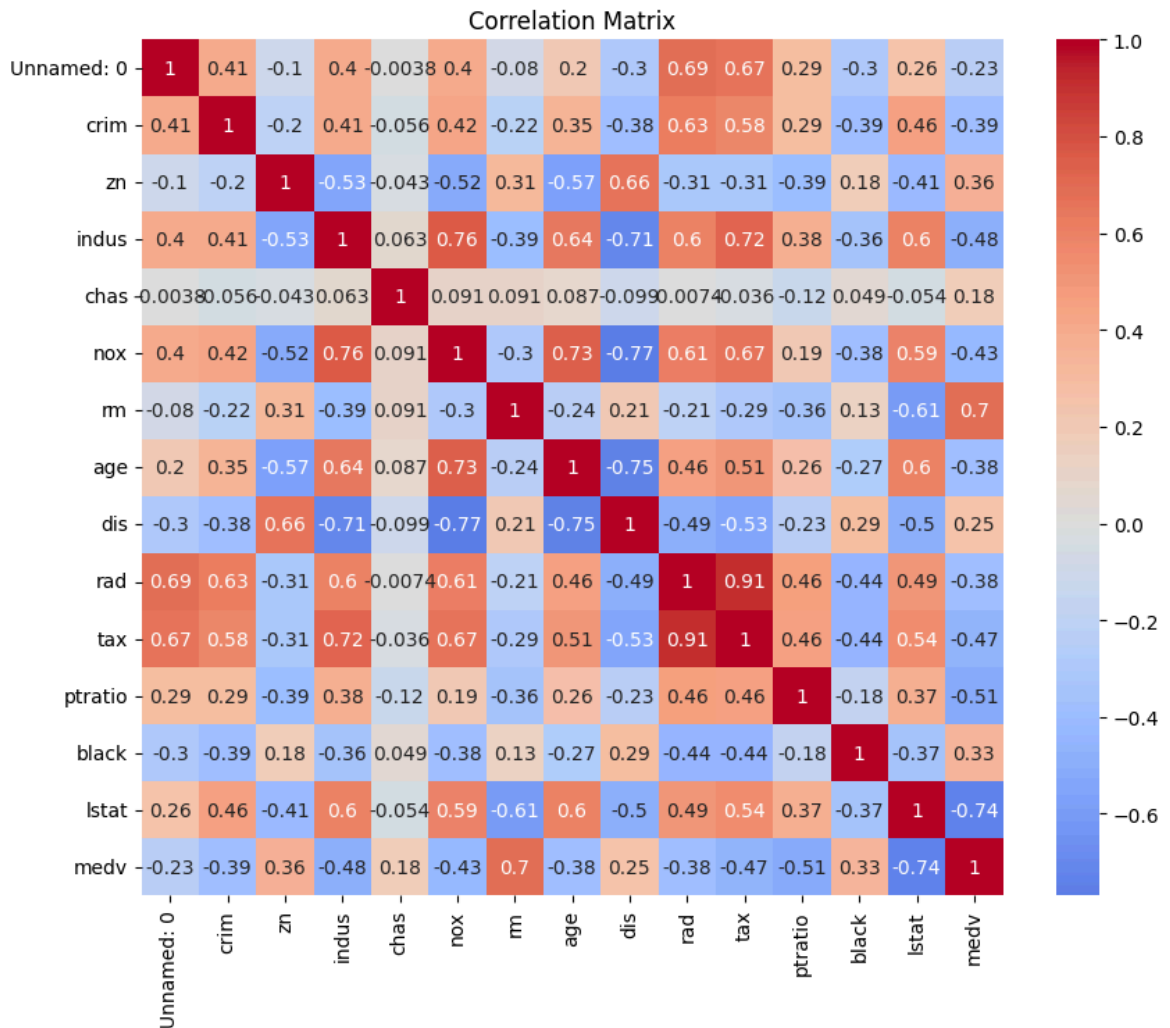
I could explain every single variables impact on **medv** from the table but because i have demonstrated how to do that before, i will not do that for all of the 13 predictors as that would make the report too long. Instead, i will write a list of some key takeaways from the data.

- **lstat** has a strong negative impact (-0.5262) which confirms that higher proportions of low income households lower house values.
- **rm** has a strong positive impact (3.8392), showing that larger homes are valued higher.
- **nox** has a strong negative impact (-17.5416), indicating that pollution reduces house values significantly.
- **pstratio** has a negative impact (-0.9480) which means that worse school/education quality is associated with lower **medv** values.
- **indus** and **age** are not statistically significant and has no meaningful effect on **medv** because $P > 0.05$.
- The condition number is 1680 is very high which means that there are variables that have big correlation.

In conclusion and in practice, we can say that socioeconomic factors, house sizes and environmental quality are the leading factors that drives house prices.

```
In [38]: correlation_matrix = boston.corr()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', center=0)
plt.title("Correlation Matrix")
plt.show()
```



The correlation matrix shows the pairwise correlations between all predictors and the response variable **medv**.

these are some of the conclusions we can draw from the graph:

- **lstat** has a strong negative correlation with **medv** (-0.74): A higher percentage of low socioeconomic households strongly reduces house values.
- **rm** has a strong positive correlation with **medv** (0.7): Larger houses with more rooms are associated with higher house values.
- **ptratio** (-0.51), **tax** (-0.47), and **nox** (-0.43) also have notable negative correlations with **medv**, indicating that poor school quality, higher taxes, and pollution reduce house values.

we have multicollinearity between the following:

- Tax ~ rad (0.91) --> high property taxes near highways
- nox ~ indus (0.76) --> pollution is strong in industrial areas
- dis ~ nox (-0.77) --> proximity to employment centers are negatively correlated with pollution levels
- age ~ nox (0.73) --> Older neighborhoods tend to have higher pollution levels

```
In [39]: lstatC = [5, 10, 15]
rmC = [5, 6.5, 8]
selected_predictor_values = pd.DataFrame(
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[(lstat, rm) for lstat in lstatC for rm in rmC], columns=["lstat", "rm"]
)

# Add a constant for the intercept
selected_predictor_values_with_const = sm.add_constant(selected_predictor_values)

# Fit the regression model with lstat and rm
model_lstat_rm_medv = sm.OLS(boston['medv'], sm.add_constant(boston[['lstat', 'rm'])))

# Predict `medv` and calculate prediction intervals
predictions = model_lstat_rm_medv.get_prediction(selected_predictor_values_with_const)
prediction_intervals = predictions.summary_frame(alpha=0.05) # 95% intervals

# Display results
result_df = pd.concat([selected_predictor_values, prediction_intervals], axis=1)
print(result_df, end="\n\n")

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	lstat	rm	mean	mean_se	mean_ci_lower	mean_ci_upper	\
0	5	5.0	20.903875	0.856315	19.221481	22.586269	
1	5	6.5	28.546057	0.377499	27.804387	29.287727	
2	5	8.0	36.188239	0.663860	34.883959	37.492519	
3	10	5.0	17.692084	0.693873	16.328837	19.055330	
4	10	6.5	25.334266	0.263915	24.815754	25.852777	
5	10	8.0	32.976448	0.739470	31.523618	34.429277	
6	15	5.0	14.480292	0.570322	13.359785	15.600799	
7	15	6.5	22.122474	0.304004	21.525200	22.719748	
8	15	8.0	29.764656	0.865184	28.064837	31.464475	

	obs_ci_lower	obs_ci_upper
0	9.889729	31.918021
1	17.635923	39.456192
2	25.225479	47.150999
3	6.722152	28.662016
4	14.437027	36.231505
5	21.995024	43.957872
6	3.537875	25.422709
7	11.221204	33.023745
8	18.747835	40.781477

Here we have predicted **medv** using specific values for the predictors variables. Here, again, i will not explain every single row but i will give some examples of interpretations of the key artifacts observed from the output and the rest of the interpretation can be done by the reader.

The *mean* row predicts the median house value **medv** for the given values of **lstat** and **rm**. *mean_ci_lower* and *mean_ci_upper* span the confidence interval for the mean prediction. *obs_ci_lower* and *obs_ci_upper* span the prediction interval for individual observations.

This would be how one would interpret Row 1:

Predicted medv (mean): \$20,904.

Mean Confidence Interval: [19, 221,22,586].The average house value for neighborhoods with lstat=5% and rm=5 is expected to fall within this range.

Prediction Interval: [9, 890,31,918]. The house price for an individual house in this type of neighborhood can range between these values.

The conclusion that can be made is that neighborhoods with higher **lstat** (lower socioeconomic status) and lower **rm** (fewer rooms) tend to have lower house prices, with considerable variability. Neighborhoods with lower **lstat** and more rooms tend to have higher and more predictable house prices.