

Features of the Model

1. Dataset Handling & Preprocessing

- The dataset is loaded and cleaned by removing missing values.
- Categorical variables such as **Fuel_Type**, **Selling_type**, and **Transmission** are encoded using **Label Encoding** for numerical compatibility.
- The dataset includes key features:
 - **Year** (Car manufacturing year)
 - **Present_Price** (Current price of the car)
 - **Driven_kms** (Total kilometers driven)
 - **Fuel_Type** (Categorical: Petrol, Diesel, CNG)
 - **Selling_type** (Categorical: Individual, Dealer)
 - **Transmission** (Categorical: Manual, Automatic)
 - **Owner** (Number of previous owners)

2. Feature Scaling

- Since different features have varying ranges, **StandardScaler** is used to normalize the data, improving model performance.

3. Model Selection & Training

- The **Random Forest Regressor** is trained on 80% of the dataset, using 100 decision trees (**n_estimators=100**) for robust predictions.

Performance Metrics

The model's effectiveness is evaluated using common regression metrics:

- **Mean Absolute Error (MAE):** Measures the average absolute difference between actual and predicted prices.
- **Mean Squared Error (MSE):** Gives an idea of the squared differences between actual and predicted prices, penalizing larger errors more.
- **R-squared (R^2):** Indicates how well the model explains variability in car prices (values closer to 1 indicate a better fit).

Results from Evaluation (Example Output)

Mean Absolute Error: 0.83
Mean Squared Error: 1.25
R-squared: 0.92

These results indicate that the model makes fairly accurate predictions with a high **R^2 value (0.92)**, meaning it explains **92% of the variance** in car prices.

Visualization Insights

1. Selling Price Distribution

- A histogram with a KDE curve shows how car selling prices are distributed in the dataset.

2. Feature Correlation Heatmap

- Displays how different features relate to one another. **Year and Present_Price** may have strong correlations with Selling Price.

3. Actual vs. Predicted Prices

- A scatter plot shows the comparison between actual and predicted values, helping to assess model accuracy.
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Prediction Example

The model predicts the selling price for a **2017 model car with a present price of 9.29 lakh, 37000 km driven, Petrol fuel, and manual transmission.**

Predicted Selling Price: 4.85 lakh

This demonstrates the model's ability to estimate real-world prices based on input features.

Conclusion

- **Pros:** High accuracy ($R^2 = 0.92$), effective feature selection, and robust predictions with ensemble learning.
- **Limitations:** May require further tuning (hyperparameter optimization) for even better generalization.
- **Improvements:** Adding more features (e.g., brand, location) and trying alternative models (e.g., Gradient Boosting) could enhance performance.