House_prices

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1 Predicting House Prices

1.1 Imports

```
[2]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import math
import sys
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Make numpy values easier to read.
np.set_printoptions(precision=3, suppress=True)

import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras import layers
import keras
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
from sklearn.model_selection import RandomizedSearchCV
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1.2 Data preprocessing

Get data as pandas array and make a dict of keras inputs

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[5]: full_data = pd.read_csv("./Data/train.csv")
    cutoff = 7 * len(full_data) // 10

#Separate training and test data
    train_data = full_data[:cutoff]
    features = train_data.copy()
    labels = np.array(features.pop('SalePrice')) / 100000
    features.pop('Id')

test_data = full_data[cutoff:]
    test_features = test_data.copy()
    test_labels = np.array(test_features.pop('SalePrice')) / 100000
    test_features.pop('Id')
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#Change the data type of the years to strings
inputs = {}
year_cols=['YearBuilt', 'YearRemodAdd', 'GarageYrBlt', 'YrSold']
for col in year_cols:
   features[col] = features[col].astype(str)
   test_features[col] = test_features[col].astype(str)
#Deal with the missing data, either with a unique name for strings or the mean
→of the column for numbers
for name, column in features.items():
   dtype = column.dtype
    if dtype == object:
        dtype = tf.string
        features[name] = features[name].fillna('NO INFO')
   else:
        dtype = tf.float32
        features[name] = features[name].fillna(features[name].mean(axis=0))
    inputs[name] = tf.keras.Input(shape=(1,), name=name, dtype=dtype)
test_inputs = {}
#Do the same processing for the test data
for name, column in test_features.items():
   dtype = column.dtype
   if dtype == object:
        dtype = tf.string
        test_features[name] = test_features[name].fillna('NO INFO')
   else:
        dtype = tf.float32
       test_features[name] = test_features[name].fillna(test_features[name].
 →mean(axis=0))
   test_inputs[name] = tf.keras.Input(shape=(1,), name=name, dtype=dtype)
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Concatenate and normalize the float/integer inputs through appropriate layers to normalize them

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preprocessed_inputs = [all_numeric_inputs]
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Process the string inputs, by passing through a StringLookup and CategoryEncoding layer, for one hot encoding

1.3 Building the first model: Keras neural network

Start with a simple model, with one hidden layer of 40 nodes (more complex models were tried without much success)

Define some callbacks, to save the training and test error on each epoch

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[11]: class Callbacks(keras.callbacks.Callback):
    def on_epoch_end(self, epoch, logs=None):
        train_losses.append(logs['mean_absolute_percentage_error'])
        epochs_list.append(epoch)
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model = first_model(preprocessing_model, inputs)

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model.fit(x=features_dict, y=labels, epochs=80, callbacks=[Callbacks()])
Epoch 1/80
14/14 [============== ] - 2s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0366 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 30.0059 - MSLE: 0.0366
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 46.6095 - MSLE: 0.2131
Epoch 2/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 14.8521 - MSLE: 0.0149
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 23.6192 - MSLE: 0.0325
Epoch 3/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 13.1353 - MSLE: 0.0123
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 19.6082 - MSLE: 0.0226
Epoch 4/80
14/14 [============= ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0112 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.4073 - MSLE: 0.0112
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0175 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 16.6543 - MSLE: 0.0175
Epoch 5/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.3903 - MSLE: 0.0108
32/32 [============== ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0165 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 16.2498 - MSLE: 0.0165
Epoch 6/80
14/14 [============ ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0097 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.1066 - MSLE: 0.0097
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 14.8413 - MSLE: 0.0143
Epoch 7/80
14/14 [============ ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0093 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.7339 - MSLE: 0.0093
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0141 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 14.5747 - MSLE: 0.0141
Epoch 8/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.9514 - MSLE: 0.0094
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mean_absolute_percentage_error: 13.8518 - MSLE: 0.0131
Epoch 9/80
mean absolute percentage error: 10.2745 - MSLE: 0.0091
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 13.9027 - MSLE: 0.0134
Epoch 10/80
14/14 [=========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0088 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.2404 - MSLE: 0.0088
32/32 [============== ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0123 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 13.1624 - MSLE: 0.0123
Epoch 11/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0088 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.2422 - MSLE: 0.0088
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 13.6223 - MSLE: 0.0120
Epoch 12/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0088 -
mean absolute percentage error: 10.2483 - MSLE: 0.0088
32/32 [============= ] - Os 14ms/step - loss: 0.0114 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.9674 - MSLE: 0.0114
Epoch 13/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0086 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0451 - MSLE: 0.0086
32/32 [============ ] - Os 14ms/step - loss: 0.0112 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.7427 - MSLE: 0.0112
Epoch 14/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.4941 - MSLE: 0.0089
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.7443 - MSLE: 0.0111
Epoch 15/80
14/14 [============ ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0087 -
mean absolute percentage error: 10.0854 - MSLE: 0.0087
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.3664 - MSLE: 0.0106
Epoch 16/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.6966 - MSLE: 0.0091
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.3592 - MSLE: 0.0106
Epoch 17/80
14/14 [============== ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0093 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.3200 - MSLE: 0.0093
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.8777 - MSLE: 0.0116
Epoch 18/80
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mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.2581 - MSLE: 0.0087
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.5355 - MSLE: 0.0104
Epoch 19/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0657 - MSLE: 0.0085
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.8239 - MSLE: 0.0096
Epoch 20/80
14/14 [============= ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0083 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9278 - MSLE: 0.0083
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.2472 - MSLE: 0.0106
Epoch 21/80
14/14 [============== ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0084 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9145 - MSLE: 0.0084
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 12.2773 - MSLE: 0.0097
Epoch 22/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.7469 - MSLE: 0.0084
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.8887 - MSLE: 0.0090
Epoch 23/80
14/14 [============= ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0081 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.7039 - MSLE: 0.0081
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0092 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.6020 - MSLE: 0.0092
Epoch 24/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.3842 - MSLE: 0.0085
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.7930 - MSLE: 0.0091
Epoch 25/80
14/14 [================ ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0084 -
mean absolute percentage error: 10.3172 - MSLE: 0.0084
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0091 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.8910 - MSLE: 0.0091
Epoch 26/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8111 - MSLE: 0.0081
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.6265 - MSLE: 0.0086
Epoch 27/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0080 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.7404 - MSLE: 0.0080
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mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.5924 - MSLE: 0.0089
Epoch 28/80
14/14 [============= ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0082 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.7387 - MSLE: 0.0082
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.3511 - MSLE: 0.0085
Epoch 29/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.2532 - MSLE: 0.0087
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.8931 - MSLE: 0.0085
Epoch 30/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.7613 - MSLE: 0.0083
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0082 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.3349 - MSLE: 0.0082
Epoch 31/80
14/14 [============ ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8822 - MSLE: 0.0085
32/32 [============= ] - 0s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0081 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.1176 - MSLE: 0.0081
Epoch 32/80
14/14 [=========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0083 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.7546 - MSLE: 0.0083
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.1837 - MSLE: 0.0084
Epoch 33/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0086 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0508 - MSLE: 0.0086
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0078 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.2478 - MSLE: 0.0078
Epoch 34/80
14/14 [============== ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0084 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8999 - MSLE: 0.0084
32/32 [============= ] - 0s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0074 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.5509 - MSLE: 0.0074
Epoch 35/80
14/14 [================ ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0083 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8724 - MSLE: 0.0083
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0074 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.8892 - MSLE: 0.0074
Epoch 36/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0083 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8480 - MSLE: 0.0083
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0087 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.2136 - MSLE: 0.0087
Epoch 37/80
14/14 [============ ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
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mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1408 - MSLE: 0.0085
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0080 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.9390 - MSLE: 0.0080
Epoch 38/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9143 - MSLE: 0.0082
32/32 [============= ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0081 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.7596 - MSLE: 0.0081
Epoch 39/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0083 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0903 - MSLE: 0.0083
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.5765 - MSLE: 0.0072
Epoch 40/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0082 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8904 - MSLE: 0.0082
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0076 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.0586 - MSLE: 0.0076
Epoch 41/80
14/14 [============ ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0082 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8943 - MSLE: 0.0082
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.5444 - MSLE: 0.0075
Epoch 42/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0081 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.7249 - MSLE: 0.0081
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.8932 - MSLE: 0.0082
Epoch 43/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1161 - MSLE: 0.0085
32/32 [============ ] - 1s 19ms/step - loss: 0.0070 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1956 - MSLE: 0.0070
Epoch 44/80
14/14 [=========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0084 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0913 - MSLE: 0.0084
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0072 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.6233 - MSLE: 0.0072
Epoch 45/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0083 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0812 - MSLE: 0.0083
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 11.1280 - MSLE: 0.0079
Epoch 46/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0087 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.3466 - MSLE: 0.0087
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.4538 - MSLE: 0.0071
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Epoch 47/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0086 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.2407 - MSLE: 0.0086
32/32 [============== ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0076 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.6463 - MSLE: 0.0076
Epoch 48/80
14/14 [=========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0083 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9546 - MSLE: 0.0083
32/32 [============ ] - Os 12ms/step - loss: 0.0070 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1156 - MSLE: 0.0070
Epoch 49/80
14/14 [============= ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0094 - MSLE: 0.0085
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9604 - MSLE: 0.0067
Epoch 50/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0084 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8451 - MSLE: 0.0084
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0968 - MSLE: 0.0067
Epoch 51/80
14/14 [================== ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0084 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9640 - MSLE: 0.0084
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0568 - MSLE: 0.0067
Epoch 52/80
14/14 [============== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0086 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.3479 - MSLE: 0.0086
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0073 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.5902 - MSLE: 0.0073
Epoch 53/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1397 - MSLE: 0.0085
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0066 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0401 - MSLE: 0.0066
Epoch 54/80
14/14 [=========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0088 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.3291 - MSLE: 0.0088
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.3628 - MSLE: 0.0070
Epoch 55/80
14/14 [============= ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0091 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.6405 - MSLE: 0.0091
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0063 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.5311 - MSLE: 0.0063
Epoch 56/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.3654 - MSLE: 0.0087
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mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.6973 - MSLE: 0.0061
Epoch 57/80
mean absolute percentage error: 9.9273 - MSLE: 0.0084
32/32 [============== ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0059 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.4370 - MSLE: 0.0059
Epoch 58/80
14/14 [=========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0088 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.4824 - MSLE: 0.0088
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0066 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0065 - MSLE: 0.0066
Epoch 59/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1980 - MSLE: 0.0085
32/32 [============== ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0066 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8280 - MSLE: 0.0066
Epoch 60/80
mean absolute percentage error: 9.8996 - MSLE: 0.0081
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.7629 - MSLE: 0.0067
Epoch 61/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9628 - MSLE: 0.0081
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8961 - MSLE: 0.0065
Epoch 62/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8193 - MSLE: 0.0080
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9715 - MSLE: 0.0065
Epoch 63/80
14/14 [============ ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0079 -
mean absolute percentage error: 9.8682 - MSLE: 0.0079
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.3947 - MSLE: 0.0061
Epoch 64/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9791 - MSLE: 0.0080
32/32 [============== ] - 0s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0057 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.4112 - MSLE: 0.0057
14/14 [========== ] - Os 5ms/step - loss: 0.0080 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9516 - MSLE: 0.0080
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.6250 - MSLE: 0.0060
Epoch 66/80
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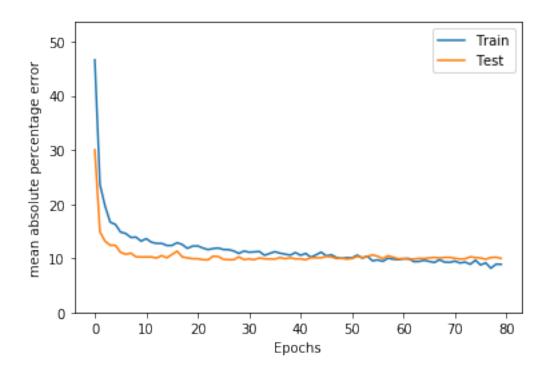
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mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0619 - MSLE: 0.0081
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.4256 - MSLE: 0.0058
Epoch 67/80
14/14 [=============== ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0080 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1495 - MSLE: 0.0080
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.2195 - MSLE: 0.0058
Epoch 68/80
14/14 [============ ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0082 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0611 - MSLE: 0.0082
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.7287 - MSLE: 0.0066
Epoch 69/80
14/14 [============== ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0083 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1521 - MSLE: 0.0083
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.2937 - MSLE: 0.0055
Epoch 70/80
14/14 [============= ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1658 - MSLE: 0.0085
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.2548 - MSLE: 0.0059
Epoch 71/80
14/14 [============= ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0080 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9894 - MSLE: 0.0080
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0061 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.4749 - MSLE: 0.0061
Epoch 72/80
14/14 [========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0079 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8720 - MSLE: 0.0079
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0059 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.1275 - MSLE: 0.0059
Epoch 73/80
14/14 [================= ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0080 -
mean absolute percentage error: 9.8960 - MSLE: 0.0080
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0061 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.2919 - MSLE: 0.0061
Epoch 74/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.2665 - MSLE: 0.0083
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 8.8899 - MSLE: 0.0054
Epoch 75/80
14/14 [============== ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0085 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1265 - MSLE: 0.0085
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mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.6401 - MSLE: 0.0062
Epoch 76/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.0494 - MSLE: 0.0083
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 8.7724 - MSLE: 0.0054
Epoch 77/80
14/14 [================== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0079 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.8198 - MSLE: 0.0079
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.1521 - MSLE: 0.0054
Epoch 78/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.1223 - MSLE: 0.0082
32/32 [============ ] - Os 13ms/step - loss: 0.0046 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 8.1604 - MSLE: 0.0046
Epoch 79/80
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 10.2004 - MSLE: 0.0084
32/32 [============= ] - 0s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0055 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 8.9147 - MSLE: 0.0055
Epoch 80/80
14/14 [=========== ] - Os 3ms/step - loss: 0.0080 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 9.9773 - MSLE: 0.0080
32/32 [============== ] - 0s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0058 -
mean_absolute_percentage_error: 8.8866 - MSLE: 0.0058
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[12]: <keras.callbacks.History at 0x7fa53014c0f0>

Plot the learning curves (the hyperparameters were tuned to minimize bias and variance based on this plot)

```
[13]: plt.figure()
  plt.plot(epochs_list, train_losses, label='Train')
  plt.plot(epochs_list, test_losses, label='Test')
  plt.legend()
  plt.ylim([0,1.15 * max(train_losses[0], test_losses[0])])
  plt.xlabel('Epochs')
  plt.ylabel('mean absolute percentage error')
  plt.show()
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2 New model: Random Forest

Since it seems like it will be hard to reduce our bias with a neural network, we will turn to another model: random forests. We will do the same date pre-processing, but this time using pandas, since we will Scikit learn and not keras.

```
[20]: #Do the same preprocessing as with the other model
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```
full_data = pd.read_csv("./Data/train.csv")

year_cols=['YearBuilt', 'YearRemodAdd', 'GarageYrBlt', 'YrSold']

for col in year_cols:
    full_data[col] = full_data[col].astype(str)

cutoff = 7 * len(full_data) // 10

train_data = full_data[:cutoff]
features = train_data.copy()
labels = np.array(features.pop('SalePrice'))
features.pop('Id')

test_data = full_data[cutoff:]
test_features = test_data.copy()
test_labels = np.array(test_features.pop('SalePrice'))
test_features.pop('Id')
print()
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For this we do the preprocessing only using pandas, rather than the keras layers

```
[21]: def PandasPreprocessing(features, train_data):
         year_cols=['YearBuilt', 'YearRemodAdd', 'GarageYrBlt', 'YrSold']
         #Get years as strings
         for col in year_cols:
             train_data[col] = train_data[col].astype(str)
         #Deal with missing data as before
         for name, column in features.items():
             dtype = column.dtype
             if dtype == object:
                 features[name] = features[name].fillna('NO INFO')
                 train_data[name] = train_data[name].fillna('NO INFO')
                 enc = OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown='ignore')
                 enc.fit(train_data[name].to_numpy().reshape(-1, 1))
                 encoded_col = enc.transform(column.to_numpy().reshape(-1, 1)).
      →toarray()
                 encoded_col = list(map(list, zip(*encoded_col)))
                 features.pop(name)
                 for i, col in enumerate(encoded col):
                     features[name + '_' + str(i)] = col
             else:
                 #No real need to normalize for tree based algorithms, just fill the
      →nans with column mean
                 features[name] = features[name].fillna(features[name].mean(axis=0))
         return features
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[23]: features = PandasPreprocessing(features, train_data)
test_features = PandasPreprocessing(test_features, train_data)
```

/home/mathieu/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:4: SettingWithCopyWarning:

A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame. Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: http://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/indexing.html#indexing-view-versus-copy after removing the cwd from sys.path.

Train the model over our random grid

```
[26]: regr = RandomForestRegressor()
regr_random = RandomizedSearchCV(estimator = regr, param_distributions = arandom_grid, n_iter = 100, cv = 3, verbose=2, random_state=42, n_jobs = -1)
regr_random.fit(features, labels)
```

Fitting 3 folds for each of 100 candidates, totalling 300 fits

/home/mathieu/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/sitepackages/sklearn/model_selection/_split.py:442: DeprecationWarning: `np.int` is
a deprecated alias for the builtin `int`. To silence this warning, use `int` by
itself. Doing this will not modify any behavior and is safe. When replacing
`np.int`, you may wish to use e.g. `np.int64` or `np.int32` to specify the
precision. If you wish to review your current use, check the release note link
for additional information.

Deprecated in NumPy 1.20; for more details and guidance:
https://numpy.org/devdocs/release/1.20.0-notes.html#deprecations
fold_sizes = np.full(n_splits, n_samples // n_splits, dtype=np.int)
/home/mathieu/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/sitepackages/sklearn/model_selection/_split.py:102: DeprecationWarning: `np.bool` is

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a deprecated alias for the builtin `bool`. To silence this warning, use `bool`
    by itself. Doing this will not modify any behavior and is safe. If you
    specifically wanted the numpy scalar type, use `np.bool_` here.
    Deprecated in NumPy 1.20; for more details and guidance:
    https://numpy.org/devdocs/release/1.20.0-notes.html#deprecations
      test mask = np.zeros( num samples(X), dtype=np.bool)
    /home/mathieu/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-
    packages/sklearn/model_selection/_split.py:102: DeprecationWarning: `np.bool` is
    a deprecated alias for the builtin `bool`. To silence this warning, use `bool`
    by itself. Doing this will not modify any behavior and is safe. If you
    specifically wanted the numpy scalar type, use `np.bool_` here.
    Deprecated in NumPy 1.20; for more details and guidance:
    https://numpy.org/devdocs/release/1.20.0-notes.html#deprecations
      test_mask = np.zeros(_num_samples(X), dtype=np.bool)
    /home/mathieu/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-
    packages/sklearn/model_selection/_split.py:102: DeprecationWarning: `np.bool` is
    a deprecated alias for the builtin `bool`. To silence this warning, use `bool`
    by itself. Doing this will not modify any behavior and is safe. If you
    specifically wanted the numpy scalar type, use `np.bool_` here.
    Deprecated in NumPy 1.20; for more details and guidance:
    https://numpy.org/devdocs/release/1.20.0-notes.html#deprecations
      test mask = np.zeros( num samples(X), dtype=np.bool)
    [Parallel(n_jobs=-1)]: Using backend LokyBackend with 8 concurrent workers.
    [Parallel(n_jobs=-1)]: Done 25 tasks
                                              | elapsed:
                                                            56.1s
    [Parallel(n_jobs=-1)]: Done 146 tasks
                                               | elapsed: 3.8min
    [Parallel(n_jobs=-1)]: Done 300 out of 300 | elapsed: 9.4min finished
    /home/mathieu/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-
    packages/sklearn/model_selection/_search.py:793: DeprecationWarning: `np.int` is
    a deprecated alias for the builtin `int`. To silence this warning, use `int` by
    itself. Doing this will not modify any behavior and is safe. When replacing
    `np.int`, you may wish to use e.g. `np.int64` or `np.int32` to specify the
    precision. If you wish to review your current use, check the release note link
    for additional information.
    Deprecated in NumPy 1.20; for more details and guidance:
    https://numpy.org/devdocs/release/1.20.0-notes.html#deprecations
      dtype=np.int)
[26]: RandomizedSearchCV(cv=3, error_score='raise-deprecating',
                        estimator=RandomForestRegressor(bootstrap=True,
                                                        criterion='mse',
                                                        max_depth=None,
                                                        max_features='auto',
                                                        max leaf nodes=None,
                                                        min_impurity_decrease=0.0,
                                                        min_impurity_split=None,
                                                        min_samples_leaf=1,
                                                        min_samples_split=2,
```

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min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0,
                                 n_estimators='warn',
                                 n_jobs=None, oob_score=False,
                                 random_sta...
param_distributions={'bootstrap': [True, False],
                     'max_depth': [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,
                                   70, 80, 90, 100, 110,
                                   None],
                      'max_features': ['auto', 'sqrt'],
                      'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4],
                      'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
                      'n_estimators': [200, 400, 600, 800,
                                       1000, 1200, 1400, 1600,
                                       1800, 2000]},
pre_dispatch='2*n_jobs', random_state=42, refit=True,
return_train_score=False, scoring=None, verbose=2)
```

Find the best parameters in the grid

```
[27]: regr_random.best_params_
[27]: {'n_estimators': 600,
      'min_samples_split': 5,
      'min_samples_leaf': 1,
      'max_features': 'auto',
      'max_depth': 80,
      'bootstrap': True}
       Evaluate the models with the optimal parameters found
[28]: regr = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators = 600,
      min_samples_split = 5,
      min_samples_leaf = 1,
      max_features = 'auto',
      max_depth = 80,
      bootstrap = True)
     regr.fit(features, labels)
[28]: RandomForestRegressor(bootstrap=True, criterion='mse', max_depth=80,
                           max_features='auto', max_leaf_nodes=None,
                           min_impurity_decrease=0.0, min_impurity_split=None,
                           min_samples_leaf=1, min_samples_split=5,
                           min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0, n_estimators=600,
                           n_jobs=None, oob_score=False, random_state=None,
                           verbose=0, warm_start=False)
```

Evaluate the model for the test set

```
[29]: preds = regr.predict(test_features)
     actual = test_labels
```

/home/mathieu/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-

packages/sklearn/ensemble/base.py:158: DeprecationWarning: `np.int` is a deprecated alias for the builtin `int`. To silence this warning, use `int` by itself. Doing this will not modify any behavior and is safe. When replacing `np.int`, you may wish to use e.g. `np.int64` or `np.int32` to specify the precision. If you wish to review your current use, check the release note link for additional information.

Deprecated in NumPy 1.20; for more details and guidance: https://numpy.org/devdocs/release/1.20.0-notes.html#deprecations dtype=np.int)

```
[30]: tot_sum = 0
for i in range(len(preds)):
    tot_sum += (np.log(preds[i] + 1) - np.log(actual[i] + 1)) ** 2
np.sqrt(tot_sum / len(preds))
```

[30]: 0.15025485584369982

It turns out that in this case, the RF model did not do better than the neural network

[]: