



Developing Machine Learning Models To Predict House Prices

Critical Thinking Group 5

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Assignment

- 1) Select a real-world data set of interest (from national database, from work, from Kaggle, etc.).
- 2) Conduct exploratory data analysis.
- 3) Perform supervised and/or unsupervised learning.
- 4) Give a presentation during the Thursday sync session and submit the slides in PDF format on Canvas.

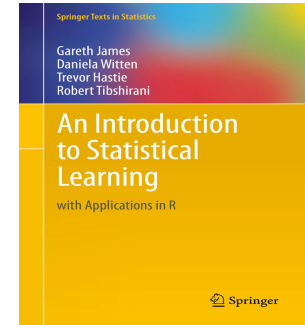
Each group will give a 10-15 minute presentation to the class at the sync meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Introduction

- Exploration of developing supervised learning predictive models in R
- Will utilize structured data
- Data source is www.kaggle.com
- Data set is titled **House Sales in King County, USA**
- Objective is to predict house prices
- Identify the value of predicting house prices

Resources

- An Introduction to Statistical Learning, with Applications in R



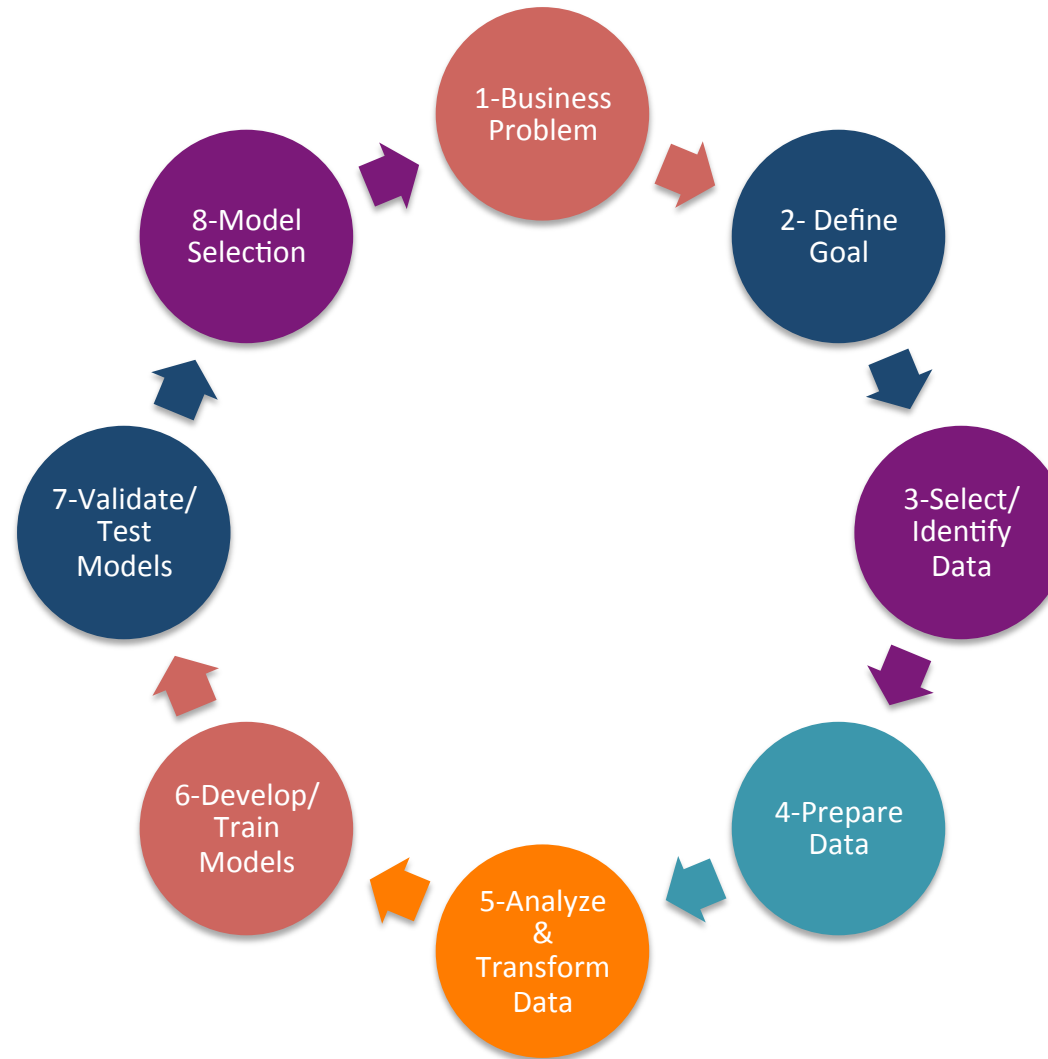
- R Studio



- Kaggle



Modeling Process



Model Development Plan

Plan:

- Analyze the effects of 19 predictors (bedrooms, bathrooms, sqft_living, sqft_lot etc.) on the house price (the response variable) by building following predictive models:
- OLS regression model
- Comparison of OLS regression model and shrinkage method (if $p > n$) – Lasso in the same dataset
- GAM model to address the limitations of non-linear data
- PCA model
- Rpart model

Limitations

- The machine learning models used are not exhaustive.
- Equations excluded due to assumption that class has subject matter expertise of calculations.

Background

21613 observations

21 variables

```
'data.frame': 21613 obs. of 21 variables:
 $ id      : num  7.13e+09 6.41e+09 5.63e+09 2.49e+09 1.95e+09 ...
 $ date    : Factor w/ 372 levels "20140502T000000",...: 165 221 291 221 284 11 57 252 340 306 ...
 $ price   : num  221900 538000 180000 604000 510000 ...
 $ bedrooms : int  3 3 2 4 3 4 3 3 3 3 ...
 $ bathrooms : num  1 2.25 1 3 2 4.5 2.25 1.5 1 2.5 ...
 $ sqft_living : int  1180 2570 770 1960 1680 5420 1715 1060 1780 1890 ...
 $ sqft_lot   : int  5650 7242 10000 5000 8080 101930 6819 9711 7470 6560 ...
 $ floors     : num  1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 ...
 $ waterfront : int  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
 $ view       : int  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
 $ condition  : int  3 3 3 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
 $ grade      : int  7 7 6 7 8 11 7 7 7 7 ...
 $ sqft_above : int  1180 2170 770 1050 1680 3890 1715 1060 1050 1890 ...
 $ sqft_basement: int  0 400 0 910 0 1530 0 0 730 0 ...
 $ yr_built   : int  1955 1951 1933 1965 1987 2001 1995 1963 1960 2003 ...
 $ yr_renovated: int  0 1991 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
 $ zipcode    : int  98178 98125 98028 98136 98074 98053 98003 98198 98146 98038 ...
 $ lat        : num  47.5 47.7 47.7 47.5 47.6 ...
 $ long       : num  -122 -122 -122 -122 -122 ...
 $ sqft_living15: int  1340 1690 2720 1360 1800 4760 2238 1650 1780 2390 ...
 $ sqft_lot15  : int  5650 7639 8062 5000 7503 101930 6819 9711 8113 7570 ...
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Exploratory Data Analysis

Checking missing values:

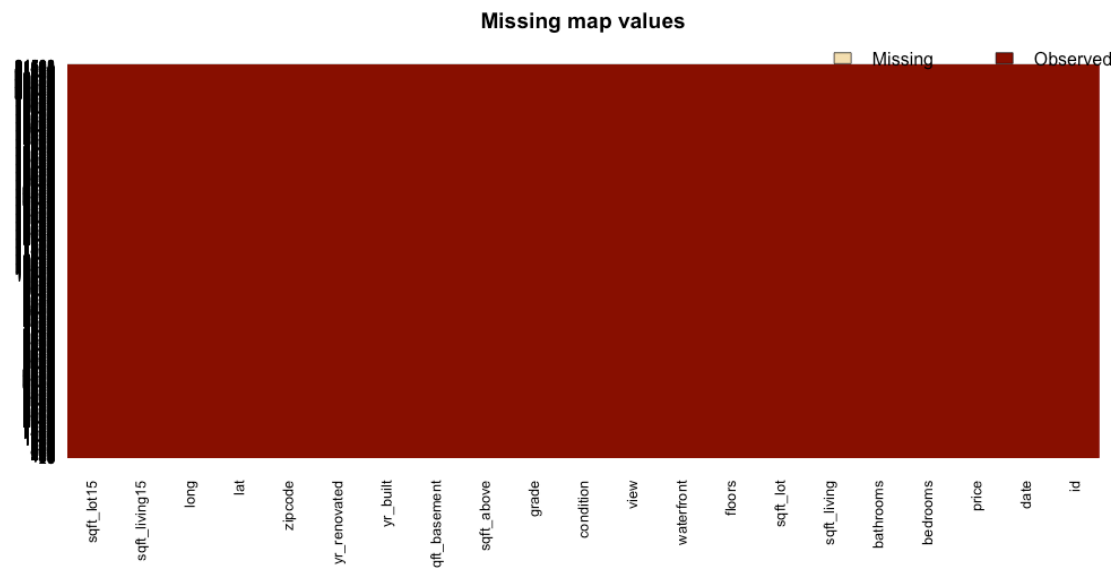
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> dim(House2)
[1] 21613 19
> sum(is.na(House2))
[1] 0
> summary(House2)
```

price	bedrooms	bathrooms	sqft_living	sqft_lot
Min. : 75000	Min. : 0.000	Min. : 0.000	Min. : 290	Min. : 520
1st Qu.: 321950	1st Qu.: 3.000	1st Qu.: 1.750	1st Qu.: 1427	1st Qu.: 5040
Median : 450000	Median : 3.000	Median : 2.250	Median : 1910	Median : 7618
Mean : 540088	Mean : 3.371	Mean : 2.115	Mean : 2080	Mean : 15107
3rd Qu.: 645000	3rd Qu.: 4.000	3rd Qu.: 2.500	3rd Qu.: 2550	3rd Qu.: 10688
Max. : 7700000	Max. : 33.000	Max. : 8.000	Max. : 13540	Max. : 1651359

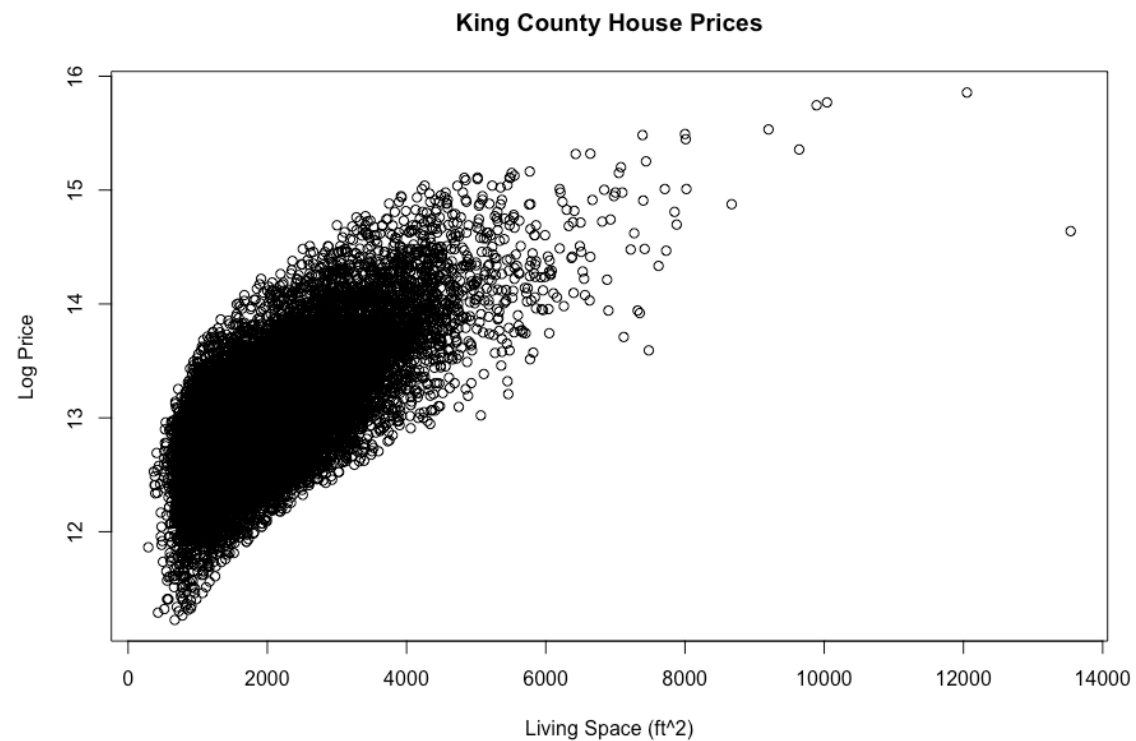
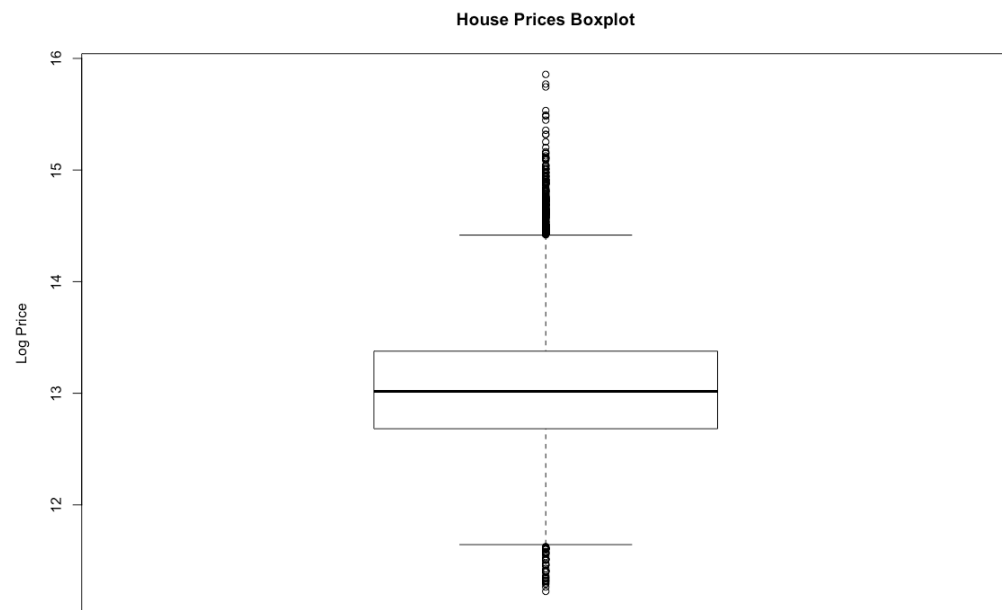
floors	waterfront	view	condition	grade
Min. : 1.000	Min. : 0.000000	Min. : 0.0000	Min. : 1.000	Min. : 1.000
1st Qu.: 1.000	1st Qu.: 0.000000	1st Qu.: 0.0000	1st Qu.: 3.000	1st Qu.: 7.000
Median : 1.500	Median : 0.000000	Median : 0.0000	Median : 3.000	Median : 7.000
Mean : 1.494	Mean : 0.007542	Mean : 0.2343	Mean : 3.409	Mean : 7.657
3rd Qu.: 2.000	3rd Qu.: 0.000000	3rd Qu.: 0.0000	3rd Qu.: 4.000	3rd Qu.: 8.000
Max. : 3.500	Max. : 1.000000	Max. : 4.0000	Max. : 5.000	Max. : 13.000

sqft_above	sqft_basement	yr_built	yr_renovated	zipcode
Min. : 290	Min. : 0.0	Min. : 1900	Min. : 0.0	Min. : 98001
1st Qu.: 1190	1st Qu.: 0.0	1st Qu.: 1951	1st Qu.: 0.0	1st Qu.: 98033
Median : 1560	Median : 0.0	Median : 1975	Median : 0.0	Median : 98065
Mean : 1788	Mean : 291.5	Mean : 1971	Mean : 84.4	Mean : 98078
3rd Qu.: 2210	3rd Qu.: 560.0	3rd Qu.: 1997	3rd Qu.: 0.0	3rd Qu.: 98118
Max. : 9410	Max. : 4820.0	Max. : 2015	Max. : 2015.0	Max. : 98199

lat	long	sqft_living15	sqft_lot15
Min. : 47.16	Min. : -122.5	Min. : 399	Min. : 651
1st Qu.: 47.47	1st Qu.: -122.3	1st Qu.: 1490	1st Qu.: 5100
Median : 47.57	Median : -122.2	Median : 1840	Median : 7620
Mean : 47.56	Mean : -122.2	Mean : 1987	Mean : 12768
3rd Qu.: 47.68	3rd Qu.: -122.1	3rd Qu.: 2360	3rd Qu.: 10083
Max. : 47.78	Max. : -121.3	Max. : 6210	Max. : 871200

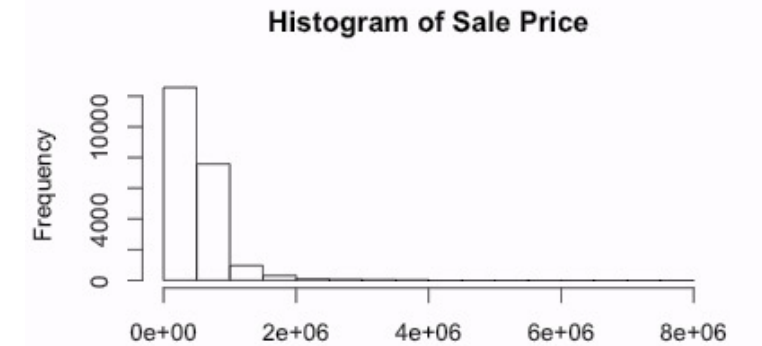
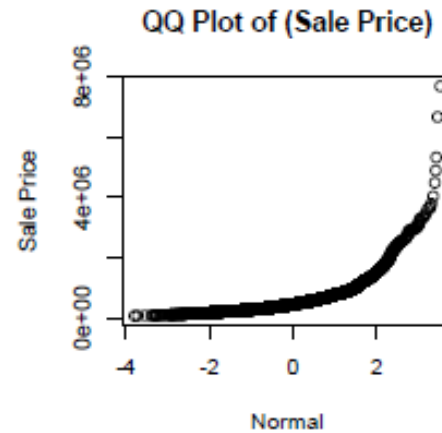
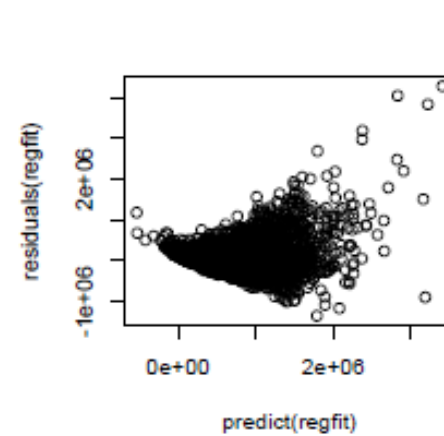


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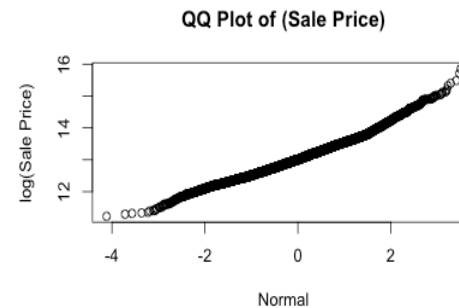
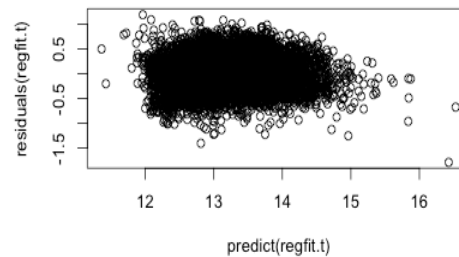


Exploratory Data Analysis

Before(transformation)



After(transformation)



Note: The residual plot indicates that there are non-linear associations in the data

Exploratory Data Analysis

Forward Selection

```
Coefficients: (1 not defined because of singularities)
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -2.411e+00  4.220e+00  -0.571 0.567864
bedrooms    -1.367e-02  2.704e-03  -5.054 4.37e-07 ***
bathrooms    6.667e-02  4.748e-03  14.040 < 2e-16 ***
sqft_living  1.578e-04  6.372e-06  24.756 < 2e-16 ***
sqft_lot     6.186e-07  7.524e-08   8.221 < 2e-16 ***
floors       7.642e-02  5.196e-03  14.707 < 2e-16 ***
waterfront   3.612e-01  2.553e-02  14.148 < 2e-16 ***
view         6.148e-02  3.134e-03  19.620 < 2e-16 ***
condition    6.223e-02  3.390e-03  18.357 < 2e-16 ***
grade        1.570e-01  3.116e-03  50.401 < 2e-16 ***
sqft_above   -1.724e-05  6.301e-06  -2.736 0.006217 **
sqft_basement NA              NA              NA
yr_built     -3.394e-03  1.052e-04  -32.266 < 2e-16 ***
yr_renovated  3.900e-05  5.330e-06   7.316 2.67e-13 ***
zipcode      -6.847e-04  4.755e-05  -14.400 < 2e-16 ***
lat          1.395e+00  1.554e-02  89.722 < 2e-16 ***
long         -1.706e-01  1.881e-02  -9.069 < 2e-16 ***
sqft_living15 9.602e-05  5.011e-06  19.164 < 2e-16 ***
sqft_lot15   -4.071e-07  1.105e-07  -3.685 0.000229 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.2519 on 16192 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.7693,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.769
F-statistic: 3175 on 17 and 16192 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
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```
> CV(my1m)
              CV              AIC              AICc              BIC
6.356497e-02 -4.468222e+04 -4.468218e+04 -4.453605e+04
AdjR2
7.690204e-01
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Backward Selection

```
> CV(my1m2)
              CV              AIC              AICc              BIC              AdjR2
6.356497e-02 -4.468222e+04 -4.468218e+04 -4.453605e+04 7.690204e-01
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Methodology

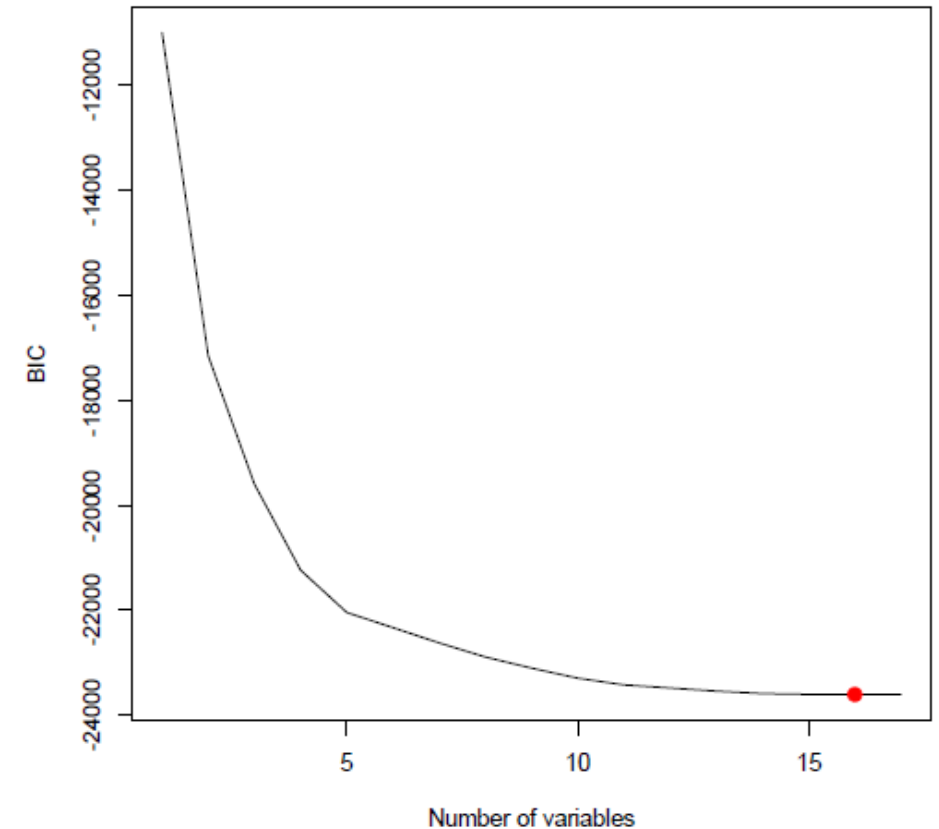
- Split the observations into a training data set (75%) and a test data set (25%).
- Choose the best least squares regression model with the lowest BIC and lowest test error by using 10-fold cross validation approaches.
- Used 10-fold cross validation with the largest value of tuning parameter (λ) for Lasso.
- Tested different components for PCA model, and nodes for Rpart model.

Results

Model #1:
Least squares regression model

**16 Predictors with Lowest BIC
of -23599.28**

MSE in test set is 0.06903407



Best subset selection using BIC:

The best model with 16 predictors was chosen because it had the lowest value of BIC

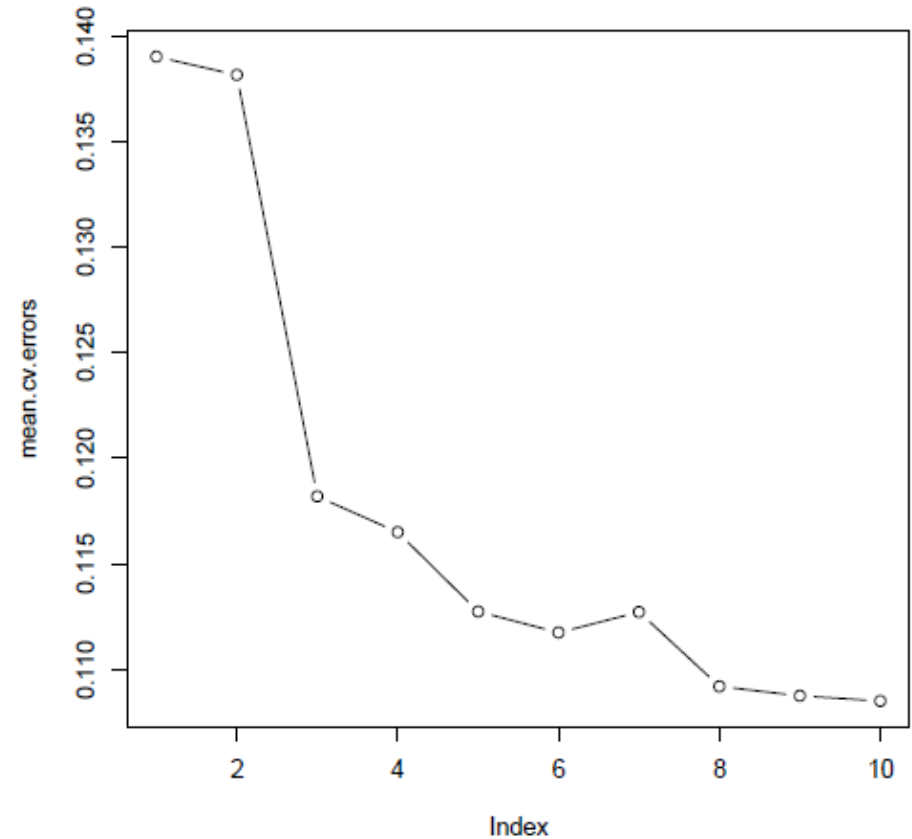
Results

Model #1 Continued...

Least squares regression model

**Lowest value of Mean CV Error is
0.1085001**

MSE in test set is 0.1123473



Model selection by 10-fold cross validation:

The best model with 10 predictors was chosen because it had the lowest value of mean.cv.error.

Results Analysis

Model #1: Least squares regression model Analysis

- The formula is intuitive for the most part because good performance by the factors (bathroom, sqft-living, sqft-lot etc.) are all rewarded with a positive coefficient indicating that the results would be associated with a higher price.
- Likewise, yr_built and long have negative coefficients indicating that they would be associated with a lower price.
- In this model is not free from 'sign' issues -- bedrooms, sqft_above and sqft_lot15 seemingly have good effects on the price of the houses, that would eventually result in a lower price. This issue needs further investigation.

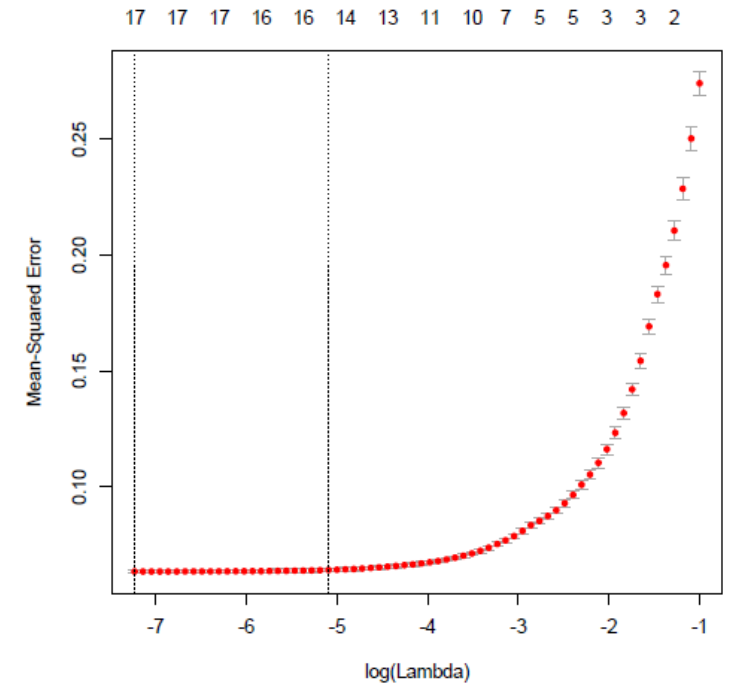
Results

Model #2:

Lasso model : Model selection by 10-fold cross validation (the largest λ)

The largest value of λ is 0.006144808

MSE in test set is 0.06579507



The best model with 14 predictors was chosen because it had the largest value of λ (0.006144808)

Results Analysis

Model #2: Lasso model analysis

- The factors such as: bathroom, sqft-living, sqft-lot etc. are all rewarded with a positive coefficient indicating that the results would be associated with higher prices.
- Likewise, yr_built and long have negative coefficients. Indicating that they would be associated with lower prices.
- There are no 'sign' issues in this model; the reason is that lasso model shrinks the estimated coefficients toward zero relative to the OLS estimates.

Results

Model #3: GAM model

The best model with 17 predictors was chosen (ANOVA)

MSE in test set is 0.06474506

```
> gam.house$coef
      (Intercept)      bedrooms      bathrooms      sqft_living      sqft_lot      floors
waterfront      view      condition
-2.410679e+00 -1.366792e-02  6.666953e-02  1.577548e-04  6.186054e-07  7.641639e-02
3.612074e-01  6.148077e-02  6.222554e-02
      grade      sqft_above sqft_basement      yr_built      yr_renovated      zipcode
lat      long sqft_living15
1.570469e-01 -1.724299e-05      NA -3.394271e-03  3.899675e-05 -6.847221e-04
1.394565e+00 -1.705634e-01  9.602424e-05
      sqft_lot15
-4.071429e-07
```

Coefficients of the GAM model

Results

Model #4: PCA model

Lowest MSE in test set is 0.06337 with 17 and 18 components

```
> MSEP(pcamodel)
```

(Intercept)	1 comps	2 comps	3 comps	4 comps
0.27463	0.27158	0.27158	0.14160	0.13542
5 comps	6 comps	7 comps	8 comps	9 comps
0.13534	0.13343	0.12897	0.12542	0.11740
10 comps	11 comps	12 comps	13 comps	14 comps
0.10759	0.09697	0.09675	0.09546	0.09517
15 comps	16 comps	17 comps	18 comps	
0.06622	0.06416	0.06337	0.06337	

MSE of different components in PCA model

Results

Model #5: Rpart model

**Lowest MSE in test set is 0.05106359 in
Node number 22**

Node number 12: 556 observations
mean=13.15002, MSE=0.08266812

Node number 13: 1898 observations
mean=13.6431, MSE=0.1006683

Node number 22: 1024 observations
mean=13.06853, MSE=0.05106359

Node number 23: 3074 observations
mean=13.33817, MSE=0.08058761

Node number 11: 4098 observations,
mean=13.27079, MSE=0.08683814

Node number 9: 2047 observations
mean=12.83843, MSE=0.07649384

Node number 10: 3502 observations
mean=12.93061, MSE=0.08762608

Node number 1: 16210 observations,
mean=13.05015, MSE=0.2746303

Node number 2: 13024 observations,
mean=12.90178, MSE=0.1787177

Node number 3: 3186 observations,
mean=13.65668, MSE=0.208835

Node number 4: 5424 observations,
mean=12.60436, MSE=0.1150723

Node number 5: 7600 observations,
mean=13.11404, MSE=0.1159545

Node number 6: 2454 observations,
mean=13.53138, MSE=0.1391945

Node number 7: 732 observations
mean=14.07674, MSE=0.213217

Node number 8: 3377 observations
mean=12.46247, MSE=0.08511315

MSE of different Node numbers in Rpart model

Model Performance

Models	MSE in test set
Best subset selection using BIC	0.06903407
Least squares regression model by 10-fold cross validation	0.1123473
Lasso model by 10-fold cross validation (the largest λ)	0.06579507
GAM Model (ANOVA)	0.06474506
PCA	0.06337
Rpart	0.05106359

With the lowest MSE of **0.05106359**, Rpart model is our best model.



Thank You!

