House Prices: Transformed Ridge, Lasso, and ElasticNet Linear Regression

The House Prices dataset contains 79 explanatory variables describing residential homes in Ames, Iowa, and their effects on the independent variable: SalePrice. While exploring the dataset of 1460 records, there are null values in the dependent variables, as seen in Figure 1. This is normal as these data are input by sellers and agents and could miss some information, or some variables like "PoolQC" can be null if there is no pool for the given house. To adjust, we will later replace the null value with the median for the numeric variables. Figure 2 shows a skewed distribution for the "SalePrice" after which we remove outliers in the data.

The histogram in Figure 3 supports this skewness with some values much higher than the others, indicating high variance. Checking the overall quality and sale price scatterplot, we also find the distribution is exponential for sale price and other independent variables. From this information we decided we need to perform logarithmic and exponential transformations to the data when performing lasso, ridge, and elastic net regression.

Prior to regression, we performed EDA on the dependent variable in Figures 4 and 5 exploring the correlation between "SalePrice" and quantitative dependent variables (14 have a >0.5 correlation coefficient) and category plots for each categorical variable. It can be seen that some categories lead to higher sales prices, such as the "EX" category in "FireplaceQU", meaning excellent numbers of fireplaces show a higher sales price.

First, we split the dataset into train and test datasets, with 80% training and 20% testing. We then encode every categorical feature into multiple boolean dummy variables using Sklearn one-hot encoding. This allows us to factor in categorical variables in our regression model. We then add two additional features that could be useful: 'Nonlivingarea' - The sum of GarageArea, PoolArea, WoodDeckSF. These are non-living spaces a house has. 'QualityCondition' - The sum of OveralQual and OverallCond. A house's condition and quality are both important and worth evaluating together. Finally, we fill all null values with their respective variable median.

Lasso ("Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator") regression, a type of linear regression that incorporates regularization, is commonly used for feature selection and regularization to prevent overfitting in models with a large number of features. It can reduce the problem of multi-collinearity by forcing some features' coefficients to be 0 and removing the effect of those features. It minimizes overfitting by penalizing large coefficients, and automatically performs feature selection. First, we use untransformed sales prices with LassoCV to find the best hyperparameters, which did not converge. Then we applied a logarithmic transformation to normalize Saleprice, stabilize variance, and linearize relationships. The Lasso model converged with an optimum alpha level of 0.007 and R^2 Score of 0.9 on the test dataset (Figure 9 and 10). The lasso model has 56 features, a reduction from 286, whose absolute values of coefficients are greater than 0.001. We ran the model on the Kaggle test dataset and achieved a 0.15 score (Figure 13). Our Ridge regression model resulted in an R^2 score of around 0.92 (Figure 7) and a Kaggle score of 0.17.

Our Grid Search, Elastic Net model supported our finding that the Lasso model performed better. As seen in Figure 11, The ideal I1_ratio hyperparameter was 0.1 which is much closer to the Lasso end of the spectrum. This model scored a 0.15 on Kaggle as seen in Figure 13 as well. As compared to last week, we show that a logarithmic transformation paired with an ElasticNetCV regression model can perform very well in predicting housing sale prices in Ames, Iowa.

Appendix

```
drive.mount('/content/drive')
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import sklearn
%cd /content/drive/My Drive/
df = pd.read_csv('Housing_Price/train.csv')
df.head(5)

Id MSSubclass MSJoning LotFrontage Lotares Street Alley LotShape LandContour Utilities ... PoolArea PoolQC Fence MiscFeature MiscVal MoSold YeSold Sall
0 1 60 RL 65.0 8450 Pave NaN Reg LM AMPub ... 0 NaN NaN NaN 0 2 2008
1 2 20 RL 80.0 8600 Pave NaN Reg LM AMPub ... 0 NaN NaN NaN 0 5 2007
2 3 60 RL 68.0 11250 Pave NaN Rej LM AMPub ... 0 NaN NaN NaN 0 5 2007
3 4 70 RL 60.0 8650 Pave NaN Rej LM AMPub ... 0 NaN NaN NaN 0 2 2008
4 5 60 RL 84.0 14260 Pave NaN Rej LM AMPub ... 0 NaN NaN NaN 0 2 2008
5 Tows x81 columns
#Null Value Columns
nullseries = df.isna().sum()
print(nullseries[nullseries > 0])
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LatErantaga	250
LotFrontage	259
Alley	1369
MasVnrType	872
MasVnrArea	8
BsmtQual	37
BsmtCond	37
BsmtExposure	38
BsmtFinType1	37
BsmtFinType2	38
Electrical	1
FireplaceQu	690
GarageType	81
GarageYrBlt	81
GarageFinish	81
GarageQual	81
GarageCond	81
PoolQC	1453
Fence	1179
MiscFeature	1406
dtype: int64	

Drop Outliers & EDA

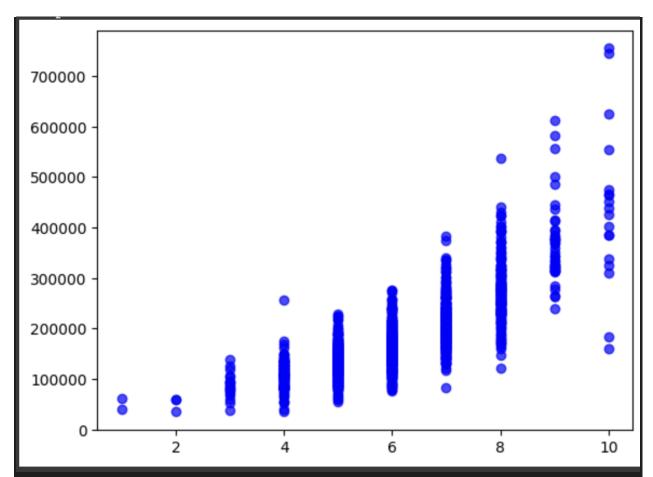
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x = df.drop(columns=['SalePrice'])
y = df['SalePrice']
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from sklearn.model selection import train test split
x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(x, y, test_size=0.3,
plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
sns.histplot(y,kde=True)
plt.title('Histogram of SalePrice')
plt.xlabel('Sale Price')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
                                     Histogram of SalePrice
  175
  150
  125
Frequency 001
   75
   50
   25
             100000
                                                                          700000
                       200000
                                            400000
                                                      500000
                                                                600000
                                 300000
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Sale Price

Figure 2

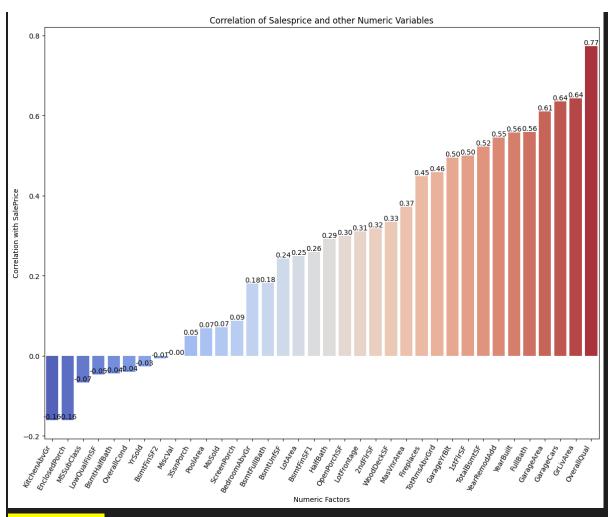
plt.scatter(x['OverallQual'], y, color='blue', alpha=0.7)



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# drop outliers
Q1 = y.quantile(0.25)
Q3 = y.quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3-Q1
lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

outliers = y_train[(y_train < lower_bound) | (y_train > upper_bound)]
# Remove outliers from the dataset
y_cleaned = y_train.drop(outliers.index)
x_cleaned = x_train.drop(outliers.index)
#Create heat map of all numeric variables
# Select only numeric variables
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x cleaned numeric = x cleaned.select dtypes(include=['int64',
'float64']).drop(columns=['Id'])
train data = pd.concat([x cleaned numeric, y cleaned], axis=1)
correlation matrix =
correlation matrix['SalePrice'].drop('SalePrice').sort_values()
correlation matrix=correlation matrix.sort values()
# Plot barplot for correlation
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))
bar plot = sns.barplot(x=correlation matrix.index, y=correlation matrix,
palette='coolwarm')
plt.title('Correlation of Salesprice and other Numeric Variables')
bar plot.set xticklabels(bar plot.get xticklabels(), rotation=60,
ha='right') # Rotate x-axis labels
plt.xlabel('Numeric Factors')
plt.ylabel('Correlation with SalePrice')
for index, value in enumerate(correlation matrix):
plt.text(index, value, f'{value:.2f}', ha='center', va='bottom')
plt.tight layout() # Adjust layout to prevent clipping of labels
plt.show()
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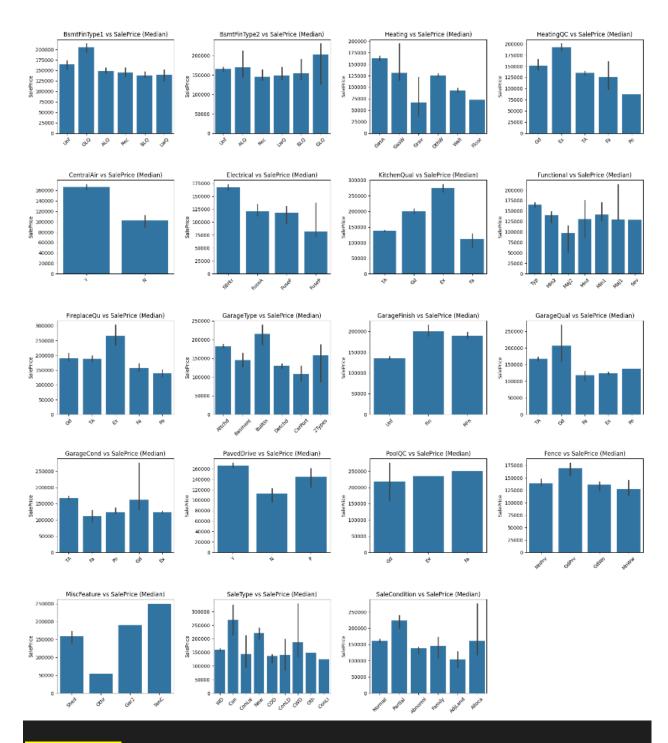
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categorical_variables =
x_cleaned.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns.tolist()
categorical_variables

['MSZoning',
   'Street',
   'Alley',
   'LotShape',
   'LandContour',
   'Utilities',
   'LotConfig',
   'LandSlope',
   'Neighborhood',
   'Condition1',
   'Condition2',
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'BldgType',
 'HouseStyle',
 'RoofStyle',
 'RoofMatl',
 'Exterior1st',
 'Exterior2nd',
 'MasVnrType',
 'ExterQual',
 'ExterCond',
 'Foundation',
 'BsmtQual',
 'BsmtCond',
 'BsmtExposure',
 'BsmtFinType1',
 'BsmtFinType2',
 'Heating',
 'HeatingQC',
 'CentralAir',
 'Electrical',
 'KitchenQual',
 'Functional',
 'FireplaceQu',
 'GarageType',
 'GarageFinish',
 'GarageQual',
 'GarageCond',
 'PavedDrive',
 'PoolQC',
 'Fence',
 'MiscFeature',
 'SaleType',
 'SaleCondition']
import numpy as np
# Create subplots
num plots = len(categorical variables)
cols per row = 4
rows = num plots // cols per row + 1
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fig, axes = plt.subplots(rows, cols per row, figsize=(18, 4*rows))
for idx, col in enumerate(categorical variables):
row idx = idx // cols per row
col idx = idx % cols per row
ax = axes[row idx, col idx]
sns.barplot(x=x cleaned[col], y=y cleaned, estimator=np.median, ax=ax)
ax.tick params(axis='x', rotation=45) # Rotate x-axis labels for better
ax.set xlabel('') # Remove x-axis label for better clarity
ax.set ylabel('SalePrice')
plt.tight layout() # Adjust layout to prevent overlapping
plt.subplots adjust(hspace=0.5) # Add vertical spacing between subplots
if num plots % cols per row != 0:
for i in range(cols per row - (num plots % cols per row)):
fig.delaxes(axes[-1, -(i+1)])
Builtin GarageType, Gd GarageQual, Y PavedDrive, Ex PoolQC, Tenc
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Feature Engineering

#Feature Engineering: Step 1 One Key Encoding Categorical Variable to poolean column

x_encoded = pd.get_dummies(x_cleaned)

Ridge Regression using Standard Scaling, log transform SalePrice

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.linear_model import RidgeCV
import statsmodels.api as sm
from sklearn.model_selection import ShuffleSplit, cross_val_score

# Standard scaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
x_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(x_encoded) # fit it on the training data
x_scaled_with_const = sm.add_constant(x_scaled)
k_fold = ShuffleSplit(n_splits=10, random_state=0, test_size=0.25, train_size=None)
ridge_model = RidgeCV(alphas=np.arange(0.01,1,.01), cv=k_fold)
ridge_model.fit(x_scaled_with_const,np.log(y_cleaned))
print(ridge_model.alpha_)
0.99
```

```
x test cleaned encoded = pd.get dummies(x test)
x test cleaned encoded['Nonlivingarea']=x test cleaned encoded['GarageArea
']+x test cleaned encoded['PoolArea']+x test cleaned encoded['WoodDeckSF']
Qual']+x test cleaned encoded['OverallCond']
x test cleaned encoded=x test cleaned encoded.drop(columns=missing cols)
print(len(x test cleaned encoded.columns))
print(len(x encoded.columns))
scaler = StandardScaler()
```

```
y pred = ridge model.predict(x test scaled)
from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
mse = mean squared error(y test, np.exp(y pred))
print("Mean Squared Error:", mse)
r2 = r2 score(y test, np.exp(y pred))
print("R^2 Score:", r2)
Mean Squared Error: 521085126.4714137 R^2 Score: 0.925325576823251
Make prediction of Kaggle Test Dataset
df=pd.read csv('Housing Price/test.csv')
df encoded = pd.get dummies(df)
df encoded = df encoded.fillna(df encoded.median())
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```
df encoded=df encoded.drop(columns=missing cols)
print(len(df encoded.columns))
print(len(x_encoded.columns))
df encoded scaled = scaler.fit transform(df encoded) # fit it on the
df encoded scaled = sm.add constant(df encoded scaled)
y pred = ridge model.predict(df encoded scaled)
np.exp(y pred)
result=pd.concat([df['Id'],pd.DataFrame(np.exp(y pred))],axis=1)
result.rename(columns={0:'SalePrice'},inplace=True)
Regression Model 1 Lasso Regression Standard Scaling, no
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log transform

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
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import statsmodels.api as sm
import numpy as np
scaler = StandardScaler()
lasso model1 = LassoCV(alphas=np.arange(0.01,1,0.1),cv=2)
lasso model1.fit(x scaled with const, y cleaned)
print(lasso model1.alpha )
Regression Model 2 Lasso Regression Standard Scaling,
log transform SalePrice
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
import statsmodels.api as sm
scaler = StandardScaler()
k fold = ShuffleSplit(n splits=10, random state=0, test size=0.25,
lasso model2 = LassoCV(alphas=np.arange(0.001,1,.001),cv=k_fold)
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```
lasso model2.fit(x scaled with const, np.log(y cleaned))
print(lasso model2.alpha )
0.007
from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
y pred2 = lasso model2.predict(x test scaled)
mse = mean squared error(y test, np.exp(y pred2))
print("Mean Squared Error:", mse)
r2 = r2 \ score(y \ test, np.exp(y \ pred2))
print("R^2 Score:", r2)
Mean Squared Error: 732493053.8859528 R^2 Score: 0.8950296343127162
len([i for i in lasso model2.coef if abs(i) > 0.001])
56
Make prediction of Kaggle Test Dataset
df=pd.read csv('Housing Price/test.csv')
df encoded = pd.get dummies(df)
```

```
df encoded['Nonlivingarea']=df encoded['GarageArea']+df encoded['PoolArea'
missing cols = set(df encoded.columns) - set(x encoded.columns)
df encoded=df encoded.drop(columns=missing cols)
missing cols = set(x encoded.columns) - set(df encoded)
print(len(df encoded.columns))
print(len(x encoded.columns))
df encoded = df encoded[train columns]
scaler = StandardScaler()
y pred = lasso model2.predict(df encoded scaled)
np.exp(y pred)
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```
result=pd.concat([df['Id'],pd.DataFrame(np.exp(y_pred))],axis=1)
result.rename(columns={0:'SalePrice'},inplace=True)
result.to_csv('Housing_Price/lasso_modelprediction.csv',index=False)
```

ElasticNet Regression using Standard Scaling, log transform SalePrice

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.model selection import GridSearchCV
import statsmodels.api as sm
import numpy as np
scaler = StandardScaler()
k fold = ShuffleSplit(n splits=10, random state=0, test size=0.25,
train size=None)
param grid = {'alpha': np.arange(0.01, 1.0, 0.01), 'l1 ratio': [0.1, 0.2,
e net = ElasticNet(alpha=0.1, l1 ratio=0.5, max iter=10000,
random state=42)
grid model = GridSearchCV(e net, param grid, cv=k fold, n jobs = -1)
grid model.fit(x scaled with const, np.log(y cleaned))
print("Best parameters : {}".format(grid model.best params ))
print("Best cross validation score:
print("Best estimator: {}".format(grid model.best estimator ))
Best parameters : {'alpha': 0.0699999999999999, 'l1 ratio': 0.1} Best
cross validation score: 0.84 Best estimator:
ElasticNet(alpha=0.0699999999999999, 11 ratio=0.1, max iter=10000,
random state=42)
```

```
x test cleaned encoded = pd.get dummies(x test)
x test cleaned encoded['Nonlivingarea']=x test cleaned encoded['GarageArea
']+x test cleaned encoded['PoolArea']+x test cleaned encoded['WoodDeckSF']
Qual']+x test cleaned encoded['OverallCond']
x test cleaned encoded=x test cleaned encoded.drop(columns=missing cols)
print(len(x test cleaned encoded.columns))
print(len(x encoded.columns))
scaler = StandardScaler()
```

```
y pred = grid model.predict(x test scaled)
from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
mse = mean squared error(y test, np.exp(y pred))
print("Mean Squared Error:", mse)
r2 = r2 score(y test, np.exp(y pred))
print("R^2 Score:", r2)
Mean Squared Error: 842684381.5541793 R^2 Score: 0.879238598616831
Make prediction of Kaggle Test Dataset
df=pd.read csv('Housing Price/test.csv')
df encoded = pd.get dummies(df)
df encoded['Nonlivingarea']=df encoded['GarageArea']+df encoded['PoolArea'
] + df encoded['WoodDeckSF']
```

```
print(len(df encoded.columns))
print(len(x encoded.columns))
y pred = grid model.predict(df encoded scaled)
np.exp(y pred)
result=pd.concat([df['Id'],pd.DataFrame(np.exp(y pred))],axis=1)
result.rename(columns={0:'SalePrice'},inplace=True)
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Kaggle Results



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