Seattle Real Estate Analytics

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Executive Summary

- ▶ The objective of the analysis conducted is to gain an alternative understanding of the Seattle property market for the development of our real estate financing business. This is an experimental in-house analysis.
- Aim to complement the traditional micro level evaluation for real estate financing
- Focusing on following questions using regression analysis:
 - ▶ Will price increase provided we keep the living surface constant and increase the grading by 1?
 - Will price increase provided we increase living surface and keep the grading constant?
 - ▶ How do the models compare if we proceed with the removal of outlier values in our variables?

Process Timeline

- Step 1: Load the dataset and identify null values
- Step 2: Treatment of null values and special characters
- Step 3: Exploratory Data Analysis / Data Observations
- Step 4: Graph relationship between all relevant variables and price
- Step 5: Model Approach
- Step 6: Choose variables for regression models
- Step 7: Run regression model
- Step 8: interpretation of models
- Step 9: follows ups, correction and questions

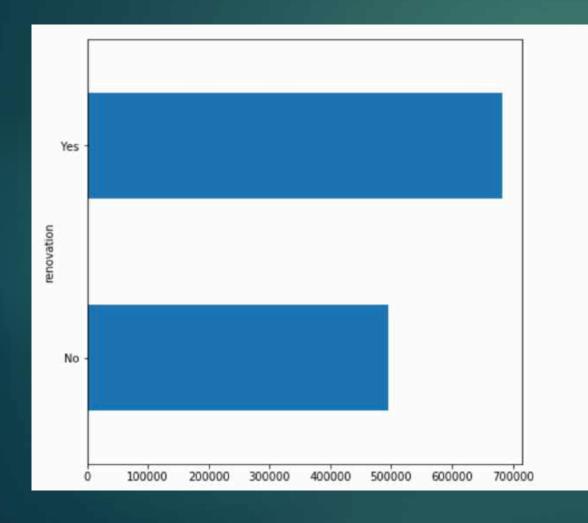
Step 1 & 2: Load the dataset + identify & treat null values

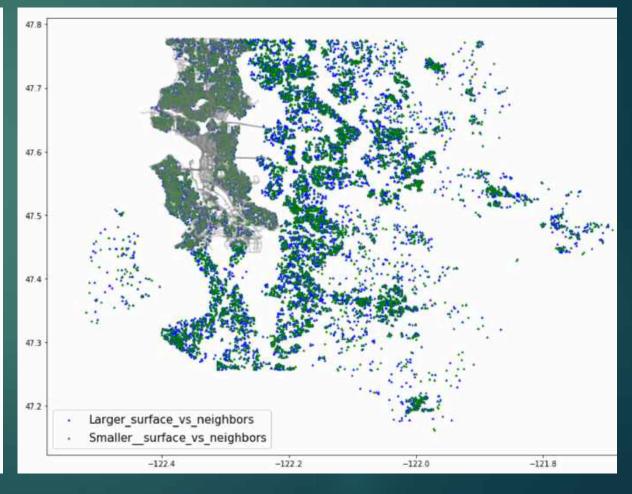
- Pandas data frame was used to load and gain an understanding of the Seattle housing market dataset
- ▶ Three approaches to treat null values in waterfront, view, year renovated
- Column removal to simplify set

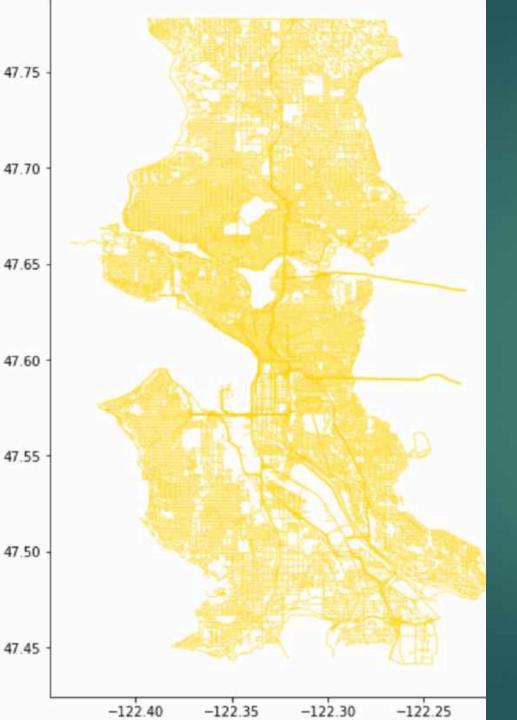
Treatment of nulls varied on the different columns

Step 3: Data Observations

Here are some of the observations and visual representations of the data we made during the EDA phase



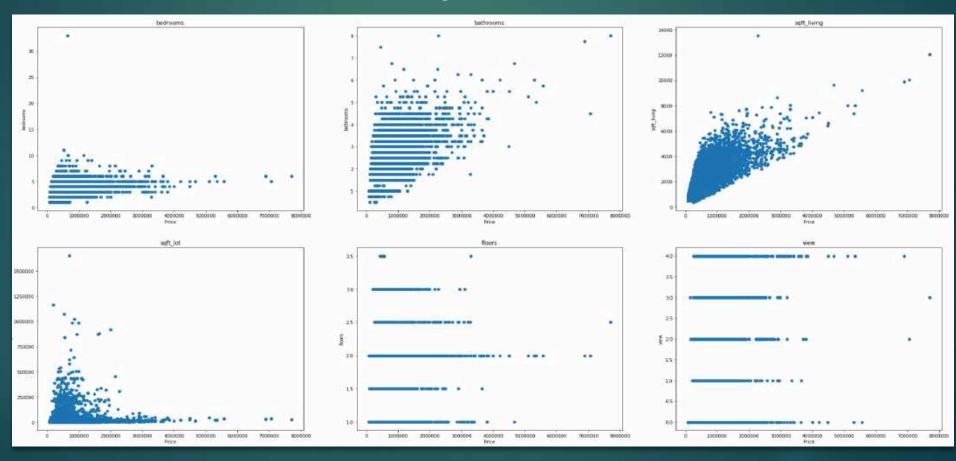




Step 3: Data Observations (continued)

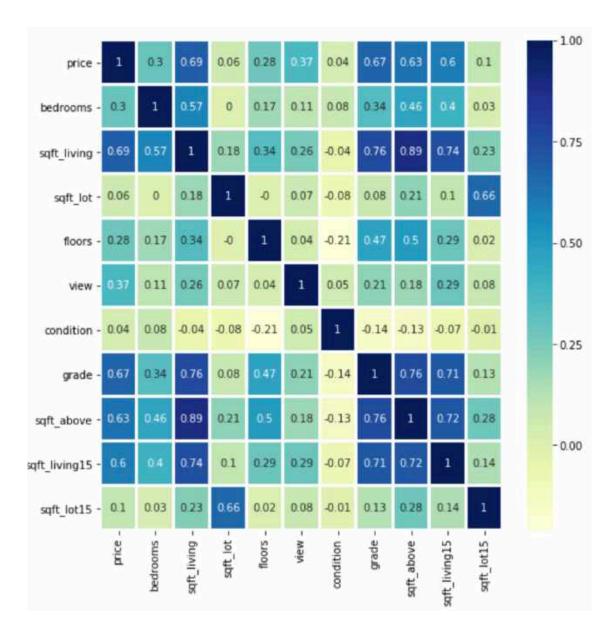
Step 4: Graph relationship between all relevant variables and price

We tested most variables to establish their relationship with price and identify the relevant ones for model testing



Step 5: Model Approach

- ▶ To answer our questions two models with slight alterations
- Model 1: Run OLS model on price and two independent variables without removing data outliers before selecting our sample
- Model 2: Run OLS model on price and two independent variables with outliers removed using standard deviation before selecting our sample
- Used Sampling approach of 1000 houses with <15 houses selected at random per zip code.



Step 6: Build correlations table and matrix to get an overview variables & elect variables

A CORRELATION TABLE AND MATRIX
TO DETERMINE WHICH VARIABLES
WE WOULD ELECT.

ELECTED SQFT_LIVING / GRADE AS THE TWO VARIABLES TO TEST.

Step 7: Run regression model and interpret the results

Model 1 – Outliers Present in the Data P = -710,300 + 185 (sqft =+1) + 146,000 (grade =+1) P = -661,000 + 134 (sqft =+1) + 120,700 (grade =+1)

Model 2 – Outliers Removed from the Data

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Step 8: interpretation, follows ups and correction of model

- ▶ The two models provide us limited conclusions to be drawn.
- Price does increase with both square foot living and grading but the models don't have the best linear fit.
- R-Squared is still relatively low and we may have an issue of multicollinearity as both variables are correlated (0.7)
- Outlier removal causes loss of model precision

Step 9: Future work, correction and questions

- Review variable choices Grade / Square foot living
- Apply correct treatment to categorical variable
- Develop more specific business questions

Thank you for listening! We will do our best to answer any questions you have.