Project 2

Ames Housing Data and Kaggle Challenge

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INTRODUCTION

Ames is a city in Story County, Iowa, United States approximately 30 miles north of Des Moines in central Iowa. It is best known as the home of Iowa State University, with leading Agriculture, Design, Engineering, and Veterinary Medicine colleges.

In this project, datasets obtains from the Ames Assessor's Office (through Kaggle) are used to create a regression model that predicts the price of houses in Ames, IA.





PROBLEM STATEMENT

To build a regression model with the

lowest error

to predict Sales Price of houses sold in Ames



DATASETS

Data set contains information from the Ames Assessor's Office used in computing assessed values for individual residential properties sold in Ames, IA from 2006 to 2010.

Source: https://www.kaggle.com/c/dsi-us-6-project-2-regression-challenge/

Train.csv

2051

81

Observations variables

Test.csv

879

80

Observations

variables



Train.csv 23 21 20 17
Ordinal Nominal Continuous Discrete

For model selection & fitting

DATASETS



For prediction of house price to submit to Kaggle



WORKFLOW





Data Cleaning

- Null handling
- Combine/remove
- Outlier removal
- EDA



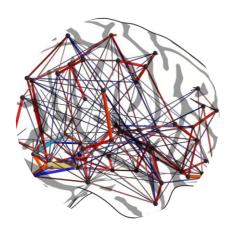
One-Hot Encoding

- Encode category variable
- Ensure same shape for Train & Test



Feature Engineering

- Lasso Selection
- 30 variables

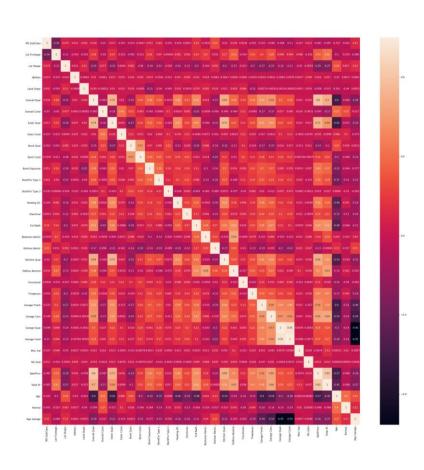


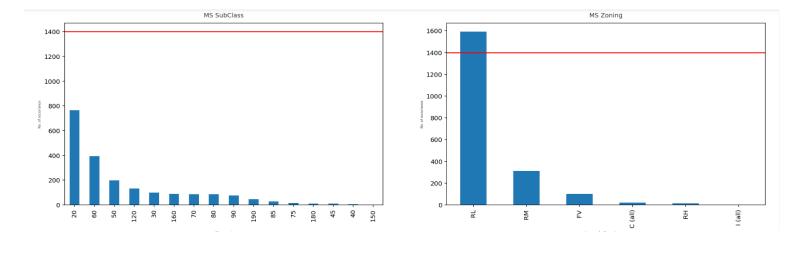
Modeling & Prediction

- 4 model: LR, Lasso,
 Ridge, Elastic
- Predict with LR

EDA





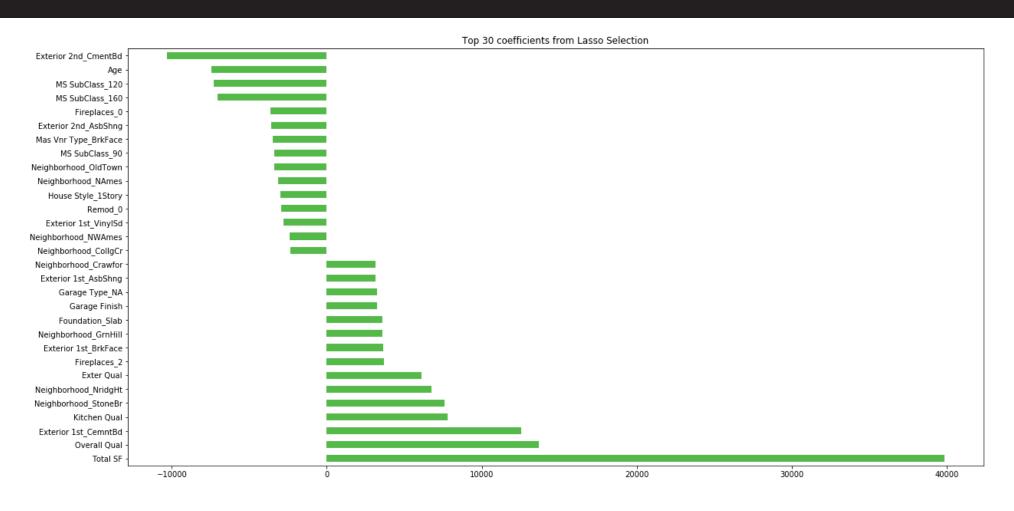


Correlation heatmap to eliminate variables

Plotting distribution histogram to eliminate skewed distributed variables

FEATURES ENGINEERING





Using Lasso to select top 15 +ve & -ve coefficients as final variables for model selection

MODEL SELECTION



Linear Regression

minimize:
$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y_i - \left(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j x_j \right) \right)^2$$

Elastic Net

minimize:
$$RSS + Ridge + Lasso = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y_i - \left(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j x_j \right) \right)^2 + \alpha \rho \sum_{j=1}^{p} |\beta_j| + \alpha (1 - \rho) \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j^2$$

Ridge

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j x_{ij}\right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2 = \text{RSS} + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2,$$

where $\lambda \geq 0$ is a *tuning parameter*, to be determined separately.

Lasso

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{p} \beta_j x_{ij} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{p} |\beta_j| = RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^{p} |\beta_j|.$$

MODEL SELECTION



- 1. Train/Test Split: 0.25 test size
- 2. Validation of model by comparing scores of 4 models

Model	R2 Score
Linear Regression	0.8852429133130981
Ridge	0.8851807633561328
Lasso	0.8852429122211832
Elastic Net	0.8727541829079618

- 3. Select Lasso Regression and fit X, y (Before split data)
- 4. Predict with test data set

PREDICTION WITH LR



Name Submitted Wait time Execution time Score ames_predictions2.csv just now 0 seconds 0 seconds 31610.23062

Complete

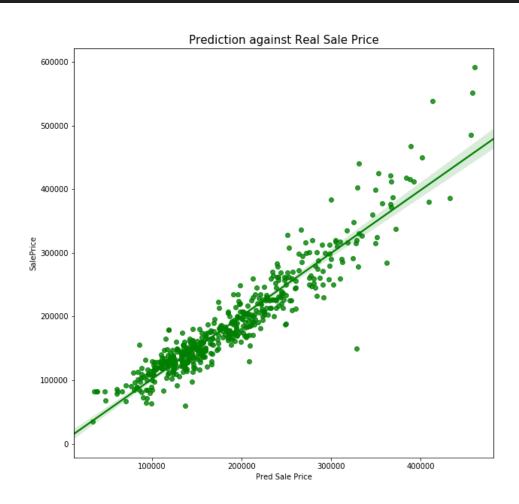
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R2 Score

0.887

SUMMARY





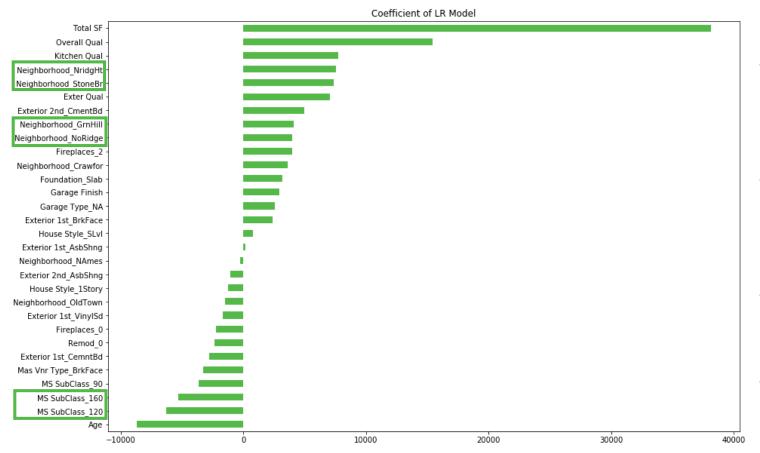
Covers 88.7% of the dataset

Limitation

- Many variables were drop because of skewed data/null values
- Model will improve if the data collection is more comprehensive
- Errors increases when predicting sale price of higher range
- External Unknown variables not included

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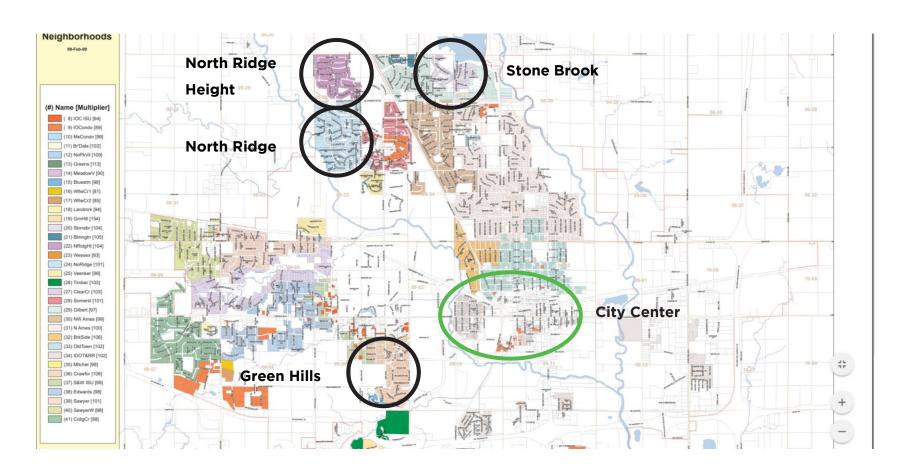


- Total SF is the most significant variables that will affect the house price, followed by Overall Quality and Kitchen Quality
- Green Hills, Stone Brook, North Ridge Height, North Ridge neighborhood houses affect sale prices the most among others in Ames
- Planned Unit Development (PUD) houses will decrease the sale price (MS SubClass 160 & 120)
- Age of house has the most negative effect on Sale Price

SUMMARY



- Green Hills close to Iowa University
- North Ridge, North Ridge Height and Stone Bridge are in upper class neighborhood



THANK YOU

