

Project 2

Ames Housing Data and Kaggle Challenge

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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.

INTRODUCTION

In this project, datasets obtained 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

Observations

81

variables

Test.csv

879

Observations

80

variables

DATASETS

Train.csv	23	21	20	17
	Ordinal	Nominal	Continuous	Discrete

For model selection & fitting

Test.csv	23	21	19	17
	Ordinal	Nominal	Continuous	Discrete

For prediction of house price to submit to Kaggle

WORKFLOW



Data Cleaning

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



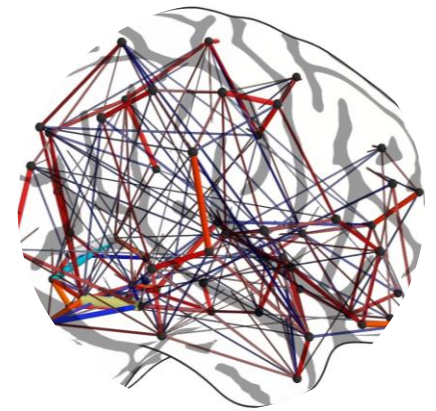
One-Hot Encoding

- 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



MODEL SELECTION



Linear Regression

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

Elastic Net

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

Ridge

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

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 Linear Regression and fit X, y (Before split data)
4. Predict with test data set

PREDICTION WITH LR



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R2 Score

0.8871977269985987

SUMMARY



Model	R2 Score
Linear Regression	0.8852429133130981
Lasso	0.8852429122211832

Small differences in R2 score with lasso = model is not over-fitted

Covers 88.5% of the dataset

SUMMARY



Top 5 positive coefficient

Features	Coefficient
Neighborhood_GrnHill	16899.599814
Neighborhood_StoneBr	57611.905242
Exterior 1st_CemntBd	54873.019475
Neighborhood_NridgHt	32298.972379
Neighborhood_NoRidge	25516.544566

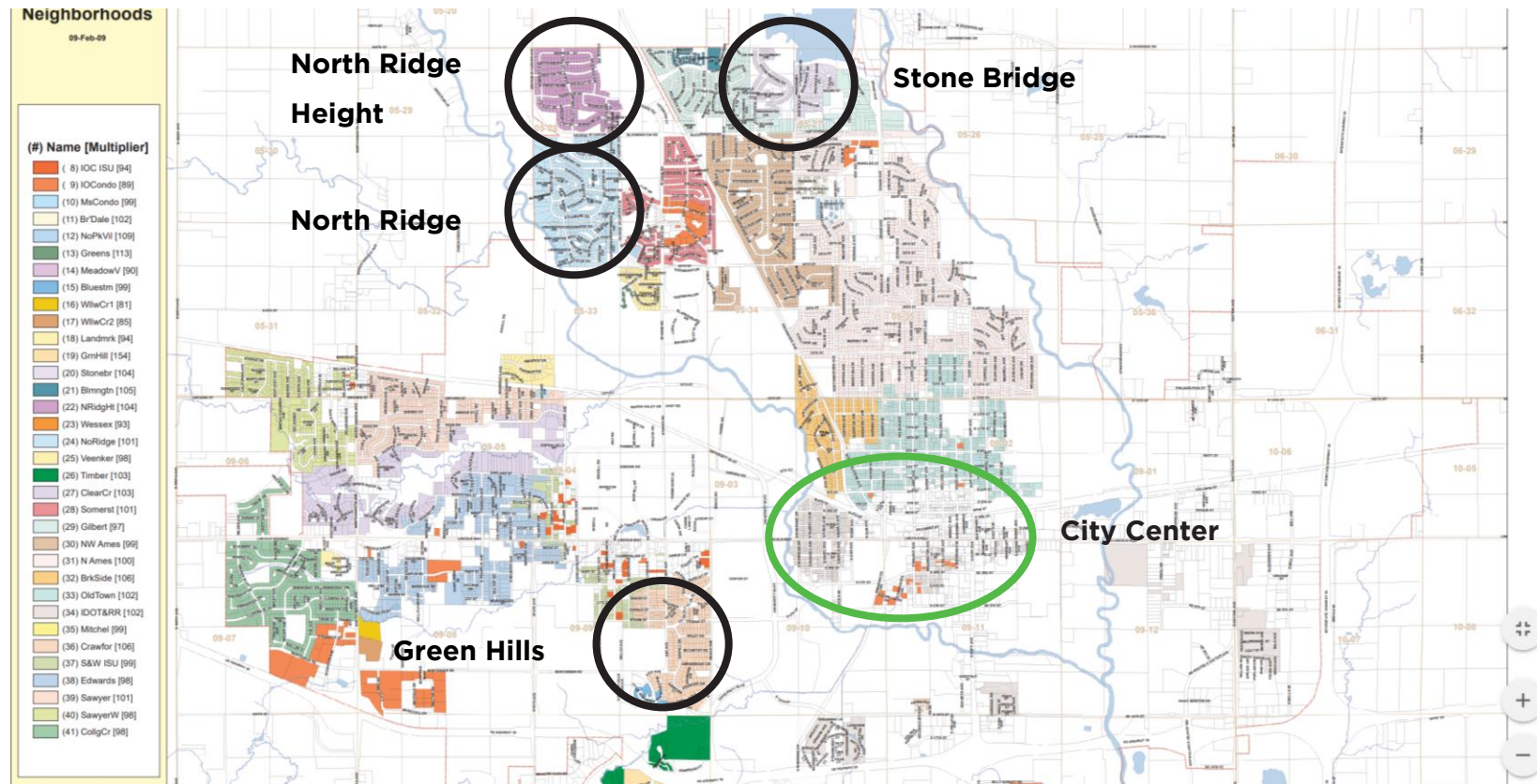
Top 5 negative coefficient

Features	Coefficient
MS SubClass_90	-21019.93873
Exterior 2nd_AsbShng	-23354.882
MS SubClass_160	-25164.03323
MS SubClass_120	-28192.61868
Exterior 2nd_CmentBd	-44892.38964

- Being in the neighborhood GrnHill will increase the Sale Price by USD 16,899
- Having house exterior covered with cement board (Exterior 2nd_CmentBd) will decrease the prices by USD 44,892
- Total Square Feet & Age of House will not affect house sale price as much
- GrnHill, StoneBR, NridgeHt, NoRidge neighborhood houses affect sale prices the most among others in Ames
- Planned Unit Development (PUD) houses will decrease the sale price

SUMMARY

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



THANK YOU

