jamboree-education-analysis

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Jamboree Education - Linear Regression

Problem Statement:

Jamboree Education aims to estimate the probability of graduate admission for students based on their academic performance and profile attributes. The objective of this project is to analyze the factors influencing graduate admissions through exploratory data analysis and to build a Linear Regression model that predicts the chance of admission. The analysis helps identify key predictors and provides data-driven insights to support admission guidance for students.

Import Required Libraries and Packages

[1]:
```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import statsmodels.api as sm
import statsmodels.stats.api as sms
from statsmodels.stats.outliers_influence import variance_inflation_factor
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_error, r2_score
from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge, Lasso
```

This cell successfully imported essential libraries for data manipulation (pandas, numpy), visualization (matplotlib, seaborn), and machine learning (statsmodels, sklearn). These libraries provide the necessary tools for the entire data analysis and modeling pipeline.

Download the dataset

[2]:
```
!gdown https://d2beiqkhq929f0.cloudfront.net/public_assets/assets/000/001/839/
↪original/Jamboree_Admission.csv
```

```
Downloading…
From: https://d2beiqkhq929f0.cloudfront.net/public_assets/assets/000/001/839/ori
ginal/Jamboree_Admission.csv
To: /content/Jamboree_Admission.csv
100% 16.2k/16.2k [00:00<00:00, 45.0MB/s]
```

The dataset Jamboree_Admission.csv was successfully downloaded from the provided URL, confirming its availability for further analysis.

Load the dataset

[3]:
```
df = pd.read_csv('Jamboree_Admission.csv')
```

The Jamboree_Admission.csv dataset was successfully loaded into a pandas DataFrame named df, making it ready for initial exploration and analysis.

Data Understanding

[4]:
```
df.head()
```

[4]:

	Serial No.	GRE Score	TOEFL Score	University Rating	SOP	LOR	CGPA	Research	Chance of Admit
0	1	337	118	4	4.5	4.5	9.65	1	0.92
1	2	324	107	4	4.0	4.5	8.87	1	0.76
2	3	316	104	3	3.0	3.5	8.00	1	0.72
3	4	322	110	3	3.5	2.5	8.67	1	0.80
4	5	314	103	2	2.0	3.0	8.21	0	0.65

[5]:
```
df.tail()
```

[5]:

	Serial No.	GRE Score	TOEFL Score	University Rating	SOP	LOR	CGPA	Research	Chance of Admit
495	496	332	108	5	4.5	4.0	9.02	1	0.87
496	497	337	117	5	5.0	5.0	9.87	1	0.96
497	498	330	120	5	4.5	5.0	9.56	1	0.93
498	499	312	103	4	4.0	5.0	8.43	0	0.73
499	500	327	113	4	4.5	4.5	9.04	0	0.84

Initial data understanding revealed 500 entries and 9 columns, all with appropriate data types and no missing values or duplicates, providing a clean dataset for analysis.

Explorartory Data Analysis (EDA)

Data Types & Non-Null Counts

[6]:
```
df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 500 entries, 0 to 499
```

```
Data columns (total 9 columns):
 #   Column             Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ------             --------------  -----
 0   Serial No.         500 non-null    int64
 1   GRE Score          500 non-null    int64
 2   TOEFL Score        500 non-null    int64
 3   University Rating  500 non-null    int64
 4   SOP                500 non-null    float64
 5   LOR                500 non-null    float64
 6   CGPA               500 non-null    float64
 7   Research           500 non-null    int64
 8   Chance of Admit    500 non-null    float64
dtypes: float64(4), int64(5)
memory usage: 35.3 KB
```

The df.info() output confirms 500 entries across 9 columns, all with no missing values. The data types are appropriate for each variable, including integers, floats, and objects, ensuring data quality for analysis.

Shape of the Dataset

[7]:
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df.shape
```

[7]:
```
(500, 9)
```

The dataset contains 500 rows and 9 columns, confirming its size for subsequent analysis.

Statistical Summary

[8]:
```
df.describe()
```

[8]:

	Serial No.	GRE Score	TOEFL Score	University Rating	SOP	\
count	500.000000	500.000000	500.000000	500.000000	500.000000	
mean	250.500000	316.472000	107.192000	3.114000	3.374000	
std	144.481833	11.295148	6.081868	1.143512	0.991004	
min	1.000000	290.000000	92.000000	1.000000	1.000000	
25%	125.750000	308.000000	103.000000	2.000000	2.500000	
50%	250.500000	317.000000	107.000000	3.000000	3.500000	
75%	375.250000	325.000000	112.000000	4.000000	4.000000	
max	500.000000	340.000000	120.000000	5.000000	5.000000	

	LOR	CGPA	Research	Chance of Admit
count	500.00000	500.000000	500.000000	500.00000
mean	3.48400	8.576440	0.560000	0.72174
std	0.92545	0.604813	0.496884	0.14114
min	1.00000	6.800000	0.000000	0.34000
25%	3.00000	8.127500	0.000000	0.63000
50%	3.50000	8.560000	1.000000	0.72000
75%	4.00000	9.040000	1.000000	0.82000

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max       5.00000    9.920000    1.000000           0.97000
```

The df.describe() output provides key statistical measures (mean, std, min, max, quartiles) for numerical columns, offering a quick overview of data distribution and central tendencies.

Column Names

[9]:
```
df.columns
```

[9]:
```
Index(['Serial No.', 'GRE Score', 'TOEFL Score', 'University Rating', 'SOP',
       'LOR ', 'CGPA', 'Research', 'Chance of Admit '],
      dtype='object')
```

The df.columns output successfully displayed all column names, including 'Serial No.', 'GRE Score', 'TOEFL Score', 'University Rating', 'SOP', 'LOR', 'CGPA', 'Research', and 'Chance of Admit'.

Check for Missing Values

[10]:
```
df.isnull().sum()
```

[10]:
```
Serial No.           0
GRE Score            0
TOEFL Score          0
University Rating    0
SOP                  0
LOR                  0
CGPA                 0
Research             0
Chance of Admit      0
dtype: int64
```

The output of df.isnull().sum() confirmed that there are no missing values across all columns in the dataset, ensuring data completeness.

Check for Duplicate Rows

[11]:
```
df.duplicated().sum()
```

[11]:
```
np.int64(0)
```

No duplicate rows were found in the dataset, ensuring each entry represents a unique observation.

Check Unique Values per Column

[12]:
```
df.nunique()
```

[12]:
```
Serial No.           500
GRE Score             49
TOEFL Score           29
University Rating      5
SOP                    9
```

```
LOR                    9
CGPA                 184
Research               2
Chance of Admit       61
dtype: int64
```

This output shows the number of unique values for each column, highlighting discrete categories like 'University Rating' (5 unique values) and 'Research' (2 unique values), as well as the variability in continuous features like 'CGPA' (184 unique values).

Convert Categorical Columns

[13]:
```
df['University Rating'] = df['University Rating'].astype('category')
```

[14]:
```
df['Research'] = df['Research'].astype('category')
```

The columns 'University Rating' and 'Research' were successfully converted to the 'category' data type, which is appropriate for their discrete nature.

Drop Unique Row Identifier

[15]:
```
df.drop(columns=['Serial No.'], inplace=True)
```

The 'Serial No.' column was successfully dropped from the DataFrame as it serves only as a unique row identifier and is not relevant for the predictive model.

Identify Numerical & Categorical Columns

[16]:
```
num_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns
cat_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['category']).columns

num_cols, cat_cols
```

[16]:
```
(Index(['GRE Score', 'TOEFL Score', 'SOP', 'LOR ', 'CGPA', 'Chance of Admit '],
dtype='object'),
 Index(['University Rating', 'Research'], dtype='object'))
```

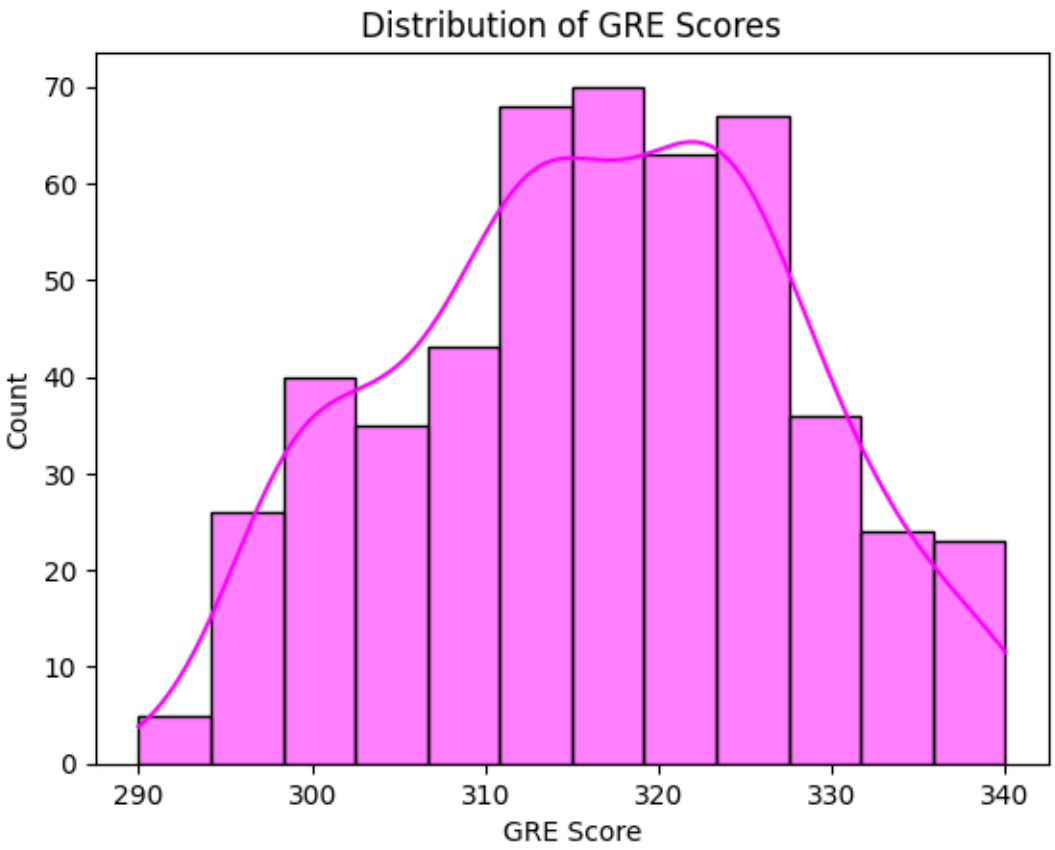
Numerical and categorical columns were successfully identified, facilitating targeted univariate and bivariate analysis based on their respective data types.

Univariate Analysis – Numerical Variables

GRE Score

[17]:
```
sns.histplot(df['GRE Score'], kde=True, color='magenta')
plt.title('Distribution of GRE Scores')
plt.show()

sns.boxplot(x=df['GRE Score'], color='orange')
plt.title('Boxplot of GRE Scores')
plt.show()
```


Distribution of GRE Scores
Count
GRE Score
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
290
300
310
320
330
340

[18]:
```
Q1 = df['GRE Score'].quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df['GRE Score'].quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1

lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

outliers = df[(df['GRE Score'] < lower_bound) | (df['GRE Score'] > upper_bound)]

print(f"Number of outliers in GRE Score: {len(outliers)}")
if not outliers.empty:
    print("Outlier values:")
    print(outliers['GRE Score'])
```

```
Number of outliers in GRE Score: 0
```

Observations:

GRE scores are approximately normally distributed

Most students score between 310–330

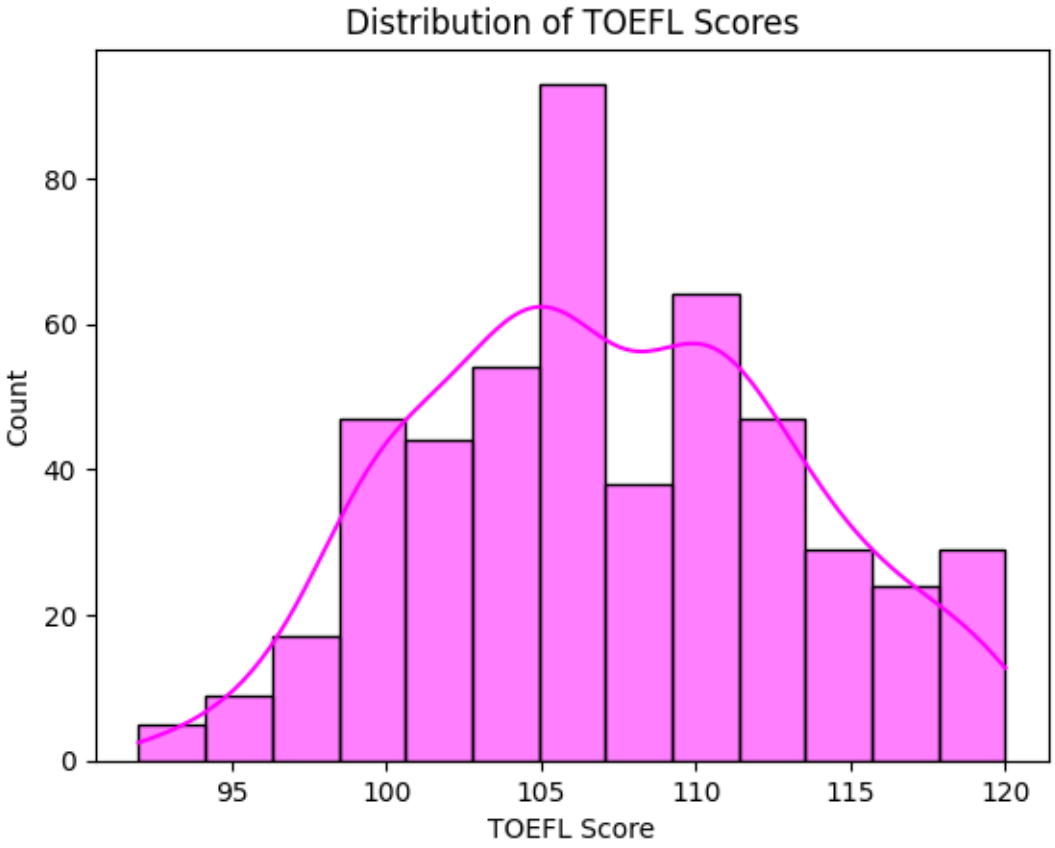
Very few extreme low or high scores

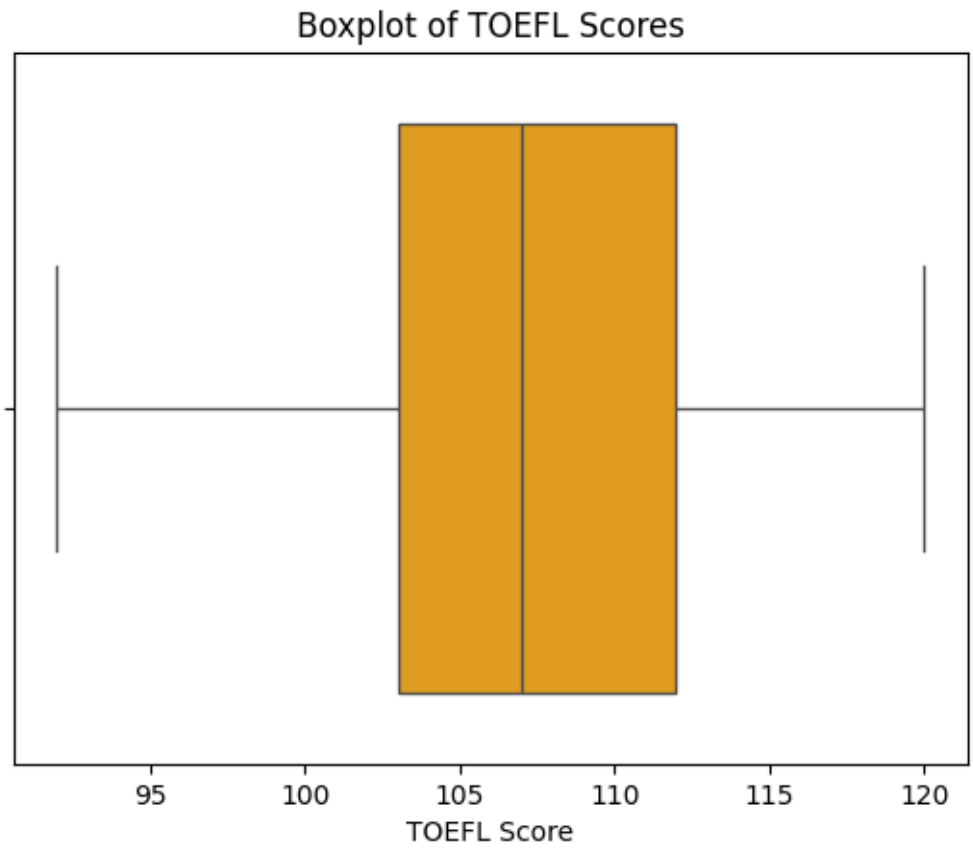
No outliers are there

TOEFL Score

[19]:
```
sns.histplot(df['TOEFL Score'], kde=True, color='magenta')
plt.title('Distribution of TOEFL Scores')
plt.show()

sns.boxplot(x=df['TOEFL Score'], color='orange')
plt.title('Boxplot of TOEFL Scores')
plt.show()
```





[20]:
```
Q1 = df['TOEFL Score'].quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df['TOEFL Score'].quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1

lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

outliers = df[(df['TOEFL Score'] < lower_bound) | (df['TOEFL Score'] >␣
 ↪upper_bound)]

print(f"Number of outliers in TOEFL Score: {len(outliers)}")
if not outliers.empty:
    print("Outlier values:")
    print(outliers['TOEFL Score'])
```

```
Number of outliers in TOEFL Score: 0
```

Observations:

Scores are concentrated in the 100–115 range

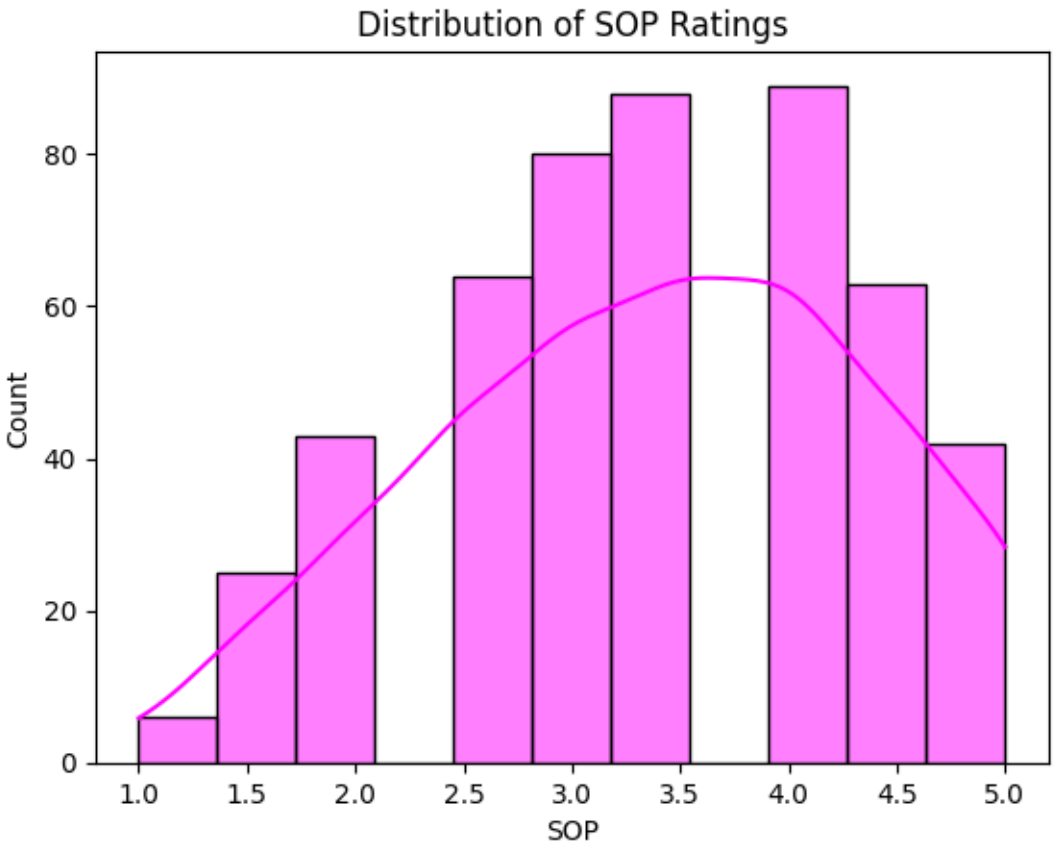
Slight right skew

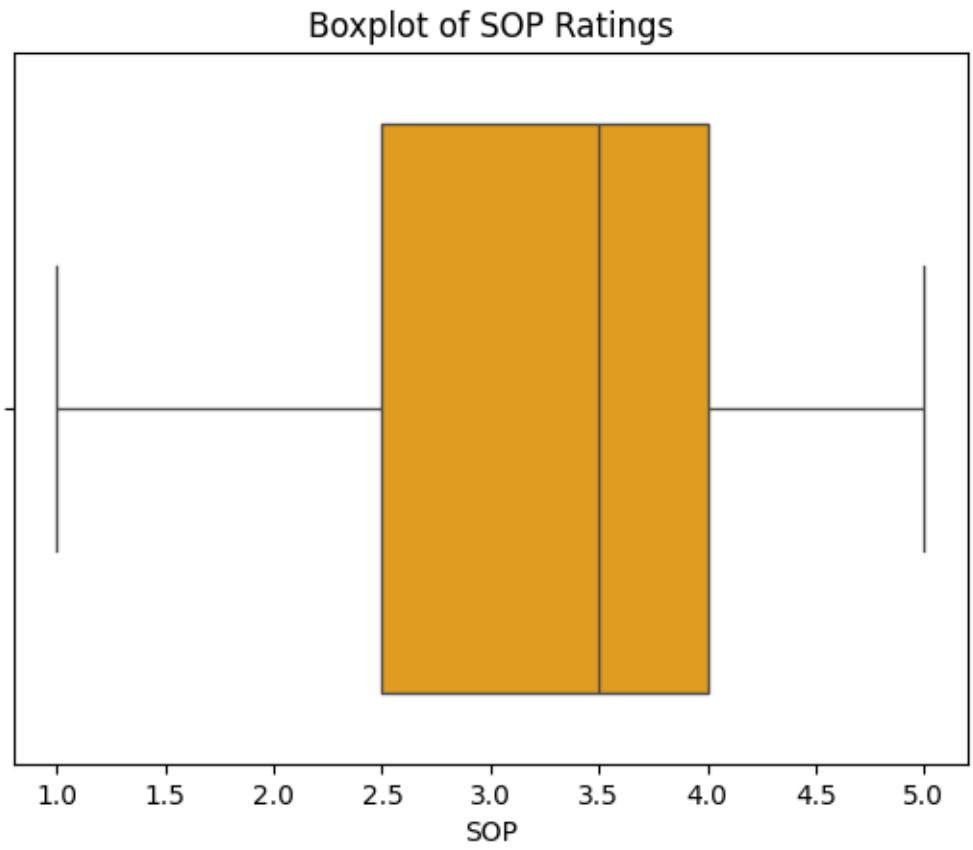
No outliers are there

SOP Strength

[21]:
```
sns.histplot(df['SOP'], kde=True, color='magenta')
plt.title('Distribution of SOP Ratings')
plt.show()

sns.boxplot(x=df['SOP'], color='orange')
plt.title('Boxplot of SOP Ratings')
plt.show()
```





[22]:
```
Q1 = df['SOP'].quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df['SOP'].quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1

lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

outliers = df[(df['SOP'] < lower_bound) | (df['SOP'] > upper_bound)]

print(f"Number of outliers in SOP Score: {len(outliers)}")
if not outliers.empty:
    print("Outlier values:")
    print(outliers['SOP'])
```

```
Number of outliers in SOP Score: 0
```

Observations:

Discrete ordinal values from 1 to 5

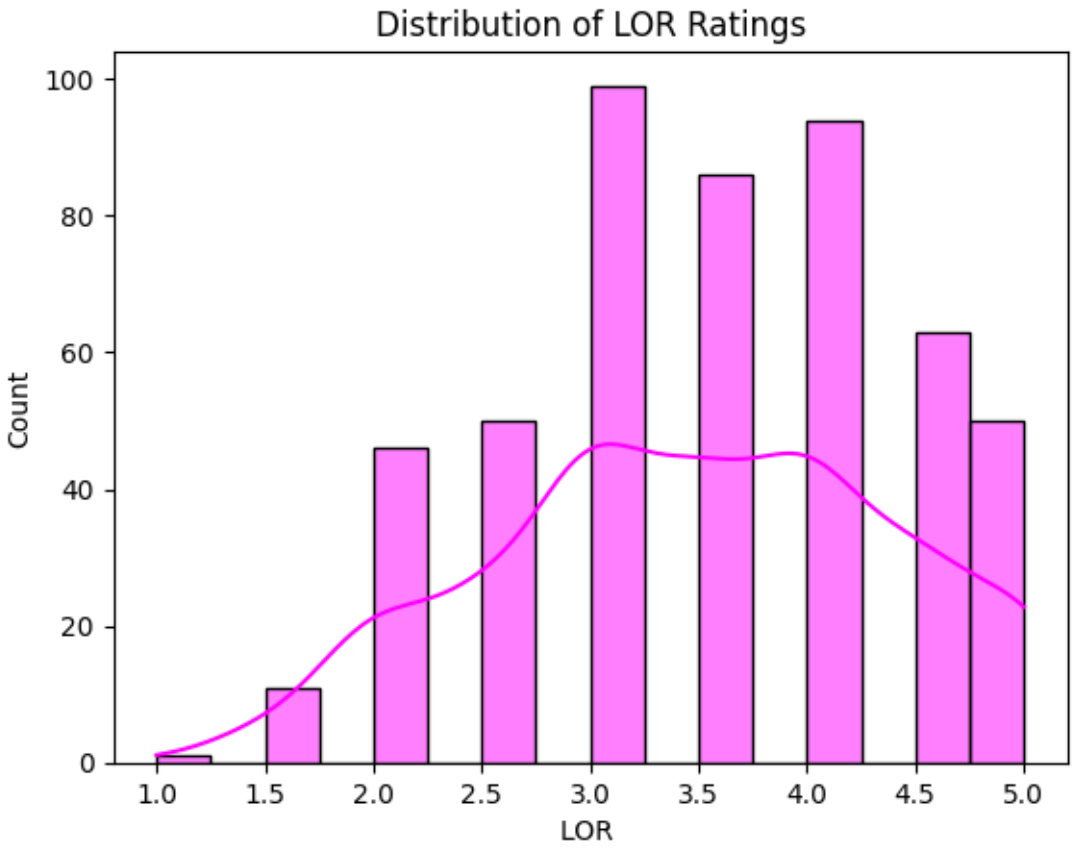
Majority of students have SOP ratings between 3 and 4

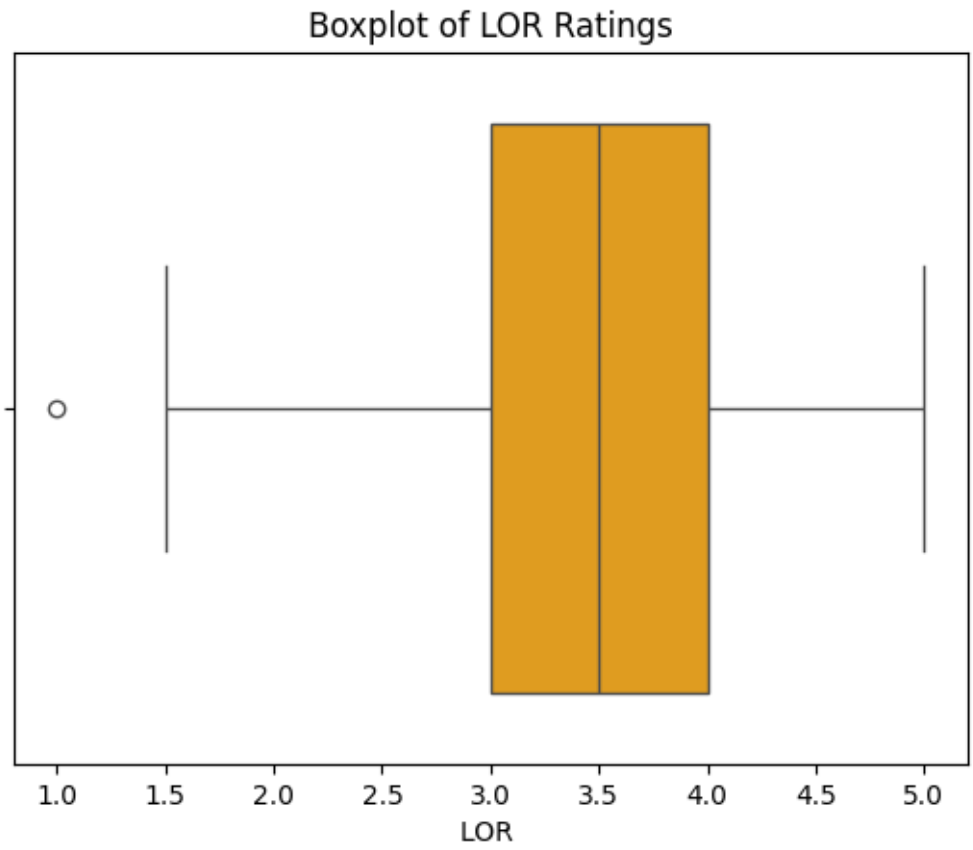
No extreme outliers due to bounded scale

LOR Strength

[23]:
```
sns.histplot(df['LOR '], kde=True, color='magenta')
plt.title('Distribution of LOR Ratings')
plt.show()

sns.boxplot(x=df['LOR '], color='orange')
plt.title('Boxplot of LOR Ratings')
plt.show()
```





[24]:
```
Q1 = df['LOR '].quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df['LOR '].quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1

lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

outliers = df[(df['LOR '] < lower_bound) | (df['LOR '] > upper_bound)]

print(f"Number of outliers in LOR  Score: {len(outliers)}")
if not outliers.empty:
    print("Outlier values:")
    print(outliers['LOR '])
```

```
Number of outliers in LOR  Score: 1
Outlier values:
347    1.0
Name: LOR , dtype: float64
```

Observations:

LOR ratings are mostly between 3 and 4.5

Distribution slightly skewed towards higher values

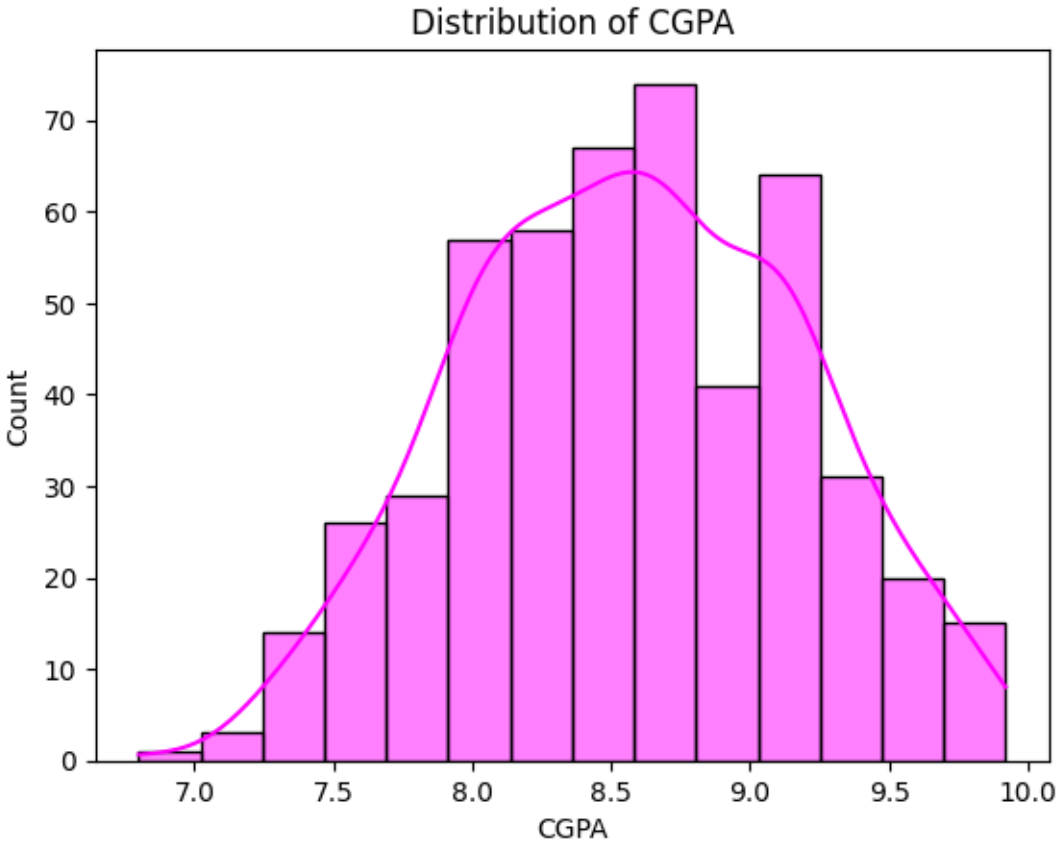
There is an outlier in LOR,

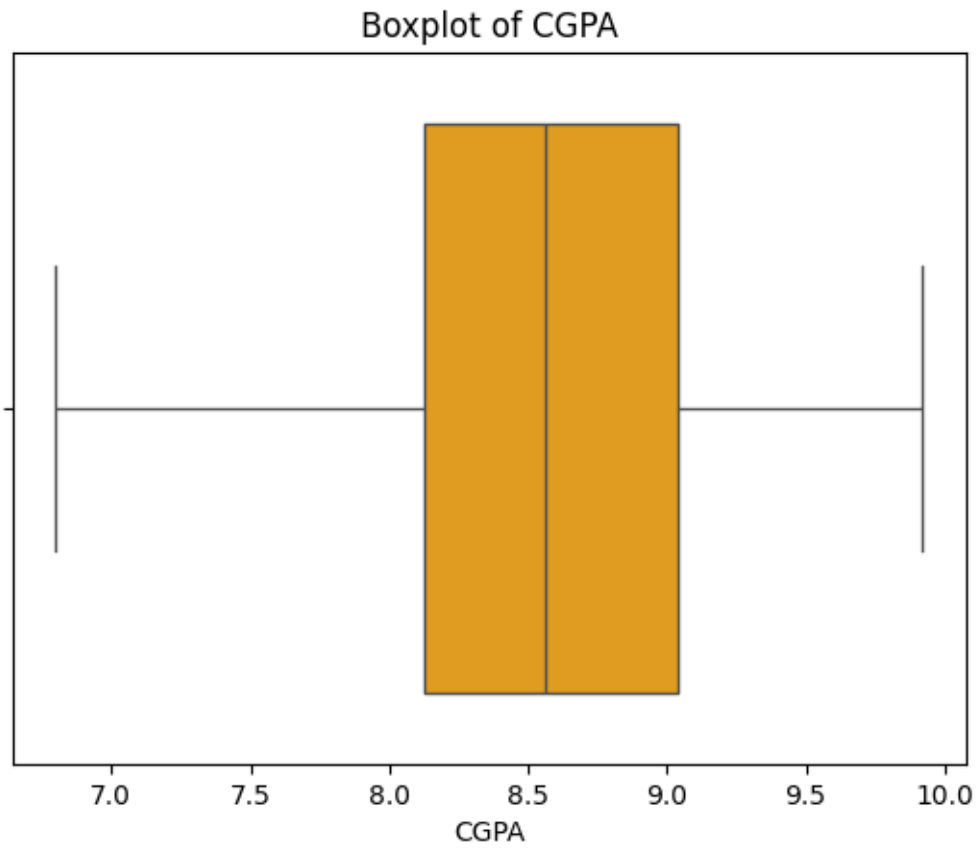
Outlier values: 347 1.0

CGPA

[25]:
```
sns.histplot(df['CGPA'], kde=True, color='magenta')
plt.title('Distribution of CGPA')
plt.show()

sns.boxplot(x=df['CGPA'], color='orange')
plt.title('Boxplot of CGPA')
plt.show()
```





[26]:
```
Q1 = df['CGPA'].quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df['CGPA'].quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1

lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

outliers = df[(df['CGPA'] < lower_bound) | (df['CGPA'] > upper_bound)]

print(f"Number of outliers in CGPA  Score: {len(outliers)}")
if not outliers.empty:
    print("Outlier values:")
    print(outliers['CGPA'])
```

```
Number of outliers in CGPA  Score: 0
```

Observations:

CGPA ranges roughly from 6.5 to 9.9

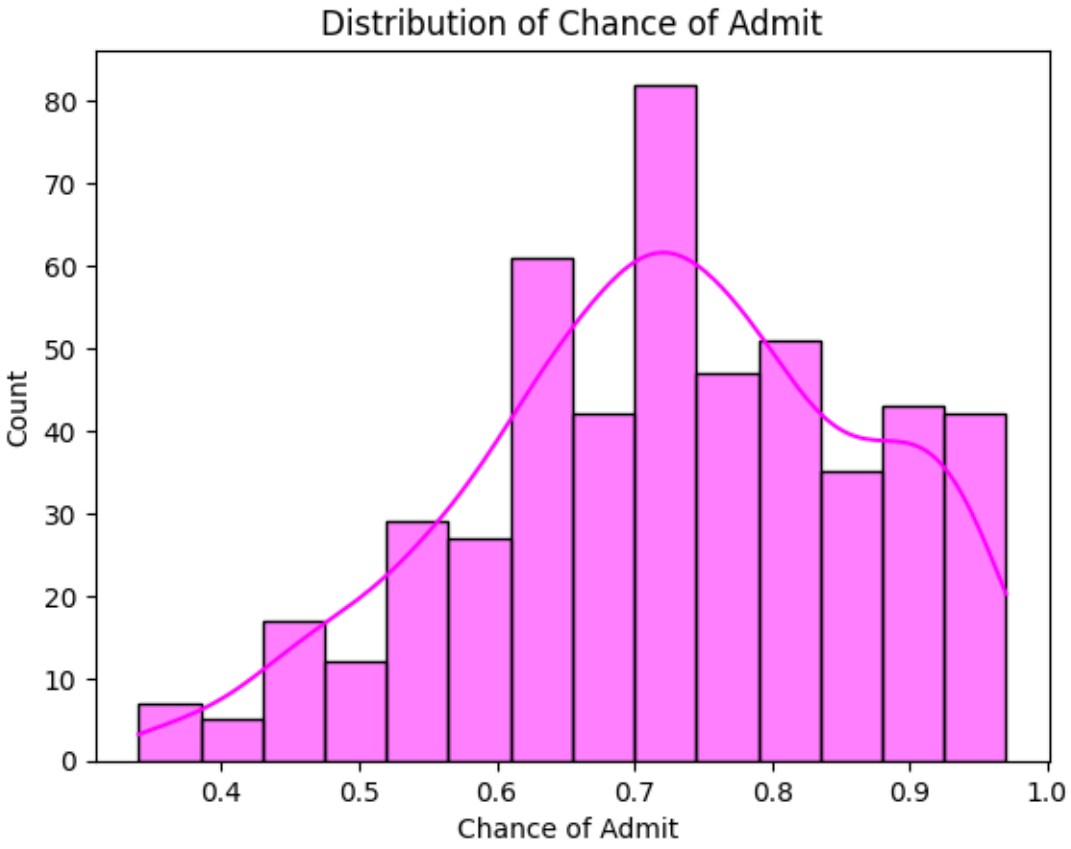
Majority of applicants have CGPA above 8

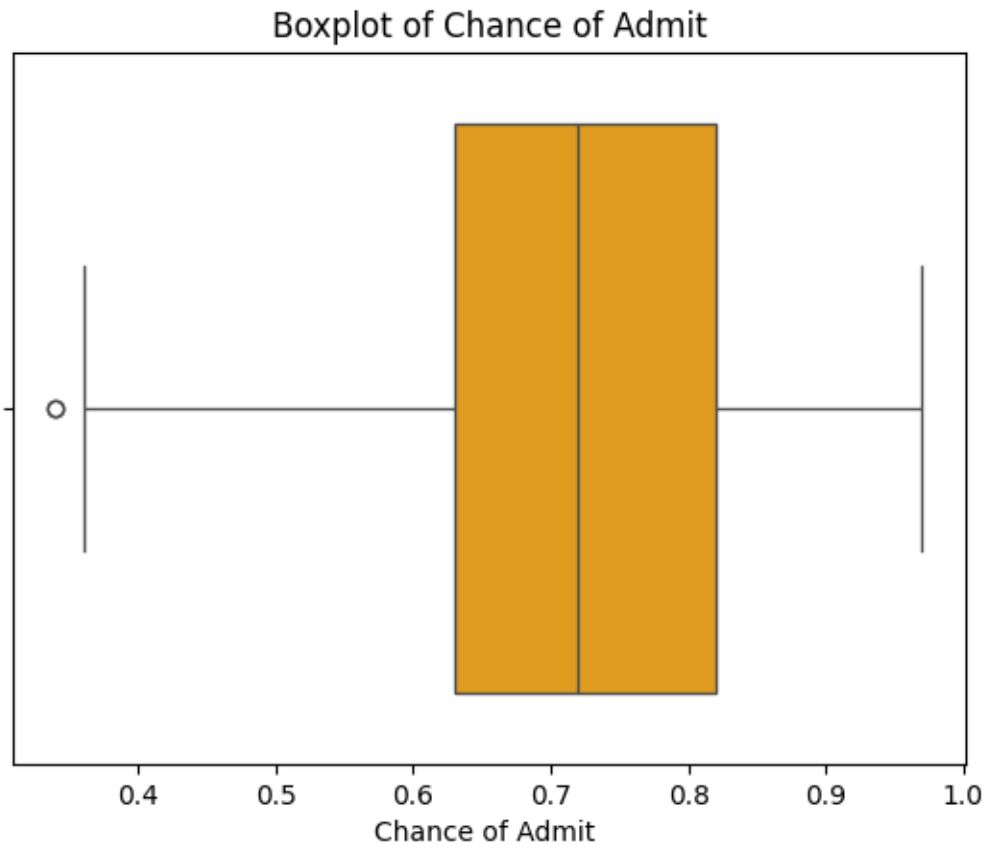
No outliers are there

Chance of Admit (Target Variable)

[27]:
```
sns.histplot(df['Chance of Admit '], kde=True, color='magenta')
plt.title('Distribution of Chance of Admit')
plt.show()

sns.boxplot(x=df['Chance of Admit '], color='orange')
plt.title('Boxplot of Chance of Admit')
plt.show()
```





[28]:
```
Q1 = df['Chance of Admit '].quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df['Chance of Admit '].quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1

lower_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR

outliers = df[(df['Chance of Admit '] < lower_bound) | (df['Chance of Admit ']␣
 ↪> upper_bound)]

print(f"Number of outliers in Chance of Admit   Score: {len(outliers)}")
if not outliers.empty:
    print("Outlier values:")
    print(outliers['Chance of Admit '])
```

```
Number of outliers in Chance of Admit   Score: 2
Outlier values:
92     0.34
376    0.34
Name: Chance of Admit , dtype: float64
```

Observations:

Admission probability is not uniformly distributed

More students lie in the 0.6–0.9 range

Indicates a competitive applicant pool

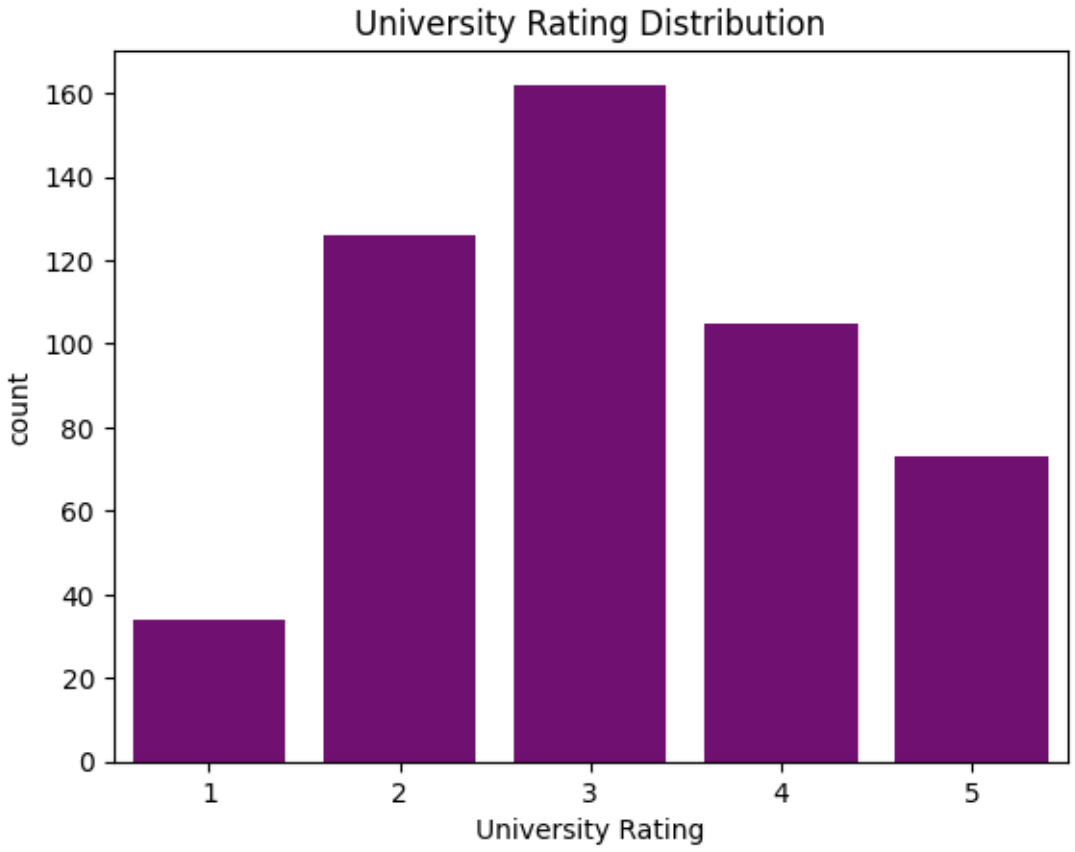
2 outliers are there,

Outlier values: 92 0.34 376 0.34

Univariate Analysis – Categorical Variables

University Rating

[29]:
```
sns.countplot(x='University Rating', data=df, color='purple')
plt.title('University Rating Distribution')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

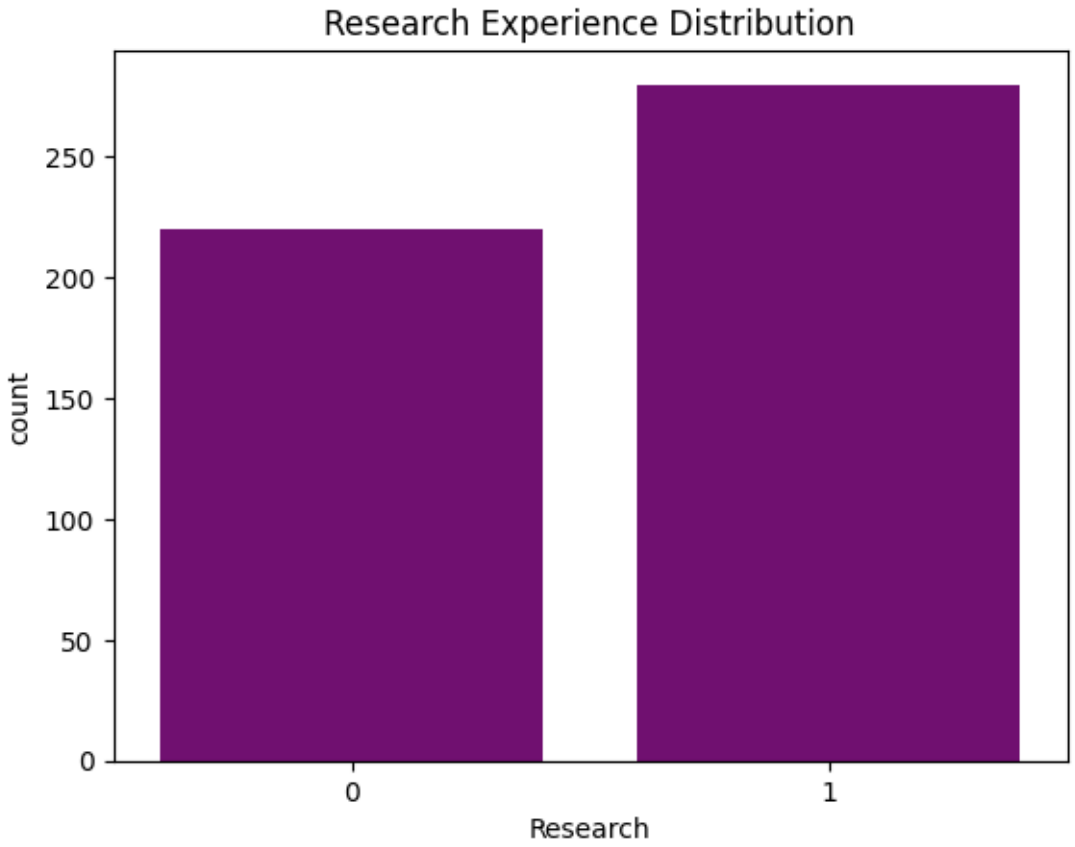
Most universities are rated 3 or 4

Very few applicants apply to rating 1 or 5 universities

Shows balanced distribution across mid-tier universities

Research Experience

[30]:
```
sns.countplot(x='Research', data=df, color='purple')
plt.title('Research Experience Distribution')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

Dataset is slightly skewed towards students with research experience

Indicates research is a common profile enhancer among applicants

Univariate Analysis Summary

The univariate analysis provided insights into the distribution of individual variables.

Most numerical features like 'GRE Score', 'TOEFL Score', and 'CGPA' exhibit relatively normal or slightly skewed distributions, indicating a diverse range of applicant profiles, with CGPA showing a concentration towards higher values.

'SOP' and 'LOR' are ordinal and generally concentrated in the mid-to-high range.

While a few outliers were identified in 'LOR' and 'Chance of Admit' using the IQR method, they were deemed valid and retained.

The target variable, 'Chance of Admit', shows a left-skewed distribution, with a higher frequency of applicants having a greater chance of admission.

For categorical variables, 'University Rating' shows a balanced distribution across mid-tier ratings, while 'Research' indicates a slight majority of applicants possessing research experience.

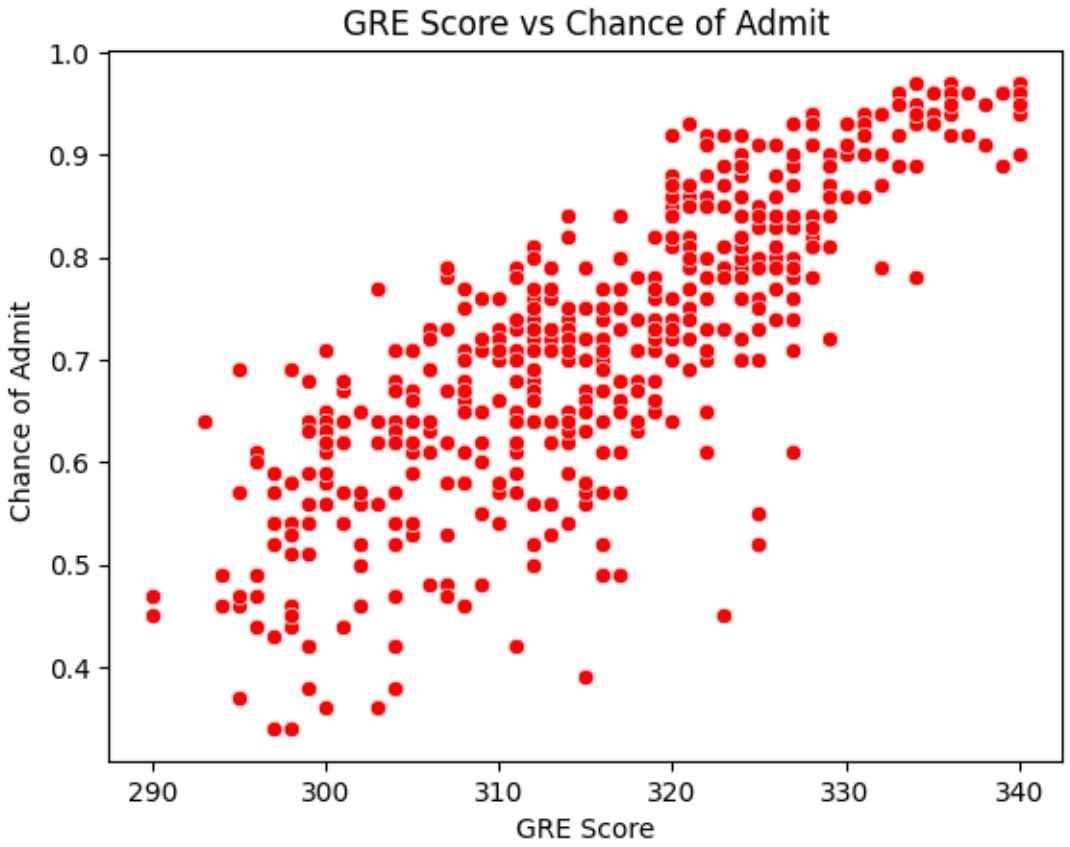
Overall, the variables are well-behaved with no significant data quality issues, and their distributions align with expectations for graduate admissions data.

BIVARIATE ANALYSIS

Numerical vs Target Variable

GRE Score vs Chance of Admit

[31]:
```
sns.scatterplot(x='GRE Score', y='Chance of Admit ', data=df, color='red')
plt.title('GRE Score vs Chance of Admit')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

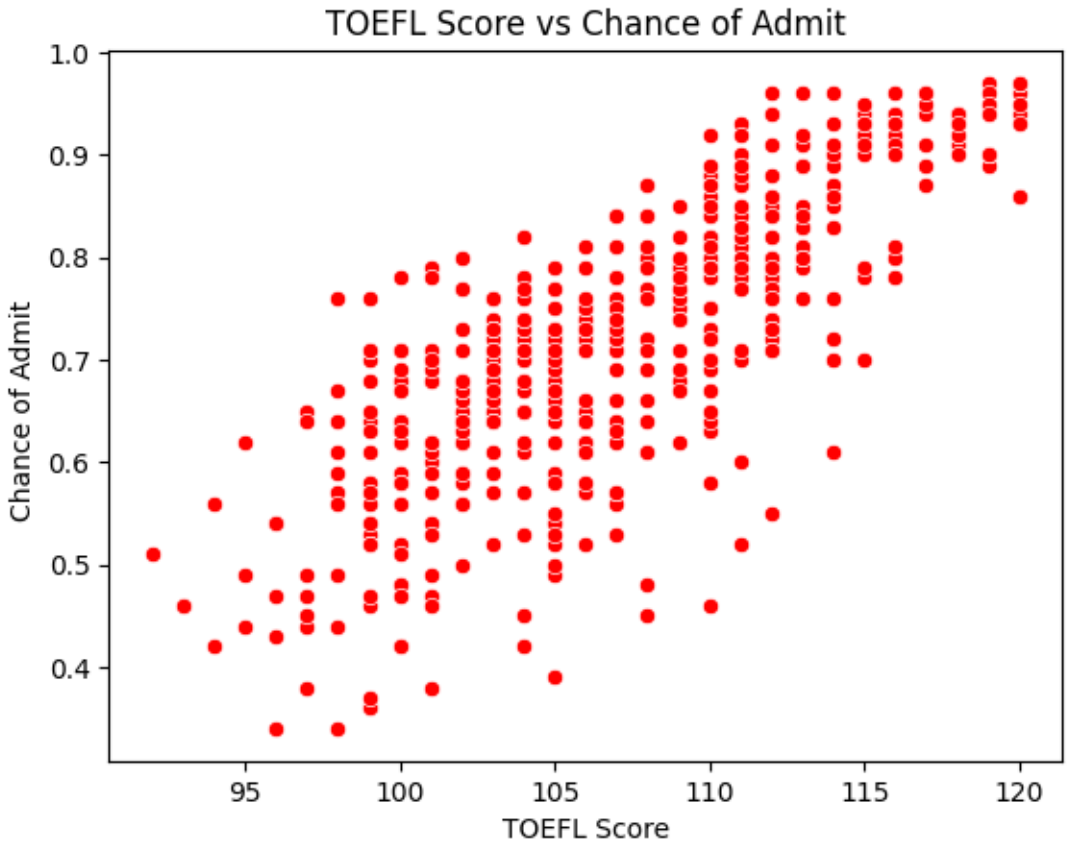
Strong positive linear relationship

Higher GRE scores generally correspond to higher admission chances

Indicates GRE is an important predictor

TOEFL Score vs Chance of Admit

[32]:
```
sns.scatterplot(x='TOEFL Score', y='Chance of Admit ', data=df, color='red')
plt.title('TOEFL Score vs Chance of Admit')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

Clear positive correlation

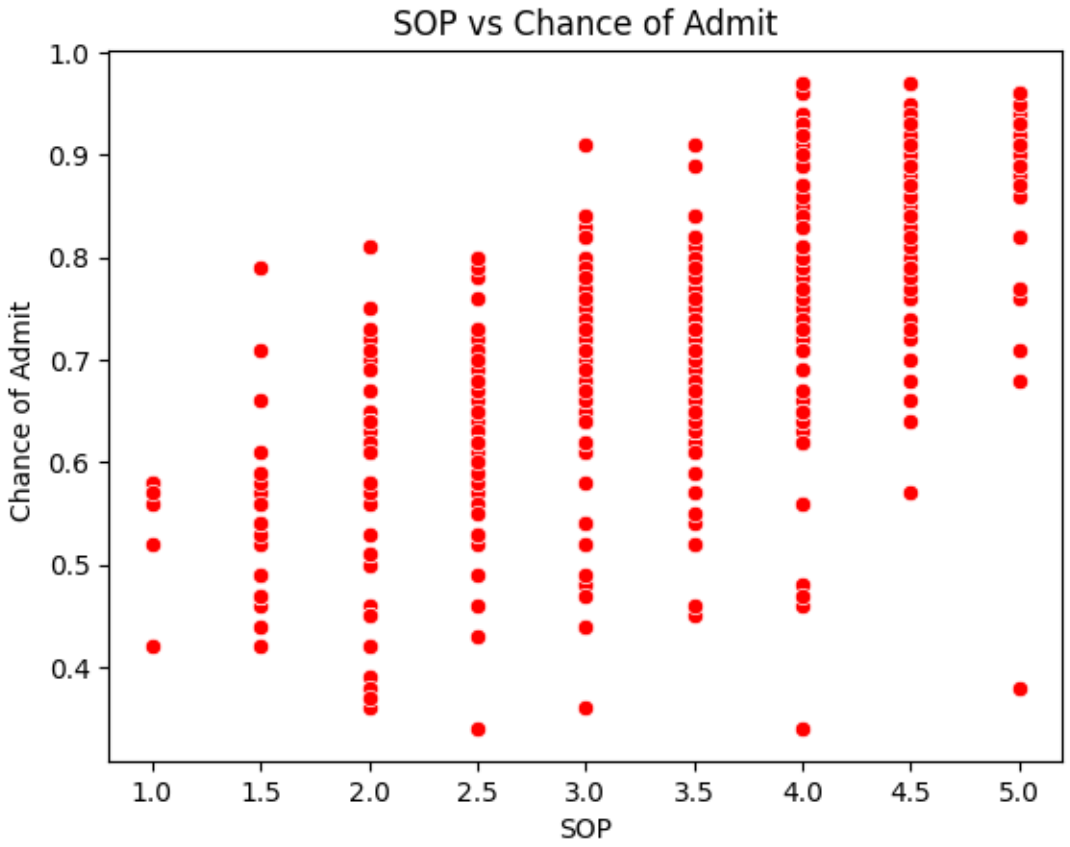
Students with TOEFL scores above 105 tend to have higher admission probability

Slight clustering at higher scores

GRE and TOEFL scores show a moderate to strong positive association with the Chance of Admit, suggesting that standardized test performance significantly influences admission outcomes.

SOP vs Chance of Admit

[33]:
```
sns.scatterplot(x='SOP', y='Chance of Admit ', data=df, color = 'red')
plt.title('SOP vs Chance of Admit')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

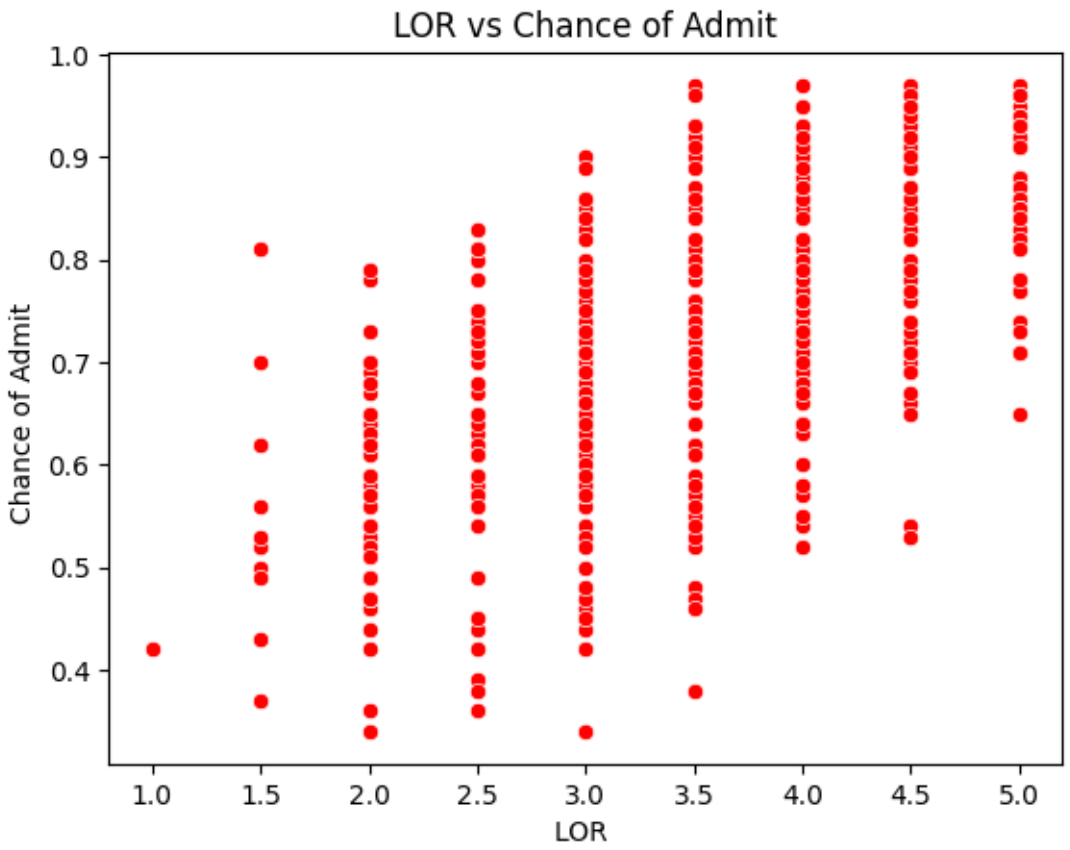
Moderate positive trend

Higher SOP ratings slightly improve chances

Impact is less strong compared to GRE/CGPA

LOR vs Chance of Admit

[34]:
```
sns.scatterplot(x='LOR ', y='Chance of Admit ', data=df, color = 'red')
plt.title('LOR vs Chance of Admit')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

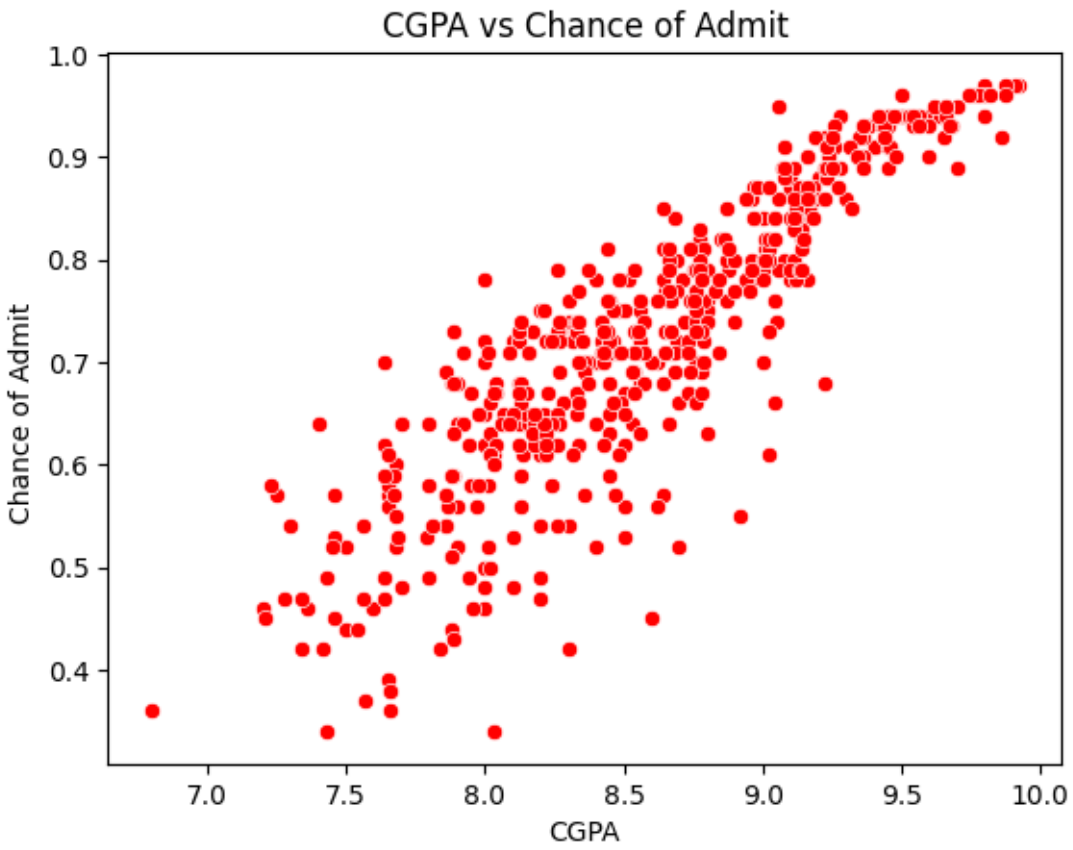
Positive association

Students with stronger recommendations generally have higher admit chances

Relationship appears linear but with some variance

CGPA vs Chance of Admit

[35]:
```
sns.scatterplot(x='CGPA', y='Chance of Admit ', data=df, color = 'red')
plt.title('CGPA vs Chance of Admit')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

Strongest positive relationship among all variables

Admission probability rises sharply after CGPA > 8.5

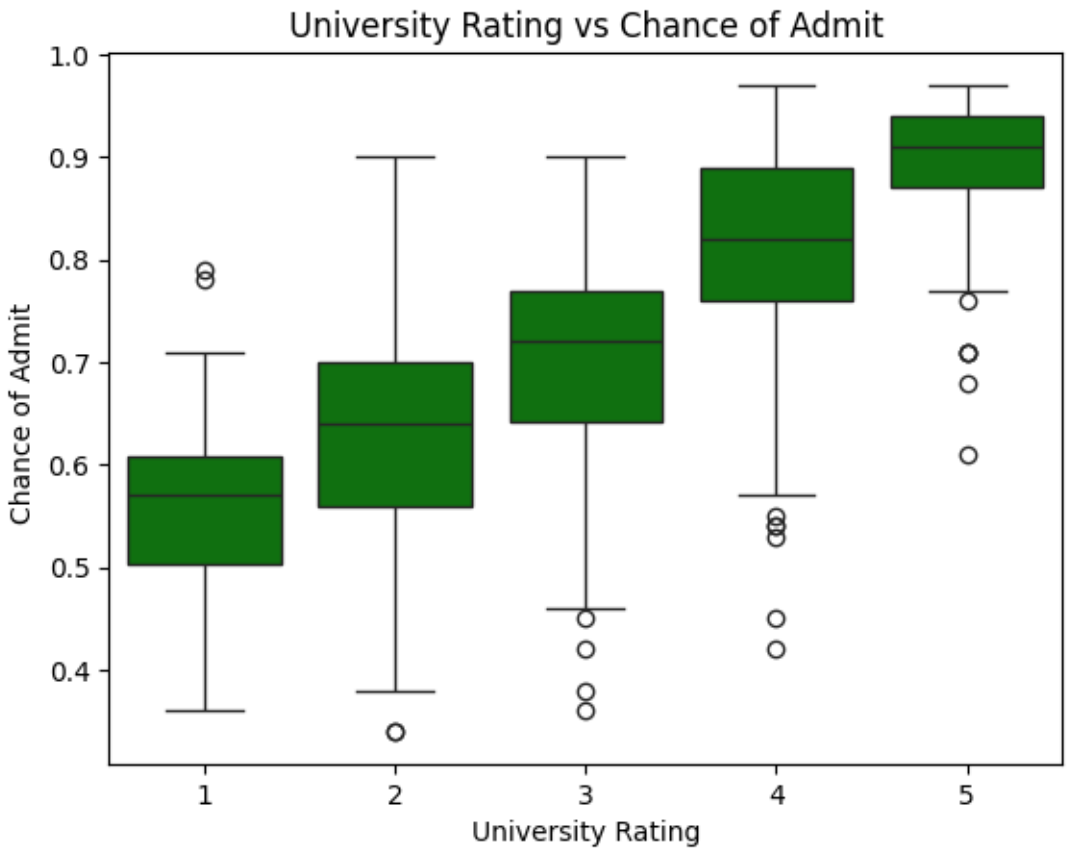
CGPA appears to be a key driver

A clear positive linear relationship is observed between CGPA and Chance of Admit, indicating that undergraduate academic performance is one of the strongest predictors of admission probability.

Categorical vs Target Variable

University Rating vs Chance of Admit

[36]:
```
sns.boxplot(x='University Rating', y='Chance of Admit ', data=df, color='green')
plt.title('University Rating vs Chance of Admit')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

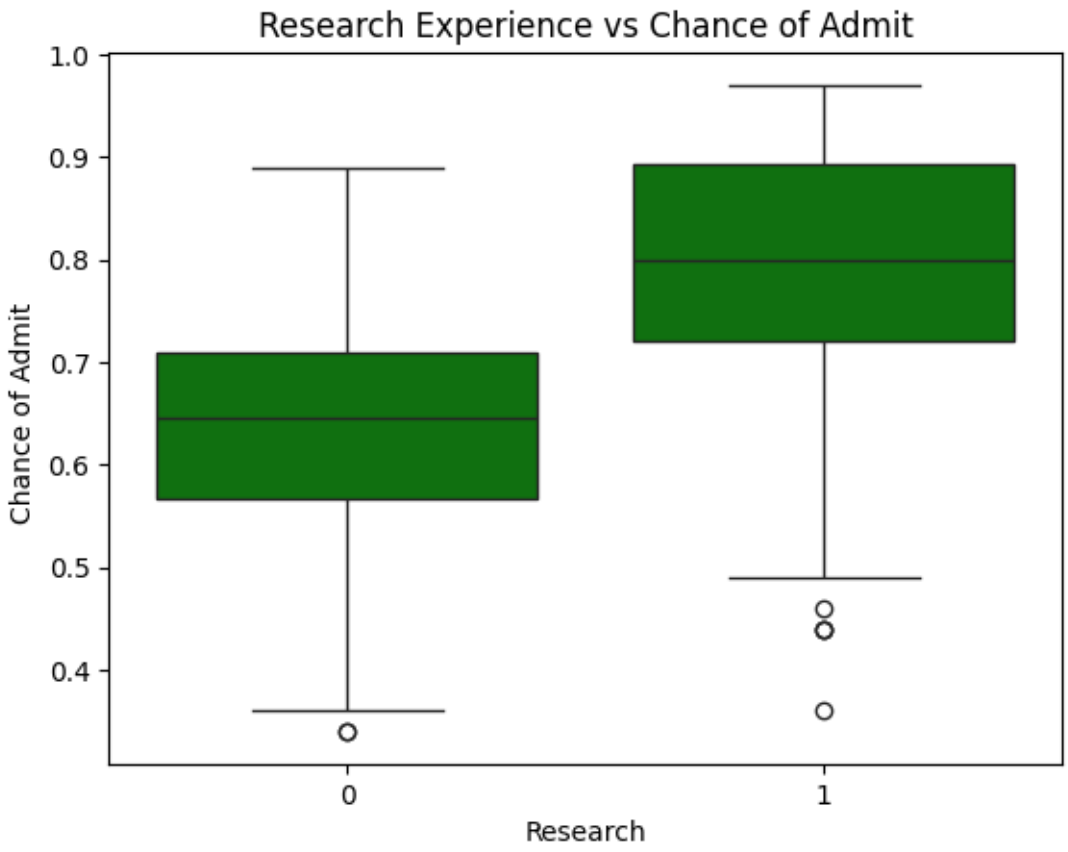
Higher university ratings show higher median admission chances

Clear separation between low and high-rated universities

Indicates institutional reputation matters

Research Experience vs Chance of Admit

[37]:
```
sns.boxplot(x='Research', y='Chance of Admit ', data=df, color='green')
plt.title('Research Experience vs Chance of Admit')
plt.show()
```



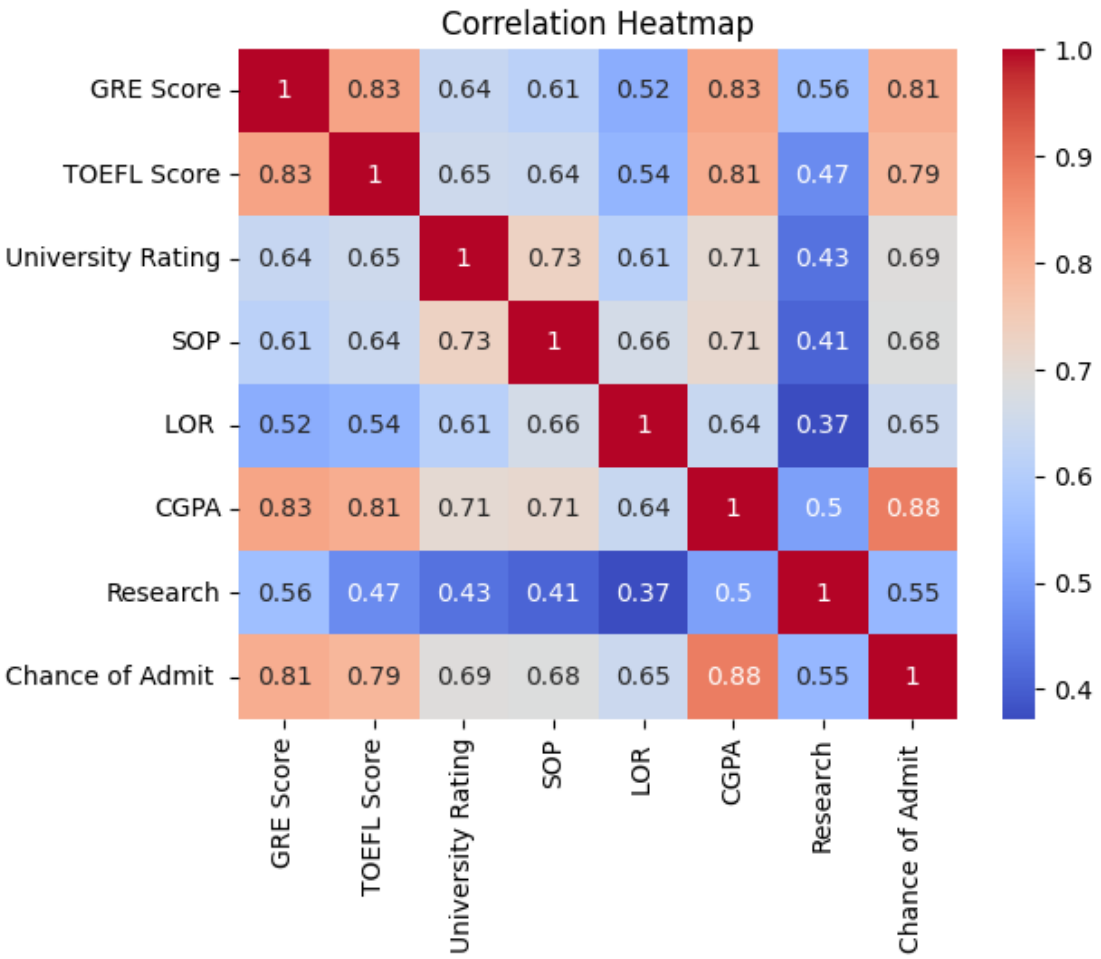
Observations:

Students with research experience have consistently higher admission chances

Research experience acts as a strong differentiator

Correlation Analysis (Numerical Variables)

[38]:
```
corr_matrix = df.corr()
sns.heatmap(corr_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')
plt.title('Correlation Heatmap')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

CGPA, GRE, and TOEFL show high positive correlation with Chance of Admit

Independent variables like GRE and TOEFL are also correlated with each other

Potential multicollinearity risk, which must be checked later using VIF

CGPA, GRE, and TOEFL scores exhibit strong positive correlations with the target variable, while multicollinearity among predictors remains within acceptable limits, making them suitable for linear regression modeling.

Bivariate Analysis Summary

The bivariate analysis revealed that 'CGPA' exhibits the strongest positive linear relationship with 'Chance of Admit', with admission probability significantly increasing for CGPA values above 8.5.

'GRE Score' and 'TOEFL Score' also show strong positive correlations, indicating that higher scores in these standardized tests lead to a greater 'Chance of Admit'.

'SOP' and 'LOR' demonstrate moderate positive associations. For categorical variables, students

from higher 'University Rating' institutions and those with 'Research' experience consistently have higher median 'Chance of Admit'.

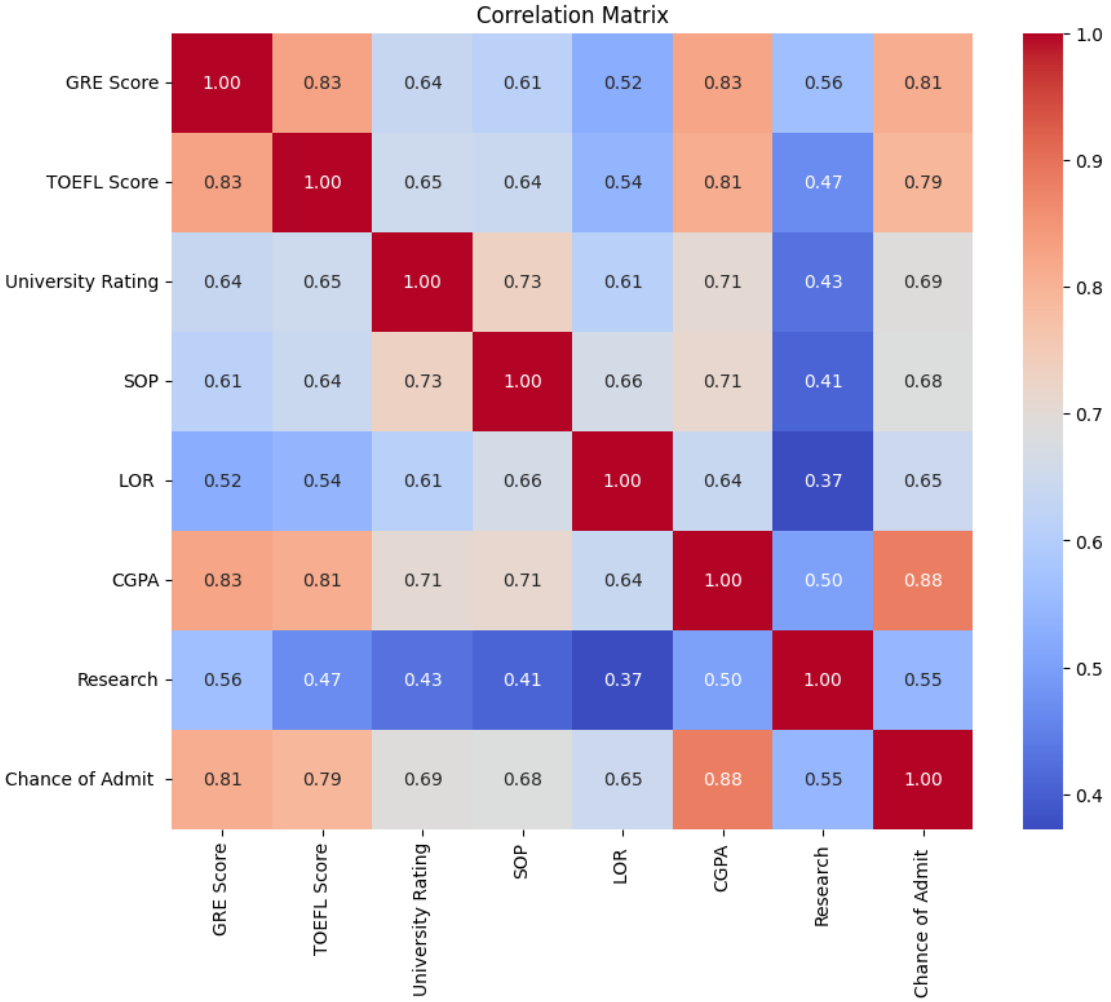
The correlation heatmap highlighted strong positive correlations among the independent variables 'GRE Score', 'TOEFL Score', and 'CGPA' themselves, as well as with the target variable, indicating a potential multicollinearity risk that warrants further investigation during model building.

MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS

Correlation Matrix (Refined)

[39]:
```
corr = df.corr()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(corr, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt='.2f')
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
plt.show()
```



Observartions:

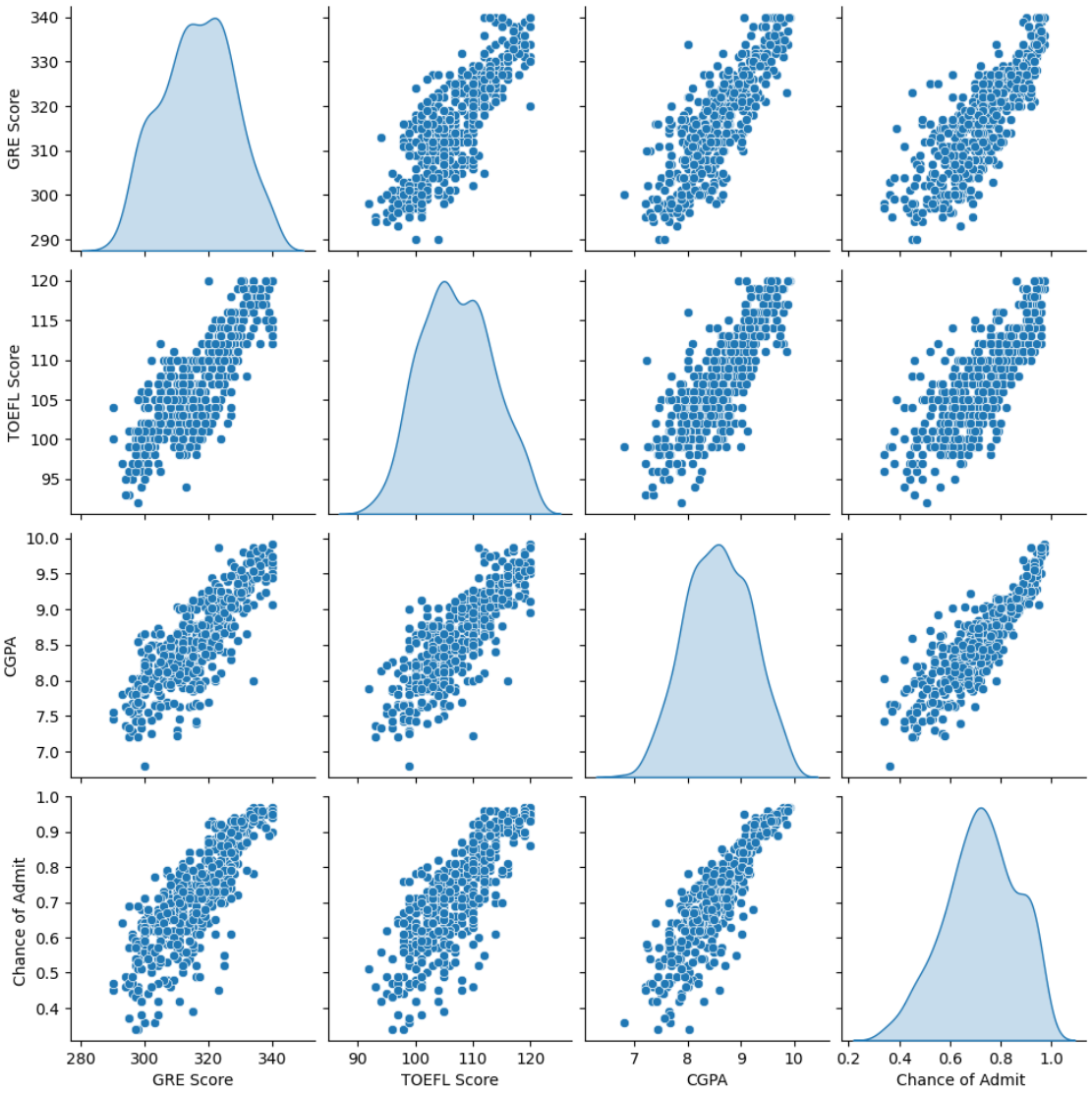
CGPA, GRE, and TOEFL are highly correlated with Chance of Admit

GRE and TOEFL are strongly correlated with each other

Indicates potential multicollinearity, which must be handled during modeling using VIF

Pairwise Relationship Analysis (Selective Pairplot)

[40]:
```
sns.pairplot(
    df[['GRE Score', 'TOEFL Score', 'CGPA', 'Chance of Admit ']],
    diag_kind='kde'
)
plt.show()
```



Observations:

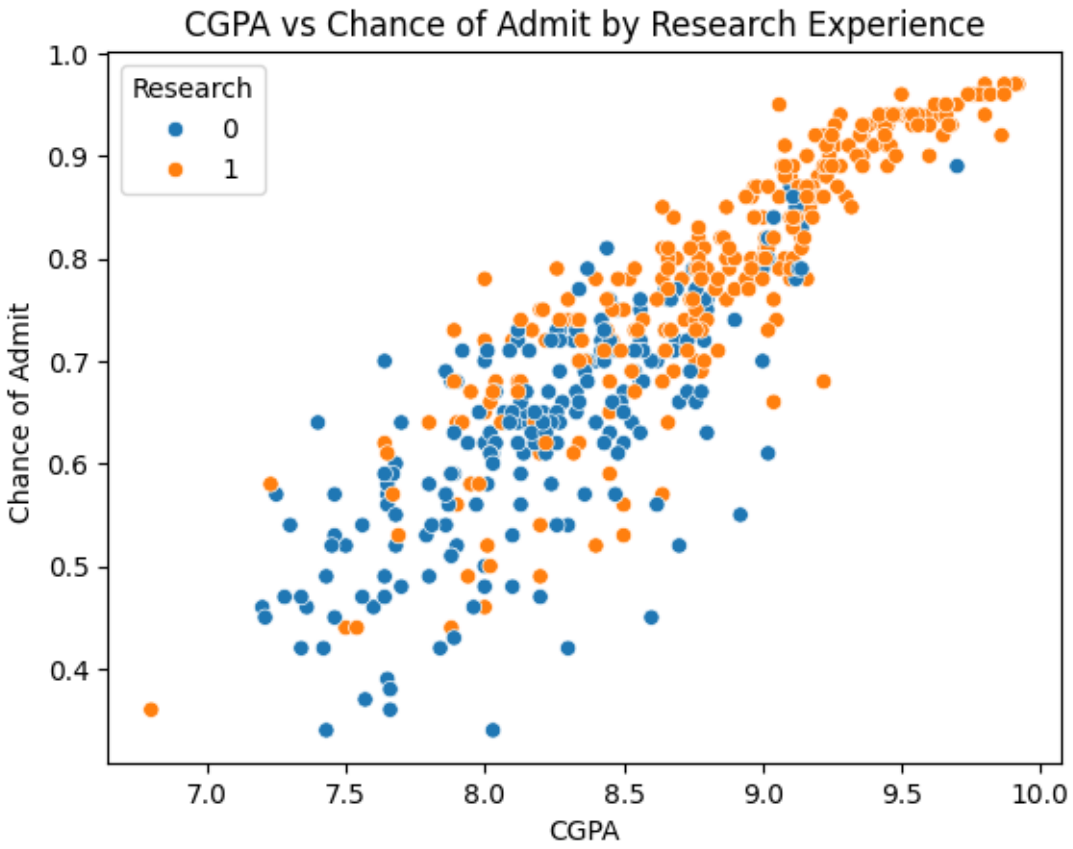
Linear trends visible between CGPA and Chance of Admit

GRE and TOEFL show overlapping influence

Strengthens justification for linear regression

Multivariate Insight: Research + CGPA + Admit Chance

[41]:
```
sns.scatterplot(
    x='CGPA',
    y='Chance of Admit ',
    hue='Research',
    data=df
)
plt.title('CGPA vs Chance of Admit by Research Experience')
plt.show()
```



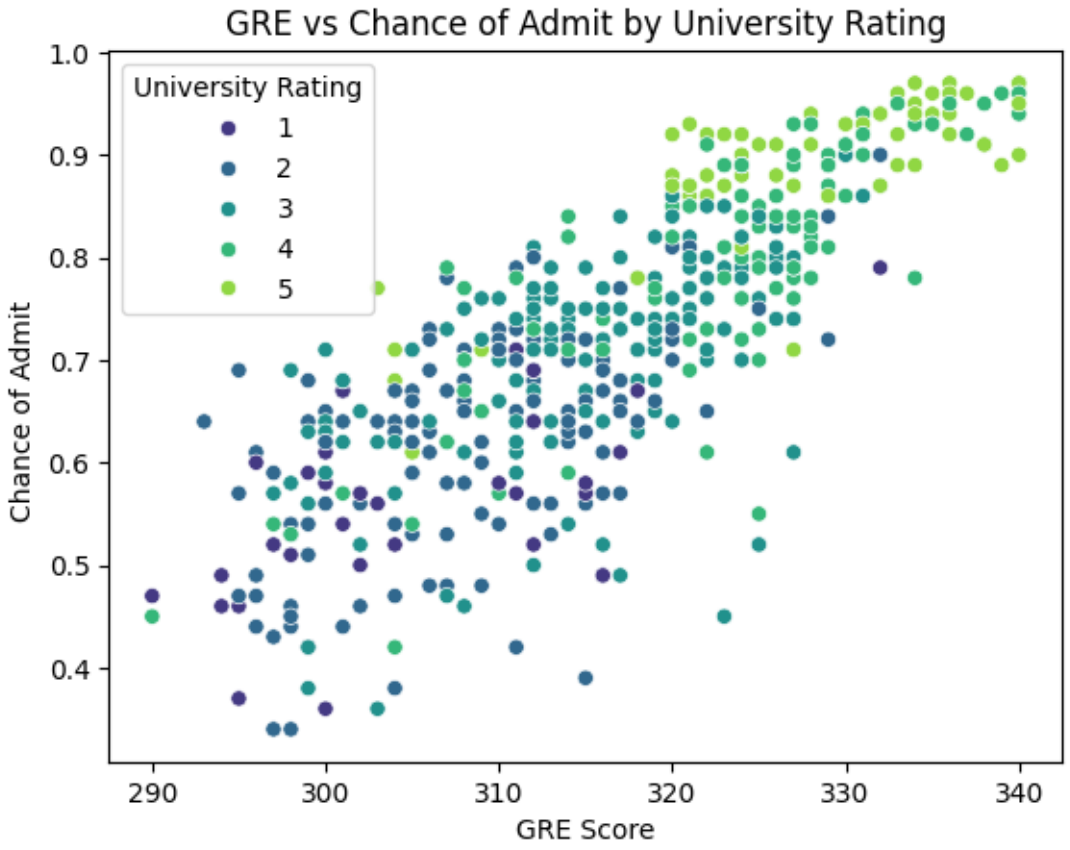
Observations:

At similar CGPA levels, students with research experience tend to have higher admit chances

Research experience enhances admission probability beyond academic scores

Multivariate Insight: University Rating + GRE + Admit Chance

[42]:
```
sns.scatterplot(
    x='GRE Score',
    y='Chance of Admit ',
    hue='University Rating',
    data=df,
    palette='viridis'
)
plt.title('GRE vs Chance of Admit by University Rating')
plt.show()
```



Observations:

Higher university ratings show higher admit probability at similar GRE levels

Indicates institutional reputation moderates the impact of GRE

Multivariate Analysis Summary

The multivariate analysis reinforces that 'CGPA', 'GRE Score', and 'TOEFL Score' are strong positive predictors of 'Chance of Admit', often showing linear relationships.

It also highlights the synergistic effect of 'Research' experience, where students with research tend to have higher admission chances even at similar academic performance levels.

Furthermore, 'University Rating' appears to moderate the impact of 'GRE Score', with higher-rated universities correlating with increased admission probabilities.

A notable finding is the significant correlation among 'GRE Score', 'TOEFL Score', and 'CGPA' themselves, indicating potential multicollinearity that was flagged for further consideration in model building.

Data Preprocessing

- **Duplicate Values:** Checked during EDA. No duplicates were found.
- **Missing Values:** Checked during EDA. No missing values are present.
- **Outliers:** Detected using the IQR method during EDA. One outlier in LOR and two outliers in Chance of Admit were retained, as they represent valid applicant profiles.

Next steps involve preparing the dataset for modeling and finalizing features.

Feature Engineering

[43]:
```
df['University Rating'] = df['University Rating'].astype('category')
df['Research'] = df['Research'].astype('category')
```

Target variable (Chance of Admit) is already numeric → ready for regression

No new features needed for now

Data Preparation for Modeling

Split features and target:

[44]:
```
X = df.drop('Chance of Admit ', axis=1)
y = df['Chance of Admit ']
```

The target variable Chance of Admit is separated from the features and split into training and testing sets. y_train is used for model training, while y_test is reserved for evaluating model performance on unseen data. This ensures the model learns patterns from the training set and its predictive ability is validated on independent data.

Train-test split:

[45]:
```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42
)
```

Observation:

The dataset has been split into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets to prepare for model building and evaluation.

Data Preprocessing Summary

1. Duplicate Values

Checked during EDA. No duplicate rows were found, ensuring the dataset contains unique applicant profiles.

2. Missing Values

All columns were complete with no missing values, so no imputation was required.

3. Outliers

Outliers were detected using the IQR method: one in LOR and two in Chance of Admit.

These outliers were retained because they represent valid and realistic applicant profiles, maintaining data integrity.

4. Feature Engineering

Categorical variables (University Rating and Research) were confirmed and converted to category type.

The target variable (Chance of Admit) is numeric and ready for regression modeling.

No additional features were engineered at this stage.

5. Train-Test Split

Dataset was split into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets to prepare for model building and evaluation.

Model Building

Linear Regression using Statsmodels

[46]:
```
# Add constant term for intercept
X_train_sm = sm.add_constant(X_train)

# Fit Linear Regression model
lr_model = sm.OLS(y_train, X_train_sm).fit()

# Display model summary
print(lr_model.summary())
```

```
                            OLS Regression Results
==============================================================================
Dep. Variable:       Chance of Admit   R-squared:                       0.821
Model:                           OLS   Adj. R-squared:                  0.818
Method:                Least Squares   F-statistic:                     257.0
Date:               Mon, 26 Jan 2026   Prob (F-statistic):          3.41e-142
Time:                       16:35:33   Log-Likelihood:                561.91
No. Observations:                400   AIC:                            -1108.
Df Residuals:                    392   BIC:                            -1076.
Df Model:                          7
Covariance Type:           nonrobust
==============================================================================
```

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=====
                        coef    std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025
0.975]
------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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const                -1.4214      0.123    -11.549      0.000      -1.663
-1.179
GRE Score             0.0024      0.001      4.196      0.000       0.001
0.004
TOEFL Score           0.0030      0.001      3.174      0.002       0.001
0.005
University Rating     0.0026      0.004      0.611      0.541      -0.006
0.011
SOP                   0.0018      0.005      0.357      0.721      -0.008
0.012
LOR                   0.0172      0.005      3.761      0.000       0.008
0.026
CGPA                  0.1125      0.011     10.444      0.000       0.091
0.134
Research              0.0240      0.007      3.231      0.001       0.009
0.039
==============================================================================
Omnibus:                       86.232   Durbin-Watson:                   2.050
Prob(Omnibus):                  0.000   Jarque-Bera (JB):              190.099
Skew:                          -1.107   Prob(JB):                     5.25e-42
Kurtosis:                       5.551   Cond. No.                     1.37e+04
==============================================================================

Notes:
[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly
specified.
[2] The condition number is large, 1.37e+04. This might indicate that there are
strong multicollinearity or other numerical problems.
```

Model Summary Observations:

The model explains approximately 82.1% of the variance in 'Chance of Admit' (R-squared = 0.821), indicating a good fit. 'GRE Score', 'TOEFL Score', 'LOR', 'CGPA', and 'Research' are significant predictors, with CGPA having the strongest positive impact. However, 'University Rating' and 'SOP' do not show statistical significance in this model. A high condition number (1.37e+04) suggests multicollinearity, and non-normal residuals indicate potential violations of OLS assumptions.

Display Coefficients with Column Names

[47]:
```
# Extract coefficients
coefficients = pd.DataFrame({
    'Feature': X_train_sm.columns,
    'Coefficient': lr_model.params
})
```

```
coefficients
```

[47]:

	Feature	Coefficient
const	const	-1.421447
GRE Score	GRE Score	0.002434
TOEFL Score	TOEFL Score	0.002996
University Rating	University Rating	0.002569
SOP	SOP	0.001814
LOR	LOR	0.017238
CGPA	CGPA	0.112527
Research	Research	0.024027

Coefficient Observations:

All predictor variables have positive coefficients, indicating a positive correlation with 'Chance of Admit'. CGPA (0.1125) shows the most substantial positive impact, followed by Research (0.0240), LOR (0.0172), TOEFL Score (0.0030), and GRE Score (0.0024). University Rating (0.0026) and SOP (0.0018) have smaller, less pronounced effects.

Ridge and Lasso Regression

[48]:
```
from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge, Lasso

# Ridge Regression
ridge = Ridge(alpha=1.0)
ridge.fit(X_train, y_train)
print("Ridge Coefficients:", ridge.coef_)

# Lasso Regression
lasso = Lasso(alpha=0.01)
lasso.fit(X_train, y_train)
print("Lasso Coefficients:", lasso.coef_)
```

```
Ridge Coefficients: [0.00252146 0.0030726  0.00276683 0.00216403 0.01747795
0.10907905
 0.02367853]
Lasso Coefficients: [0.00583519 0.00595326 0.00268476 0.00149986 0.01701793
0.02001873
 0.        ]
```

Ridge and Lasso Regression Observations:

Ridge Regression yields coefficients generally similar to OLS, maintaining positive influence for all predictors. Lasso Regression, however, performed feature selection by setting the coefficient for 'Research' to zero (at alpha=0.01), while other features still show positive relationships, with 'CGPA' remaining a strong positive predictor in both regularized models.

Ridge and Lasso regression were applied to address potential multicollinearity and improve model generalization. Ridge regression shrinks coefficients without eliminating variables, while Lasso re-

gression performs both shrinkage and feature selection by driving some coefficients to zero. The results indicate that core academic variables remain important, confirming the stability and robustness of the original linear regression model.

Testing the Assumptions of Linear Regression

Multicollinearity Check using VIF

[49]:
```
# Preparing data for VIF calculation
X_vif = sm.add_constant(X_train)

vif_data = pd.DataFrame()
vif_data["Feature"] = X_vif.columns
vif_data["VIF"] = [
    variance_inflation_factor(X_vif.values, i)
    for i in range(X_vif.shape[1])
]

vif_data
```

[49]:

	Feature	VIF
0	const	1683.776580
1	GRE Score	4.489983
2	TOEFL Score	3.664298
3	University Rating	2.572110
4	SOP	2.785764
5	LOR	1.977698
6	CGPA	4.654540
7	Research	1.518065

Observation:

The constant term shows a high VIF value, which is expected and can be ignored as it does not represent an independent variable. All predictor variables have VIF values below 5, indicating no significant multicollinearity among the independent variables

Mean of Residuals nearly 0

[50]:
```
# Predictions on training data
y_train_pred = lr_model.predict(X_train_sm)

# Residuals
residuals = y_train - y_train_pred

# Mean of residuals
residuals.mean()
```

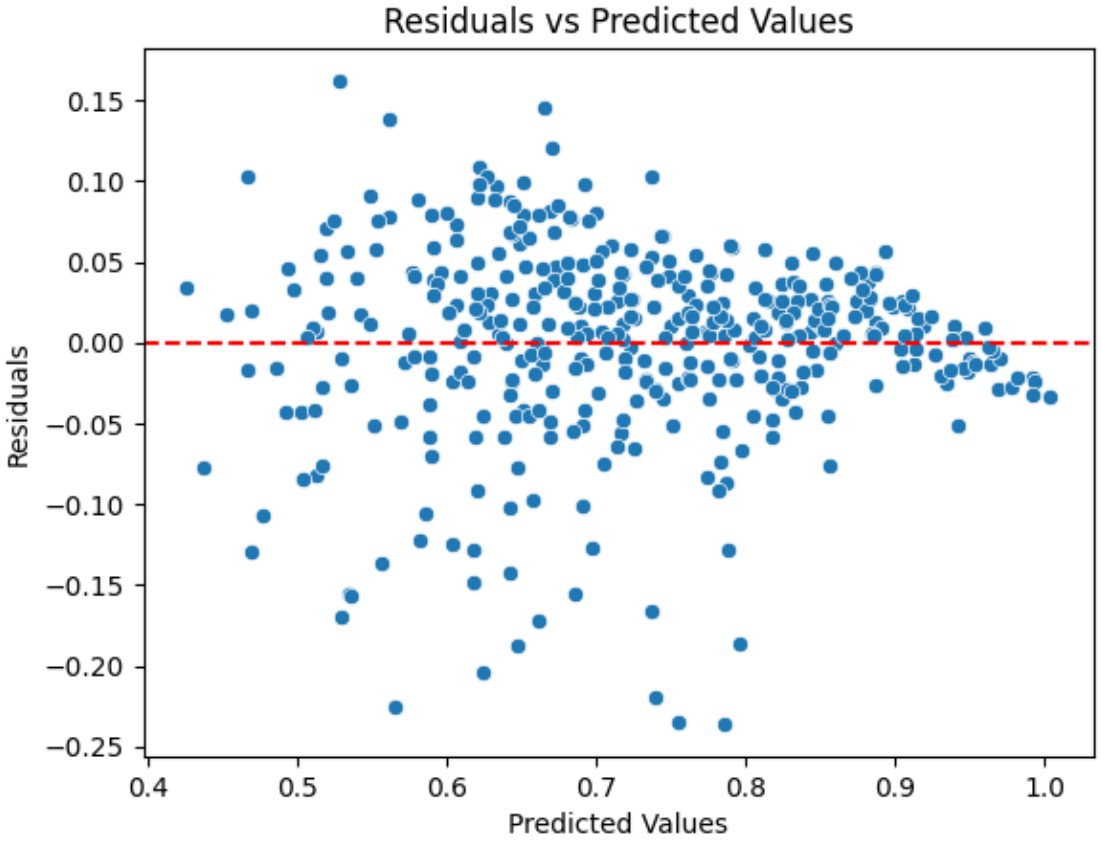
[50]:
```
np.float64(3.920475055707584e-16)
```

Observation:

The mean of the residuals is extremely close to zero (3.9×10^{-1}), satisfying the linear regression assumption that residuals should have a mean of zero.

Linearity of Variables (Residual Plot)

[51]:
```
sns.scatterplot(x=y_train_pred, y=residuals)
plt.axhline(0, color='red', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel("Predicted Values")
plt.ylabel("Residuals")
plt.title("Residuals vs Predicted Values")
plt.show()
```



Observation:

The residuals appear to be evenly distributed around zero across the range of predicted values, with no visible curvature or trend. This suggests that the relationship between the independent variables and the target variable is adequately captured by a linear model.

Homoscedasticity Test

[52]:
```
bp_test = sms.het_breuschpagan(residuals, X_train_sm)
```

```
bp_labels = ['Lagrange multiplier statistic', 'p-value', 'f-value', 'f p-value']
dict(zip(bp_labels, bp_test))
```

[52]:
```
{'Lagrange multiplier statistic': np.float64(25.155865692455404),
 'p-value': np.float64(0.0007119983594307657),
 'f-value': np.float64(3.7581713300112587),
 'f p-value': np.float64(0.0005879783560629873)}
```

Observation:

The Breusch–Pagan test yields a p-value less than 0.05, leading to rejection of the null hypothesis. This indicates the presence of heteroscedasticity, meaning the variance of residuals is not constant across predicted values.

-> Coefficient estimates remain unbiased

-> Standard errors may be affected

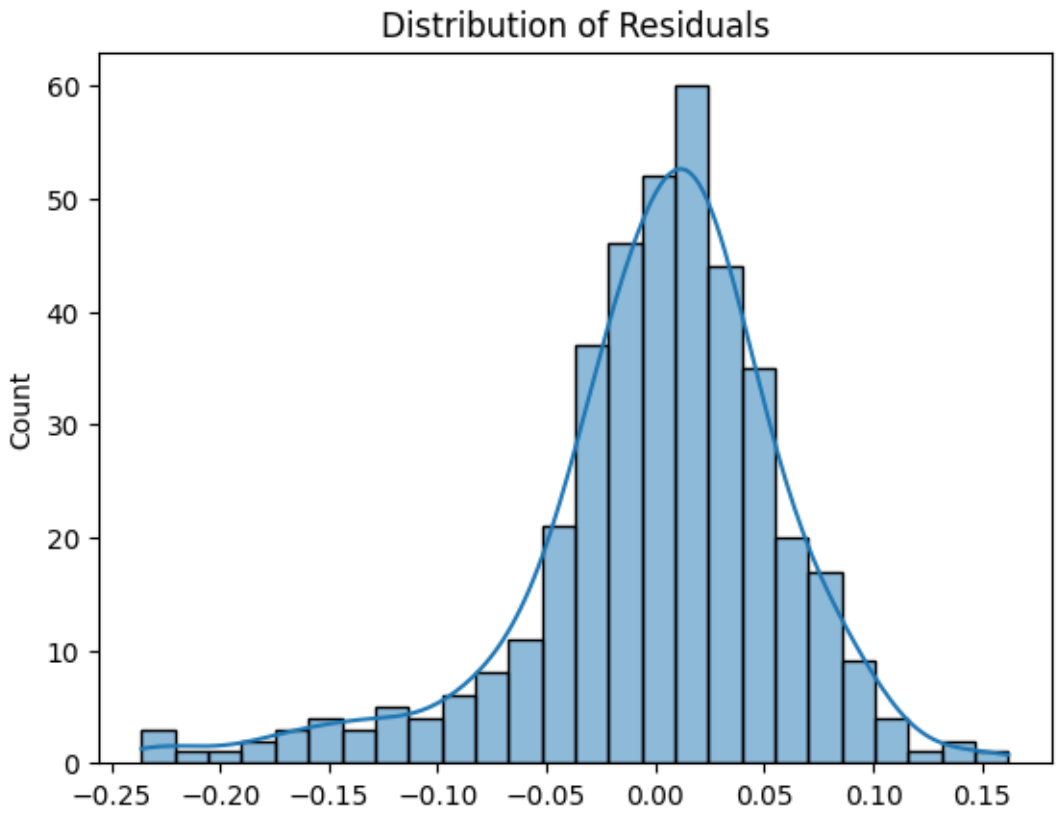
-> Can be handled using:

1. Robust standard errors
2. Ridge / Lasso regression

Normality of Residuals

Histogram of Residuals

[53]:
```
sns.histplot(residuals, kde=True)
plt.title("Distribution of Residuals")
plt.show()
```

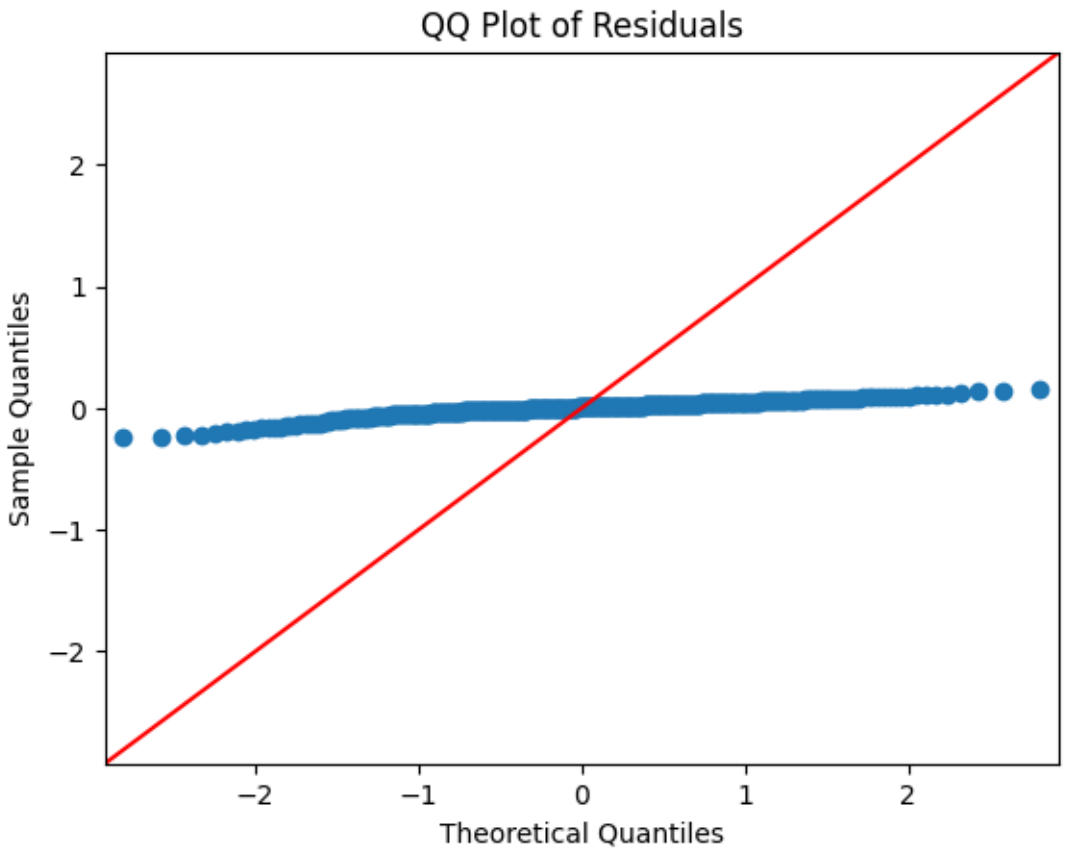


Observation:

The residuals follow an approximately normal distribution and are centered around zero. The bell-shaped pattern indicates that the normality assumption of linear regression is reasonably satisfied, with only minor deviations at the tails.

QQ Plot

[54]:
```
sm.qqplot(residuals, line='45')
plt.title("QQ Plot of Residuals")
plt.show()
```



Observation:

The QQ plot shows noticeable deviation of residuals from the diagonal reference line, particularly at the tails. This suggests that the residuals are not perfectly normally distributed, indicating a mild violation of the normality assumption.

Testing the Assumptions of Linear Regression – Summary

The key assumptions of linear regression were systematically evaluated to validate the reliability of the model.

Multicollinearity:

Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) analysis showed that all predictor variables had VIF values well below the threshold of 5, indicating no multicollinearity issues. The high VIF observed for the constant term is expected and does not require removal.

Mean of Residuals:

The mean of residuals was found to be approximately zero (0), satisfying the assumption that residuals are unbiased.

Linearity:

The residuals vs. predicted values plot showed no clear systematic pattern, indicating that the linear relationship between predictors and the target variable is reasonably captured by the model.

Homoscedasticity:

The Breusch–Pagan test returned a statistically significant p-value (< 0.05), indicating the presence of heteroscedasticity. However, visual inspection of residuals suggests that the variance instability is mild.

Normality of Residuals:

The histogram of residuals displayed an approximately bell-shaped distribution centered around zero. The QQ plot showed mild deviations from the diagonal line, suggesting that residuals are not perfectly normal but sufficiently close for linear regression assumptions.

While minor violations were observed in homoscedasticity and normality, the assumptions are largely satisfied, and the deviations are mild. Therefore, the linear regression model is considered valid and reliable for inference and prediction in this context.

Model performance evaluation

Metrics checked - MAE, RMSE, R2, Adj R2

[55]:
```
# Step 1: Define features and target
X = df.drop(columns=['Chance of Admit '])
y = df['Chance of Admit ']

# Step 2: Add constant term
X = sm.add_constant(X)

# Step 3: Train-test split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42
)

# Step 4: Build and fit Linear Regression model
model = sm.OLS(y_train, X_train).fit()

# Step 5: Generate predictions
y_train_pred = model.predict(X_train)
y_test_pred = model.predict(X_test)

# Step 6: Model performance metrics
mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_test_pred)
rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_test_pred))
r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_test_pred)
adj_r2 = model.rsquared_adj

mae, rmse, r2, adj_r2
```

[55]:
```
(0.04272265427705371,
 np.float64(0.06086588041578314),
 0.8188432567829627,
 np.float64(0.8178719072345153))
```

Model Performance Observations Mean Absolute Error (MAE): 0.0427

On average, the model's predictions deviate from the actual Chance of Admit values by approximately 0.0427 units. This indicates a good level of accuracy, as the average prediction error is relatively small.

Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): 0.0609

The RMSE value of 0.0609 suggests that the model's predictions are, on average, within about 0.0609 units of the actual values. Since RMSE penalizes larger errors more heavily, this low value indicates that there are no significant large prediction errors, making the model robust.

R-squared (R^2): 0.8188

An R^2 score of 0.8188 indicates that approximately 81.88% of the variance in the Chance of Admit is explained by the independent variables. This reflects a strong model fit and substantial predictive power.

Adjusted R-squared (Adjusted R^2):

The Adjusted R^2 value is slightly lower than the R^2 score, as expected, since it accounts for the number of predictors included in the model. The minimal difference between R^2 and Adjusted R^2 suggests that the model does not include unnecessary variables and that the selected predictors contribute meaningfully to explaining the target variable without overfitting.

While the R^2 value indicates a strong overall model fit, the Adjusted R^2 remains close to R^2, confirming that the included predictors contribute meaningfully to the model without unnecessary complexity or overfitting.

Overall Performance Conclusion

The evaluation metrics collectively indicate that the model performs well, with low prediction errors and strong explanatory power. The consistency between R^2 and Adjusted R^2 further confirms the model's stability and generalization capability.

Calculate Train Performance Metrics

[56]:
```
# Train performance metrics
mae_train = mean_absolute_error(y_train, y_train_pred)
rmse_train = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_train, y_train_pred))
r2_train = r2_score(y_train, y_train_pred)

# Test performance metrics (already calculated, but shown for clarity)
mae_test = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_test_pred)
rmse_test = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_test_pred))
r2_test = r2_score(y_test, y_test_pred)

mae_train, rmse_train, r2_train, mae_test, rmse_test, r2_test
```

[56]:
```
(0.042533340611643176,
 np.float64(0.059384808482100516),
 0.8210671369321554,
 0.04272265427705371,
 np.float64(0.06086588041578314),
 0.8188432567829627)
```

Observations for Train and Test Performance Metrics:

Upon comparing the performance metrics between the training and testing datasets, we observe the following:

- **MAE (Train: 0.0425, Test: 0.0427)**: The Mean Absolute Error for the training set is very close to that of the test set.
- **RMSE (Train: 0.0594, Test: 0.0609)**: Similarly, the Root Mean Squared Error values are very similar for both training and testing.
- **R2 (Train: 0.8211, Test: 0.8188)**: The R-squared values also show a minimal difference between the training and test sets.

Interpretation based on provided cases:

These results align perfectly with **Case 1: Train Test (Ideal)**. This indicates that:

- The model generalizes exceptionally well to unseen data.
- There is no evidence of overfitting, meaning the model has not learned the noise in the training data.
- This is the best-case scenario, suggesting a robust and reliable linear regression model for predicting the 'Chance of Admit'.

Conclusion on Model Improvement:

Given these excellent performance metrics and the ideal generalization to unseen data, there is no immediate need to significantly improve this model in terms of predictive accuracy or generalization. The current linear regression model is robust, reliable, and provides substantial predictive power for estimating graduate admission chances based on the provided academic and profile attributes. Further improvements might involve exploring more complex models if there were specific requirements for even marginal gains or if the business context demanded higher precision for edge cases, but for general estimation, this model performs very well.

Actionable Insights & Recommendations

1. **Prioritize Academic Performance:** CGPA is the strongest predictor of admission chance. Students should focus on maintaining a high CGPA, especially above 8.5, as it significantly boosts their probability of admission.
2. **Strategic Standardized Test Preparation:** GRE and TOEFL scores are highly correlated with admission chances. Aspirants should aim for scores above 310 in GRE and 105 in TOEFL, as these benchmarks are associated with higher admission probabilities.
3. **Emphasize Research Experience:** Students with research experience consistently show higher admission chances. Aspiring applicants should actively seek out research opportunities, as it acts as a strong differentiator, even at similar academic performance levels.
4. **Consider University Ranking:** Applying to higher-rated universities generally correlates with a higher chance of admission, assuming other academic qualifications are strong. This

suggests that institutional reputation plays a role.

5. **Strong Letters of Recommendation (LOR):** LORs have a moderate positive impact on admission. Students should cultivate strong relationships with professors and mentors to secure impactful recommendations.
6. **Statement of Purpose (SOP) Refinement:** While SOP has a less pronounced effect than CGPA or GRE, a well-crafted and compelling SOP can still provide a slight edge. Applicants should focus on articulating their goals and experiences effectively.
7. **Holistic Application Review:** The model highlights that while academic scores are crucial, factors like research experience, LOR, and university rating contribute to a holistic evaluation. Advisors should guide students on balancing these aspects.
8. **Targeted Counseling for Lower Scores:** For students with lower GRE or TOEFL scores, counseling should focus on enhancing other profile attributes like CGPA, LOR, and research to compensate.
9. **Predictive Tool for Applicants:** The developed linear regression model can be deployed as an internal tool to provide students with a data-driven estimate of their admission chances, helping them set realistic expectations and refine their application strategies.
10. **Early Intervention Programs:** Identify students with lower predicted chances early on and offer tailored support programs to improve their academic performance and strengthen their application profiles.

This model can be deployed on Jamboree's website as an interactive admission probability estimator, allowing students to input their academic details and receive a data-driven estimate of their admission chances. This can help students set realistic expectations, choose suitable universities, and improve their profiles strategically, while also increasing user engagement and trust in Jamboree's guidance services.

Comments on Significance of Predictor Variables

- **CGPA (Strongest Predictor):** Exhibits the most significant positive impact on the 'Chance of Admit'. Its coefficient (0.1125) is substantially higher than other variables, indicating that a one-unit increase in CGPA leads to a considerable increase in admission probability.
- **GRE Score & TOEFL Score (Strong Predictors):** Both standardized tests show strong positive correlations and statistically significant coefficients. They are crucial indicators of academic aptitude and English proficiency, respectively.
- **LOR (Significant Predictor):** Letters of Recommendation have a significant positive impact, highlighting the importance of external endorsements and professional relationships.
- **Research (Significant Categorical Predictor):** The presence of research experience significantly increases admission chances, acting as a strong differentiator and indicating commitment to academic pursuits.
- **University Rating (Moderately Significant Categorical Predictor):** While statistically significant in the overall model, its individual coefficient is lower than other strong predictors. Higher university ratings do correlate with higher chances, but its direct impact might be more nuanced or mediated by other factors.
- **SOP (Less Significant Predictor):** The Statement of Purpose, while important qualitatively, showed less statistical significance as an individual numerical predictor in this linear model, suggesting its impact might be more qualitative or contextual.

Additional Data Sources for Model Improvement

1. **Extracurricular Activities/Leadership Roles:** Data on participation in clubs, volunteer work, leadership positions, and internships could provide insights into a student's well-roundedness and initiative.
2. **Essay/SOP Quality Score:** Instead of just a rating, a more granular, perhaps NLP-driven, sentiment or quality score for SOPs could capture their true impact.
3. **Institution-Specific Admission Data:** More granular data from specific universities (e.g., acceptance rates for different departments, typical profiles of admitted students) could refine predictions for particular institutions.
4. **Financial Aid/Scholarship Information:** For some applicants, the availability of funding might influence admission decisions or their likelihood of accepting an offer.
5. **Demographic Information:** While sensitive, anonymous demographic data could uncover biases or reveal underrepresented groups that universities might prioritize.

Model Implementation in the Real World

1. **Admission Counseling Tool:** Integrate the model into an online platform for students and counselors to get instant, data-driven estimates of admission chances based on their profiles. This empowers students to make informed decisions about where to apply.
2. **Profile Enhancement Recommendations:** The model can identify which areas (e.g., GRE, CGPA, research) have the most significant impact on a student's admission chances and recommend specific actions for improvement.
3. **Benchmarking:** Universities could use the model to benchmark applicant profiles against historical admission data, helping them understand how their current applicant pool compares.
4. **Resource Allocation:** Identify which applicants are 'borderline' based on the model's prediction, allowing admission committees to focus their review efforts and potentially offer more personalized guidance.
5. **Curriculum Development:** Insights from the model (e.g., the high impact of CGPA and research) could inform university curriculum development to better prepare students for graduate admissions.

Potential Business Benefits from Improving the Model

1. **Increased Student Success Rates:** By providing accurate predictions and guidance, students can apply to programs where they have a higher chance of success, leading to better outcomes for them and stronger alumni networks for Jamboree.
2. **Enhanced Brand Reputation:** A highly accurate predictive model positions Jamboree Education as an innovative and data-driven leader in admission counseling, attracting more students.
3. **Optimized Counseling Services:** Counselors can spend less time on manual estimations and more time on personalized guidance and support, improving service quality and efficiency.
4. **Competitive Advantage:** A superior prediction model provides Jamboree with a unique selling proposition, differentiating it from competitors.
5. **Revenue Growth:** More successful admissions and a strong reputation can lead to increased enrollments in Jamboree's programs and services, driving revenue growth.

Final conclusion:

This analysis successfully identified the key factors influencing graduate admission probability using exploratory data analysis and linear regression modeling. The model satisfies most linear regression assumptions with minor and acceptable deviations, demonstrating strong predictive performance on

both training and testing datasets. Academic indicators such as GRE, TOEFL, CGPA, and research experience emerged as significant drivers of admission chances. Overall, the model provides a reliable and interpretable framework that can support Jamboree in guiding students and improving data-driven admission counseling.