

Airbnb_Project

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1 1 Data Visualization

```
[47]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot
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[48]: df = pd.read_csv("Airbnb_NYC_2019.csv")
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[49]: df.head()
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[49]:
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	id	name	host_id	\
0	2539	Clean & quiet apt home by the park	2787	
1	2595	Skylit Midtown Castle	2845	
2	3647	THE VILLAGE OF HARLEM...NEW YORK !	4632	
3	3831	Cozy Entire Floor of Brownstone	4869	
4	5022	Entire Apt: Spacious Studio/Loft by central park	7192	

	host_name	neighbourhood_group	neighbourhood	latitude	longitude	\
0	John	Brooklyn	Kensington	40.64749	-73.97237	
1	Jennifer	Manhattan	Midtown	40.75362	-73.98377	
2	Elisabeth	Manhattan	Harlem	40.80902	-73.94190	
3	LisaRoxanne	Brooklyn	Clinton Hill	40.68514	-73.95976	
4	Laura	Manhattan	East Harlem	40.79851	-73.94399	

	room_type	price	minimum_nights	number_of_reviews	last_review	\
0	Private room	149	1	9	2018-10-19	
1	Entire home/apt	225	1	45	2019-05-21	
2	Private room	150	3	0	NaN	
3	Entire home/apt	89	1	270	2019-07-05	
4	Entire home/apt	80	10	9	2018-11-19	

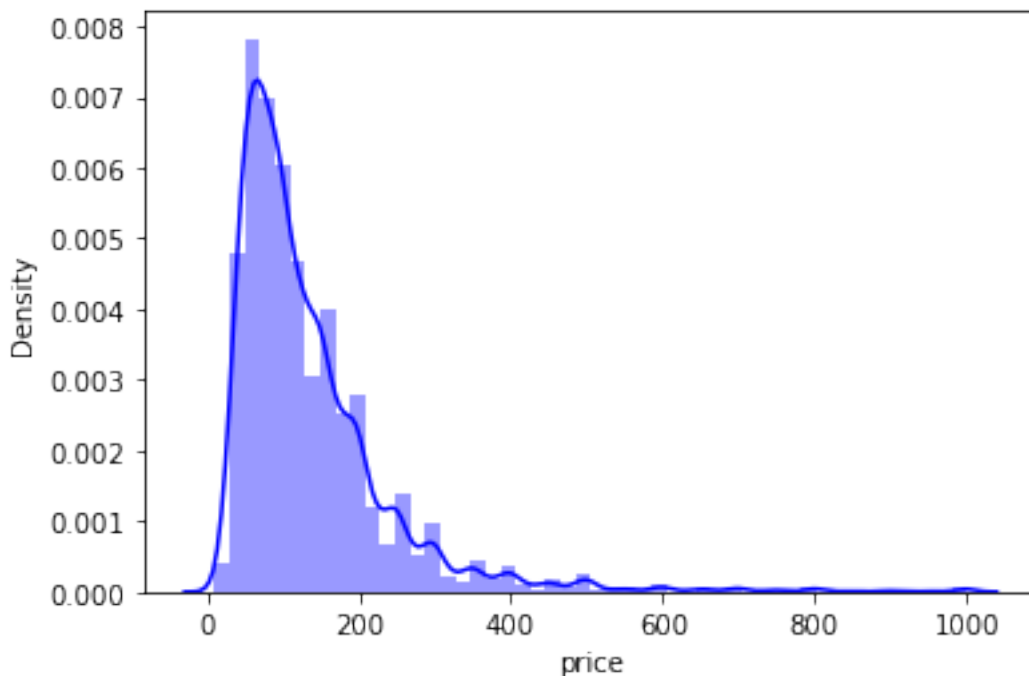
	reviews_per_month	calculated_host_listings_count	availability_365
0	0.21	6	365
1	0.38	2	355
2	NaN	1	365
3	4.64	1	194
4	0.10	1	0

```
[50]: # check
df.describe()
df = df[(df['price'] > 0) & (df['price'] <= 1000) & (df['minimum_nights'] <= 60) & (df['reviews_per_month'] <= 15)]
```

```
[51]: import seaborn as sns
price_plot = sns.distplot(df['price'],color='b')
```

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warnings.warn(msg, FutureWarning)



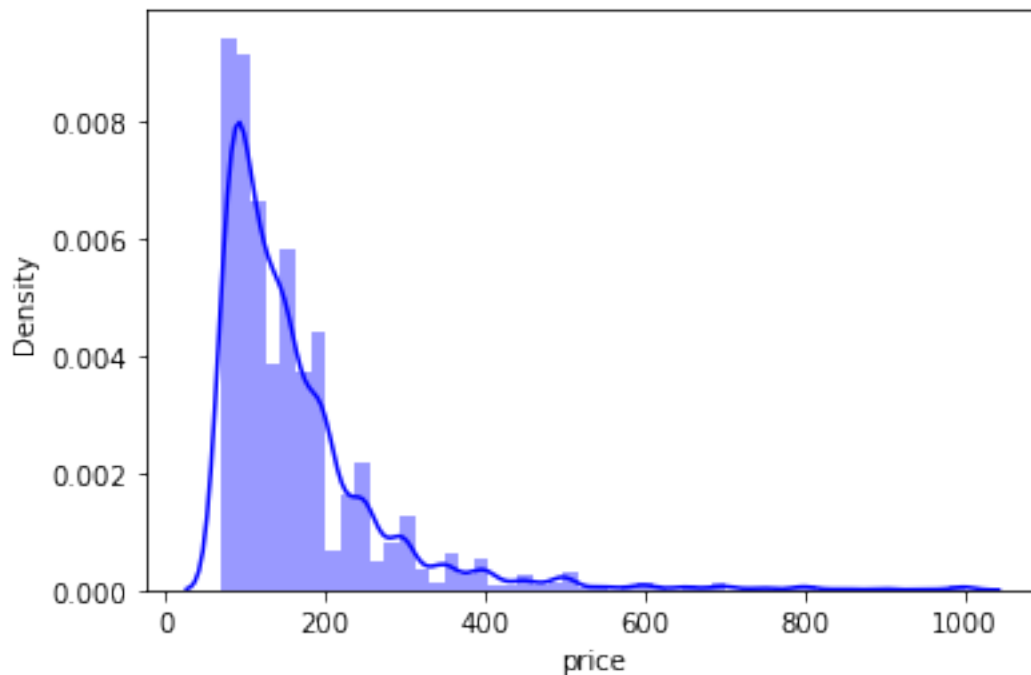
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[52]: df2= df[df['price']> 69.000000]
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[53]: sns.distplot(df2['price'],color='b')
```

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warnings.warn(msg, FutureWarning)

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[53]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='price', ylabel='Density'>
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```
[54]: df['neighbourhood_group'].unique()
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[54]: array(['Brooklyn', 'Manhattan', 'Queens', 'Staten Island', 'Bronx'],  
       dtype=object)
```

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[55]: #Brooklyn  
sub_1=df.loc[df['neighbourhood_group'] == 'Brooklyn']  
price_sub1=sub_1[['price']]  
#Manhattan  
sub_2=df.loc[df['neighbourhood_group'] == 'Manhattan']  
price_sub2=sub_2[['price']]  
#Queens  
sub_3=df.loc[df['neighbourhood_group'] == 'Queens']  
price_sub3=sub_3[['price']]  
#Staten Island  
sub_4=df.loc[df['neighbourhood_group'] == 'Staten Island']  
price_sub4=sub_4[['price']]  
#Bronx  
sub_5=df.loc[df['neighbourhood_group'] == 'Bronx']  
price_sub5=sub_5[['price']]  
#putting all the prices' dfs in the list  
price_list_by_n=[price_sub1, price_sub2, price_sub3, price_sub4, price_sub5]
```

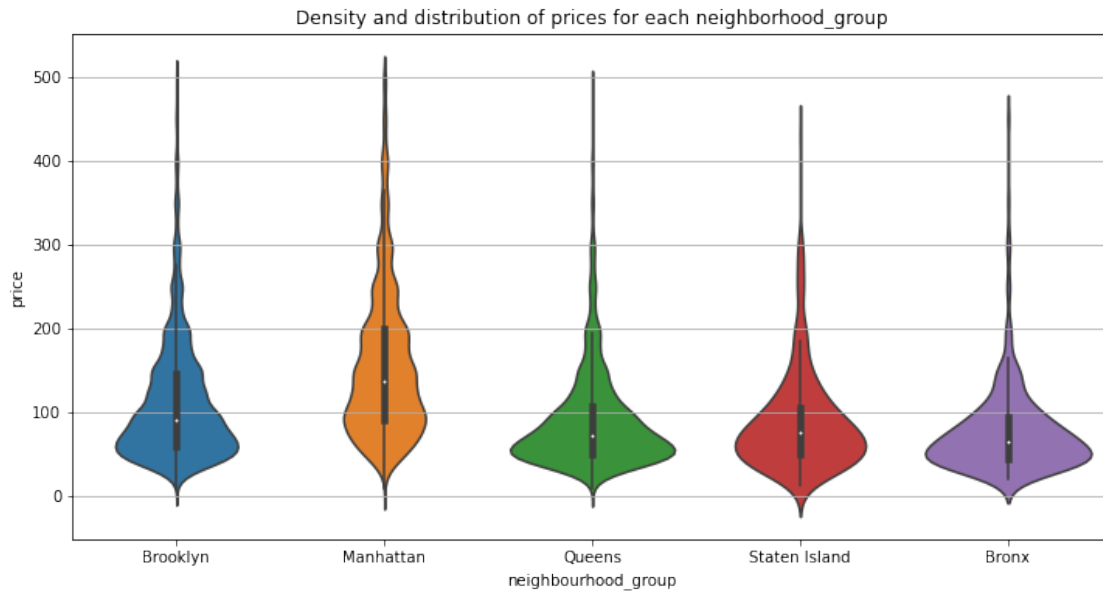
```
[56]: #creating an empty list that we will append later with price distributions for
      ↪ each neighbourhood_group
p_l_b_n_2=[]
#creating list with known values in neighbourhood_group column
nei_list=['Brooklyn', 'Manhattan', 'Queens', 'Staten Island', 'Bronx']
#creating a for loop to get statistics for price ranges and append it to our
      ↪ empty list
for x in price_list_by_n:
    i=x.describe(percentiles=[.25, .50, .75])
    i=i.iloc[3:]
    i.reset_index(inplace=True)
    i.rename(columns={'index':'Stats'}, inplace=True)
    p_l_b_n_2.append(i)
#changing names of the price column to the area name for easier reading of the
      ↪ table
p_l_b_n_2[0].rename(columns={'price':nei_list[0]}, inplace=True)
p_l_b_n_2[1].rename(columns={'price':nei_list[1]}, inplace=True)
p_l_b_n_2[2].rename(columns={'price':nei_list[2]}, inplace=True)
p_l_b_n_2[3].rename(columns={'price':nei_list[3]}, inplace=True)
p_l_b_n_2[4].rename(columns={'price':nei_list[4]}, inplace=True)
#finilizing our dataframe for final view
stat_df=p_l_b_n_2
stat_df=df.set_index('Stats')
stat_df=stat_df[0].join(stat_df[1:])
stat_df
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	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island	Bronx
Stats					
min	10.0	10.0	10.0	13.0	20.0
25%	60.0	90.0	50.0	50.0	45.0
50%	93.0	140.0	72.0	75.0	65.0
75%	149.0	200.0	109.0	105.0	95.0
max	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	625.0	800.0

```
[57]: sub_6=df[df.price < 500]
```

```
[58]: dims = (12, 6)
fig, ax = pyplot.subplots(figsize = dims)
viz_nei=sns.violinplot(data=sub_6, x='neighbourhood_group', y='price', ax=ax)
viz_nei.set_title('Density and distribution of prices for each
      ↪ neighborhood_group')
viz_nei.grid(axis = 'y')
fig = viz_nei.figure
fig.savefig('Density.png', dpi = 400)
```



First, we can state that Manhattan has the highest range of prices for the listings with \$150 price as average observation, followed by Brooklyn with \$90 per night. Queens and Staten Island appear to have very similar distributions, Bronx is the cheapest of them all.

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[59]: df2.dtypes
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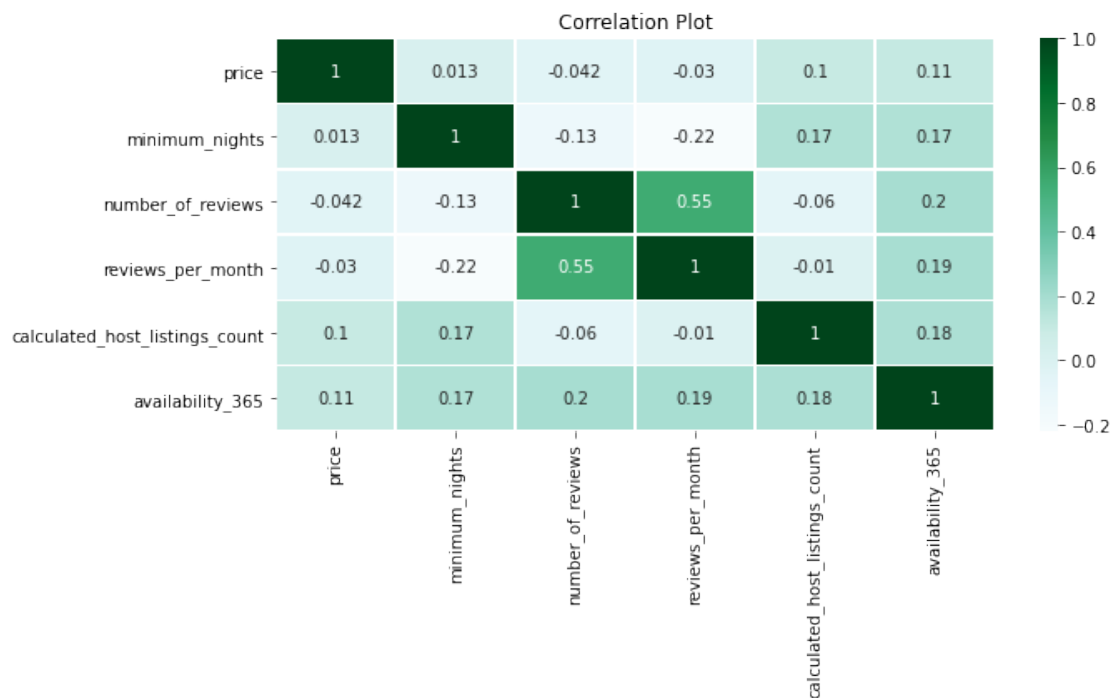
```
[59]: id                int64
      name              object
      host_id           int64
      host_name         object
      neighbourhood_group object
      neighbourhood     object
      latitude          float64
      longitude         float64
      room_type         object
      price             int64
      minimum_nights    int64
      number_of_reviews int64
      last_review       object
      reviews_per_month float64
      calculated_host_listings_count int64
      availability_365   int64
      dtype: object
```

```
[60]: # numerical correlation
num_corr =
↳ df[['price', 'minimum_nights', 'number_of_reviews', 'reviews_per_month',
↳ 'calculated_host_listings_count', 'availability_365']].corr(method='pearson')
```

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dims = (10, 6)
fig, ax = pyplot.subplots(figsize = dims)
heat = sns.heatmap(num_corr, cmap="BuGn", annot = True, linewidths=0.5, ax = ax)
heat.set_title("Correlation Plot")
fig = heat.figure
fig.tight_layout()
fig.savefig("Correlation.png", dpi = 400)

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reviews per month and number of reviews have relatively high correlation. Others columns don't obvious high correlation with each other

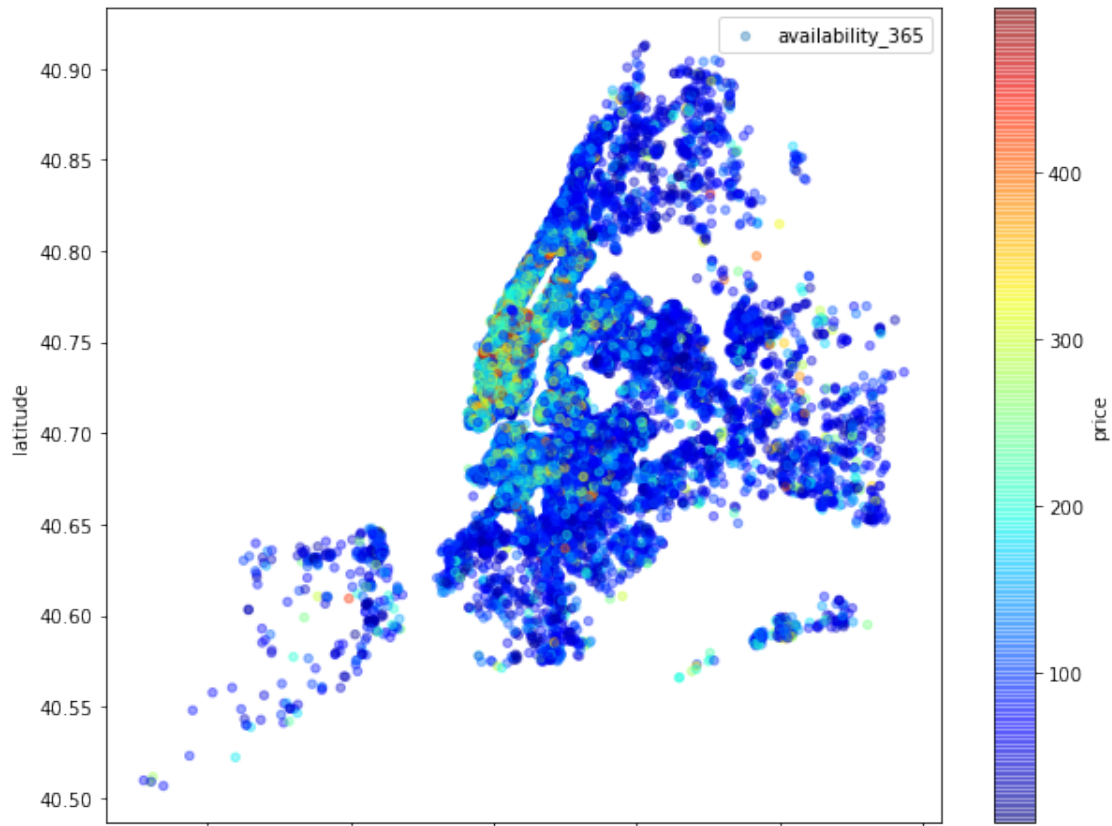
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[61]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

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[62]: viz_4=sub_6.plot(kind='scatter', x='longitude', y='latitude',
    ↳label='availability_365', c='price',
    cmap=plt.get_cmap('jet'), colorbar=True, alpha=0.4,
    ↳figsize=(10,8))
viz_4.legend()

```

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[62]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x24472a41fa0>
```

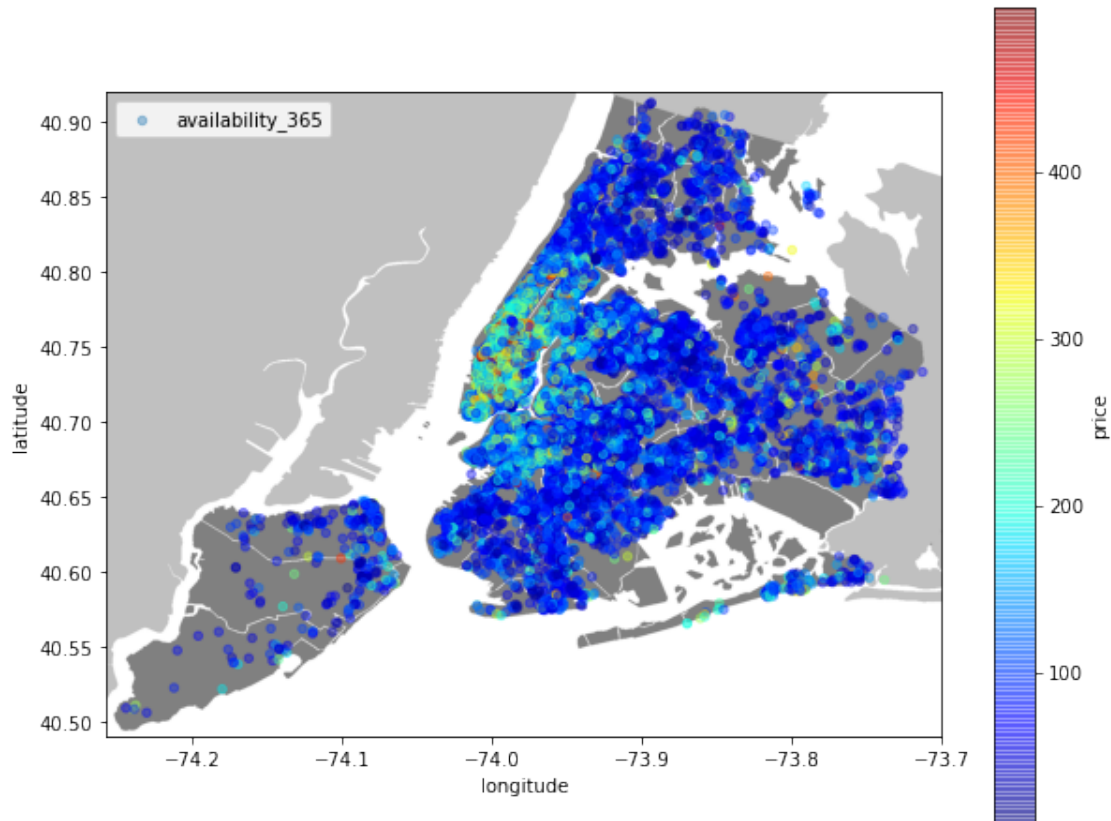


```
[63]: import urllib
#initializing the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
#loading the png NYC image found on Google and saving to my local folder along
↳with the project
URL = 'https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/ec/
↳Neighbourhoods_New_York_City_Map.PNG'
try:
    import imageio
    nyc_image = imageio.imread(URL)
except:
    from PIL import Image
    import requests
    from io import BytesIO
    response = requests.get(URL)
    nyc_image = np.array(Image.open(BytesIO(response.content)))
#scaling the image based on the latitude and longitude max and mins for proper
↳output
plt.imshow(nyc_image,zorder=0,extent=[-74.258, -73.7, 40.49,40.92])
ax=plt.gca()
```

```

#using scatterplot again
sub_6.plot(kind='scatter', x='longitude', y='latitude',
            label='availability_365', c='price', ax=ax,
            cmap=plt.get_cmap('jet'), colorbar=True, alpha=0.4, zorder=5)
plt.grid(False)
plt.legend()
plt.savefig("Map.png", dpi = 400)
plt.show()

```



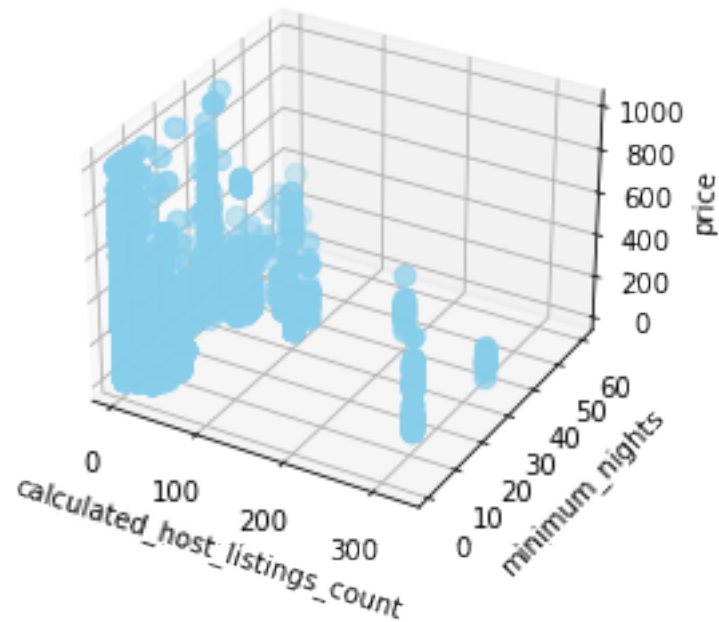
```

[64]: from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# plot
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
ax.scatter(df['calculated_host_listings_count'], df['minimum_nights'],
            df['price'], c='skyblue', s=60)
ax.set_xlabel('calculated_host_listings_count', fontsize=10, rotation=150)
ax.set_ylabel('minimum_nights')
ax.set_zlabel('price', fontsize=10, rotation=60)
plt.savefig("HostListingsMinimumNights3D.png", dpi = 400)

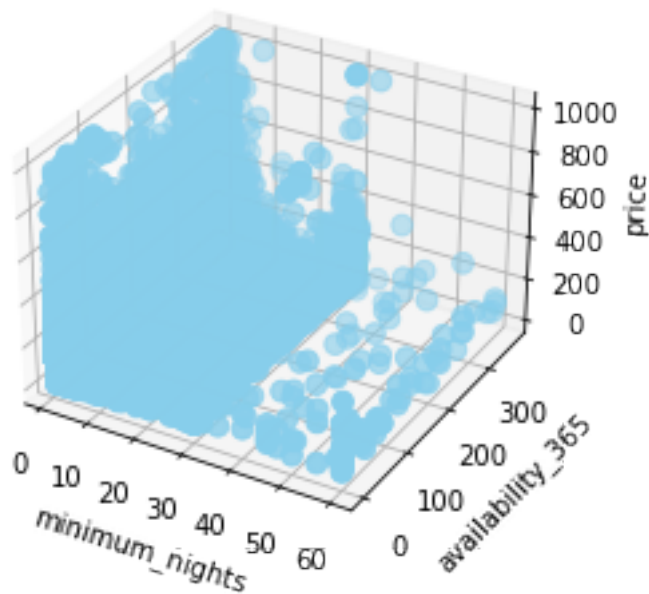
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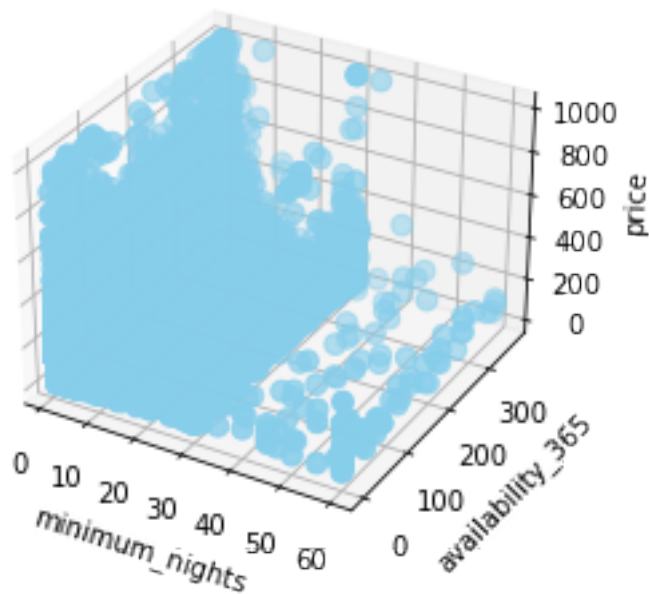
```
plt.show()
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[65]: fig = plt.figure()
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           c='skyblue', s=60)
ax.set_xlabel('minimum_nights', fontsize=10, rotation=150)
ax.set_ylabel('availability_365')
ax.set_zlabel('price', fontsize=10, rotation=60)
plt.savefig("MinimumAvailablity365.png", dpi = 400)
plt.show()
```



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[66]: fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
ax.scatter(df['minimum_nights'], df['availability_365'], df['price'],
           ↪c='skyblue', s=60)
ax.set_xlabel('minimum_nights', fontsize=10, rotation=150)
ax.set_ylabel('availability_365')
ax.set_zlabel('price', fontsize=10, rotation=60)
plt.show()
```



2 2. Data Preprocessing

```
[1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
from scipy import stats
from sklearn import preprocessing
import geohash as gh
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
import category_encoders as ce
```

```
[2]: df = pd.read_csv("Airbnb_NYC_2019.csv")
```

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[3]: df.head()
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[3]:
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4	Laura	Manhattan	East Harlem	40.79851	-73.94399

	room_type	price	minimum_nights	number_of_reviews	last_review	\
0	Private room	149	1	9	2018-10-19	
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0	0.21	6	365
1	0.38	2	355
2	NaN	1	365
3	4.64	1	194
4	0.10	1	0

```
[4]: df.dtypes
```

```
[4]: id                int64
      name              object
      host_id          int64
      host_name         object
      neighbourhood_group object
      neighbourhood     object
      latitude          float64
      longitude         float64
      room_type         object
      price             int64
      minimum_nights    int64
      number_of_reviews int64
      last_review       object
      reviews_per_month float64
      calculated_host_listings_count int64
      availability_365  int64
      dtype: object
```

```
[5]: df.shape
```

```
[5]: (48895, 16)
```

2.1 Dealing with missing values

```
[6]: # check missing values
df.isna().sum()
```

```
[6]: id          0
     name        16
     host_id      0
     host_name    21
     neighbourhood_group  0
     neighbourhood  0
     latitude      0
     longitude     0
     room_type     0
     price         0
     minimum_nights  0
     number_of_reviews  0
     last_review   10052
     reviews_per_month  10052
     calculated_host_listings_count  0
     availability_365  0
     dtype: int64
```

We can keep the missing values for `name`, `host_name`, since we are not going to using these variables in the model anyways. Even if we were, it may be worth it to keep them in the model to decide what the output of a null `host_name` would be. As for `last_review` and `reviews_per_month`, we believe that `last_month` is a variable that we would never include in the model. For `reviews_per_month`, we can replace all the missing values to 0, because 0 should be the correct value if a review has never been made for that listing.

The empty values for `name`, `host_name`, and last reviews can be dropped, since they seem non-menaingful to impute. We can replace the empty values for reviews per month with 0 values, becuase this means there is no review per month.

```
[7]: df['reviews_per_month'] = df['reviews_per_month'].fillna(0.00)
     df['name'] = df['name'].fillna('')
     df['host_name'] = df['host_name'].fillna('')
```

```
[8]: #check missing values again
df.isna().sum()
```

```
[8]: id          0
     name         0
     host_id      0
     host_name     0
     neighbourhood_group  0
     neighbourhood  0
     latitude      0
     longitude     0
```

```

room_type          0
price              0
minimum_nights     0
number_of_reviews  0
last_review        10052
reviews_per_month  0
calculated_host_listings_count  0
availability_365   0
dtype: int64

```

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

```

[9]:
      count      id      host_id      latitude      longitude      price \
count  4.889500e+04  4.889500e+04  48895.000000  48895.000000  48895.000000
mean   1.901714e+07  6.762001e+07   40.728949   -73.952170   152.720687
std    1.098311e+07  7.861097e+07    0.054530    0.046157   240.154170
min    2.539000e+03  2.438000e+03   40.499790   -74.244420    0.000000
25%    9.471945e+06  7.822033e+06   40.690100   -73.983070    69.000000
50%    1.967728e+07  3.079382e+07   40.723070   -73.955680   106.000000
75%    2.915218e+07  1.074344e+08   40.763115   -73.936275   175.000000
max    3.648724e+07  2.743213e+08   40.913060   -73.712990  10000.000000

      minimum_nights  number_of_reviews  reviews_per_month \
count      48895.000000      48895.000000      48895.000000
mean         7.029962         23.274466         1.090910
std        20.510550        44.550582         1.597283
min          1.000000          0.000000          0.000000
25%          1.000000          1.000000          0.040000
50%          3.000000          5.000000          0.370000
75%          5.000000         24.000000          1.580000
max        1250.000000        629.000000         58.500000

      calculated_host_listings_count  availability_365
count                48895.000000      48895.000000
mean                   7.143982        112.781327
std                   32.952519        131.622289
min                    1.000000          0.000000
25%                    1.000000          0.000000
50%                    1.000000         45.000000
75%                    2.000000        227.000000
max                   327.000000        365.000000

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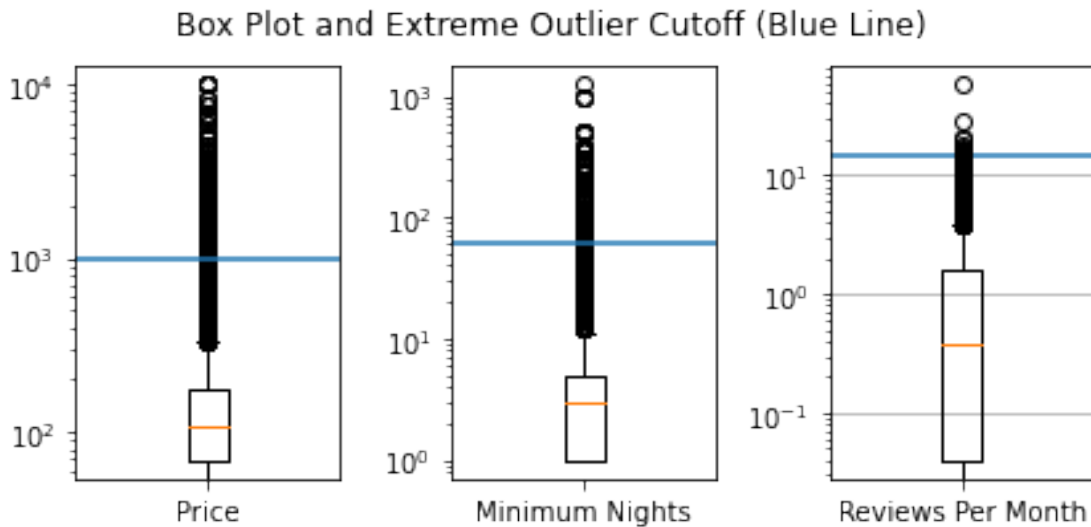
2.2 2.2 Omit extreme outliers and invalid values

There are also be some erroneous values in the dataset. For example, there are instances where the price is 10,000 per day despite being a single private room.

For **price**, we omit from the dataset if the price is above 3,000 per day or costs 0 per day. For

minimum_nights, we omit if the number of minimum nights is above 60 days per month. For reviews_per_month, we omit if the number is above 15 per month, as it is very unlikely a listing could get 15 reviews a month, which is a review every 2 days.

```
[10]: fig = plt.figure(figsize = (6,3))
ax1 = fig.add_subplot(1,3,1)
ax1.boxplot(df['price'])
ax1.set_yscale('log')
ax1.axhline(y = 1000)
ax1.set_xticklabels(['Price'])
ax2 = fig.add_subplot(1,3,2)
ax2.set_yscale('log')
ax2.boxplot(df['minimum_nights'])
ax2.set_xticklabels(['Minimum Nights'])
ax2.axhline(y = 60)
ax3 = fig.add_subplot(1,3,3)
ax3.set_yscale('log')
ax3.axhline(y = 15)
ax3.boxplot(df['reviews_per_month'])
ax3.set_xticklabels(['Reviews Per Month'])
plt.tight_layout()
fig.suptitle("Box Plot and Extreme Outlier Cutoff (Blue Line)", y = 0.95)
plt.grid(axis = 'y')
plt.subplots_adjust(top = 0.85)
plt.savefig('outlier.png', dpi = 400)
plt.show()
```



```
[11]: df_omit = df[(df['price'] > 0) & (df['price'] <= 1000) & (df['minimum_nights'] <= 60) & (df['reviews_per_month'] <= 15)]
```

2.3 What are some components that need to take into considerations for house price?

geography (latitude, longitude), minimum_nights, number_of_reviews, reviews_per_month, calculated_host_listings_count, availability_365. Thus we can exclude id, host_id, last_review from our considerations for training data. We also exclude neighbourhood_group from our analysis as we believe this too closely overlaps with coordinate data.

```
[12]: # generate training data
# drop unrelated information
# neighborhood has the same information as latitude and longitude, thus
      ↳ neighborhood can be dropped
df_relevant = df_omit.drop(['id', 'name', 'host_name',
      ↳ 'host_id', 'neighbourhood', 'last_review'], axis=1)
```

```
[13]: df_relevant.head()
```

```
[13]:  neighbourhood_group  latitude  longitude  room_type  price  \
0          Brooklyn    40.64749  -73.97237  Private room    149
1          Manhattan    40.75362  -73.98377  Entire home/apt    225
2          Manhattan    40.80902  -73.94190  Private room    150
3          Brooklyn    40.68514  -73.95976  Entire home/apt     89
4          Manhattan    40.79851  -73.94399  Entire home/apt     80
```

```
    minimum_nights  number_of_reviews  reviews_per_month  \
0                1                  9                0.21
1                1                 45                0.38
2                3                  0                0.00
3                1                270                4.64
4               10                  9                0.10
```

```
    calculated_host_listings_count  availability_365
0                                6                365
1                                2                355
2                                1                365
3                                1                194
4                                1                 0
```

```
[14]: #check number of unique values in each column to decide what processing
      ↳ technique to use
df_relevant.nunique()
```

```
[14]: neighbourhood_group      5
latitude                    18967
longitude                   14664
room_type                    3
price                       569
minimum_nights              50
```



```

number_of_reviews      391
reviews_per_month      927
calculated_host_listings_count  47
availability_365       366
dtype: int64

```

2.4 2.4 One hot encoding for categorical variables

```

[15]: print(df_relevant['room_type'].unique())
      print(df_relevant['neighbourhood_group'].unique())

```

```

['Private room' 'Entire home/apt' 'Shared room']
['Brooklyn' 'Manhattan' 'Queens' 'Staten Island' 'Bronx']

```

Based on the number of unique values and data type for each column. We can apply the following encoding method for text preprocessing:

1. one hot encoding for neighbor group
2. create grouping for latitude and longitude first? then encode? 3.label encode for room type since size matters
3. conduct normalization/ standardization for all continuous data

```

[16]: #exclude label
      df_relevant.drop(['price'], axis = 1, inplace= True)

```

```

[17]: df_relevant.head()

```

```

[17]:  neighbourhood_group  latitude  longitude      room_type  minimum_nights  \
0          Brooklyn    40.64749   -73.97237   Private room             1
1          Manhattan    40.75362   -73.98377  Entire home/apt             1
2          Manhattan    40.80902   -73.94190   Private room             3
3          Brooklyn    40.68514   -73.95976  Entire home/apt             1
4          Manhattan    40.79851   -73.94399  Entire home/apt            10

      number_of_reviews  reviews_per_month  calculated_host_listings_count  \
0                   9              0.21                      6
1                  45              0.38                      2
2                   0              0.00                      1
3                 270              4.64                      1
4                   9              0.10                      1

      availability_365
0                 365
1                 355
2                 365
3                 194
4                   0

```

```
[18]: df_relevant_encode = pd.get_dummies(df_relevant, prefix =_
      ↪['neighbourhood_group', 'room_type'], columns = ['neighbourhood_group',_
      ↪'room_type'])
df_relevant_label = pd.get_dummies(df_relevant, prefix =_
      ↪['neighbourhood_group'], columns = ['neighbourhood_group'])
le = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
le.fit(['Shared room', 'Private room', 'Entire home/apt'])
df_relevant_label['room_type'] = le.transform(df_relevant_label['room_type'])
```

2.5 2.5 Geohash for latitude and longitude

```
[19]: # create geohash code for geographical data
df_relevant_encode['geohash']=df_relevant_encode.apply(lambda x: gh.
      ↪encode(x['latitude'], x['longitude'], precision=7), axis=1)
```

```
[20]: df_relevant_encode.head()
```

```
[20]:   latitude  longitude  minimum_nights  number_of_reviews  reviews_per_month  \
0  40.64749  -73.97237             1             9             0.21
1  40.75362  -73.98377             1            45             0.38
2  40.80902  -73.94190             3             0             0.00
3  40.68514  -73.95976             1           270             4.64
4  40.79851  -73.94399            10             9             0.10
```

```
   calculated_host_listings_count  availability_365  \
0                             6                365
1                             2                355
2                             1                365
3                             1                194
4                             1                 0
```

```
   neighbourhood_group_Bronx  neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn  \
0                           0                            1
1                           0                            0
2                           0                            0
3                           0                            1
4                           0                            0
```

```
   neighbourhood_group_Manhattan  neighbourhood_group_Queens  \
0                               0                            0
1                               1                            0
2                               1                            0
3                               0                            0
4                               1                            0
```

```
   neighbourhood_group_Staten Island  room_type_Entire home/apt  \
0                                   0                            0
```

1	0	1
2	0	0
3	0	1
4	0	1

	room_type_Private room	room_type_Shared room	geohash
0	1	0	dr5rhxw
1	0	0	dr5ru6y
2	1	0	dr72jnj
3	0	0	dr5rmn8
4	0	0	dr72j75

```
[21]: #drop latltitude longitude
df_relevant_encode.drop(['latitude', 'longitude'], axis = 1, inplace= True)
```

```
[22]: df_relevant_encode.head()
```

```
[22]:
```

	minimum_nights	number_of_reviews	reviews_per_month \
0	1	9	0.21
1	1	45	0.38
2	3	0	0.00
3	1	270	4.64
4	10	9	0.10

	calculated_host_listings_count	availability_365 \
0	6	365
1	2	355
2	1	365
3	1	194
4	1	0

	neighbourhood_group_Bronx	neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn \
0	0	1
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	0	1
4	0	0

	neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	neighbourhood_group_Queens \
0	0	0
1	1	0
2	1	0
3	0	0
4	1	0

	neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	room_type_Entire home/apt \
0	0	0

1	0	1
2	0	0
3	0	1
4	0	1

	room_type_Private	room	room_type_Shared	room	geohash
0		1		0	dr5rhxw
1		0		0	dr5ru6y
2		1		0	dr72jnj
3		0		0	dr5rmn8
4		0		0	dr72j75

```
[23]: df_relevant_encode.geohash.nunique()
# there are 10442 unique geographical location, should apply target encoding
↳ later
```

```
[23]: 10431
```

```
[24]: X_col_names = df_relevant_encode.columns
X = df_relevant_encode.values.tolist()
y = df_omit['price'].tolist()
```

2.6 2.6 Split Train and Test Data (2/3, 1/3 split)

Split train data and test data for this one, with 67% in the training set and 33% in the testing set.

```
[25]: #train test split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.33,
↳ random_state=42)
print(len(X_train))
print(len(X_test))
print(len(y_train))
print(len(y_test))
```

```
32373
15946
32373
15946
```

```
[26]: #create train and test dataframe for target encoding later
df_train = pd.DataFrame(X_train)
df_test = pd.DataFrame(X_test)
df_test_keep = df_test
df_train.columns = X_col_names
df_test.columns = X_col_names
```

2.7 Transform Continuous Variables

Use `TargetEncoder` to encode the `geohash`. Also, transform the y-variable and x-variables if necessary into either normalized/standardized form.

Normalization is good to use when you know that the distribution of your data does not follow a Gaussian distribution. This can be useful in algorithms that do not assume any distribution of the data like K-Nearest Neighbors and Neural Networks.

Standardization, on the other hand, can be helpful in cases where the data follows a Gaussian distribution. However, this does not have to be necessarily true. Also, unlike normalization, standardization does not have a bounding range. So, even if you have outliers in your data, they will not be affected by standardization.

```
[27]: # target encode on geolocations, since the amount of unique values are large
# if we look at price as a target, each row with the unique value of
#       ↳ geolocation would be replaced with the average price for the house
encoder = ce.TargetEncoder(cols=['geohash'], smoothing=0, return_df=True)

df_train['coded_geo'] = encoder.fit_transform(df_train['geohash'], y_train)
df_test['coded_geo'] = encoder.transform(df_train['geohash'])
```

```
C:\Users\williamshih\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\category_encoders\utils.py:21:
FutureWarning: is_categorical is deprecated and will be removed in a future
version. Use is_categorical_dtype instead
    elif pd.api.types.is_categorical(cols):
```

```
[28]: df_train.drop('geohash', axis=1, inplace=True)
df_test.drop('geohash', axis=1, inplace=True)
```

It turns out the y-variable could benefit from a log transformation, depending on what model we are using as the distribution of prices is close to a lognormal distribution.

```
[29]: #one, two, three = stats.boxcox(y_train, alpha = 0.95)
# print(three)
#y_train = np.log(y_train)
#y_test = np.log(y_test)
```

```
[30]: # concatenate train and test dataframes again for normalization or
#       ↳ stanadardization
df_train['price'] = y_train
df_test['price'] = y_test
df_whole = pd.concat([df_train, df_test])
```

```
[31]: # apply standarization or normalization on continuous values based on the data
#       ↳ distribution
to_scale = ['minimum_nights', 'number_of_reviews', 'reviews_per_month',
            'calculated_host_listings_count', 'availability_365', 'coded_geo']
scaled_train = df_train.copy()
scaled_test = df_test.copy()
```

```
scaled_features = scaled_train[to_scale]
scaler = preprocessing.StandardScaler().fit(scaled_features)
scaled_train[to_scale] = scaler.transform(scaled_features)
scaled_test[to_scale] = scaler.transform(scaled_test[to_scale])
```

```
[32]: # This is extra code in case room_type uses the label encode instead of one-hot
      ↪ encoding
      # scaler2 = preprocessing.StandardScaler().fit(df_relevant_label['room_type'].
      ↪ values.reshape(-1,1))
      # df_relevant_label['room_type'] = scaler2.
      ↪ transform(df_relevant_label['room_type'].values.reshape(-1,1))
```

```
[33]: print(scaler.mean_, scaler.var_)
      # print(scaler2.mean_, scaler2.var_)
```

```
[ 5.90578569 23.45883916  1.0982646   7.14419424 111.87177586
145.06139662] [7.97672334e+01 1.97257864e+03 2.45885778e+00 1.07521505e+03
1.72229072e+04 4.35186541e+03]
```

```
[34]: scaled_train.describe()
```

```
[34]:
```

	minimum_nights	number_of_reviews	reviews_per_month	\
count	3.237300e+04	3.237300e+04	3.237300e+04	
mean	-5.897560e-16	-2.222847e-16	7.928357e-16	
std	1.000015e+00	1.000015e+00	1.000015e+00	
min	-5.492832e-01	-5.281890e-01	-7.003906e-01	
25%	-5.492832e-01	-5.056734e-01	-6.748816e-01	
50%	-4.373168e-01	-4.156112e-01	-4.580551e-01	
75%	-1.014176e-01	1.218454e-02	3.263463e-01	
max	6.056735e+00	1.363410e+01	8.597637e+00	

	calculated_host_listings_count	availability_365	\
count	3.237300e+04	3.237300e+04	
mean	1.951104e-16	-6.364037e-16	
std	1.000015e+00	1.000015e+00	
min	-1.873774e-01	-8.524468e-01	
25%	-1.873774e-01	-8.524468e-01	
50%	-1.873774e-01	-5.171732e-01	
75%	-1.568808e-01	8.544009e-01	
max	9.754535e+00	1.928801e+00	

	neighbourhood_group_Bronx	neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	\
count	32373.000000	32373.000000	
mean	0.023044	0.411701	
std	0.150045	0.492149	
min	0.000000	0.000000	
25%	0.000000	0.000000	
50%	0.000000	0.000000	

75%	0.000000	1.000000
max	1.000000	1.000000

	neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	neighbourhood_group_Queens	\
count	32373.000000	32373.000000	
mean	0.439317	0.118463	
std	0.496312	0.323160	
min	0.000000	0.000000	
25%	0.000000	0.000000	
50%	0.000000	0.000000	
75%	1.000000	0.000000	
max	1.000000	1.000000	

	neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	room_type_Entire home/apt	\
count	32373.000000	32373.000000	
mean	0.007475	0.516511	
std	0.086138	0.499735	
min	0.000000	0.000000	
25%	0.000000	0.000000	
50%	0.000000	1.000000	
75%	0.000000	1.000000	
max	1.000000	1.000000	

	room_type_Private room	room_type_Shared room	coded_geo	\
count	32373.000000	32373.000000	3.237300e+04	
mean	0.460075	0.023415	1.007733e-16	
std	0.498411	0.151219	1.000015e+00	
min	0.000000	0.000000	-1.895770e+00	
25%	0.000000	0.000000	-7.096004e-01	
50%	0.000000	0.000000	-6.036073e-02	
75%	1.000000	0.000000	4.704330e-01	
max	1.000000	1.000000	8.973026e+00	

	price
count	32373.000000
mean	141.079480
std	116.212547
min	10.000000
25%	69.000000
50%	105.000000
75%	175.000000
max	1000.000000

```
[35]: scaled_test.describe()
```

[35]:	minimum_nights	number_of_reviews	reviews_per_month	\
count	15946.000000	15946.000000	15946.000000	

mean	-0.008796	-0.004718	-0.005474
std	0.980365	1.007051	0.986433
min	-0.549283	-0.528189	-0.700391
25%	-0.549283	-0.505673	-0.674882
50%	-0.325350	-0.415611	-0.458055
75%	-0.101418	0.012185	0.326346
max	6.056735	13.138759	8.623146

	calculated_host_listings_count	availability_365	\
count	15946.000000	15946.000000	
mean	0.000772	0.000561	
std	1.021041	0.999243	
min	-0.187377	-0.852447	
25%	-0.187377	-0.852447	
50%	-0.187377	-0.524793	
75%	-0.156881	0.862021	
max	9.754535	1.928801	

	neighbourhood_group_Bronx	neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	\
count	15946.000000	15946.000000	
mean	0.020758	0.414399	
std	0.142576	0.492633	
min	0.000000	0.000000	
25%	0.000000	0.000000	
50%	0.000000	0.000000	
75%	0.000000	1.000000	
max	1.000000	1.000000	

	neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	neighbourhood_group_Queens	\
count	15946.000000	15946.000000	
mean	0.444187	0.11263	
std	0.496891	0.31615	
min	0.000000	0.000000	
25%	0.000000	0.000000	
50%	0.000000	0.000000	
75%	1.000000	0.000000	
max	1.000000	1.000000	

	neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	room_type_Entire home/apt	\
count	15946.000000	15946.000000	
mean	0.008027	0.519127	
std	0.089237	0.499650	
min	0.000000	0.000000	
25%	0.000000	0.000000	
50%	0.000000	1.000000	
75%	0.000000	1.000000	
max	1.000000	1.000000	

	room_type_Private room	room_type_Shared room	coded_geo \
count	15946.000000	15946.000000	15946.000000
mean	0.456541	0.024332	0.004287
std	0.498123	0.154083	0.999950
min	0.000000	0.000000	-1.895770
25%	0.000000	0.000000	-0.704295
50%	0.000000	0.000000	-0.060361
75%	1.000000	0.000000	0.478843
max	1.000000	1.000000	8.973026

	price
count	15946.000000
mean	141.892638
std	118.074721
min	10.000000
25%	69.000000
50%	105.000000
75%	175.000000
max	1000.000000

```
[36]: # correlation plot to decide variables
scaled_train.corr()
```

```
[36]:
```

	minimum_nights	number_of_reviews \
minimum_nights	1.000000	-0.147990
number_of_reviews	-0.147990	1.000000
reviews_per_month	-0.223799	0.595509
calculated_host_listings_count	0.308940	-0.074129
availability_365	0.233287	0.177020
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	-0.044966	0.007786
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.068389	0.017814
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	0.118120	-0.045826
neighbourhood_group_Queens	-0.051498	0.035401
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	-0.018318	0.015882
room_type_Entire home/apt	0.137614	-0.000076
room_type_Private room	-0.132417	0.006629
room_type_Shared room	-0.018334	-0.021598
coded_geo	0.095232	-0.053203
price	0.038798	-0.056272

	reviews_per_month \
minimum_nights	-0.223799
number_of_reviews	0.595509
reviews_per_month	1.000000
calculated_host_listings_count	-0.051926
availability_365	0.171753

neighbourhood_group_Bronx	0.035298
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.022078
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	-0.065375
neighbourhood_group_Queens	0.110712
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	0.025982
room_type_Entire home/apt	-0.022020
room_type_Private room	0.021825
room_type_Shared room	0.000834
coded_geo	-0.069650
price	-0.056097

	calculated_host_listings_count \
minimum_nights	0.308940
number_of_reviews	-0.074129
reviews_per_month	-0.051926
calculated_host_listings_count	1.000000
availability_365	0.230374
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	-0.022763
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.123997
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	0.153666
neighbourhood_group_Queens	-0.033151
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	-0.012915
room_type_Entire home/apt	0.111875
room_type_Private room	-0.108345
room_type_Shared room	-0.012617
coded_geo	0.187275
price	0.132569

	availability_365 \
minimum_nights	0.233287
number_of_reviews	0.177020
reviews_per_month	0.171753
calculated_host_listings_count	0.230374
availability_365	1.000000
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	0.060805
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.079609
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	-0.005056
neighbourhood_group_Queens	0.086739
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	0.052646
room_type_Entire home/apt	-0.009922
room_type_Private room	-0.007118
room_type_Shared room	0.056250
coded_geo	0.052416
price	0.119138

	neighbourhood_group_Bronx \
minimum_nights	-0.044966

number_of_reviews	0.007786
reviews_per_month	0.035298
calculated_host_listings_count	-0.022763
availability_365	0.060805
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	1.000000
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.128479
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	-0.135947
neighbourhood_group_Queens	-0.056300
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	-0.013329
room_type_Entire home/apt	-0.054511
room_type_Private room	0.043696
room_type_Shared room	0.036123
coded_geo	-0.051393
price	-0.074819

	neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn \
minimum_nights	-0.068389
number_of_reviews	0.017814
reviews_per_month	-0.022078
calculated_host_listings_count	-0.123997
availability_365	-0.079609
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	-0.128479
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	1.000000
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	-0.740495
neighbourhood_group_Queens	-0.306664
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	-0.072600
room_type_Entire home/apt	-0.066073
room_type_Private room	0.072050
room_type_Shared room	-0.019122
coded_geo	-0.298862
price	-0.165228

	neighbourhood_group_Manhattan \
minimum_nights	0.118120
number_of_reviews	-0.045826
reviews_per_month	-0.065375
calculated_host_listings_count	0.153666
availability_365	-0.005056
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	-0.135947
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.740495
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	1.000000
neighbourhood_group_Queens	-0.324490
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	-0.076820
room_type_Entire home/apt	0.154089
room_type_Private room	-0.151875
room_type_Shared room	-0.008644
coded_geo	0.438289

price	0.287236
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	neighbourhood_group_Queens \
minimum_nights	-0.051498
number_of_reviews	0.035401
reviews_per_month	0.110712
calculated_host_listings_count	-0.033151
availability_365	0.086739
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	-0.056300
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.306664
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	-0.324490
neighbourhood_group_Queens	1.000000
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	-0.031814
room_type_Entire home/apt	-0.109761
room_type_Private room	0.101958
room_type_Shared room	0.026679
coded_geo	-0.186135
price	-0.146237

	neighbourhood_group_Staten Island \
minimum_nights	-0.018318
number_of_reviews	0.015882
reviews_per_month	0.025982
calculated_host_listings_count	-0.012915
availability_365	0.052646
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	-0.013329
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.072600
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	-0.076820
neighbourhood_group_Queens	-0.031814
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	1.000000
room_type_Entire home/apt	-0.003585
room_type_Private room	0.004793
room_type_Shared room	-0.003952
coded_geo	-0.029956
price	-0.032014

	room_type_Entire home/apt \
minimum_nights	0.137614
number_of_reviews	-0.000076
reviews_per_month	-0.022020
calculated_host_listings_count	0.111875
availability_365	-0.009922
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	-0.054511
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.066073
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	0.154089
neighbourhood_group_Queens	-0.109761
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	-0.003585

room_type_Entire home/apt	1.000000
room_type_Private room	-0.954099
room_type_Shared room	-0.160042
coded_geo	0.323605
price	0.471616

	room_type_Private room \
minimum_nights	-0.132417
number_of_reviews	0.006629
reviews_per_month	0.021825
calculated_host_listings_count	-0.108345
availability_365	-0.007118
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	0.043696
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	0.072050
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	-0.151875
neighbourhood_group_Queens	0.101958
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	0.004793
room_type_Entire home/apt	-0.954099
room_type_Private room	1.000000
room_type_Shared room	-0.142934
coded_geo	-0.307364
price	-0.442225

	room_type_Shared room	coded_geo	price
minimum_nights	-0.018334	0.095232	0.038798
number_of_reviews	-0.021598	-0.053203	-0.056272
reviews_per_month	0.000834	-0.069650	-0.056097
calculated_host_listings_count	-0.012617	0.187275	0.132569
availability_365	0.056250	0.052416	0.119138
neighbourhood_group_Bronx	0.036123	-0.051393	-0.074819
neighbourhood_group_Brooklyn	-0.019122	-0.298862	-0.165228
neighbourhood_group_Manhattan	-0.008644	0.438289	0.287236
neighbourhood_group_Queens	0.026679	-0.186135	-0.146237
neighbourhood_group_Staten Island	-0.003952	-0.029956	-0.032014
room_type_Entire home/apt	-0.160042	0.323605	0.471616
room_type_Private room	-0.142934	-0.307364	-0.442225
room_type_Shared room	1.000000	-0.056362	-0.101001
coded_geo	-0.056362	1.000000	0.569732
price	-0.101001	0.569732	1.000000

```
[37]: scaled_train_X = scaled_train.loc[:, scaled_train.columns != 'price'].values.  
      ↪ tolist()  
      scaled_train_y = scaled_train['price'].tolist()  
  
      scaled_test_X = scaled_test.loc[:, scaled_train.columns != 'price'].values.  
      ↪ tolist()  
      scaled_test_y = scaled_test['price'].tolist()
```

3 Model training

```
[38]: # some helper functions to do plotting
# get the raw features importance (aggregate all dummies)
def raw_feature_importance(importance_dataframe, num_pos, cate_list):
    # numerical feature importance
    num_importance = importance_dataframe.head(num_pos)
    num_importance.reset_index(drop = True, inplace = True)

    cate_dict = {}
    for i in cate_list:
        summ = 0
        for (idx, row) in importance_dataframe.iterrows():
            if i in row.loc['Feature']:
                summ += row.loc['Importance']
        cate_dict[i] = summ

    cate_importance = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(cate_dict, orient='index')
    cate_importance.rename(columns={0: 'Importance'}, inplace=True)
    cate_importance.reset_index(inplace = True)
    cate_importance.rename(index=str, columns={"index": "Feature"}, inplace =
    → True)

    raw_feature_importances = pd.concat([num_importance, cate_importance])
    raw_feature_importances.sort_values(by=['Importance'], inplace = True,
    → ascending=False)
    return raw_feature_importances

# feature importance
def plot_feature_importance(rank_importance, left_limit, color, alpha, size_L,
    → size_H, title):
    plt.style.use('default')
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1)
    ax.barh(range(len(rank_importance['Feature'])[0:
    → left_limit])), rank_importance[0:
    → left_limit]['Importance'], color=color, alpha=alpha)
    #ax.barh(rank_importance[0:
    → left_limit]['Importance'], range(len(rank_importance['Feature'])[0:
    → left_limit])), color=color, alpha=alpha)
    ax.set_yticks(range(rank_importance[0:left_limit].shape[0]))
    ax.set_yticklabels(rank_importance[0:left_limit]['Feature'],
    → rotation='horizontal', fontsize=12)
    ax.set_ylabel('Features', fontsize = 16)
    ax.set_xlabel('Feature importance', fontsize = 16)
    ax.set_title(title, fontsize = 16)
    fig.set_size_inches(size_L, size_H)
    plt.tight_layout()
```

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plt.grid(axis = 'x')
plt.savefig(title + '.png', dpi = 400)
plt.show()
```

4 3.1 Quick LASSO for baseline

- Use Lasso regression for quick baseline
- Mean absolute percentage error (MAPE), mean absolute error (MAE), and the Mean absolute Deviation (MAD) are used as evaluation metric.
- R-squared (R2_score), Mean Squared Log Error (MSLE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and Median Absolute Error are used as additional evaluation metrics.

```
[39]: import sklearn.metrics
import sklearn
get_ipython().magic(u'matplotlib inline')
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.feature_selection import SelectFromModel
from sklearn.linear_model import LassoCV
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression, Lasso
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score
from math import sqrt
from sklearn.metrics.pairwise import cosine_similarity
from collections import defaultdict
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_log_error,
    ↪median_absolute_error
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_percentage_error
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor
from sklearn.svm import SVR
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
```

```
[40]: # Lasso model select the optimized hyperparameters
def lasso_best(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y, title):
    alphas = np.logspace(-4,2,num=50)
    #Return numbers spaced evenly on a log scale.
    scores = np.empty_like(alphas)
    opt_a = float('-inf')
    max_score = float('-inf')
    for i, a in enumerate(alphas):
        lasso = Lasso(max_iter = 100000, tol = 0.01)
        lasso.set_params(alpha = a)
        lasso.fit(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y)
        scores[i] = lasso.score(scaled_test_X, scaled_test_y) # get scores for
    ↪test dataset
        # lasso.score() Return the coefficient of determination R2 of the
    ↪prediction.
```

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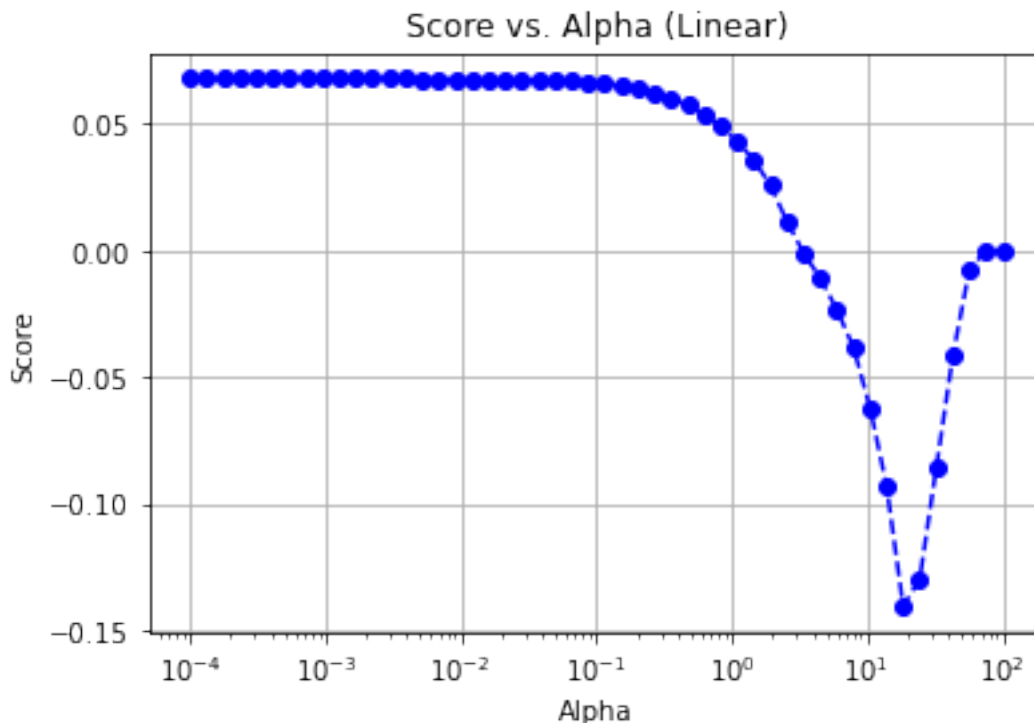
    # The best possible score is 1.0 and it can be negative (because the
    ↪model can be arbitrarily worse).
    # A constant model that always predicts the expected value of y,
    ↪disregarding the input features, would get a  $R^2$  score of 0.0.
    if scores[i] > max_score: # lasso.score is r2
        max_score = scores[i]
        opt_a = a
        lasso_save = lasso
    plt.plot(alphas, scores, color='b', linestyle='dashed',
    ↪marker='o',markerfacecolor='blue', markersize=6)
    plt.xlabel('Alpha')
    plt.ylabel('Score')
    plt.xscale('log')
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.title('Score vs. Alpha ('+ title +')')
    plt.savefig(title + 'scorealpha.png', dpi = 400)
    plt.show()
    print('The optimized alpha and score of Lasso linear is: ', opt_a,
    ↪max_score)
    print(opt_a)
    return opt_a

```

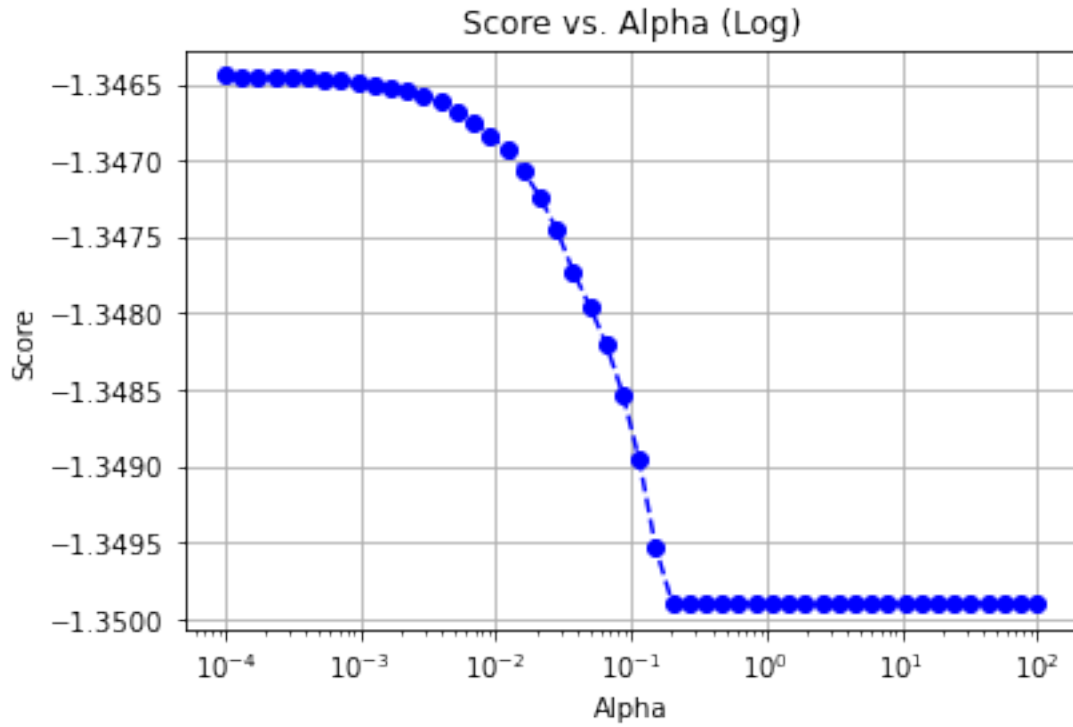
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[41]: opt_a = lasso_best(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y, 'Linear')
      opt_a_log = lasso_best(scaled_train_X, np.log(scaled_train_y), 'Log')
      opt_a_sqrt = lasso_best(scaled_train_X, np.sqrt(scaled_train_y), 'Sqrt')

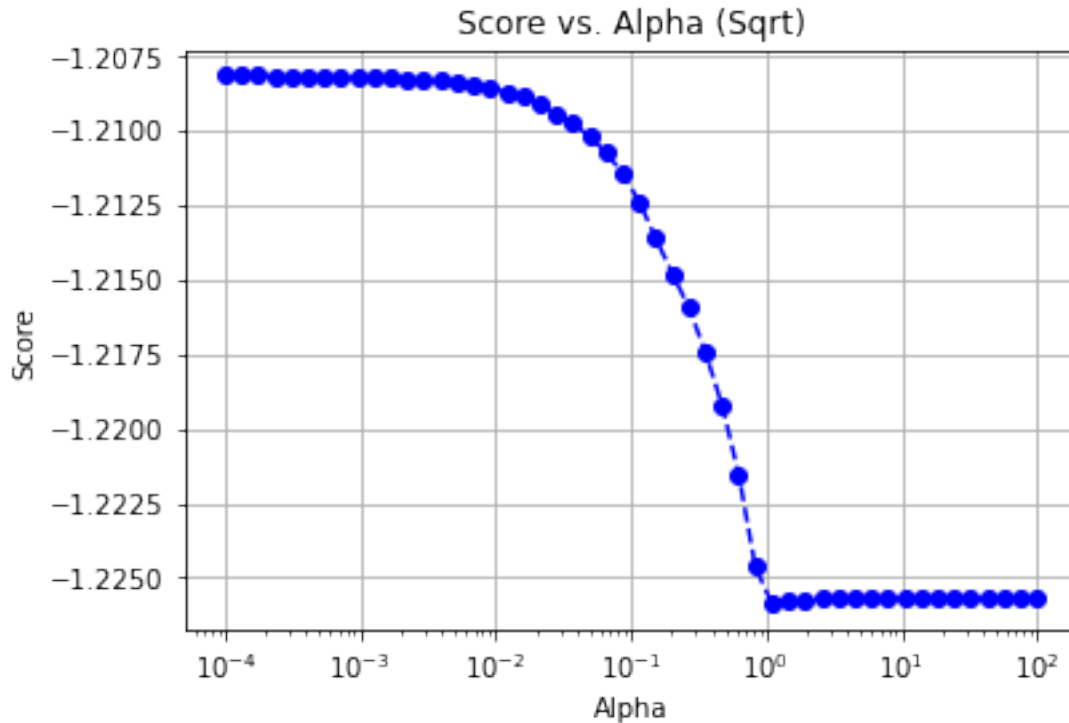
```



The optimized alpha and score of Lasso linear is: 0.0001 0.0679395479648699
0.0001



The optimized alpha and score of Lasso linear is: 0.0001 -1.3464462578298924
0.0001



The optimized alpha and score of Lasso linear is: 0.0001 -1.2081733718961942
0.0001

```
[42]: # use optimal alpha, re-train the model
# Linear
lasso_f = Lasso(alpha = opt_a, max_iter = 100000)
lasso_f.fit(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y)
lasso_pred = lasso_f.predict(scaled_test_X)
# Log
lasso_f_log = Lasso(alpha = opt_a_log, max_iter = 100000)
lasso_f_log.fit(scaled_train_X, np.log(scaled_train_y))
lasso_pred_log = lasso_f_log.predict(scaled_test_X)
# Sqrt
lasso_f_sqrt = Lasso(alpha = opt_a_sqrt, max_iter = 100000)
lasso_f_sqrt.fit(scaled_train_X, np.sqrt(scaled_train_y))
lasso_pred_sqrt = lasso_f_sqrt.predict(scaled_test_X)
```

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[43]: import yellowbrick
from yellowbrick.regressor import PredictionError
```

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[44]: # define MAD_ratio, and evaluation result
def mean_absolute_deviation(arr):
    # Calculate the sum of absolute deviation about mean.
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absSum = 0
for i in range(0, len(arr)):
    absSum = absSum + abs(arr[i] - np.mean(arr))
return absSum / len(arr)

def mean_absolute_deviation_ratio(y_true, y_pred):
    return mean_absolute_deviation(y_pred)/(mean_absolute_deviation(y_true)+0.1)

def evaluate(test_price, prediction):
    MAPE = mean_absolute_percentage_error(test_price,prediction)
    print('MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is {}'.format(MAPE))
    MAE = mean_absolute_error(test_price, prediction)
    print('MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is {}'.format(MAE))
    MAD_ratio = mean_absolute_deviation_ratio(test_price,prediction)
    print('MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is {}'.
→format(MAD_ratio))
    r2 = r2_score(test_price, prediction)
    print('R^2 of 2019 Airbnb price is {}'.format(r2))
    MSLE = mean_squared_log_error(test_price, prediction)
    print('MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is {}'.format(MSLE))
    Median = median_absolute_error(test_price, prediction)
    print('Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is {}'.format(Median))
    MSEError = mean_squared_error(test_price, prediction)
    print('MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is {}'.format(MSEError))
    return([MAPE, MAE, MAD_ratio, r2, MSLE, Median, MSEError])

def plot_diff(test_price, prediction, title1, title2):    # plot the pred vs.
→actual
    plt.plot(prediction,'o', color='red', alpha=0.3, label = 'predicted price')
    plt.plot(test_price,'*', color='blue', alpha=0.5, label = 'actual price')
    plt.title(title1)
    plt.legend(loc='upper right')
    plt.show()

    plt.plot((prediction - test_price)
→, 'v', color='green')
    plt.title(title2)
    plt.show()

def visualize_diff(test_price, prediction, model_name):
    plt.plot(test_price, color = "red", alpha=0.3, label = 'actual price')
    plt.plot(prediction, color = "green", alpha=0.5, label = 'predicted_price' )
    plt.title("Pred vs. Actual in {}".format(model_name))
    plt.legend(loc="upper right")
    plt.show()

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```

def visualize_boxplot_diff(test_price, prediction, split_by, cut_offs,
    ↪model_name, group_name):
    plt.style.use('default')
    if cut_offs != None:
        split_by = pd.cut(split_by, bins = cut_offs[0], labels = cut_offs[1])
    residual = test_price - prediction
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10, 5))
    data = pd.DataFrame({'Residuals':residual, group_name:split_by})
    data.boxplot(column = ['Residuals'], by = group_name, ax = ax)
    fig.suptitle('Boxplot of Residuals Grouped by ' + model_name)
    plt.ylabel('Residuals (Actual - Predicted)')
    plt.savefig(model_name + '.png', dpi = 400)
    plt.show()

def visualize_regression_diff(test_price, prediction, model_name):
    plt.style.use('default')
    model_name = 'Actual vs Residuals for ' + model_name
    residual = test_price - prediction
    coef = np.polyfit(test_price, residual, 1)
    function = np.poly1d(coef)
    plt.plot(test_price, residual, 'yo', test_price, function(test_price),
    ↪'--k')
    plt.title(model_name)
    plt.xlabel('Actual Price')
    plt.ylabel('Residual Price')
    plt.grid()
    plt.ticklabel_format(useOffset=False, style='plain')
    plt.savefig(model_name + '_diff.png', dpi = 400)
    plt.show()

def visualize_regression_actual(test_price, prediction, model_name):
    plt.style.use('default')
    model_name = 'Actual vs Prediction for ' + model_name
    coef = np.polyfit(test_price, prediction, 1)
    function = np.poly1d(coef)
    plt.plot(test_price, prediction, 'yo', test_price, function(test_price),
    ↪'--k')
    plt.title(model_name)
    plt.xlabel('Actual Price')
    plt.ylabel('Prediction Price')
    plt.grid()
    plt.ticklabel_format(useOffset=False, style='plain')
    plt.savefig(model_name + '_actual.png', dpi = 400)
    plt.show()

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[100]: eval_grid = np.array([[0.000]*7 for i in range(17)])
eval_grid[0,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.mean(scaled_test_y)).
↳repeat(len(scaled_test_y))
```

MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.8052693039244664
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 78.55573516343233
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.0
R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.0
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.4958395063803054
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 61.89263765207576
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 13940.765345269056

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[106]: lasso_pred = np.array([10 if i < 10 else i for i in lasso_pred])
lasso_pred_log = np.array([2.3 if i < 2.3 else i for i in lasso_pred_log])
lasso_pred_sqrt = np.array([3.16 if i < 3.16 else i for i in lasso_pred_sqrt])
eval_grid[1,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, lasso_pred)
eval_grid[2,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.exp(lasso_pred_log))
eval_grid[3,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.square(lasso_pred_sqrt))
```

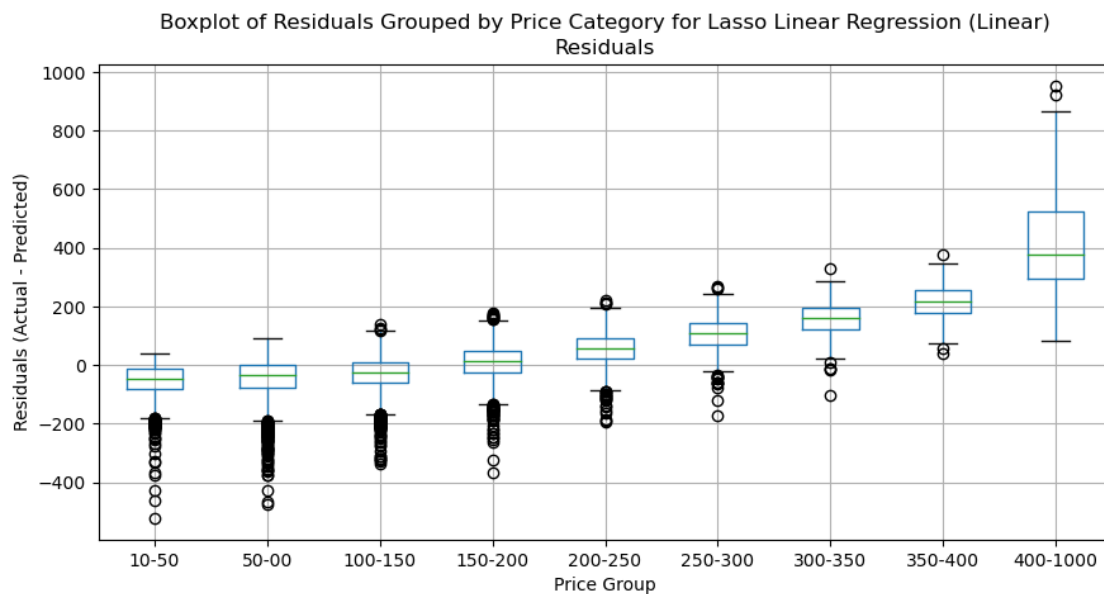
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.6453609994498701
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 72.18386876959124
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.6623722855462792
R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.06850741892715428
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.4335030872330056
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 48.203455318522295
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12985.719493595554
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.4512752615258362
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 61.614727652823525
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.5711622987259765
R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.11816067755286197
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.291150659374325
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 33.240010638363756
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12293.515066466605
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.5212490047790349
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 64.78850006610216
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.5972912254428446
R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.12474971960975267
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.32375384945882557
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 38.83917419156903
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12201.658777301383

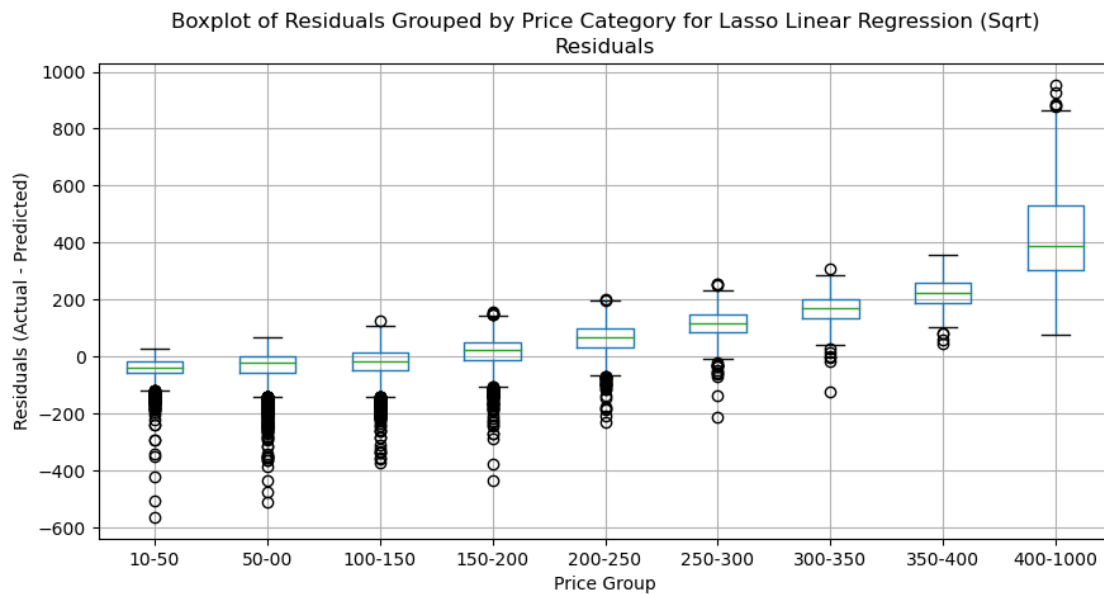
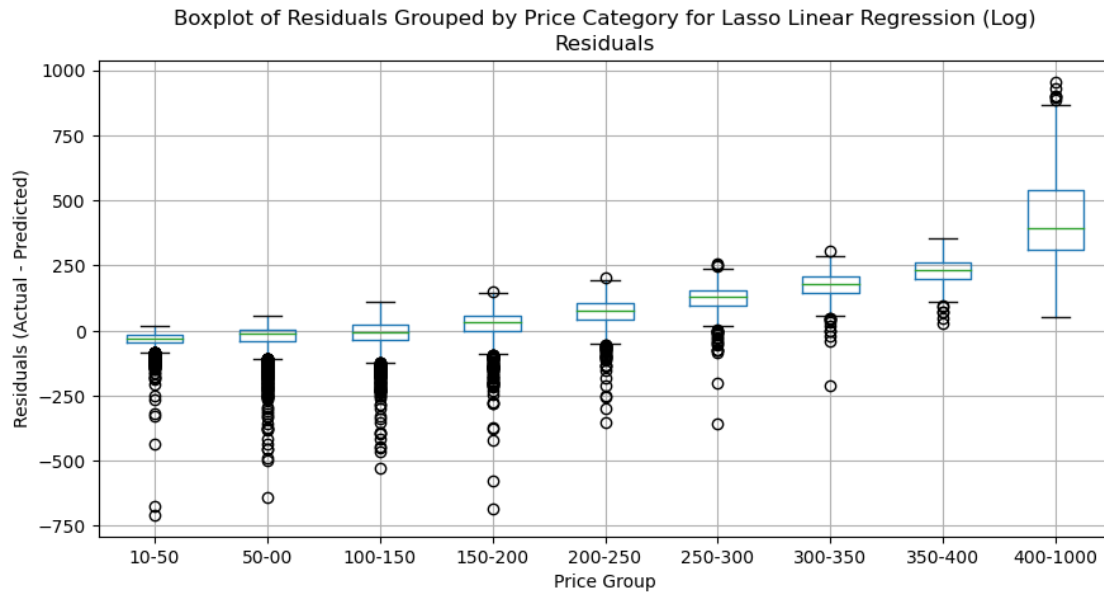
```
[47]: visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, lasso_pred, scaled_test_y,
                             [[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000],
                             ↳
                             ↳['10-50', '50-100', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
                             'Price Category for Lasso Linear Regression (Linear)', ↳
                             ↳'Price Group')
visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, np.exp(lasso_pred_log), scaled_test_y,
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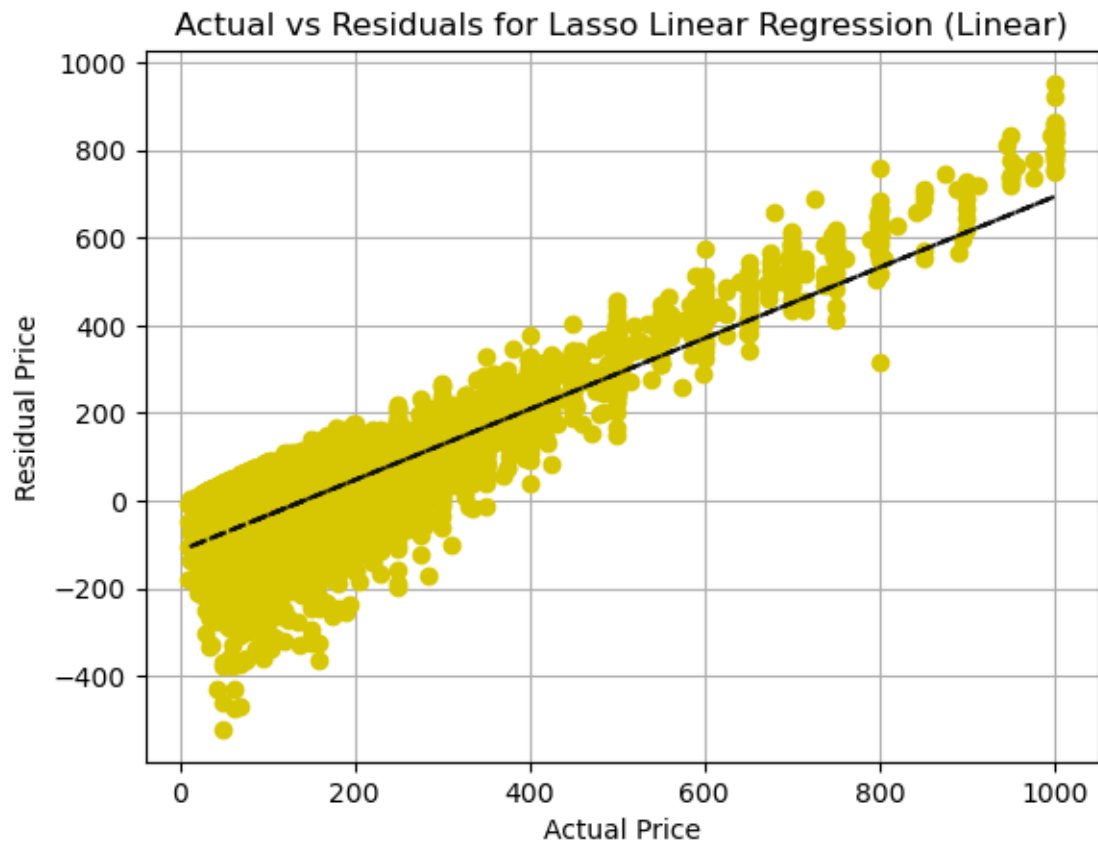
[[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000],
↪ ['10-50', '50-100', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
    'Price Category for Lasso Linear Regression (Log)',
↪ 'Price Group')
visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, np.square(lasso_pred_sqrt), scaled_test_y,
[[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000],
↪ ['10-50', '50-100', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
    'Price Category for Lasso Linear Regression (Sqrt)',
↪ 'Price Group')

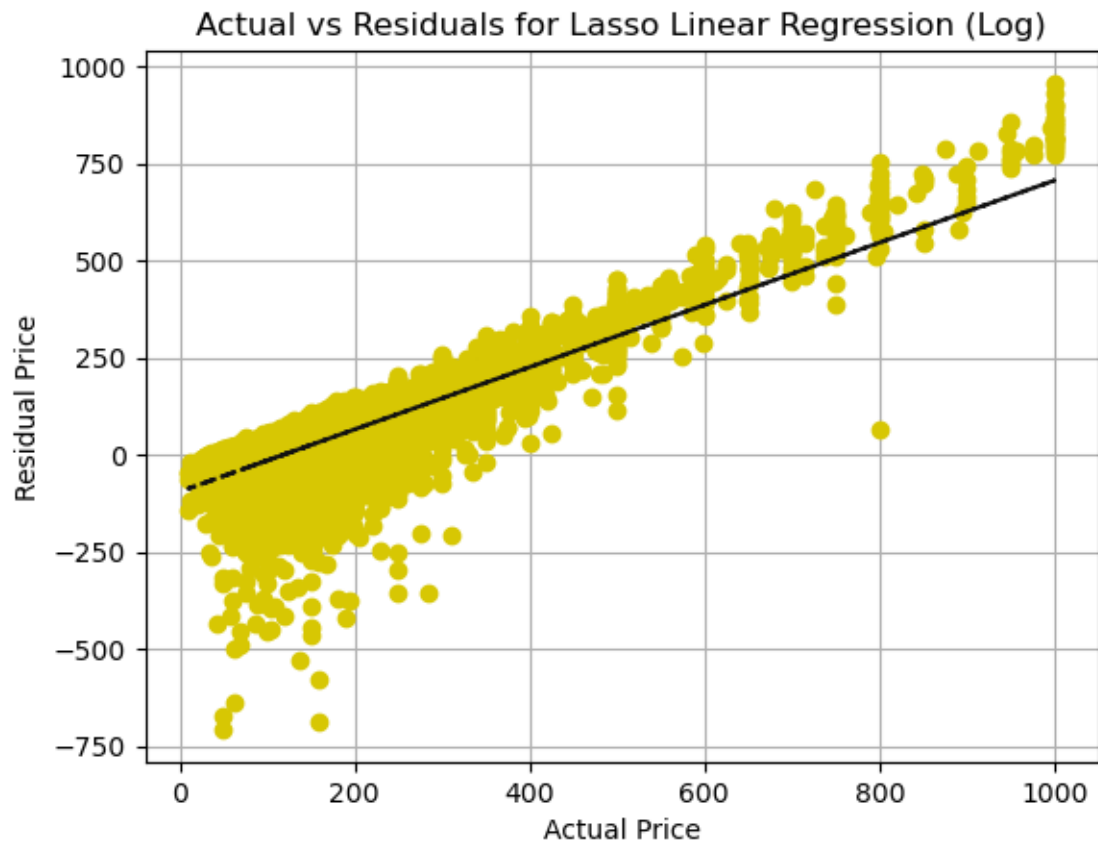
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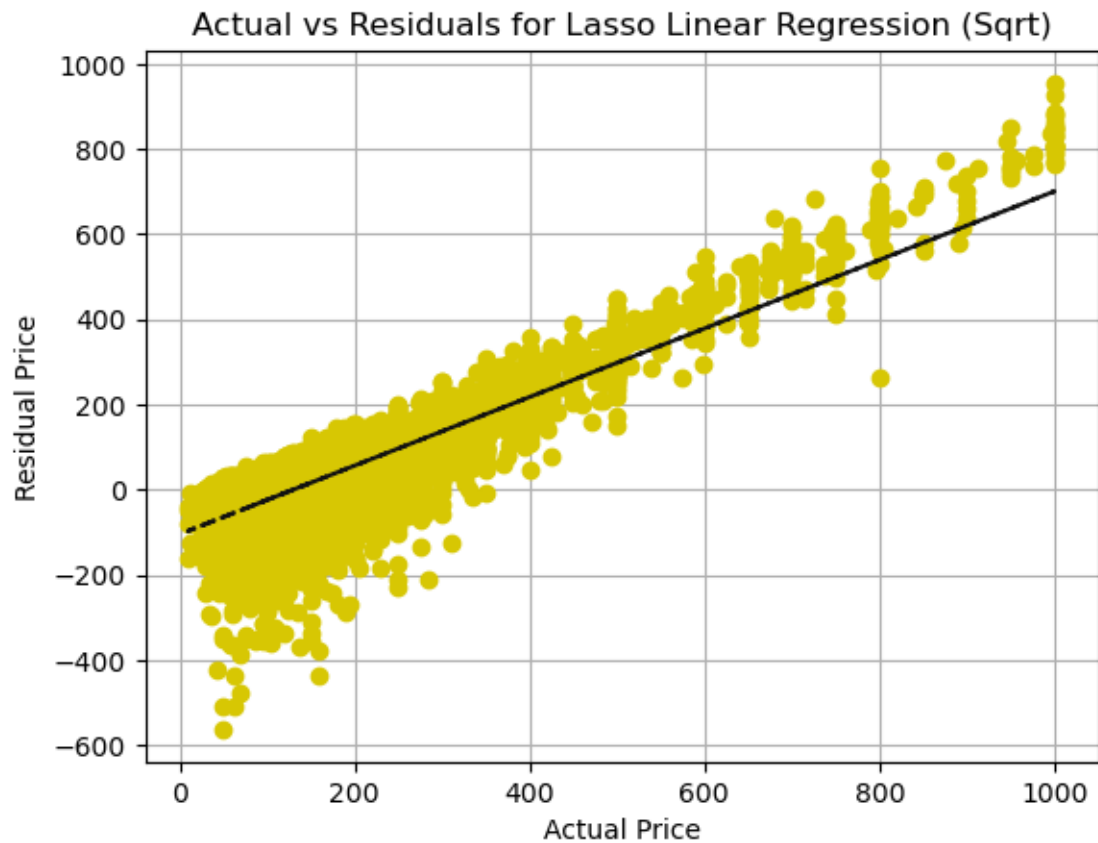




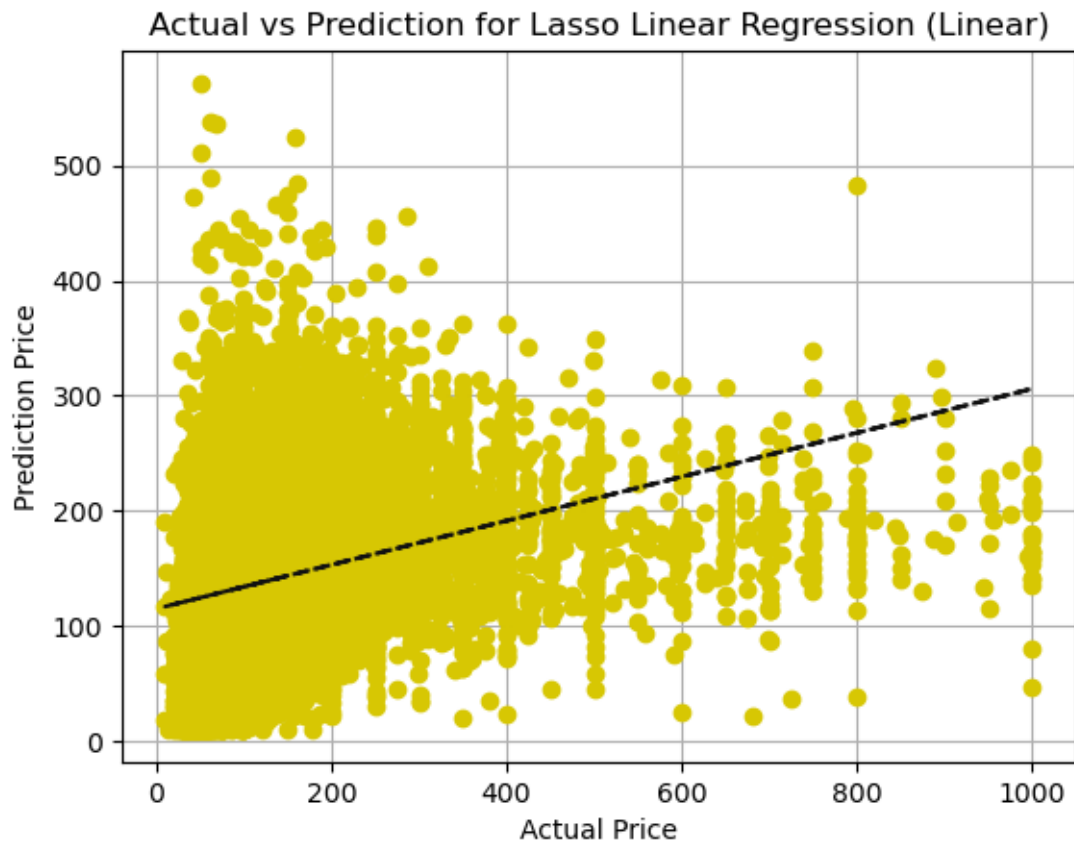
```
[48]: visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, lasso_pred, 'Lasso Linear Regression_
      ↪(Linear)')
      visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, np.exp(lasso_pred_log), 'Lasso Linear_
      ↪Regression (Log)')
      visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, np.square(lasso_pred_sqrt), 'Lasso_
      ↪Linear Regression (Sqrt)')
```

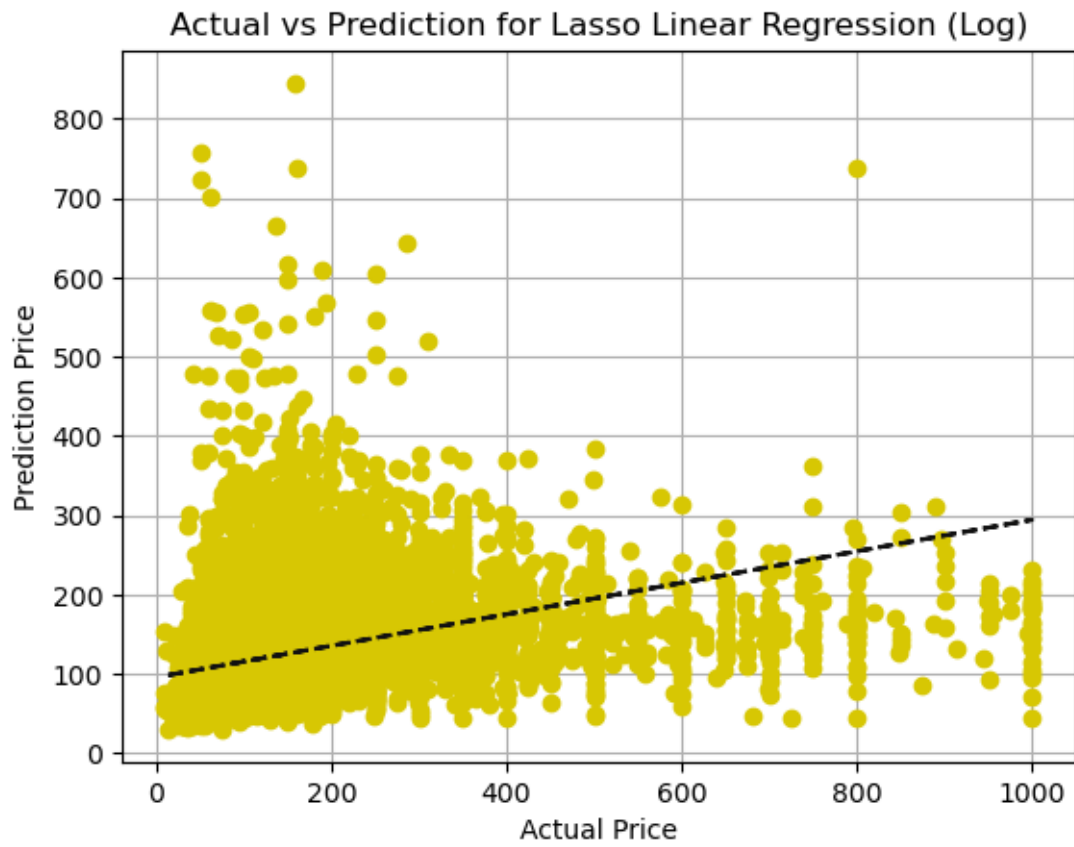


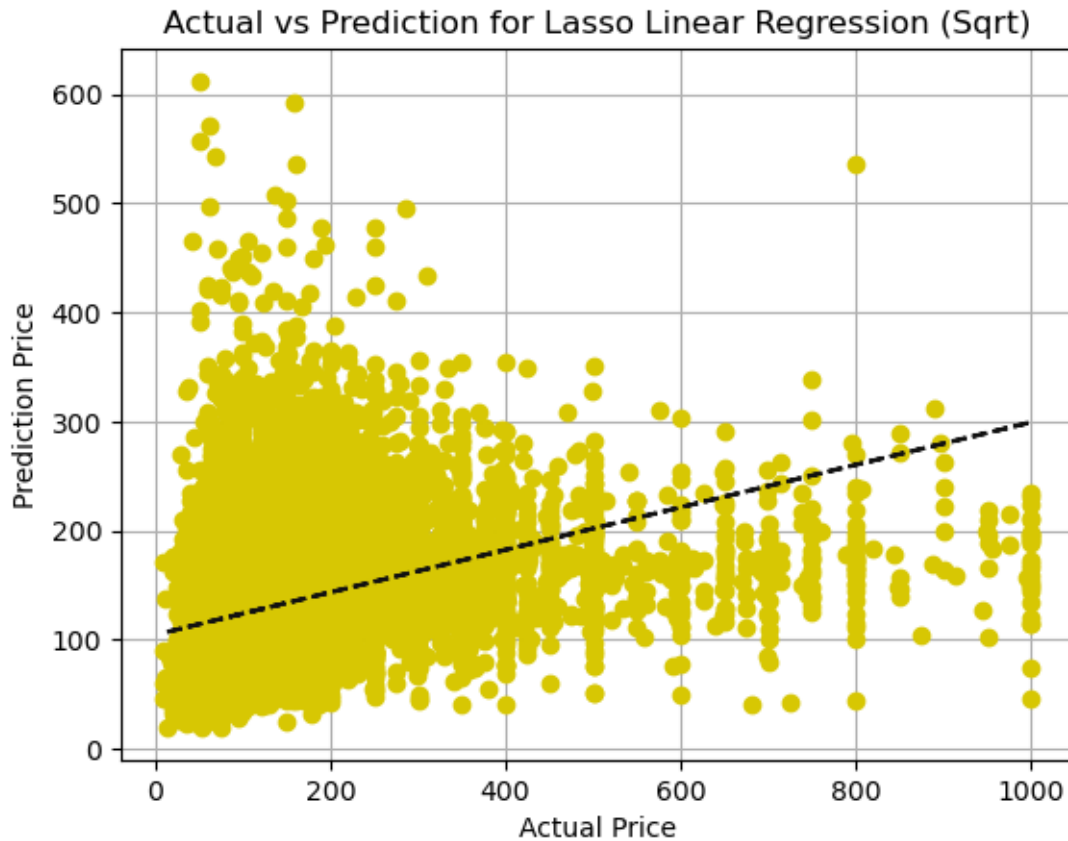




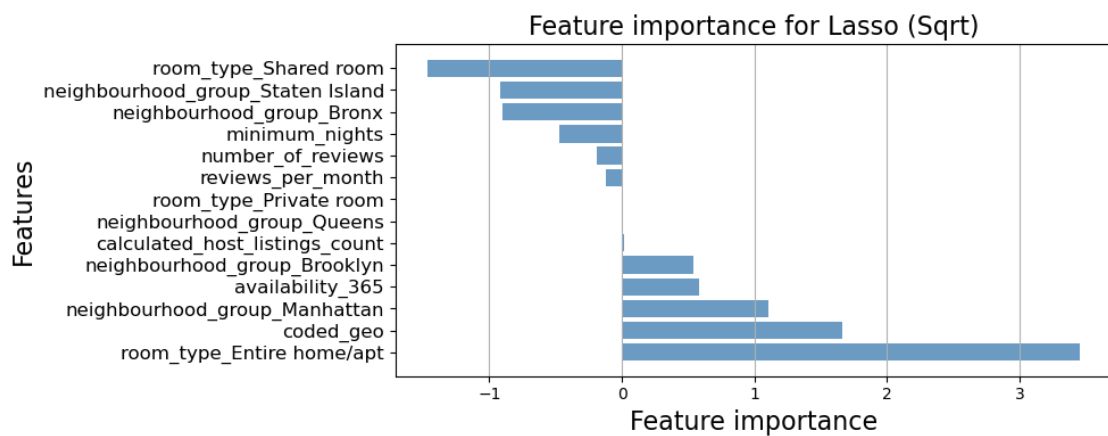
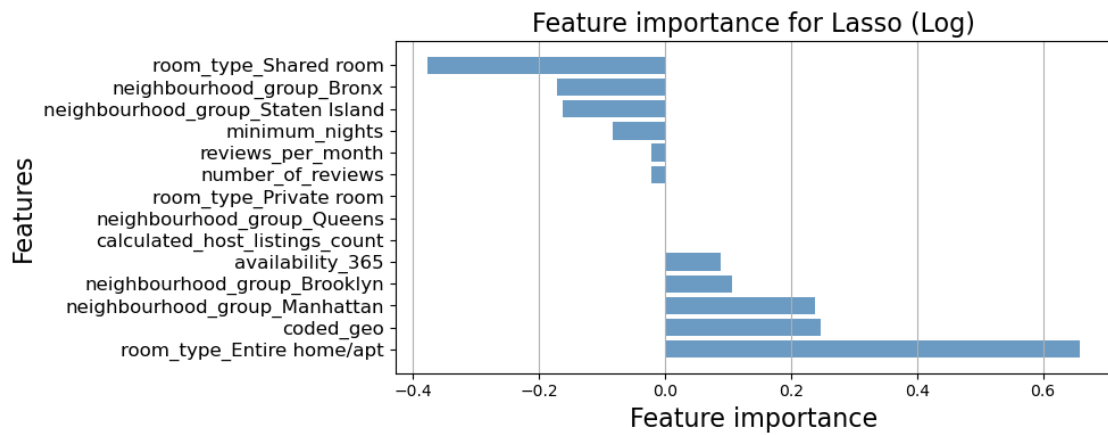
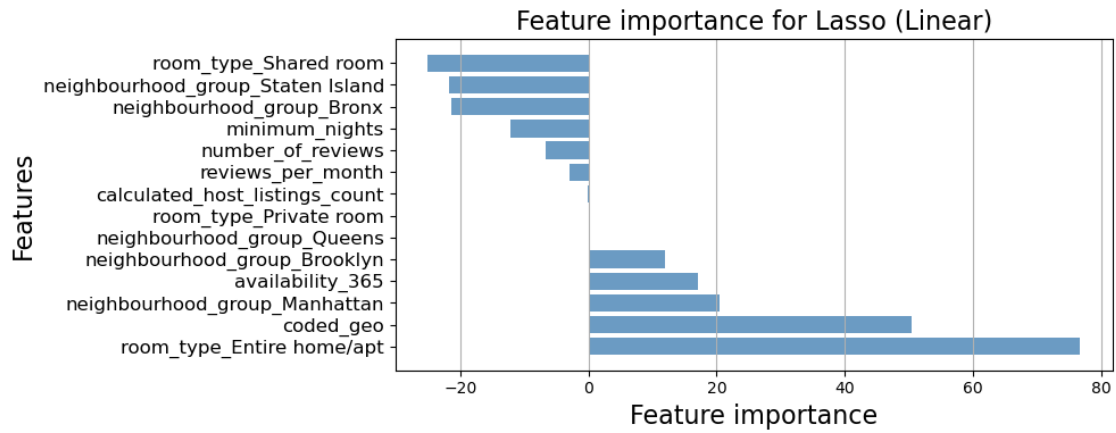
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[49]: visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, lasso_pred, 'Lasso Linear Regression ↪(Linear)')
visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, np.exp(lasso_pred_log), 'Lasso ↪Linear Regression (Log)')
visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, np.square(lasso_pred_sqrt), 'Lasso ↪Linear Regression (Sqrt)')
```







```
[50]: # get important features from linear regression
def get_importance_lasso(lasso_f, scaled_train, name):
    importance_lr_best = lasso_f.coef_
    names_lr_best = scaled_train.loc[:, scaled_train.columns != 'price'].
    ↪columns.tolist()
    df_importance_lr_best = pd.DataFrame({'Feature':names_lr_best,
    ↪'Importance':importance_lr_best})
    # plot feature importance
    rank_importance_lr_best = df_importance_lr_best.sort_values('Importance',
    ↪ascending=False)
    plot_feature_importance(rank_importance_lr_best,15, 'steelblue', 0.8, 10,
    ↪4, name)
get_importance_lasso(lasso_f, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for Lasso
    ↪(Linear)')
get_importance_lasso(lasso_f_log, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for Lasso
    ↪(Log)')
get_importance_lasso(lasso_f_sqrt, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for Lasso
    ↪(Sqrt)')
```



5 3.2 OLS

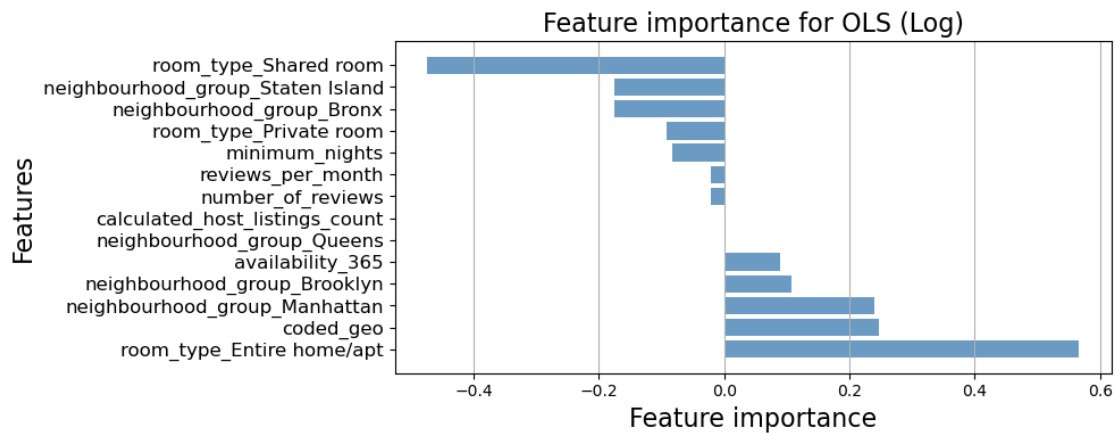
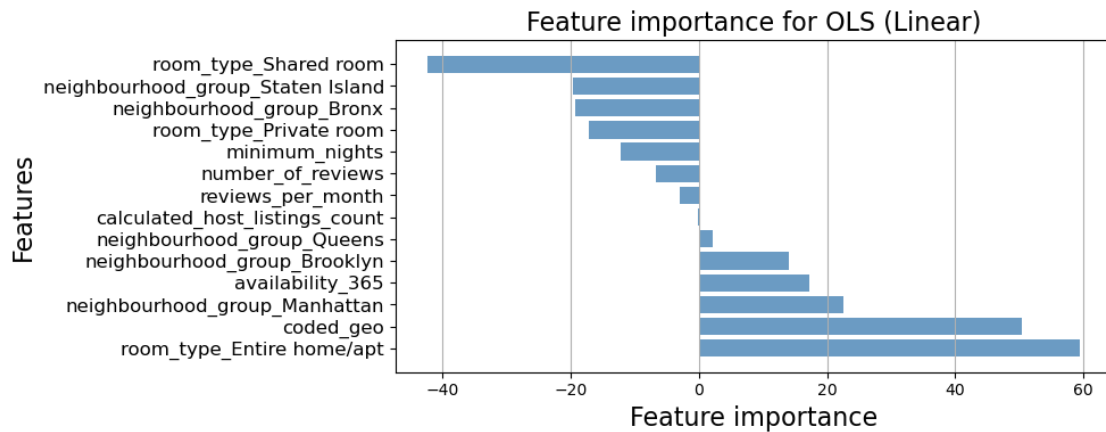
OLS is added to see if LASSO performs better than OLS and the differences between the two results.

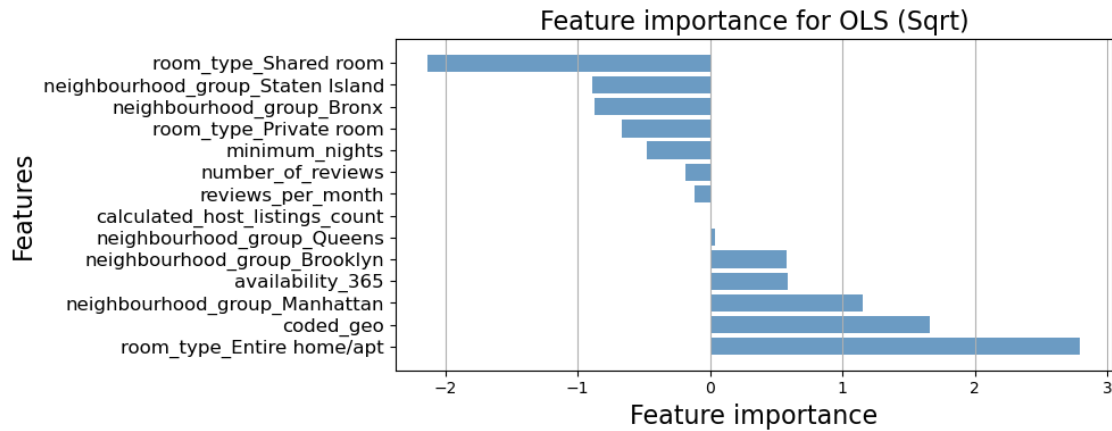
```
[51]: # Linear
linear_f = LinearRegression()
linear_f.fit(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y)
linear_pred = linear_f.predict(scaled_test_X)
# Log
linear_f_log = LinearRegression()
linear_f_log.fit(scaled_train_X, np.log(scaled_train_y))
linear_pred_log = linear_f_log.predict(scaled_test_X)
# Sqrt
linear_f_sqrt = LinearRegression()
linear_f_sqrt.fit(scaled_train_X, np.sqrt(scaled_train_y))
linear_pred_sqrt = linear_f_sqrt.predict(scaled_test_X)

[110]: linear_pred = np.array([10 if i < 10 else i for i in linear_pred])
linear_pred_log = np.array([2.3 if i < 2.3 else i for i in linear_pred_log])
linear_pred_sqrt = np.array([3.16 if i < 3.16 else i for i in linear_pred_sqrt])
eval_grid[4,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, linear_pred)
eval_grid[5,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.exp(linear_pred_log))
eval_grid[6,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.square(linear_pred_sqrt))
```

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MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.645359514985311
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 72.1838146867491
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.6623752131737218
R^2 of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.06850899287630141
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.4335040663062703
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 48.2039703637282
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12985.697551539828
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.45114942919946266
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 61.604171576499716
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.5716229268154599
R^2 of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.11846890354233175
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.2910325538866568
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 33.22558898674096
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12289.218160274095
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.5212140468720735
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 64.78644063479211
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.5973652494958726
R^2 of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.12479859173025876
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.32373703621664557
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 38.843246278618444
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12200.977462537483
```

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[180]: get_importance_lasso(linear_f, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for OLS_
↳(Linear)')
get_importance_lasso(linear_f_log, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for OLS_
↳(Log)')
get_importance_lasso(linear_f_sqrt, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for OLS_
↳(Sqrt)')
```





6 3.3 KNN

```
[53]: # helper function for printing out grid search results
def print_grid_search_metrics(gs):
    print ("Best score: " + str(gs.best_score_))
    print ("Best parameters set:")
    best_parameters = gs.best_params_
    for param_name in sorted(best_parameters.keys()):
        print(param_name + ':' + str(best_parameters[param_name]))

[54]: #parameters = { 'n_neighbors':[10,12,14,16,20,25,30,35,40,45,50,55,60,65,70]}
#25, 40, 25 worked best for Linear, Log, and Sqrt respectively
parameters = { 'n_neighbors': [20,25,30,35,40]
}
# Linear
Grid_KNN = GridSearchCV(KNeighborsRegressor(),parameters, cv=5)
Grid_KNN.fit(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y)
print_grid_search_metrics(Grid_KNN)
best_KNN_model = Grid_KNN.best_estimator_
# Log
Grid_KNN = GridSearchCV(KNeighborsRegressor(),parameters, cv=5)
Grid_KNN.fit(scaled_train_X, np.log(scaled_train_y))
print_grid_search_metrics(Grid_KNN)
best_KNN_model_log = Grid_KNN.best_estimator_
# Sqrt
Grid_KNN = GridSearchCV(KNeighborsRegressor(),parameters, cv=5)
Grid_KNN.fit(scaled_train_X, np.sqrt(scaled_train_y))
print_grid_search_metrics(Grid_KNN)
best_KNN_model_sqrt = Grid_KNN.best_estimator_
```

Best score: 0.4800937524298815

Best parameters set:

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n_neighbors:40
Best score: 0.6230012599283101
Best parameters set:
n_neighbors:25
Best score: 0.572176684001171
Best parameters set:
n_neighbors:40

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[55]: knn_pred = best_KNN_model.predict(scaled_test_X)
      knn_pred_log = best_KNN_model_log.predict(scaled_test_X)
      knn_pred_sqrt = best_KNN_model_sqrt.predict(scaled_test_X)

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[111]: knn_pred = np.array([10 if i < 10 else i for i in knn_pred])
      knn_pred_log = np.array([2.3 if i < 2.3 else i for i in knn_pred_log])
      knn_pred_sqrt = np.array([3.16 if i < 3.16 else i for i in knn_pred_sqrt])
      eval_grid[7,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, knn_pred)
      eval_grid[8,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.exp(knn_pred_log))
      eval_grid[9,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.square(knn_pred_sqrt))

```

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MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.5398022995164553
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 65.41853442869684
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.686827014103283
R^2 of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.1072570495652001
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.3245455868905331
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 37.275000000000006
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12445.519985654708
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.4492511737495444
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 60.90785508304583
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.6191417148252534
R^2 of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.14221298975553398
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.29271962664043955
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 31.949410229958836
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 11958.207426038005
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.4885810351903921
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 62.58899157837894
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.6476053263722958
R^2 of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.13495251592274904
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.3033806561111084
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 34.481318370350735
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12059.423988036324

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[57]: visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, knn_pred, scaled_test_y,
                             [[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000]],
                             ↵
                             ↪['10-50', '50-100', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
                             'Price Category for k-Nearest Neighbors (Linear)', 'Price_
                             ↪Group')
      visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, np.exp(knn_pred_log), scaled_test_y,

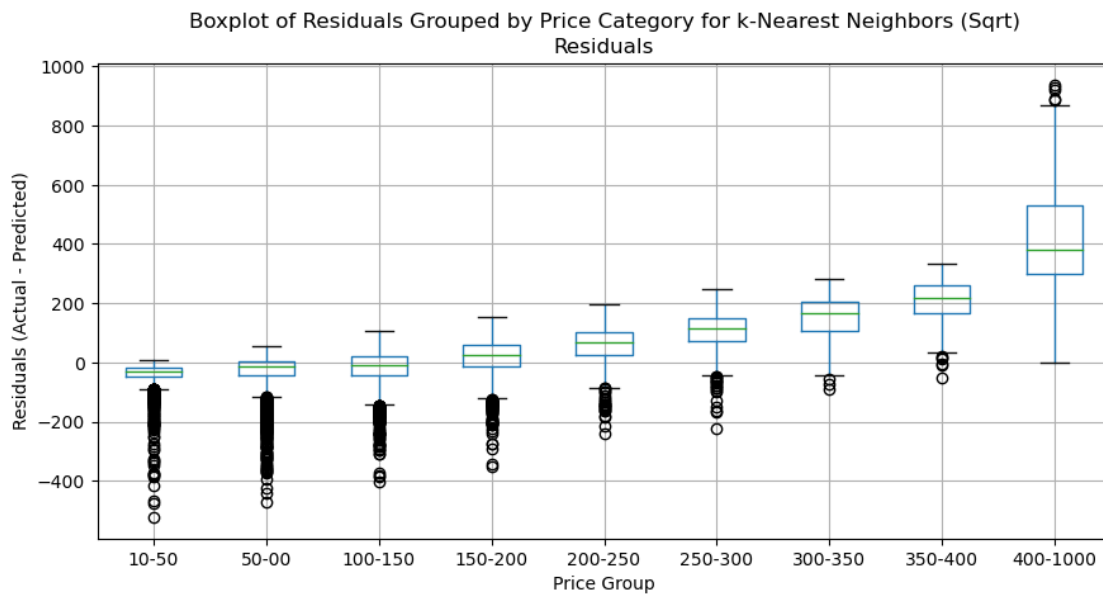
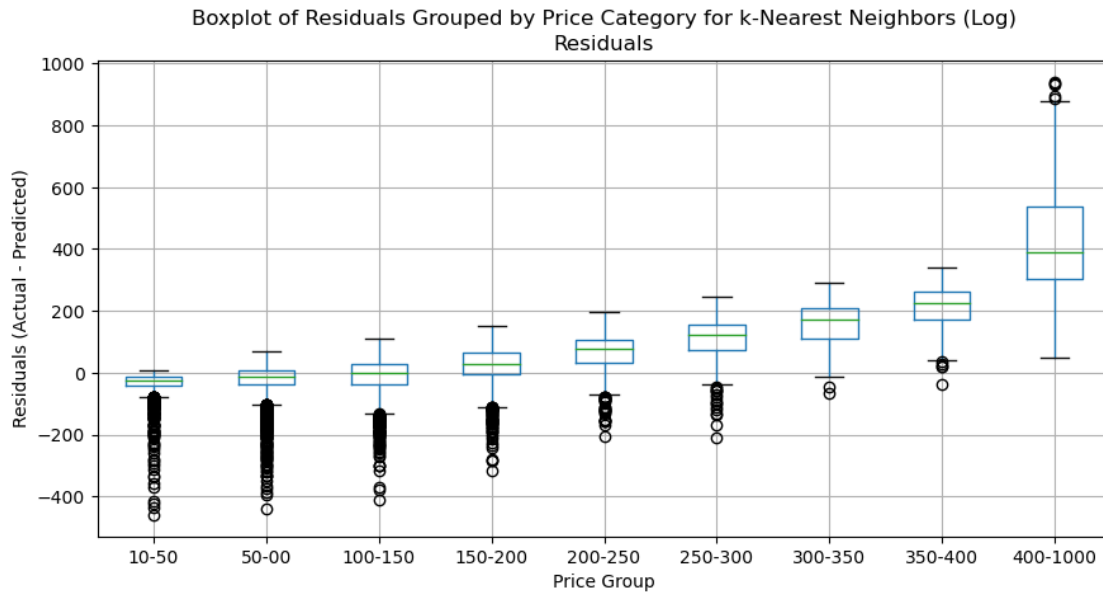
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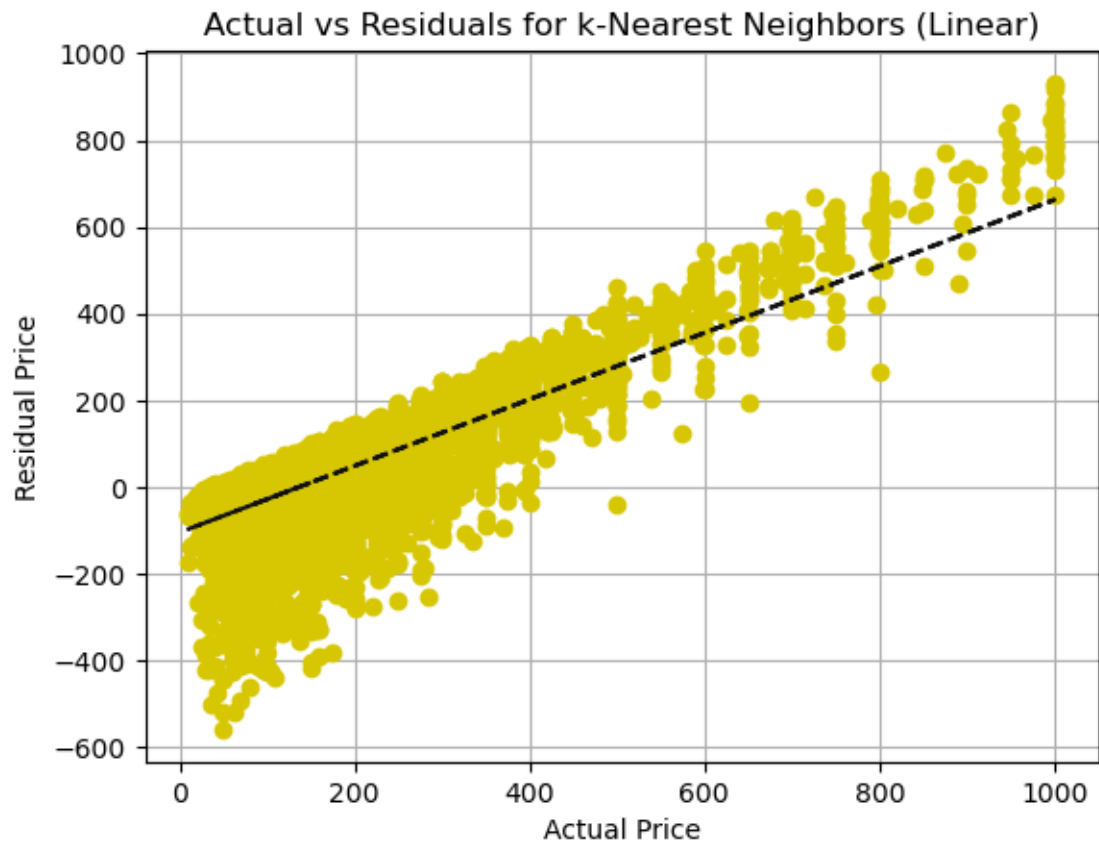
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↪ ['10-50', '50-100', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
    'Price Category for k-Nearest Neighbors (Log)', 'Price_
↪Group')
visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, np.square(knn_pred_sqrt), scaled_test_y,
[[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000],
↪ ['10-50', '50-100', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
    'Price Category for k-Nearest Neighbors (Sqrt)', 'Price_
↪Group')

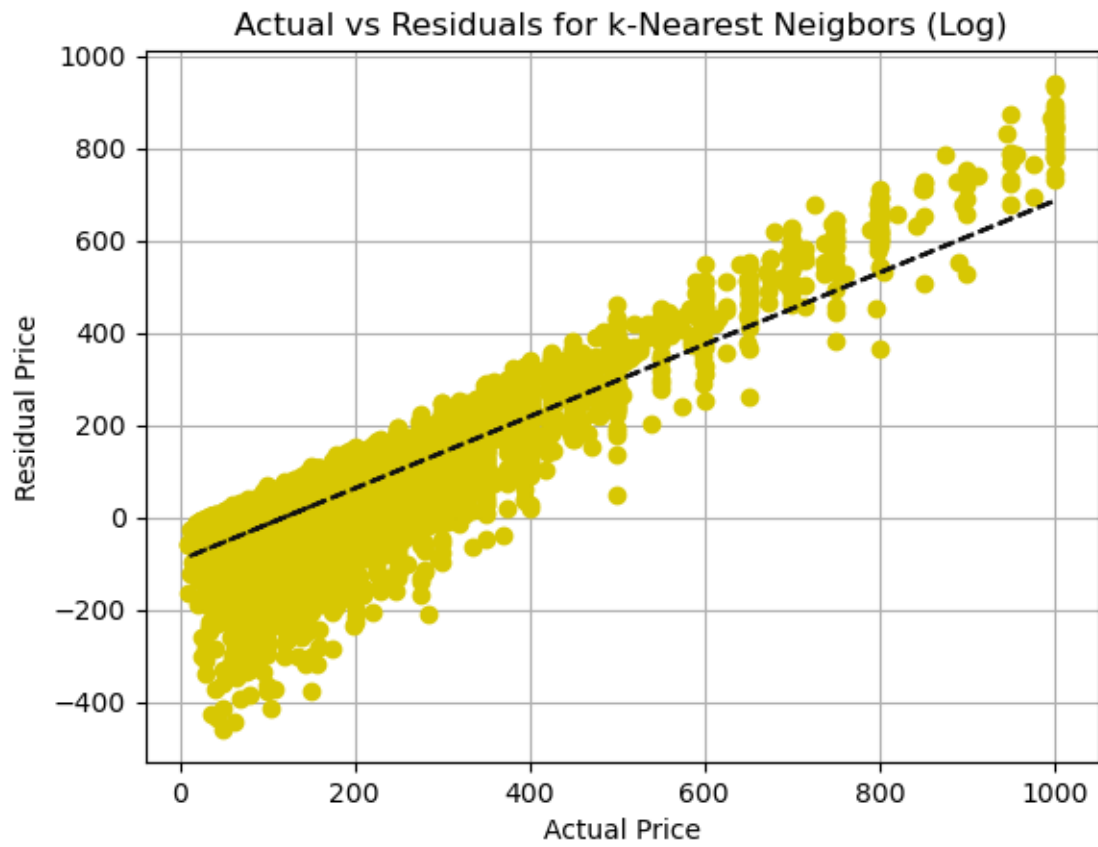
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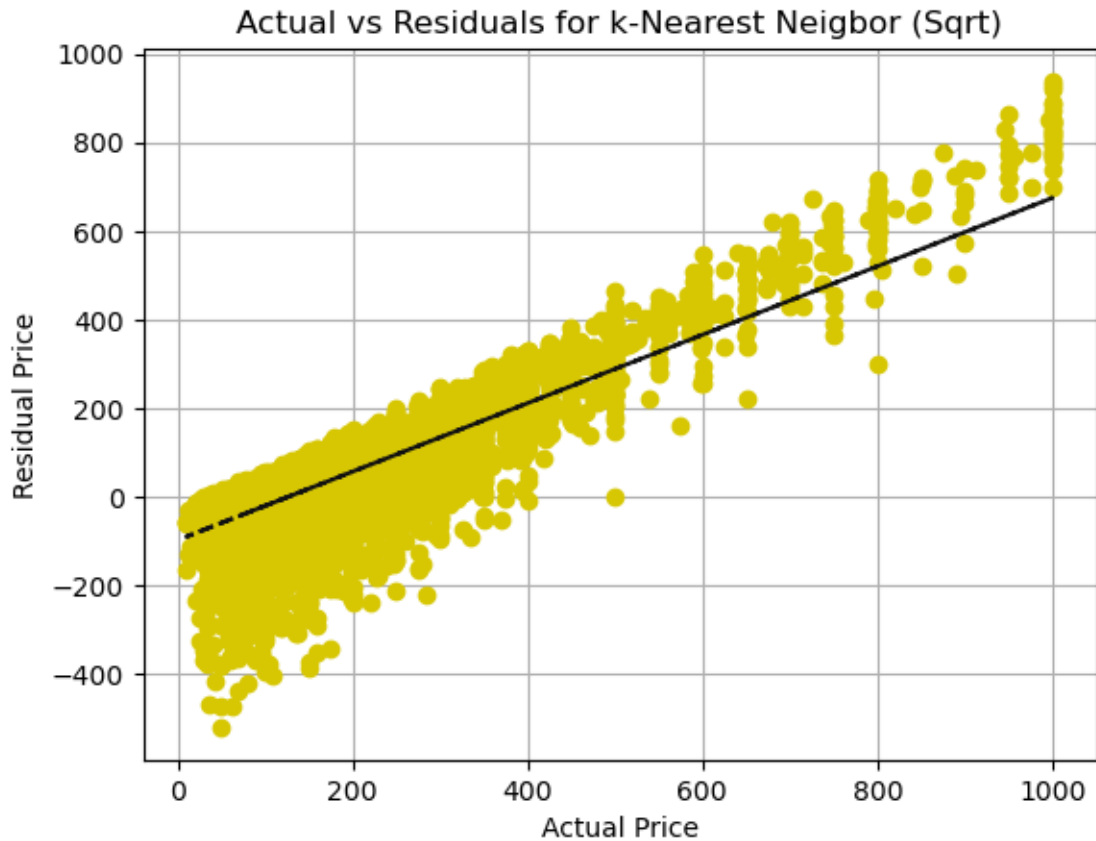




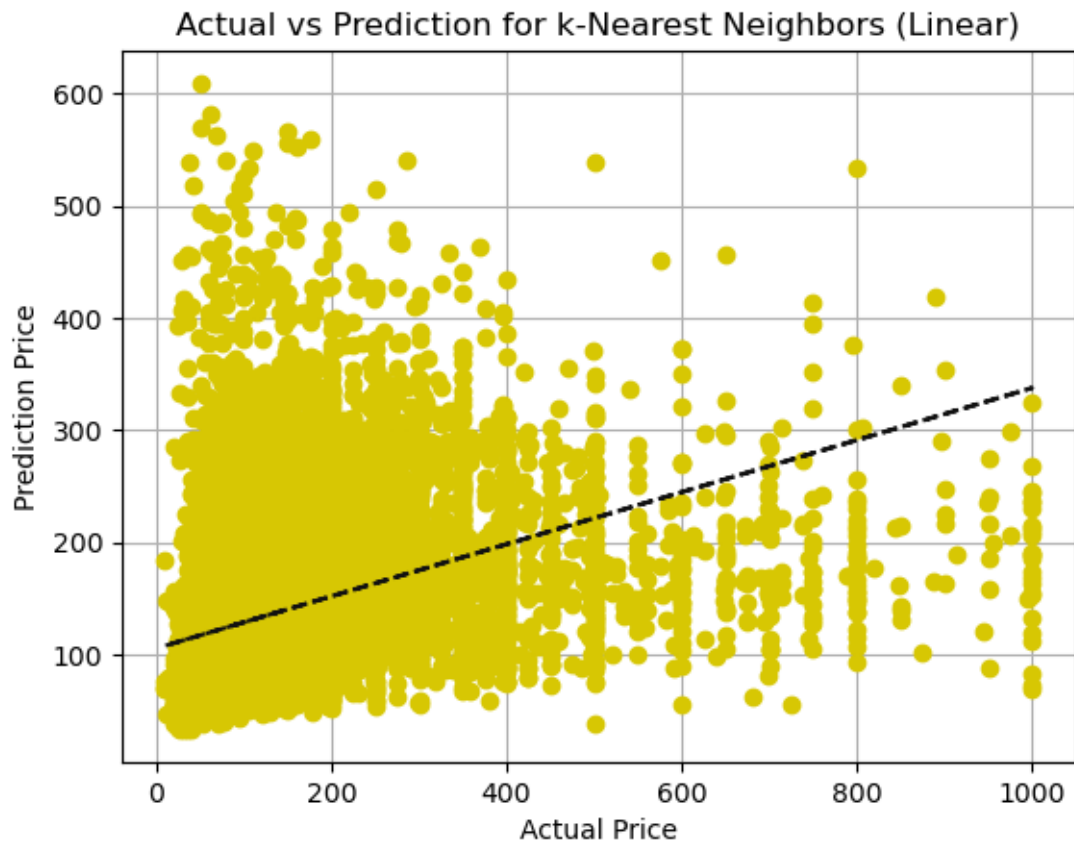
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[58]: visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, knn_pred, 'k-Nearest Neighbors_
      ↪(Linear)')
      visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, np.exp(knn_pred_log), 'k-Nearest_
      ↪Neighbors (Log)')
      visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, np.square(knn_pred_sqrt), 'k-Nearest_
      ↪Neighbor (Sqrt)')
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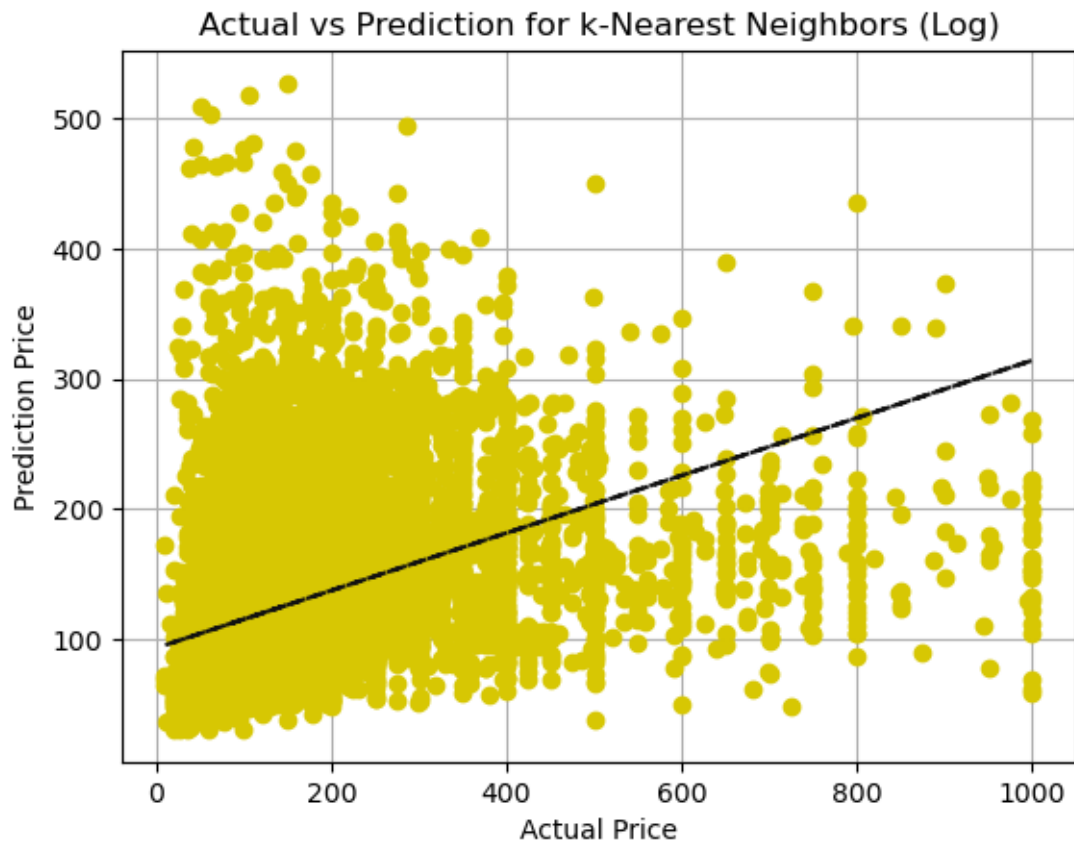


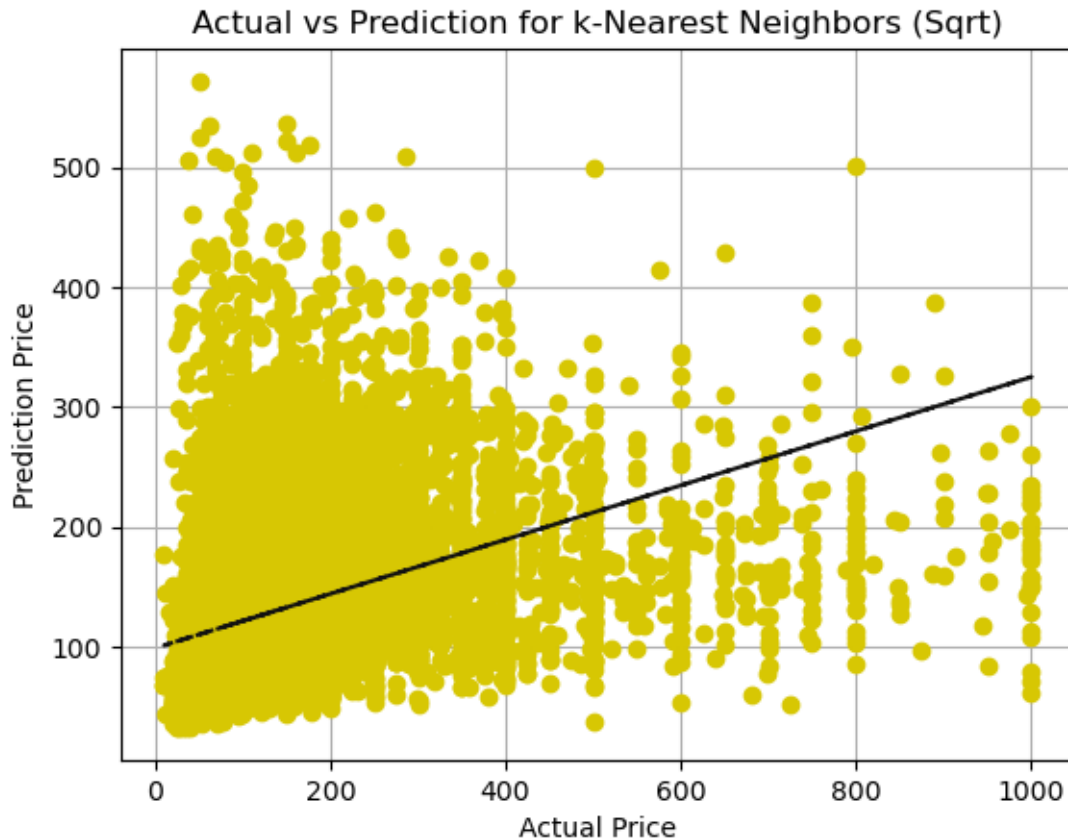




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[59]: visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, knn_pred, 'k-Nearest Neighbors ↵
      ↵(Linear)')
      visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, np.exp(knn_pred_log), 'k-Nearest ↵
      ↵Neighbors (Log)')
      visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, np.square(knn_pred_sqrt), 'k-Nearest ↵
      ↵Neighbors (Sqrt)')
```







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[60]: # get important features from knn
from sklearn.inspection import permutation_importance
def get_importance_knn(best_KNN_model, scaled_test_X, scaled_test_y,
    ↪ scaled_train, name):
    knn_results = permutation_importance(best_KNN_model, scaled_test_X,
    ↪ scaled_test_y, scoring='neg_mean_squared_error')
    importance_knn_best = knn_results.importances_mean
    names_knn_best = scaled_train.loc[:, scaled_train.columns != 'price'].
    ↪ columns.tolist()
    df_importance_knn_best = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': names_knn_best,
    ↪ 'Importance': importance_knn_best})
    # plot feature importance
    rank_importance_knn_best = df_importance_knn_best.
    ↪ sort_values('Importance', ascending=False)
    plot_feature_importance(rank_importance_knn_best, 15, 'steelblue', 0.8, 10,
    ↪ 4, name)
# get_importance_knn(best_KNN_model, scaled_test_X, scaled_test_y, scaled_train,
    ↪ 'Feature importance for kNN (linear)')
```

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#get_importance_knn(best_KNN_model_log, scaled_test_X,np.
→log(scaled_test_y),scaled_train, 'Feature importance for kNN (log)')
#get_importance_knn(best_KNN_model_sqrt, scaled_test_X,np.
→sqrt(scaled_test_y),scaled_train, 'Feature importance for kNN (sqrt)')
```

7 3.4 SVM

```
[61]: # Linear
Grid_SVM = SVR(C = 1, kernel = 'linear')
Grid_SVM.fit(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y)
best_SVM_linmodel = Grid_SVM
# Linear
Grid_SVM = SVR(C = 1)
Grid_SVM.fit(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y)
best_SVM_model = Grid_SVM
# Log
Grid_SVM = SVR(C = 1)
Grid_SVM.fit(scaled_train_X, np.log(scaled_train_y))
best_SVM_model_log = Grid_SVM
# Sqrt
Grid_SVM = SVR(C = 1)
Grid_SVM.fit(scaled_train_X, np.sqrt(scaled_train_y))
best_SVM_model_sqrt = Grid_SVM
```

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[62]: svm_pred = best_SVM_model.predict(scaled_test_X)
svm_pred_log = best_SVM_model_log.predict(scaled_test_X)
svm_pred_sqrt = best_SVM_model_sqrt.predict(scaled_test_X)
svm_linpred = best_SVM_linmodel.predict(scaled_test_X)
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[112]: svm_pred = np.array([10 if i < 10 else i for i in svm_pred])
svm_pred_log = np.array([2.3 if i < 2.3 else i for i in svm_pred_log])
svm_pred_sqrt = np.array([3.16 if i < 3.16 else i for i in svm_pred_sqrt])
svm_linpred = np.array([10 if i < 10 else i for i in svm_linpred])
eval_grid[10,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, svm_linpred)
eval_grid[11,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, svm_pred)
eval_grid[12,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.exp(svm_pred_log))
eval_grid[13,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.square(svm_pred_sqrt))
```

MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.46584275819364146

MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 60.93175356904288

MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.5004015892557963

R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.15811832976047047

MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.3009834196771076

Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 35.9423786684047

MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 11736.474813292465

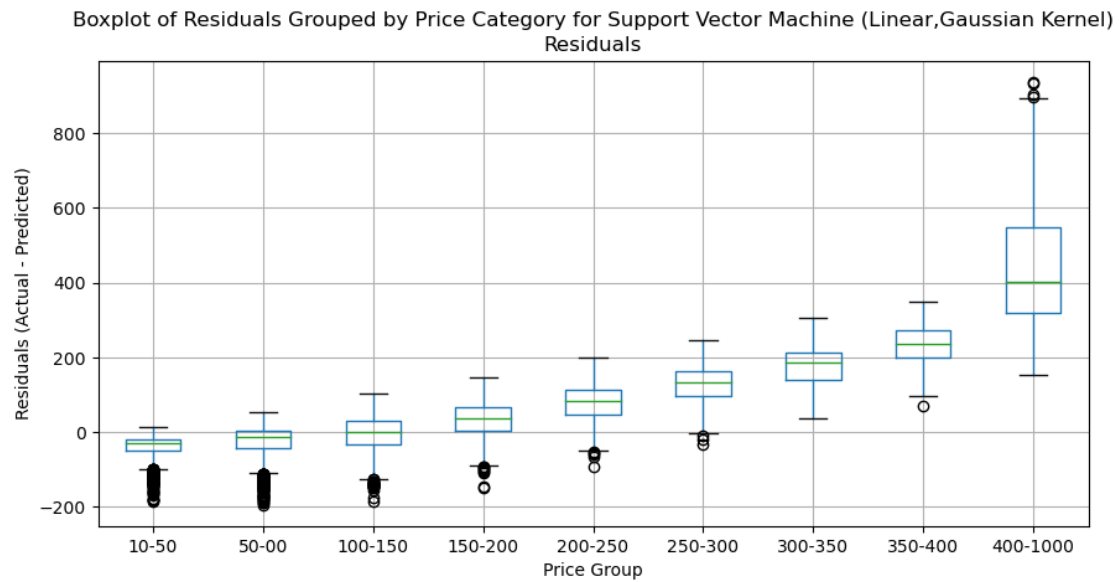
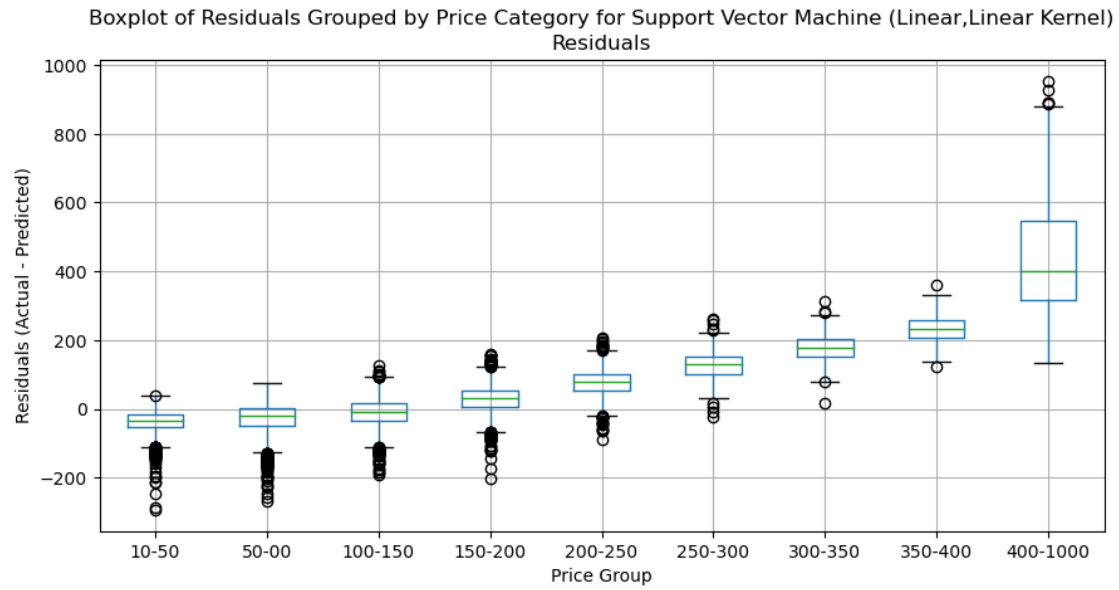
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.44910902977263106

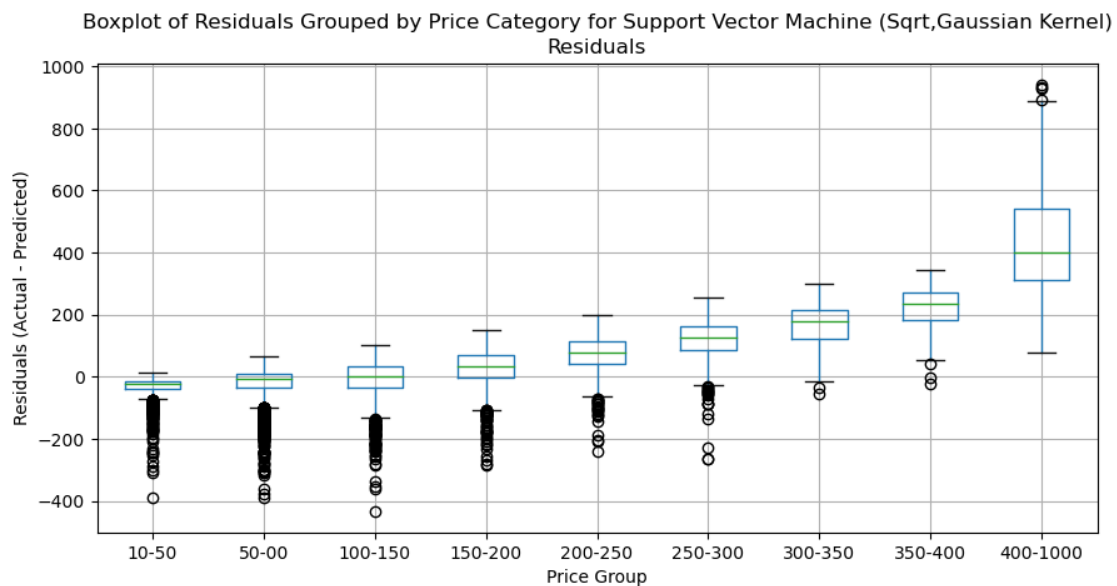
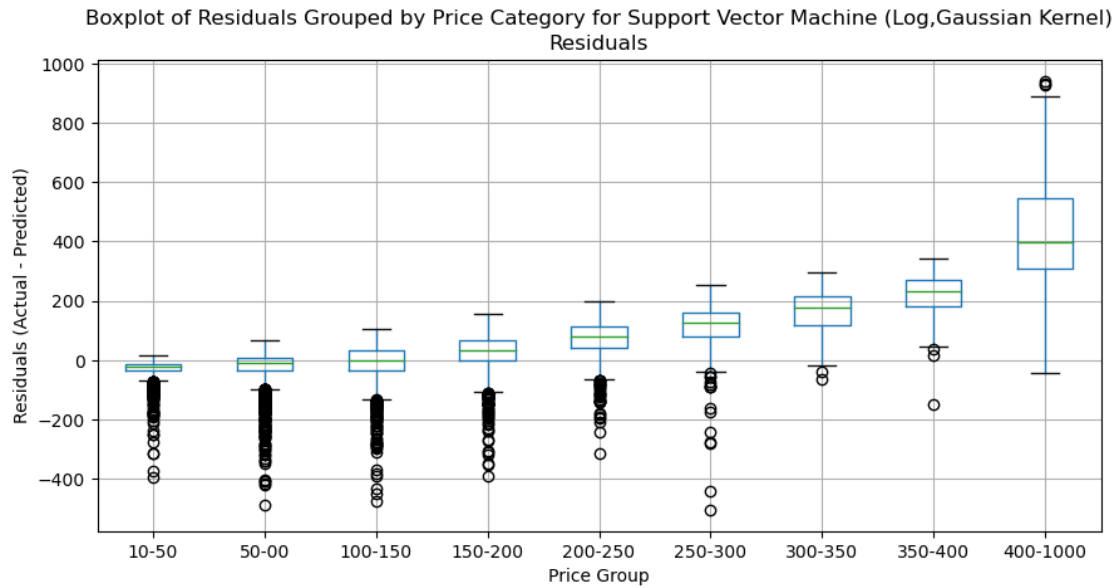
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 61.09621948763221

MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.5135288159355884
 R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.1421325259173969
 MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.30052541209784195
 Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 34.176745292731994
 MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 11959.329153524253
 MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.42664478082601043
 MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 61.105739290747145
 MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.6134475800817827
 R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.12151045758105383
 MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.29634252219529766
 Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 31.310571495317305
 MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12246.816569135315
 MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.43135562996213006
 MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 61.1068583862955
 MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.597254180290408
 R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.1291266677879087
 MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.2967407470923881
 Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 31.919363889275957
 MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12140.640769821308

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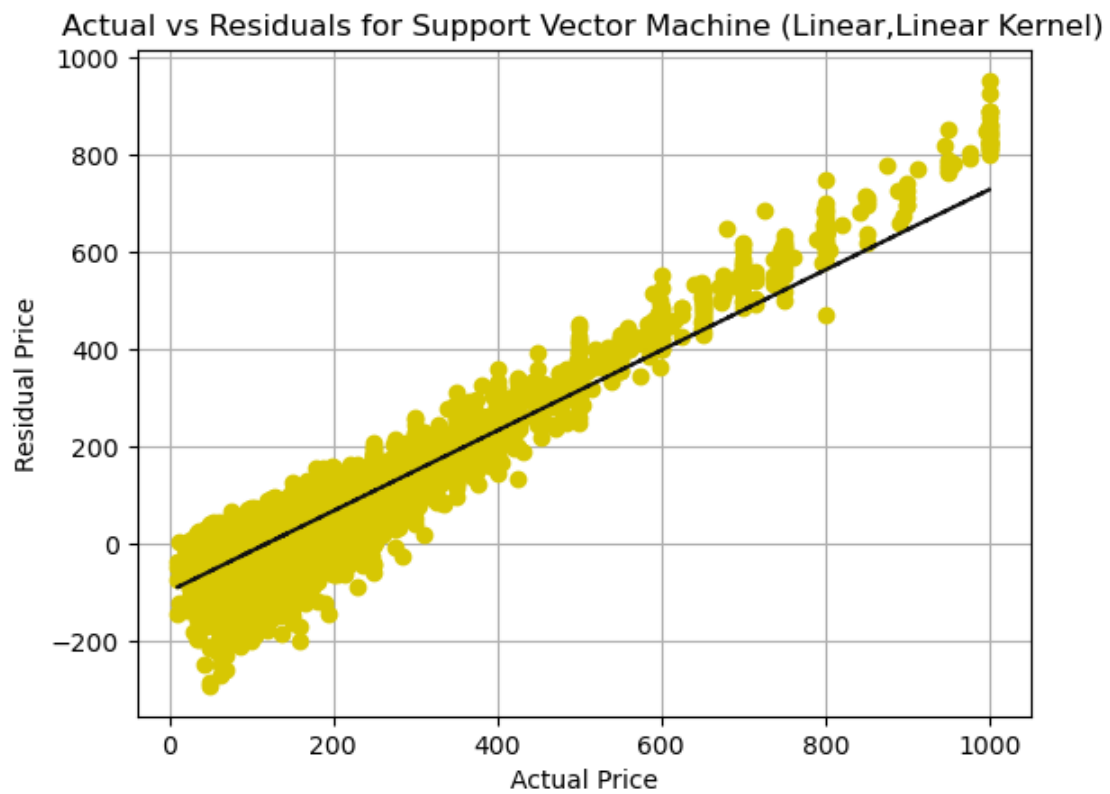
[65]: visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, svm_linpred, scaled_test_y,
                             [[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000]],
                             ↵
                             →['10-50', '50-00', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
                             'Price Category for Support Vector Machine (Linear,Linear↵
                             ↪Kernel)', 'Price Group')
visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, svm_pred, scaled_test_y,
                             [[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000]],
                             ↵
                             →['10-50', '50-00', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
                             'Price Category for Support Vector Machine↵
                             ↪(Linear,Gaussian Kernel)', 'Price Group')
visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, np.exp(svm_pred_log), scaled_test_y,
                             [[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000]],
                             ↵
                             →['10-50', '50-00', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
                             'Price Category for Support Vector Machine (Log,Gaussian↵
                             ↪Kernel)', 'Price Group')
visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, np.square(svm_pred_sqrt), scaled_test_y,
                             [[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000]],
                             ↵
                             →['10-50', '50-00', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
                             'Price Category for Support Vector Machine (Sqrt,Gaussian↵
                             ↪Kernel)', 'Price Group')
  
```



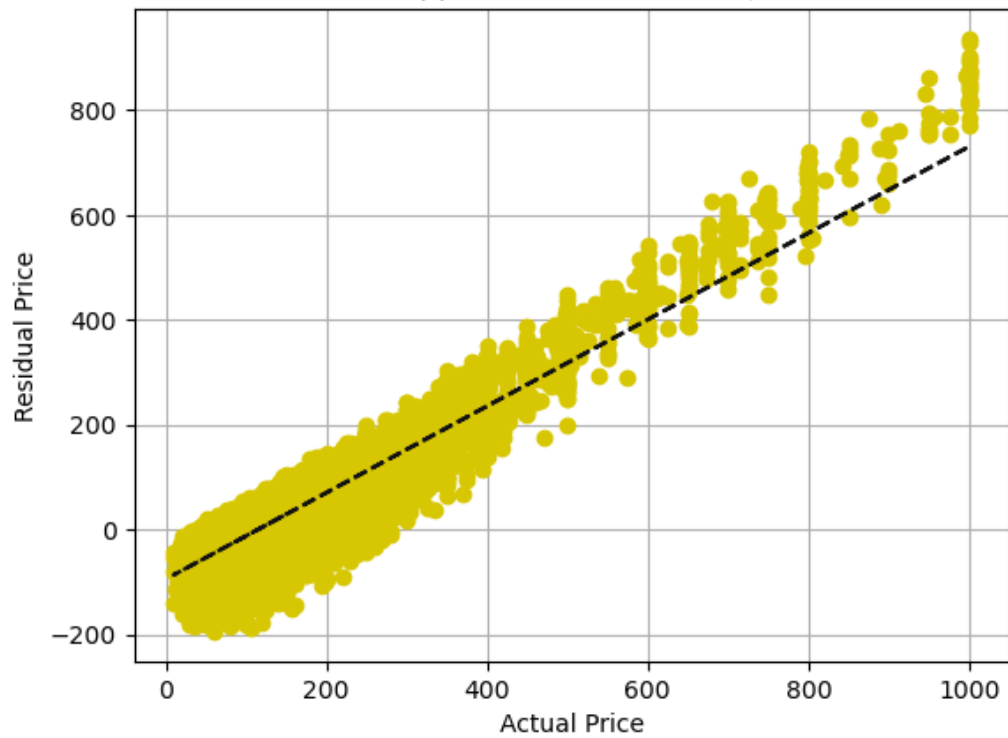


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[66]: visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, svm_linpred, 'Support Vector Machine_
      ↪(Linear,Linear Kernel)')
visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, svm_pred, 'Support Vector Machine_
      ↪(Linear,Gaussian Kernel)')
visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, np.exp(svm_pred_log), 'Support Vector_
      ↪Machine (Log,Gaussian Kernel)')
```

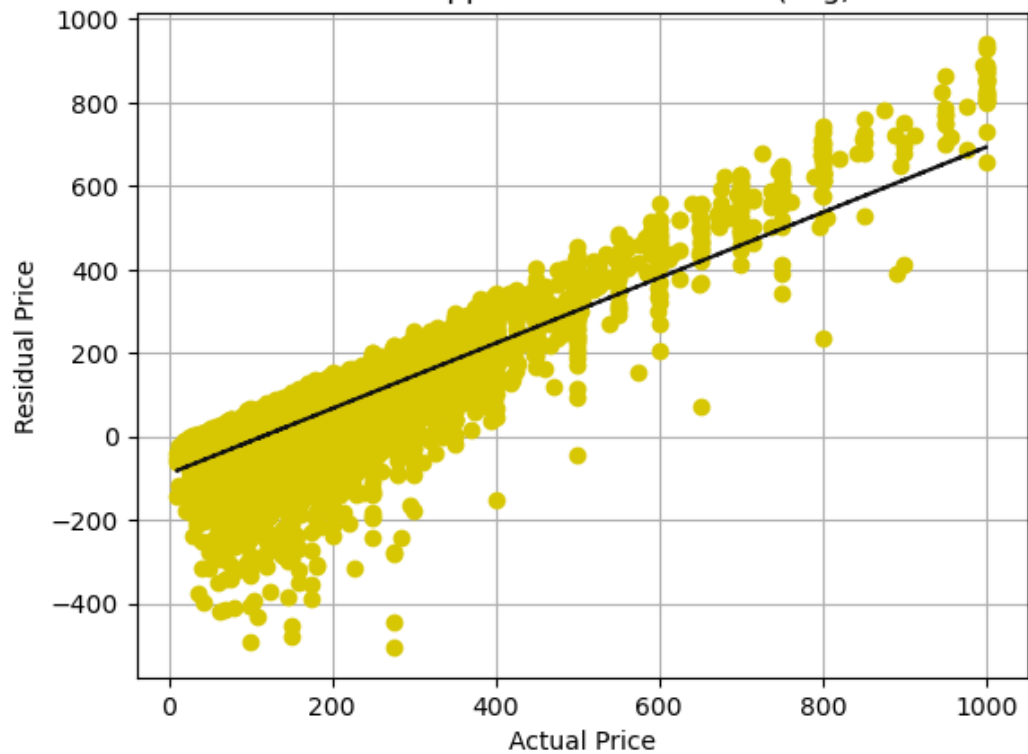
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visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, np.square(svm_pred_sqrt), 'Support_␣  
→Vector Machine (Sqrt,Gaussian Kernel)')
```

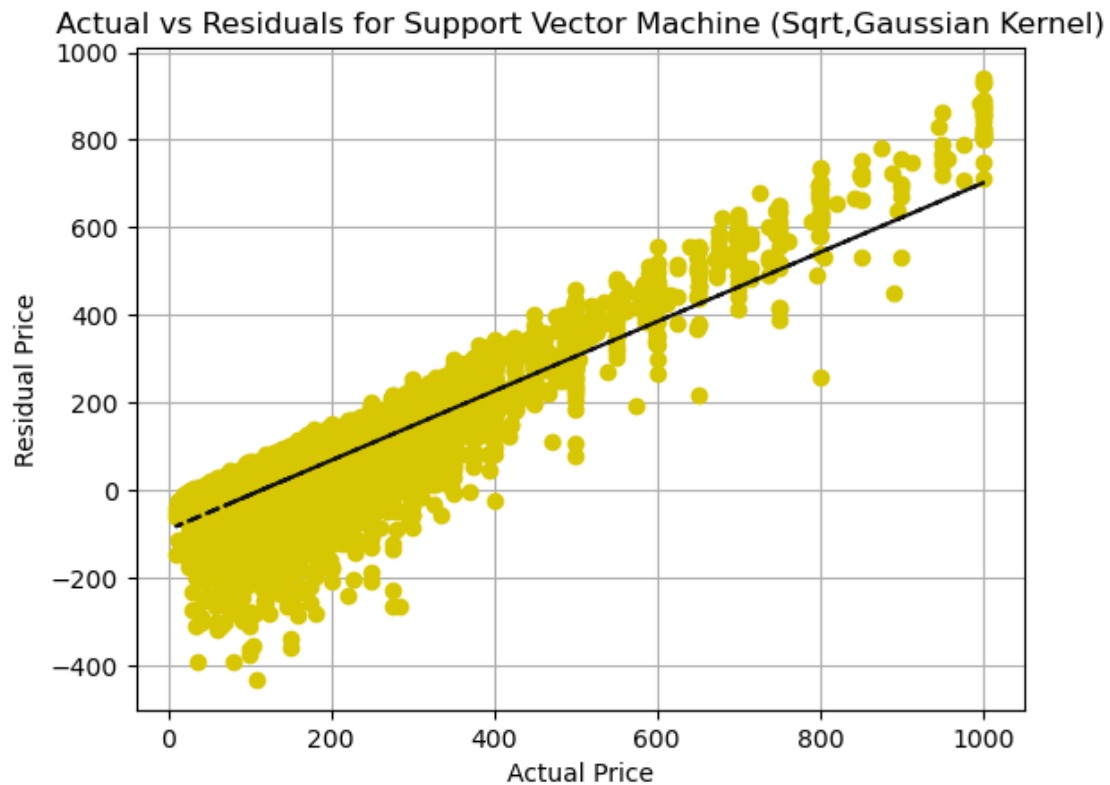


Actual vs Residuals for Support Vector Machine (Linear,Gaussian Kernel)

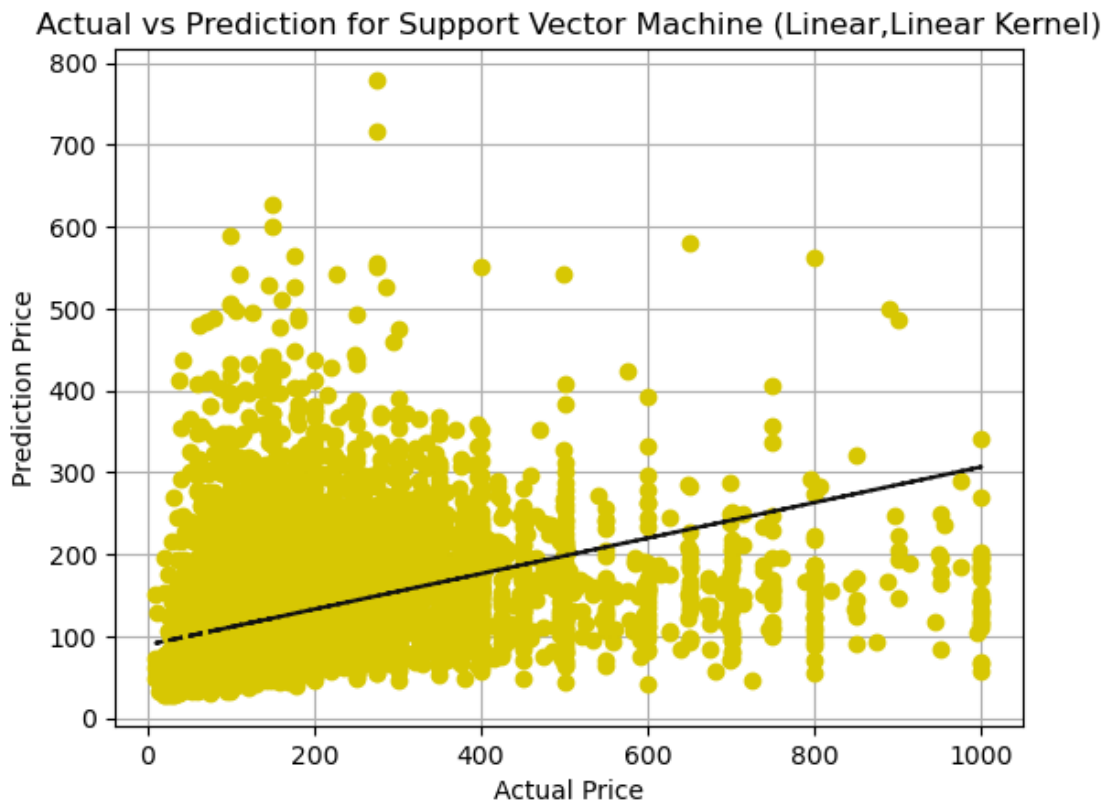


Actual vs Residuals for Support Vector Machine (Log,Gaussian Kernel)

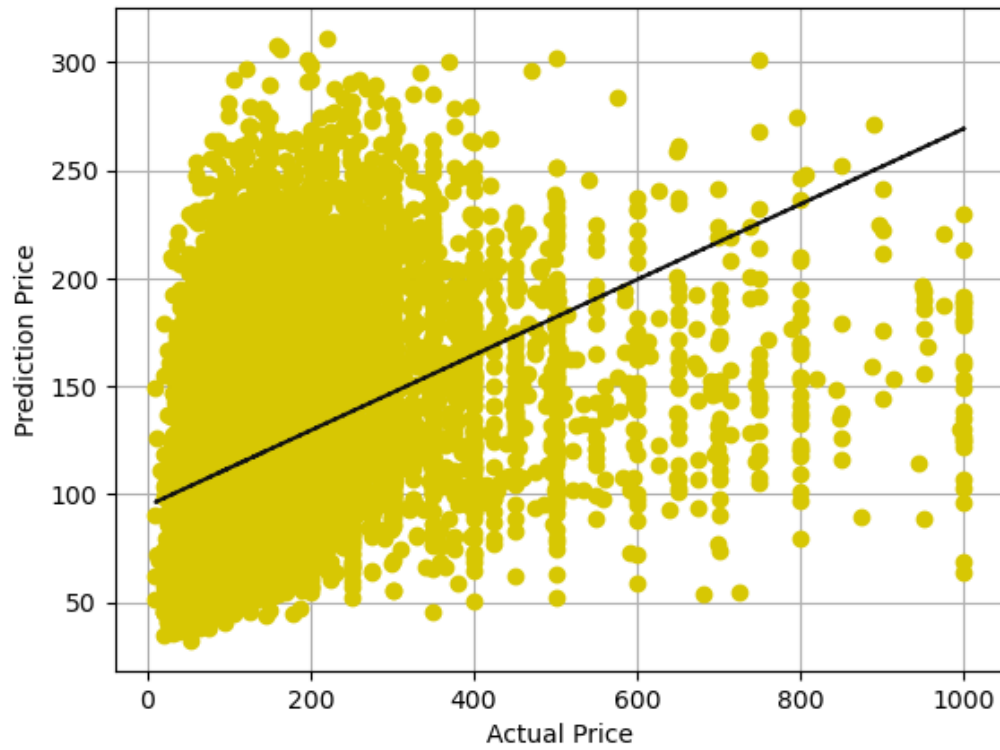


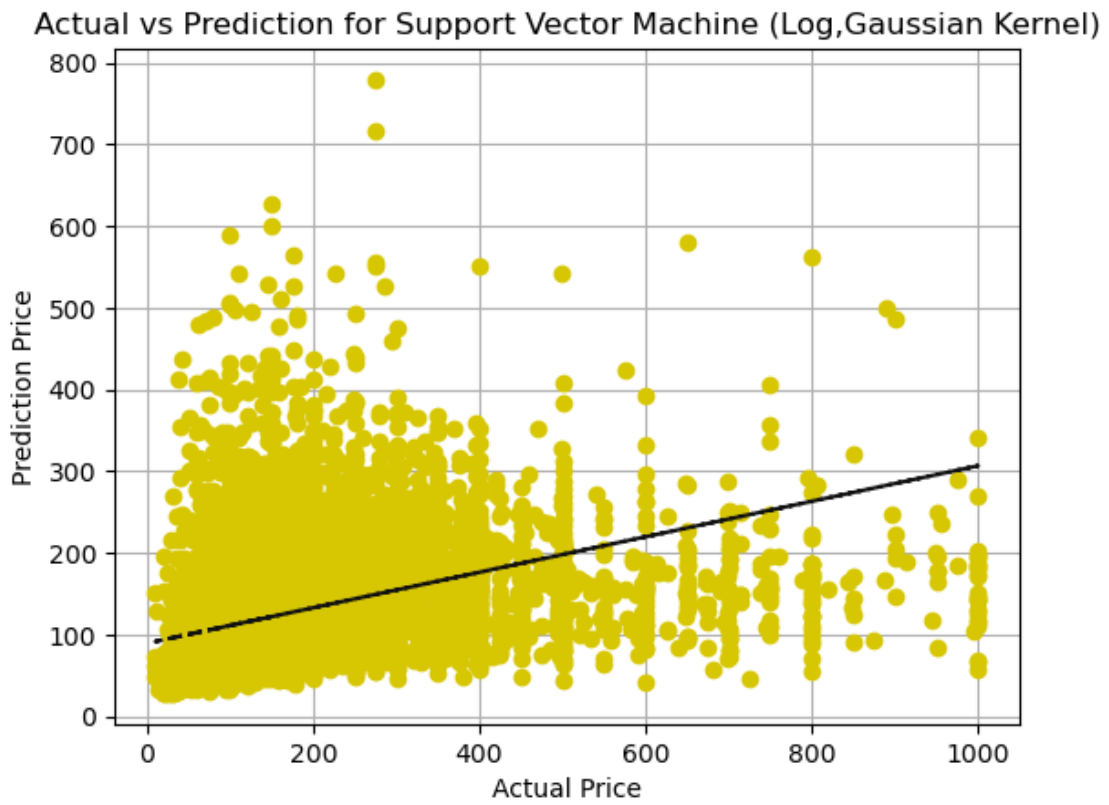


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[67]: visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, np.exp(svm_pred_log), 'Support_
      ↪Vector Machine (Linear,Linear Kernel)')
      visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, svm_pred, 'Support Vector Machine_
      ↪(Linear,Gaussian Kernel)')
      visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, np.exp(svm_pred_log), 'Support_
      ↪Vector Machine (Log,Gaussian Kernel)')
      visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, np.square(svm_pred_sqrt), 'Support_
      ↪Vector Machine (Sqrt,Gaussian Kernel)')
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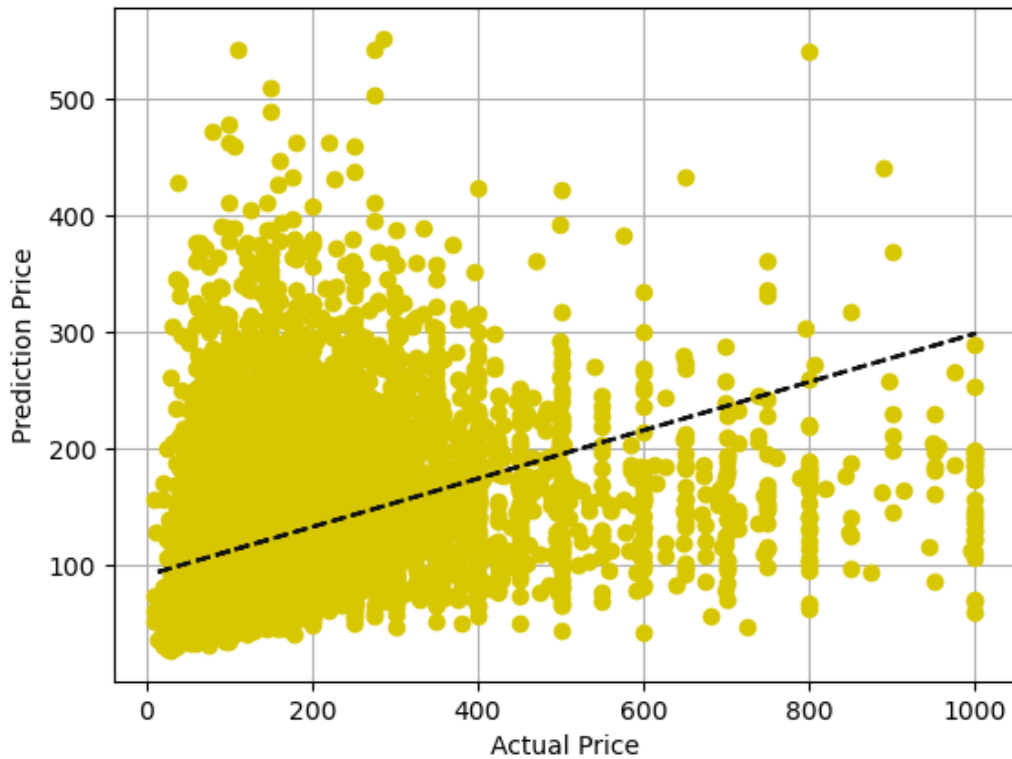


Actual vs Prediction for Support Vector Machine (Linear, Gaussian Kernel)



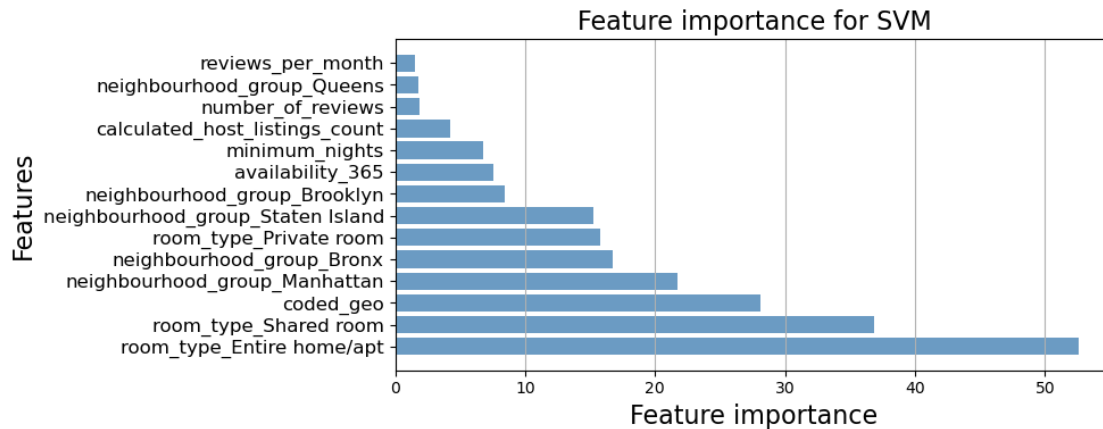


Actual vs Prediction for Support Vector Machine (Sqrt,Gaussian Kernel)



```
[68]: # get important features from SVM
def get_importance_SVM(best_SVM_model, scaled_train, name):
    importance_svm_best = abs(best_SVM_model.coef_[0])
    names_svm_best = scaled_train.loc[:, scaled_train.columns != 'price'].
    ↪columns.tolist()
    df_importance_svm_best = pd.DataFrame({'Feature':names_svm_best,
    ↪'Importance':importance_svm_best})
    # plot feature importance
    rank_importance_svm_best = df_importance_svm_best.
    ↪sort_values('Importance', ascending=False)
    plot_feature_importance(rank_importance_svm_best,15, 'steelblue', 0.8, 10,
    ↪4, 'Feature importance for SVM')

get_importance_SVM(best_SVM_linmodel, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for SVM
    ↪(Linear,Linear Kernel)')
```



8 3.5 Random Forest Regression

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[137]: #param_grid = {'n_estimators': [40,60,80,120,160,200,240,280,320],
#               'max_depth': [20,25,30,35,40]}
# Best was 160, max_depth = 20 for all three
param_grid = {'n_estimators': [320],
              'max_depth': [20]}
Grid_RF = GridSearchCV(RandomForestRegressor(random_state=42), param_grid,
    ↪refit = True, verbose = 3, cv =5)
Grid_RF.fit(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y)
print_grid_search_metrics(Grid_RF)
best_RF_model = Grid_RF.best_estimator_
best_RF_model.fit(scaled_train_X, scaled_train_y)

Grid_RF = GridSearchCV(RandomForestRegressor(random_state=42), param_grid,
    ↪refit = True, verbose = 3, cv =5)
Grid_RF.fit(scaled_train_X, np.log(scaled_train_y))
print_grid_search_metrics(Grid_RF)
best_RF_model_log = Grid_RF.best_estimator_
best_RF_model_log.fit(scaled_train_X, np.log(scaled_train_y))

Grid_RF = GridSearchCV(RandomForestRegressor(random_state=42), param_grid,
    ↪refit = True, verbose = 3, cv =5)
Grid_RF.fit(scaled_train_X, np.sqrt(scaled_train_y))
print_grid_search_metrics(Grid_RF)
best_RF_model_sqrt = Grid_RF.best_estimator_
best_RF_model_sqrt.fit(scaled_train_X, np.sqrt(scaled_train_y))
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Fitting 5 folds for each of 1 candidates, totalling 5 fits

[CV 1/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.484 total time= 54.3s

[CV 2/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.461 total time= 50.6s

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[CV 3/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.469 total time= 42.8s
[CV 4/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.482 total time= 48.8s
[CV 5/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.462 total time= 58.5s
Best score: 0.4717742384497604
Best parameters set:
max_depth:20
n_estimators:320
Fitting 5 folds for each of 1 candidates, totalling 5 fits
[CV 1/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.636 total time= 44.8s
[CV 2/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.632 total time= 41.1s
[CV 3/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.641 total time= 40.9s
[CV 4/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.638 total time= 44.2s
[CV 5/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.623 total time= 41.0s
Best score: 0.6340046054685585
Best parameters set:
max_depth:20
n_estimators:320
Fitting 5 folds for each of 1 candidates, totalling 5 fits
[CV 1/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.580 total time= 46.6s
[CV 2/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.571 total time= 40.4s
[CV 3/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.580 total time= 40.7s
[CV 4/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.582 total time= 42.0s
[CV 5/5] END ...max_depth=20, n_estimators=320;; score=0.566 total time= 41.2s
Best score: 0.5755521523249326
Best parameters set:
max_depth:20
n_estimators:320

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[137]: RandomForestRegressor(max_depth=20, n_estimators=320, random_state=42)

```

[138]: rf_pred = best_RF_model.predict(scaled_test_X)
       rf_pred_log = best_RF_model_log.predict(scaled_test_X)
       rf_pred_sqrt = best_RF_model_sqrt.predict(scaled_test_X)

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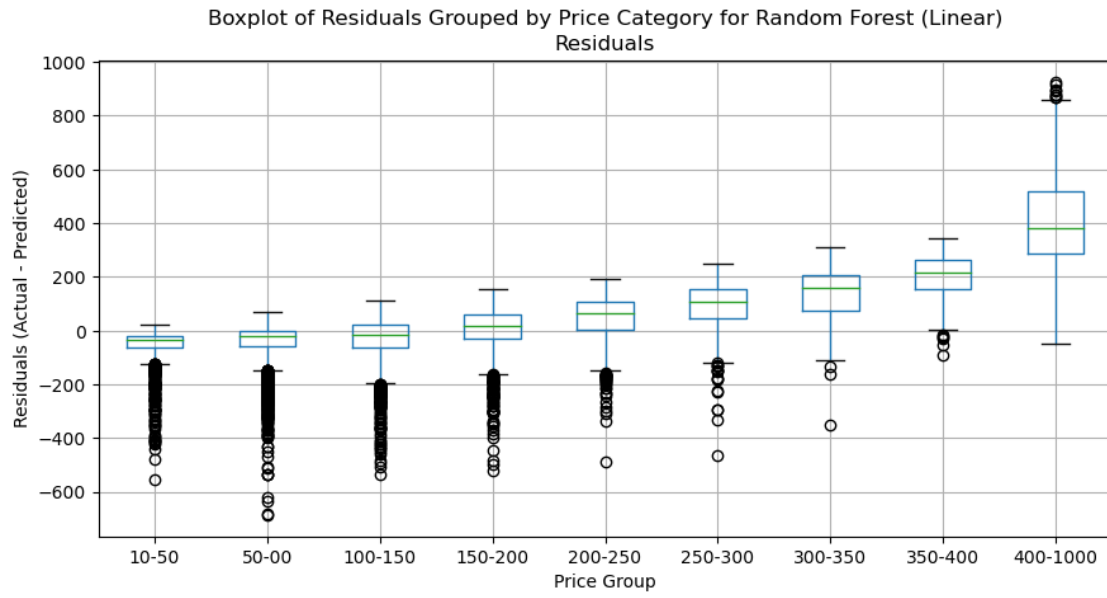
[139]: rf_pred = np.array([10 if i < 10 else i for i in rf_pred])
       rf_pred_log = np.array([2.3 if i < 2.3 else i for i in rf_pred_log])
       rf_pred_sqrt = np.array([3.16 if i < 3.16 else i for i in rf_pred_sqrt])
       eval_grid[14,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, rf_pred)
       eval_grid[15,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.exp(rf_pred_log))
       eval_grid[16,:] = evaluate(scaled_test_y, np.square(rf_pred_sqrt))

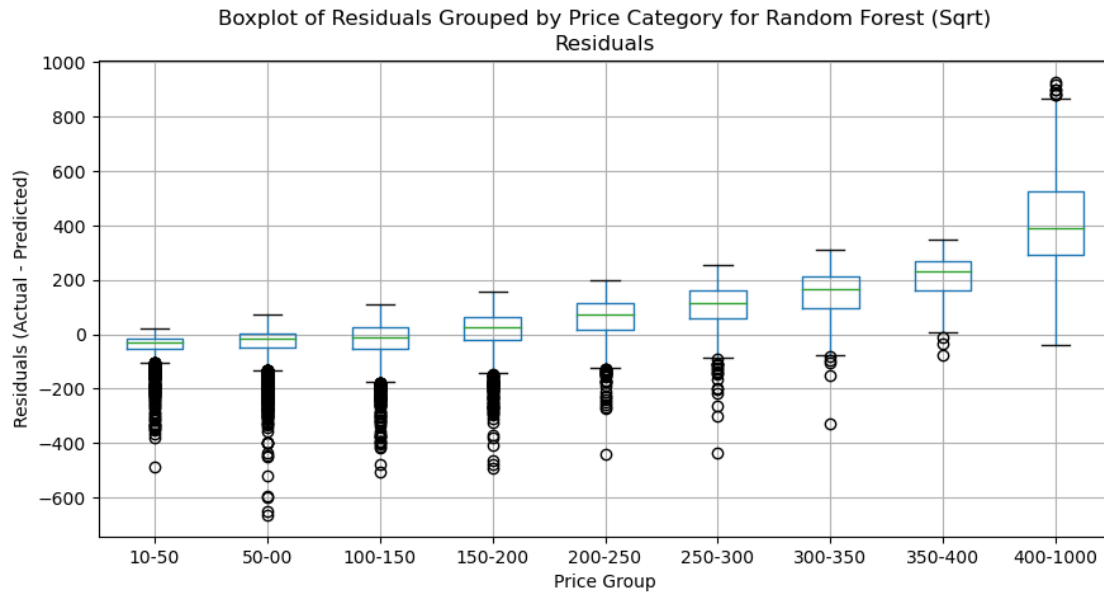
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MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.6126952513423345
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 72.47642346385626
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.7764723344190206
R² of 2019 Airbnb price is -0.013976123211010938
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.3913109554664751
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 42.46759919787873
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 14135.603199390325

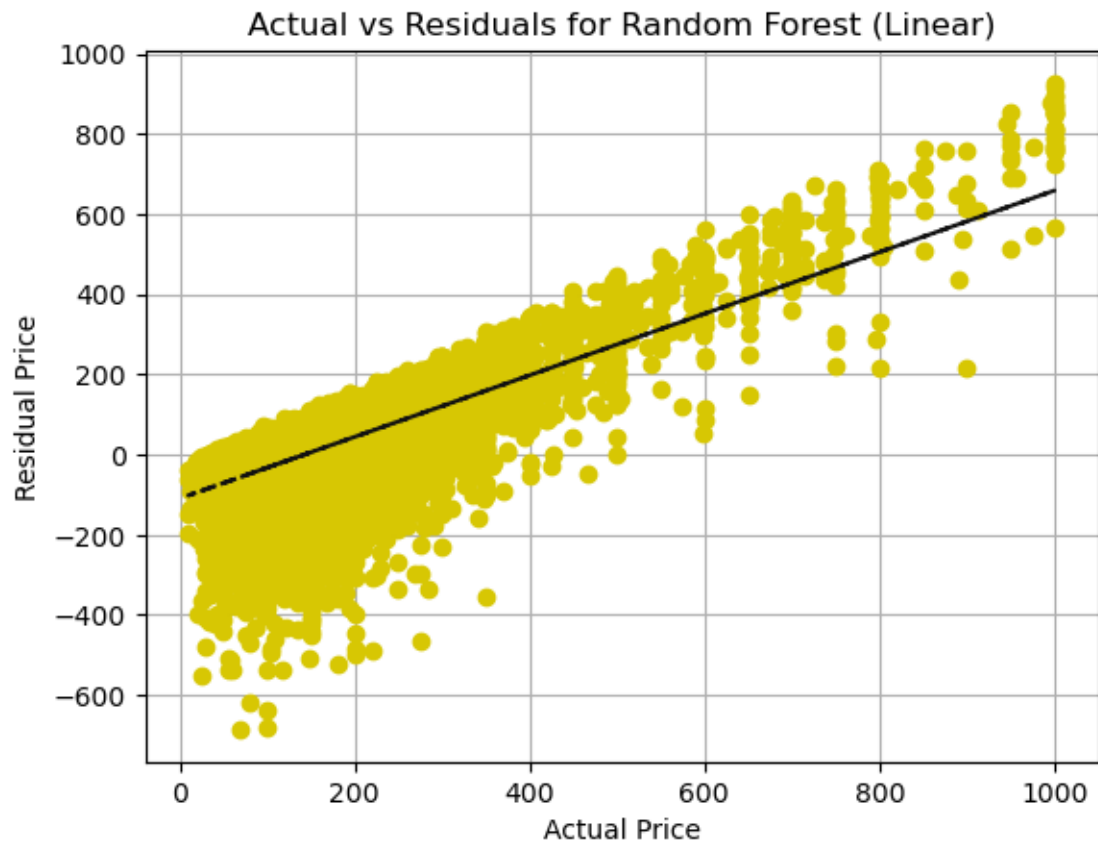
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.4890740861858039
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 65.20054291102285
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.6628864586252305
R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.08525567523101407
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.3386786145527546
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 35.8347316730841
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 12752.23598252102
MAPE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.545290944432619
MAE of 2019 Airbnb price is 68.46546488739604
MAD ratio of prediction in 2019 Airbnb price is 0.7171415090096004
R² of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.04711560561877659
MSLE of 2019 Airbnb price is 0.36045131627475774
Median Absolute Error of 2019 Airbnb price is 39.00842848152503
MSE of 2019 Airbnb price is 13283.93774323745

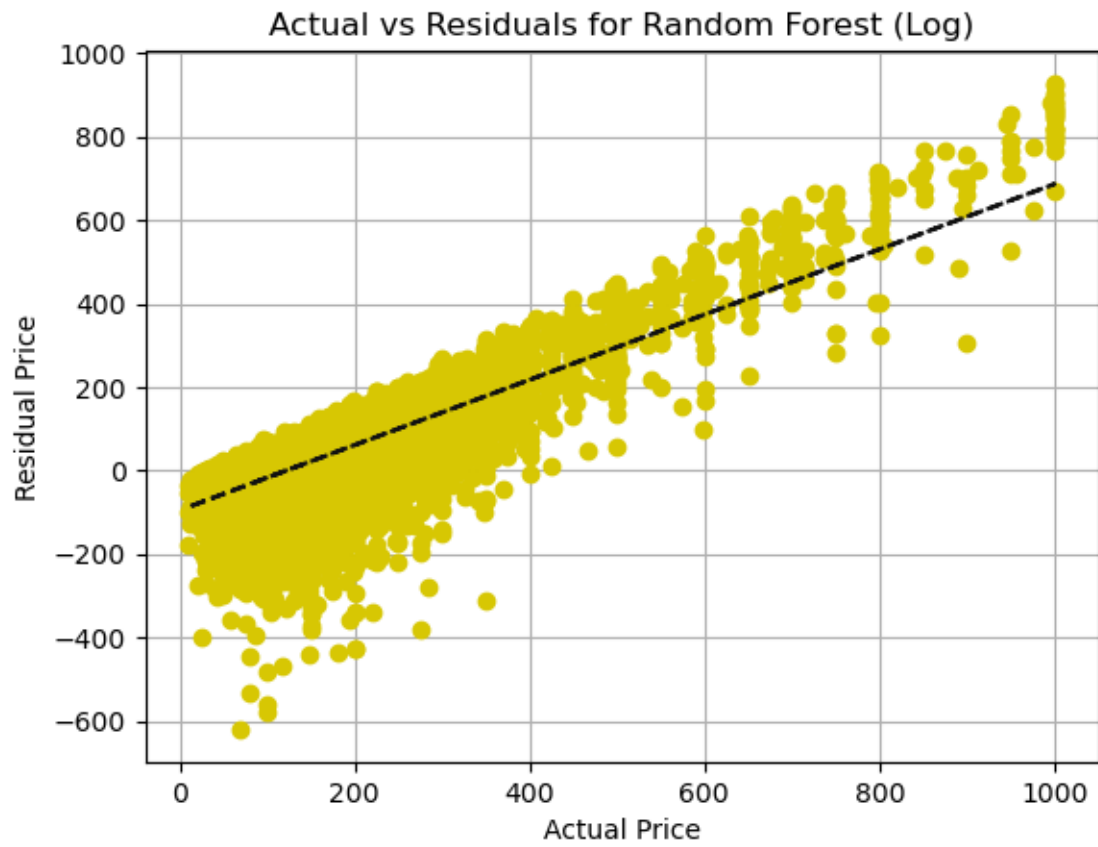
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[140]: visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, rf_pred, scaled_test_y,
                             [[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000]],
                             ↪
                             ['10-50', '50-00', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
                             'Price Category for Random Forest (Linear)', 'Price_
                             ↪Group')
visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, np.exp(rf_pred_log), scaled_test_y,
                             [[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000]],
                             ↪
                             ['10-50', '50-00', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
                             'Price Category for Random Forest (Log)', 'Price Group')
visualize_boxplot_diff(scaled_test_y, np.square(rf_pred_sqrt), scaled_test_y,
                             [[10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 1000]],
                             ↪
                             ['10-50', '50-00', '100-150', '150-200', '200-250', '250-300', '300-350', '350-400', '400-1000']],
                             'Price Category for Random Forest (Sqrt)', 'Price Group')
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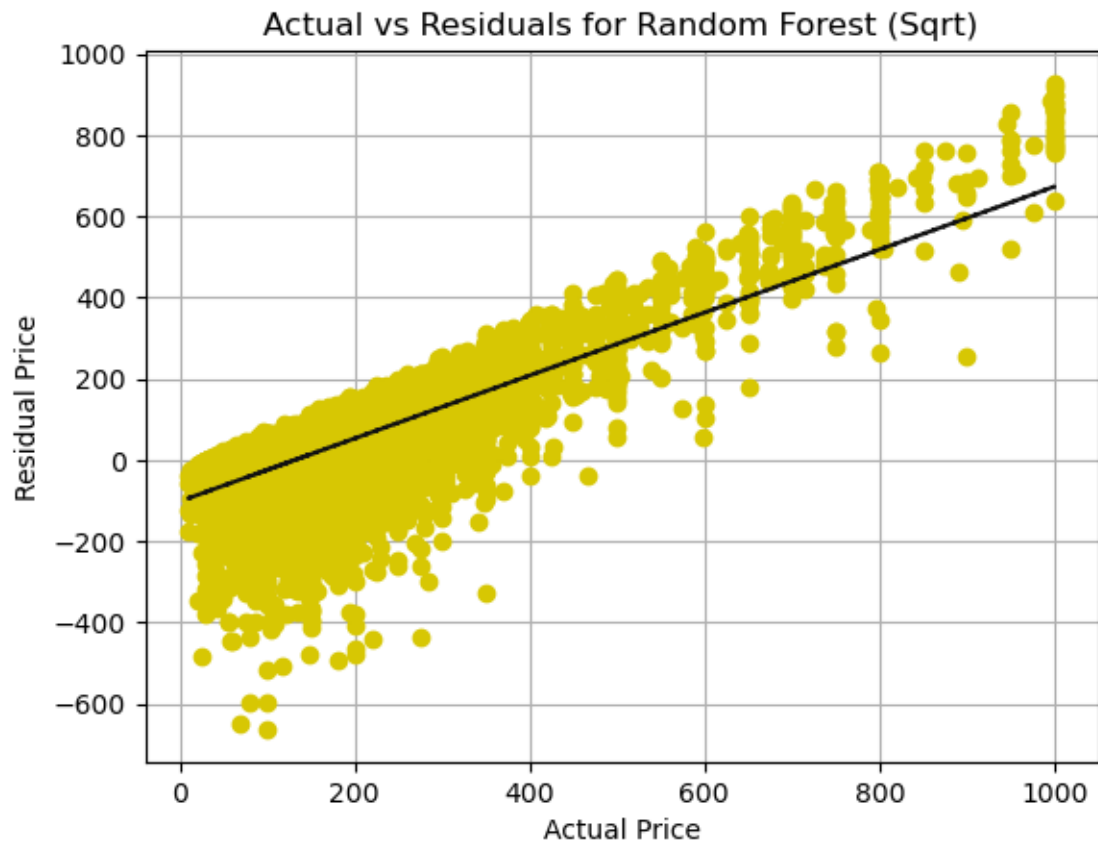





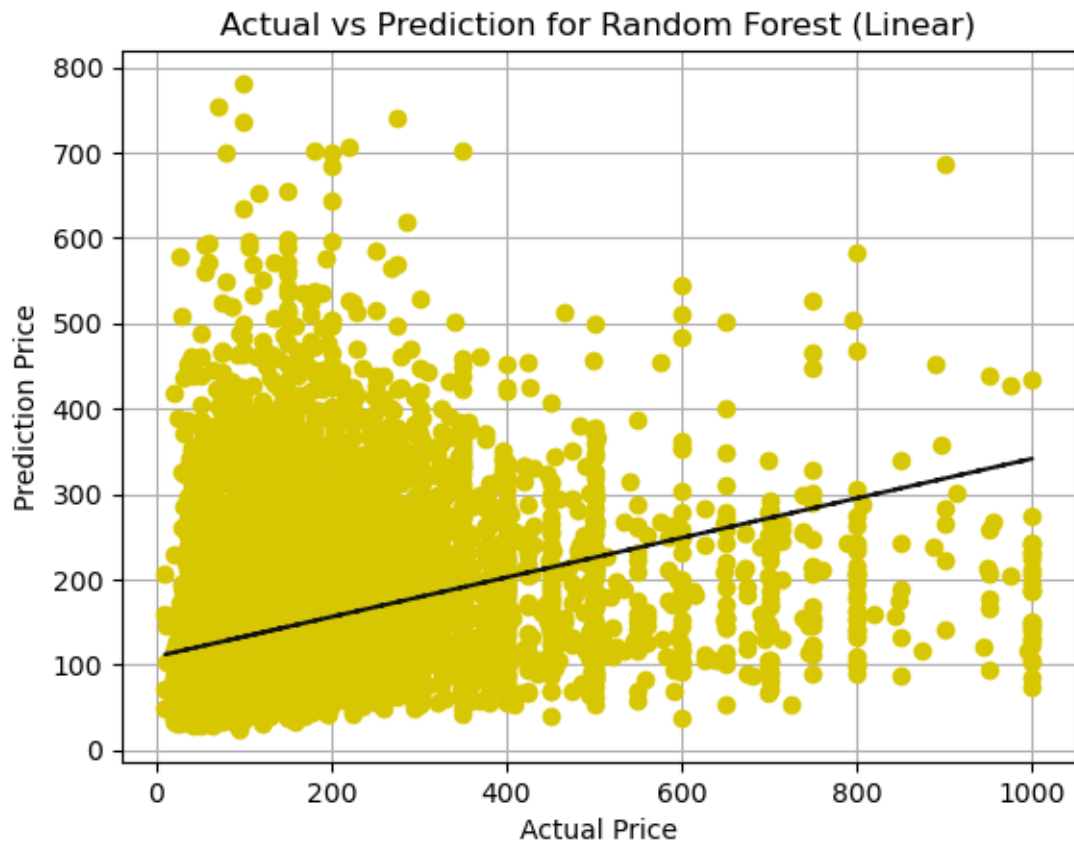
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[141]: visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, rf_pred, 'Random Forest (Linear)')
visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, np.exp(rf_pred_log), 'Random Forest_
↳ (Log)')
visualize_regression_diff(scaled_test_y, np.square(rf_pred_sqrt), 'Random_
↳ Forest (Sqrt)')
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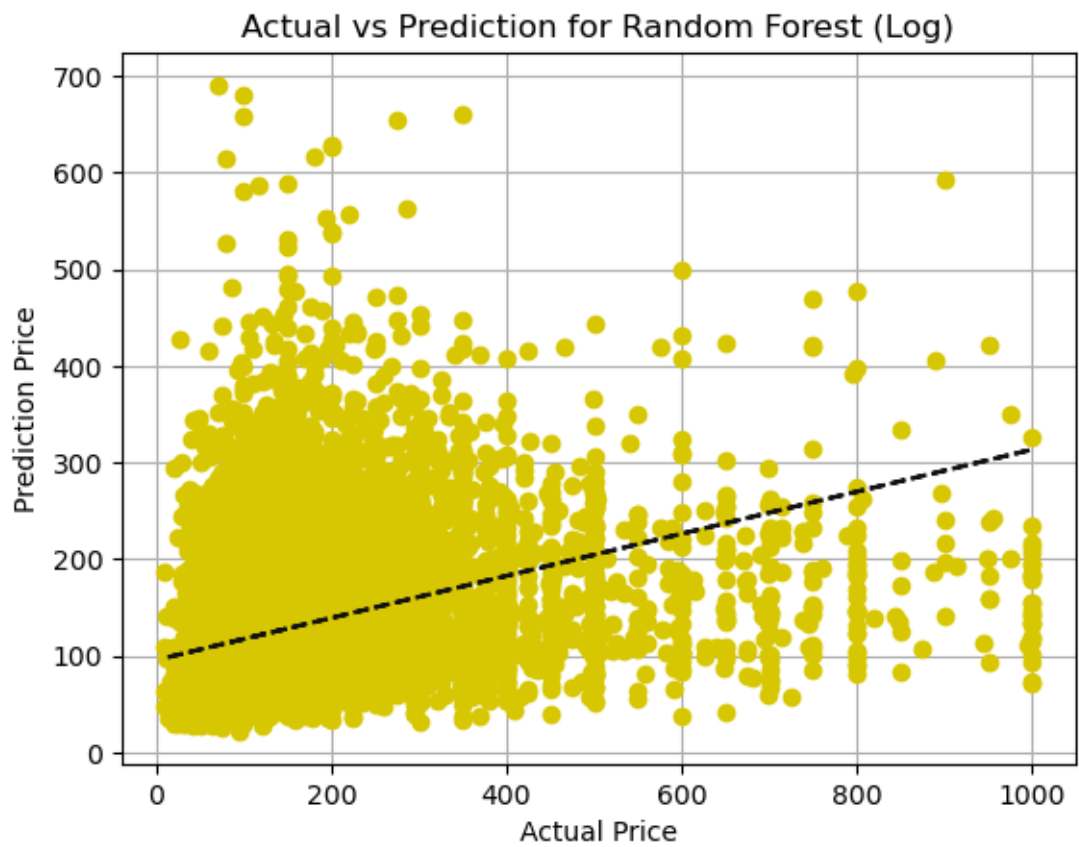


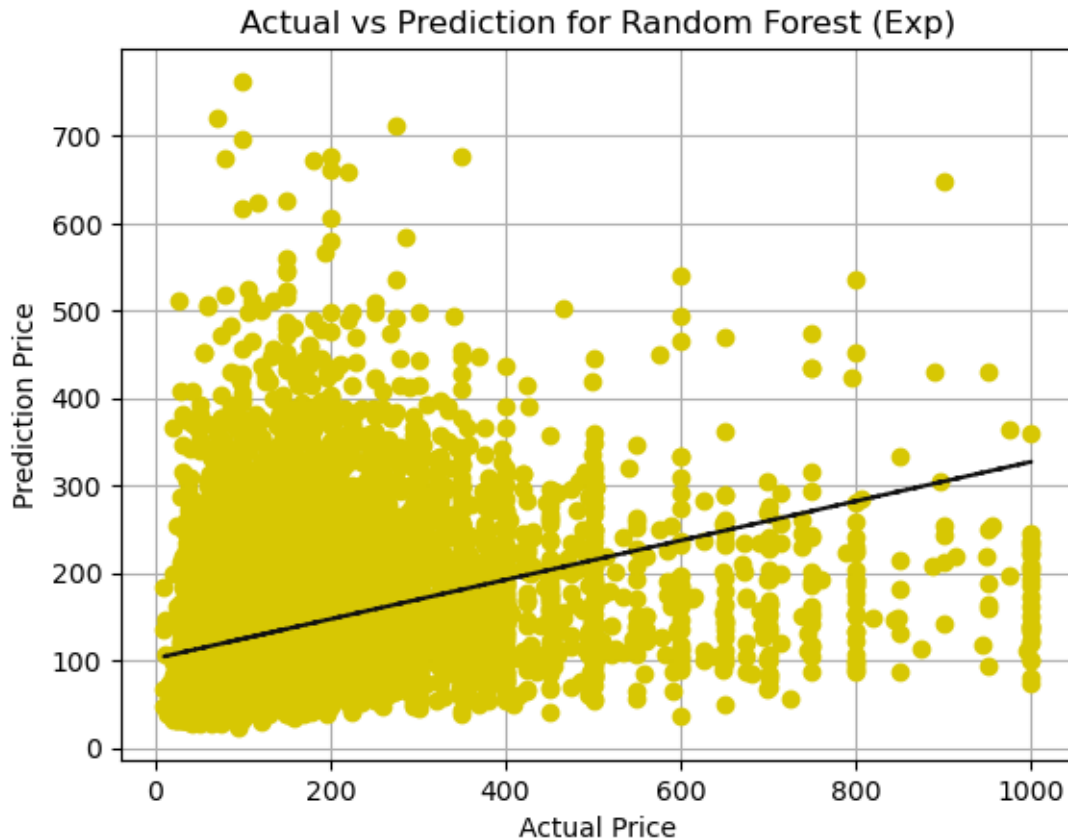




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[142]: visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, rf_pred, 'Random Forest (Linear)')
visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, np.exp(rf_pred_log), 'Random Forest_
→(Log)')
visualize_regression_actual(scaled_test_y, np.square(rf_pred_sqrt), 'Random_
→Forest (Exp)')
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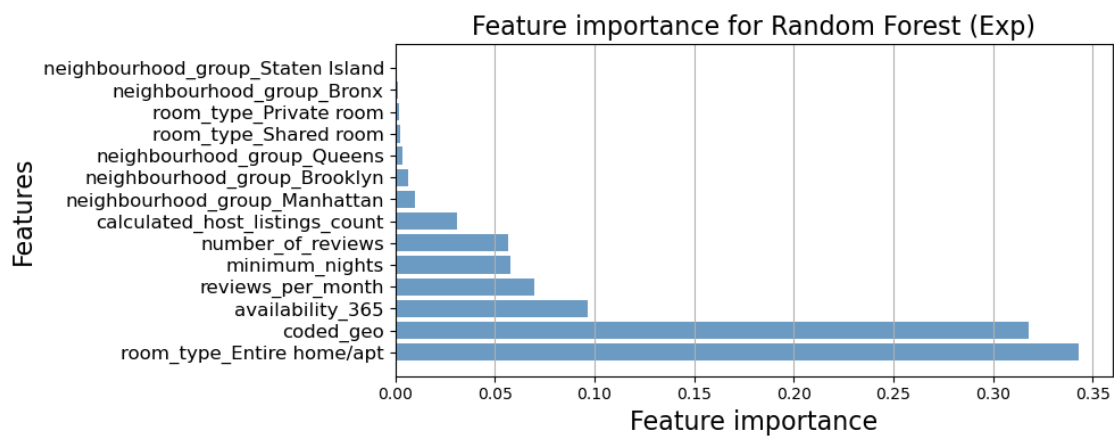
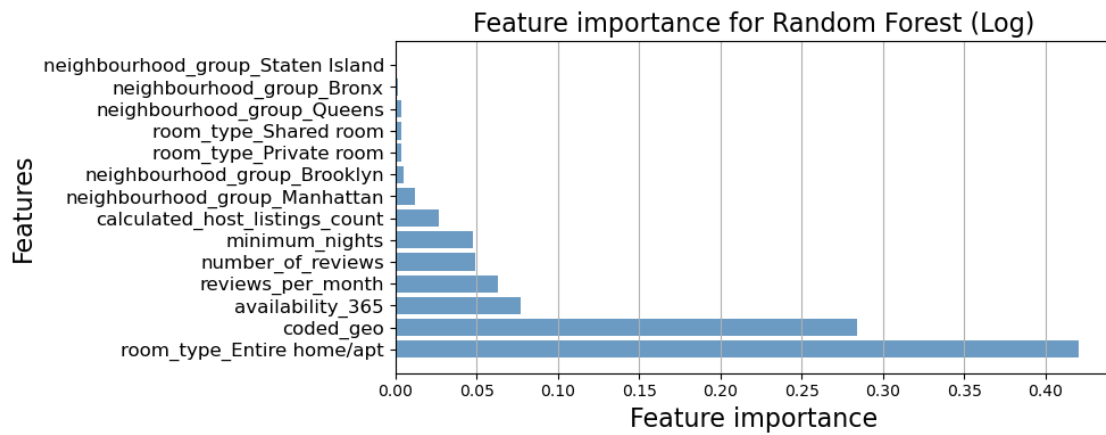
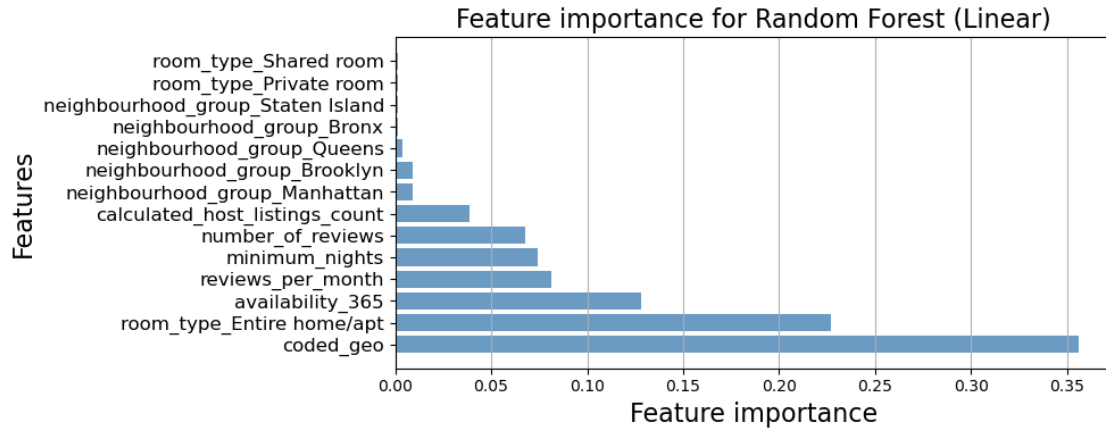






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[143]: def get_importance_rf(best_RF_model, scaled_train, name):
    importance_rf_best = best_RF_model.feature_importances_
    names_rf_best = scaled_train.loc[:, scaled_train.columns != 'price'].
    ↪columns.tolist()
    df_importance_rf_best = pd.DataFrame({'Feature':names_rf_best,
    ↪'Importance':importance_rf_best})
    # plot feature importance
    rank_importance_rf_best = df_importance_rf_best.sort_values('Importance',
    ↪ascending=False)

    plot_feature_importance(rank_importance_rf_best,15, 'steelblue', 0.8, 10,
    ↪4, name)
get_importance_rf(best_RF_model, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for Random
    ↪Forest (Linear)')
get_importance_rf(best_RF_model_log, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for
    ↪Random Forest (Log)')
get_importance_rf(best_RF_model_sqrt, scaled_train, 'Feature importance for
    ↪Random Forest (Exp)')
```

9 Saving the Data

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[181]: df = pd.DataFrame(eval_grid, columns = ['MAPE', 'MAE', 'MAD_ratio', 'r2_score',  
      ↪ 'MSLE', 'Median Absolute Error', 'MSE'],  
      ↪ index = ['Null', 'OLS (Linear)', 'OLS (Log)', 'OLS_  
      ↪ (Sqrt)', 'LASSO (Linear)', 'LASSO (Log)', 'LASSO (Sqrt)', 'kNN (Linear)',  
      ↪ 'kNN (Log)', 'kNN (Sqrt)', 'SVM (Linear Kernel)', 'SVM (Linear/Gaussian)',  
      ↪ 'SVM (Log/Gaussian)', 'SVM (Sqrt/Gaussian)',  
      ↪ 'Random Forest (Linear)', 'Random Forest (Log)', 'Random Forest_  
      ↪ (Sqrt)'])  
df.to_csv("Metrics.csv", sep = ",")
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[158]: df.style.highlight_min(color = 'green', axis = 0).format("{:.3f}")
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[158]: <pandas.io.formats.style.Styler at 0x17651ae3dc0>
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[177]: all_data = pd.DataFrame({'Actual':scaled_test_y,  
      ↪ 'Null':np.mean(scaled_test_y).repeat(len(scaled_test_y)),  
      ↪ 'OLS(Linear)':linear_pred,  
      ↪ 'OLS(Log)':np.exp(linear_pred_log),  
      ↪ 'OLS(Sqrt)':np.square(linear_pred_sqrt),  
      ↪ 'LASSO(Linear)':lasso_pred,  
      ↪ 'LASSO(Log)':np.exp(lasso_pred_log),  
      ↪ 'LASSO(Sqrt)':np.square(lasso_pred_sqrt),  
      ↪ 'kNN(Linear)':knn_pred,  
      ↪ 'kNN(Log)':np.exp(knn_pred_log),  
      ↪ 'kNN(Sqrt)':np.square(knn_pred_sqrt),  
      ↪ 'SVM(Linear Kernel)':svm_linpred,  
      ↪ 'SVM(Linear/Gaussian)':svm_pred,  
      ↪ 'SVM(Log/Gaussian)':np.exp(svm_pred_log),  
      ↪ 'SVM(Sqrt/Gaussian)':np.square(svm_pred_sqrt),  
      ↪ 'RandomForest(Linear)':rf_pred,  
      ↪ 'RandomForest(Log)':np.exp(rf_pred_log),  
      ↪ 'RandomForest(Sqrt)':np.square(rf_pred_sqrt)})  
all_data.to_csv("TestModelData.csv", sep = ',')
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[178]: absolute_error_data = pd.DataFrame({'Actual':all_data['Actual'],  
      ↪ 'OLS(Log)':abs(all_data['Actual'] -  
      ↪ all_data['OLS(Log)']),  
      ↪ 'LASSO(Log)':abs(all_data['Actual'] -  
      ↪ all_data['LASSO(Log)']),  
      ↪ 'kNN(Log)':abs(all_data['Actual'] -  
      ↪ all_data['kNN(Log)']),  
      ↪ 'SVM(Linear Kernel)':abs(all_data['Actual'] -  
      ↪ all_data['SVM(Linear Kernel)']),  
      ↪ 'RandomForest(Log)':abs(all_data['Actual'] -  
      ↪ all_data['RandomForest(Log)'])})
```

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absolute_error_data.to_csv("AbsoluteErrorTestDataTopFive.csv", sep = ",")  
df_test_keep.to_csv("TestData.csv", sep = ",")
```