

How much?



Predicting the sale price for a house in King County

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Project on [github](#)

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Problem

- Validate 3 claims about the sale prices of homes
 - Limit to King County sales in 2018
 - Data from King County Department of Assessments¹
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1. Claim: Higher square footage increases home sale price^{2,3}
 2. Claim: Having a porch increases home sale price^{4,5}
 3. Claim: Having a beachfront or lakefront increases home sale price⁶

The model

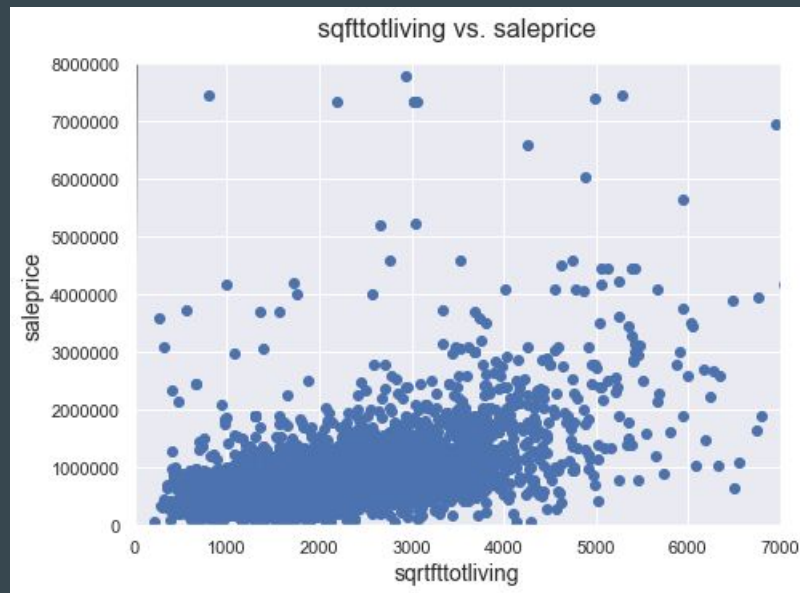
13 predictive features on ~5200 sale price records

- Square foot of total living
- Waterfront footage
- Traffic noise
- Full baths
- Additional cost
- Sewer system
- Inadequate parking
- Age of house
- Porch
- Waterfront location (4)

Does a larger house impact sale price?

Claim: Higher square footage increases home sale price

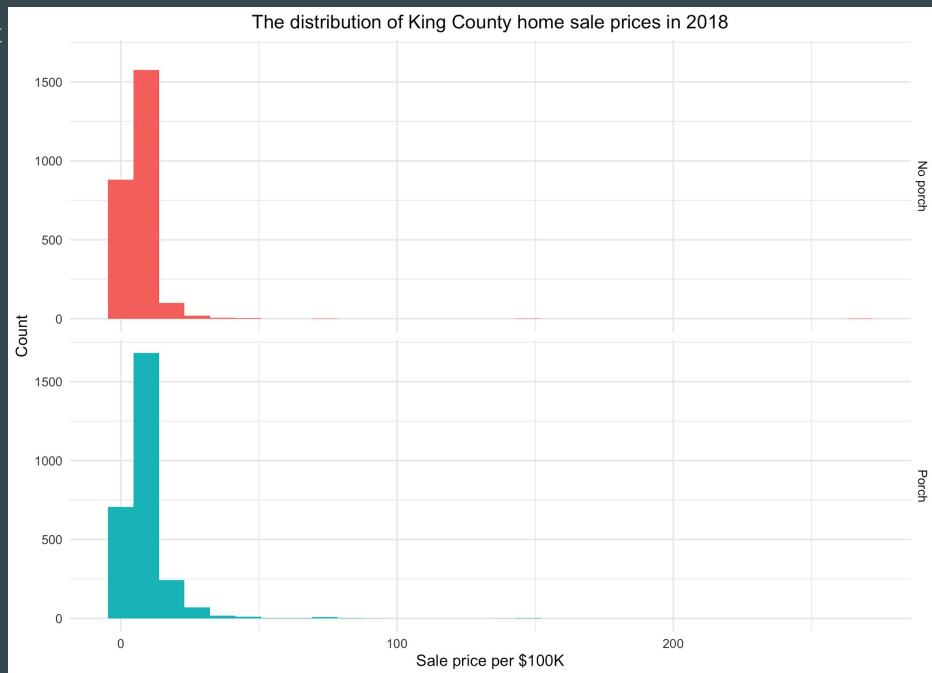
- Model: Each square foot in the house increases the sale price by \$375



Does a porch increase sale price?

Claim: Having a porch increases home sale price

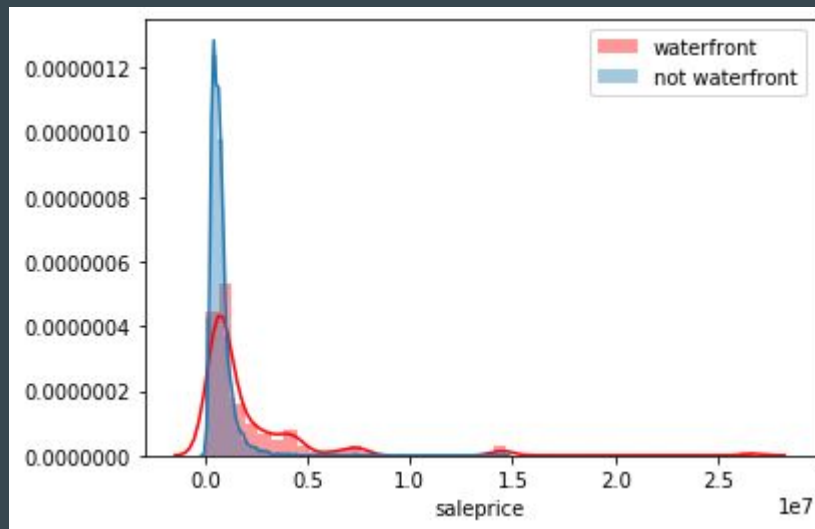
- Model: Having a porch is not statistically significant



Does waterfront property increase sale price?

Claim: Having a beachfront or lakefront increases home sale price

- Model: used 4 features
- Depends where:
 - Lake Sammamish: \$3.5 million
 - Lake Washington \$1.5 million
 - Puget Sound: not statistically significant
 - Other: decreased by \$390,000



Recommendations

- Porch vs additional room
 - Think: bigger house
- Location by Lake Sammamish
 - Increase sale price

Next Steps

- Investigate adding more predictive features
 - Education/Schools
 - Zip codes
- Does our model violate assumptions of linearity?
 - Or, do we have unreasonable outliers in our data
- Sale price appears to be 2 groups, does our model work on both (separately)?
- House age vs other features - dependent?
- Consider economy in 2018 with results from another year

Questions?

Appendix

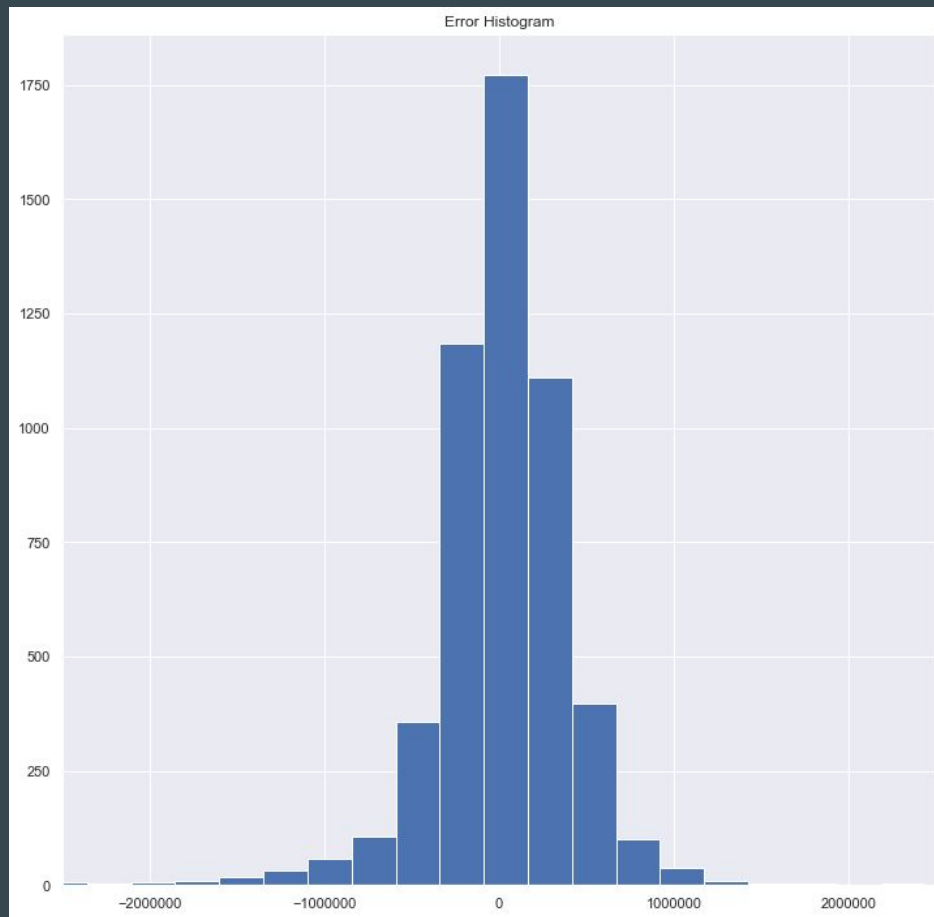
- Data reduction
- Assumptions of a linear model
- Model - Linear Regression analysis results
- Sources

Data Reduction

- Data from 3 csv files to db
 - Parcel
 - Residential building
 - Real property sales
- Criteria used:
 - Exclude empty zip code fields
 - Principal use defined as residential
 - Sale document listed as 2018
 - Exclude data where home sale price is 0
- Reduced from ~205,000 records to ~5,200

Assumptions?

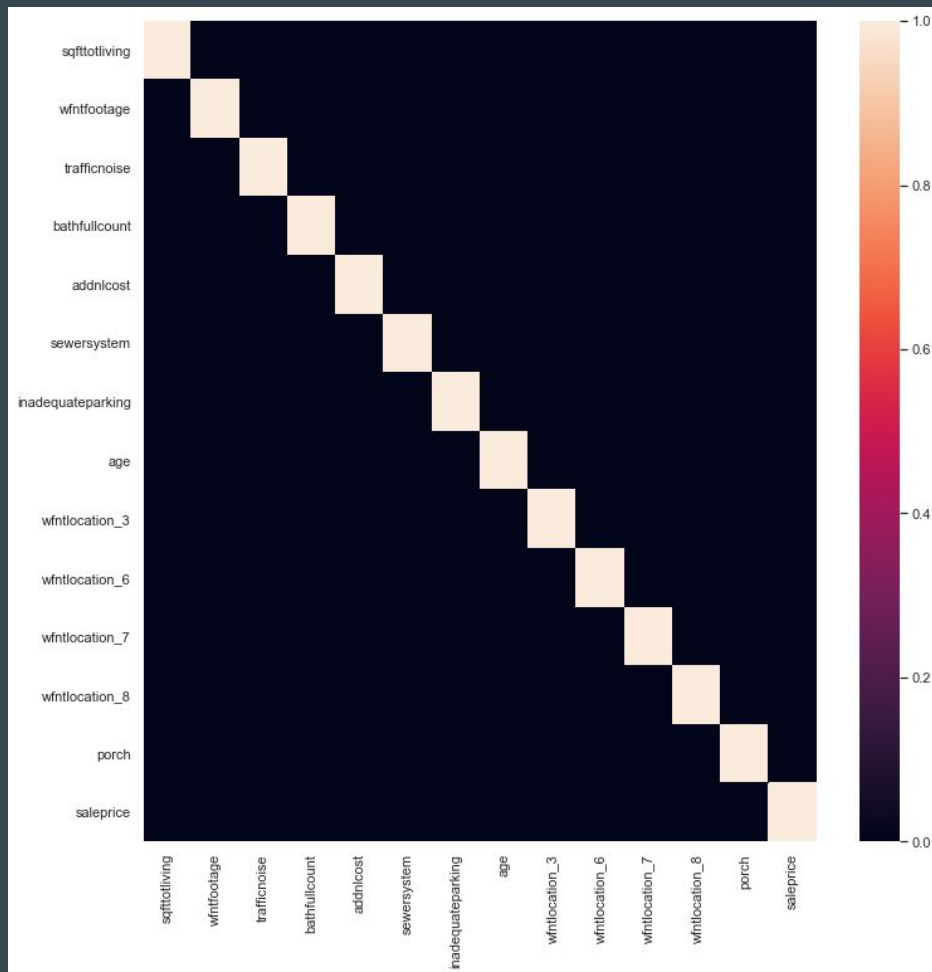
1. Normality of the residual distribution?



Assumptions?

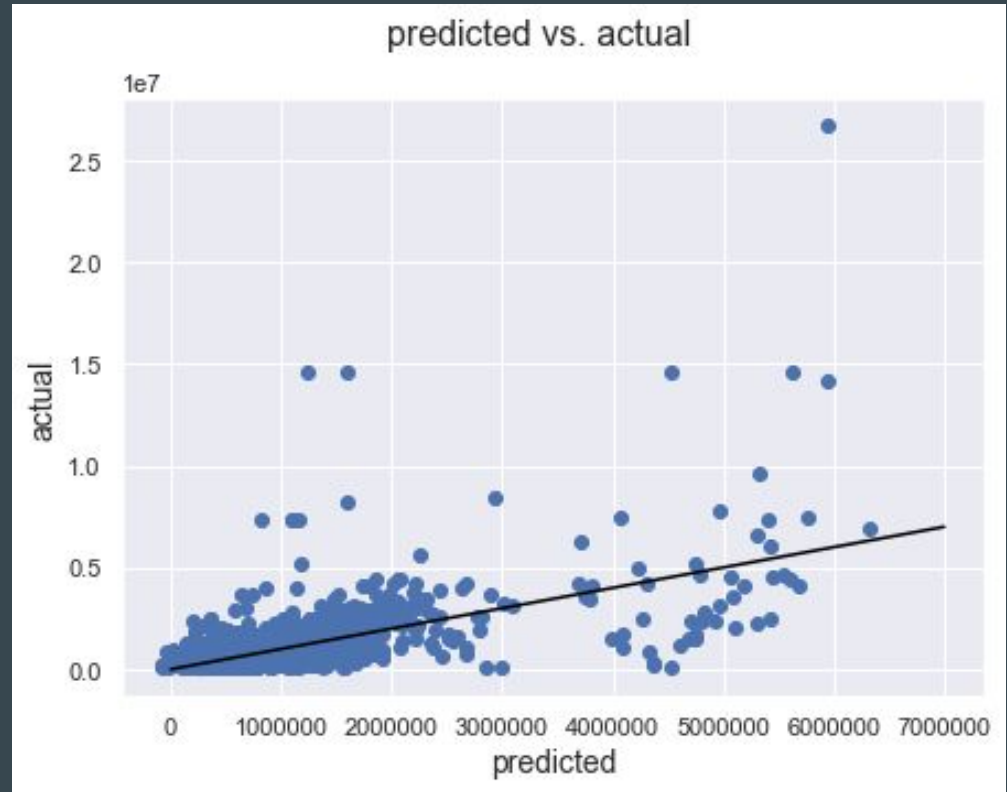
2. Multicollinearity violated?

- All our features are independent, none have a high (> 0.7) correlation
- Found that building grade and square feet of living were highly correlated, so we removed building grade from our model



Assumptions?

3. Linear model? Homoscedastic?



Model - Linear Regression Results

OLS Regression Results

Dep. Variable:	y	R-squared:	0.397
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.395
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	265.5
Date:	Thu, 05 Dec 2019	Prob (F-statistic):	0.00
Time:	17:01:45	Log-Likelihood:	-78018.
No. Observations:	5261	AIC:	1.561e+05
Df Residuals:	5247	BIC:	1.562e+05
Df Model:	13	Omnibus:	8882.401
Covariance Type:	nonrobust	Durbin-Watson:	1.884
		Prob(Omnibus):	0.000
		Jarque-Bera (JB):	16032575.867
		Skew:	11.133
		Prob(JB):	0.00
		Kurtosis:	272.523
		Cond. No.	6.68e+04

	coef	std err	t	P> t 	[0.025	0.975]
const	-4.708e+05	4.98e+04	-9.462	0.000	-5.68e+05	-3.73e+05
sqfttotliving	374.9207	11.270	33.268	0.000	352.827	397.014
wfntfootage	2986.0062	542.663	5.503	0.000	1922.161	4049.852
trafficnoise	1.756e+04	1.47e+04	1.194	0.233	-1.13e+04	4.64e+04
bathfullcount	-2.149e+04	1.62e+04	-1.324	0.186	-5.33e+04	1.03e+04
addnlcost	-3.0561	3.665	-0.834	0.404	-10.240	4.128
sewersystem	2.31e+05	2.14e+04	10.814	0.000	1.89e+05	2.73e+05
inadequateparking	2.375e+04	9478.805	2.506	0.012	5171.179	4.23e+04
age	1122.5276	329.606	3.406	0.001	476.363	1768.692
wfntlocation_3	-4.719e+04	1.1e+05	-0.428	0.669	-2.63e+05	1.69e+05
wfntlocation_6	3.454e+06	1.12e+05	30.914	0.000	3.24e+06	3.67e+06
wfntlocation_7	1.495e+06	2.06e+05	7.242	0.000	1.09e+06	1.9e+06
wfntlocation_8	-3.855e+05	1.35e+05	-2.851	0.004	-6.51e+05	-1.2e+05
porch	3.618e+04	1.91e+04	1.891	0.059	-1328.356	7.37e+04

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